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**MILITARY RELOCATION TO GUAM AND CNMI
 PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT (PA) MEMO #1**

<p>Project: J-001B Finegayan Forest Enhancement REVISED APE (RC# 2016-0048)</p>	<p>Date: July 31, 2017 (comments due by September 14, 2017)</p>
<p>Project Location: Naval Base Guam Telecommunications Site (NBGTS)</p>	<p>Prepared By: MCAG PWD</p>

PROJECT SUMMARY

This project proposes forest enhancement through construction of ungulate (hooved animals) perimeter fencing to exclude the introduced ungulates that endanger the native vegetation. This is to promote forest enhancement of the northern portion of Naval Base Guam, Telecommunications Site (NBGTS) and a southwestern portion of Northwest Field on Andersen Air Force Base (AAFB) in Dededo, Guam. Although located within what is today known as the village of Dededo, the pre-World War II names for the areas within or closest to the area of potential effects (APE) include Ukudu, Ritidian, Fafalog, Haputo, and Finaguayac.

The requirement for this forest enhancement is stated in the Record of Decision (ROD) (signed August 28, 2015) on the *Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS)* (July 9, 2015). In the section “Mitigation Measures for Impacts Associated with the Cantonment/Family Housing Alternative E” on page 18 the forest enhancement ungulate control is described to occur on a minimum of 780 acres (316 hectares (ha) of limestone forest. This section of the fencing will construct an ungulate control fence that encloses approximately 272 acres of secondary limestone forest, hibiscus scrub, and mixed herbaceous scrub north of the Marine Corps main cantonment at NBGTS Finegayan. The total ungulate control area at NBGTS is expected to cover approximately 1,815 acres (734.5 ha). Stipulation IV.F of the 2011 Programmatic Agreement (PA) among the Department of Defense, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the Guam State Historic Preservation Officer, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands State Historic Preservation Officer Regarding the Military Relocation to the Islands of Guam and Tinian (the Undertaking) provides for solicitation, discussion, and review of additional information or when project areas change to incorporate previously unsurveyed areas or when new project areas are introduced. Accordingly, this memo presents information to allow the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) to provide comments on the DoD’s identification and evaluation of historic properties within the project’s APE, as well as the DoD’s determination of effect. In this new fence line location there are no historic properties that will fall within the APE for the fence line

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construction.

On December 30, 2015, the PA Memo for one stretch of ungulate fencing was submitted to Guam SHPO, outlining the procedure for the fence installation to move the fence within a broad buffer that would avoid historic properties. This was concurred with by Guam SHPO on February 2, 2016.

On June 15, 2016 a PA Memo regarding the transplanting of such species was delivered to the Guam SHPO, who concurred by letter July 15, 2016 (RC#s 2016-0048, 0291, and 0625) with the findings of no historic properties affected, when the noted procedures of avoidance of all eligible historic properties were followed.

The current PA Memo proposes to follow the same procedures for this northern fence construction (Figure 1). Historic sites will still be avoided.

As a note for future reference, as the Forest Enhancement Area nears utilization, Navy will be combining the same actions as above to cover temporary fence line constructions into one PA Memo, the Guam SHPO will not have to review each temporary fence alignment that may go into the interior of the APE for ease of ungulate control measures. These alignments are not yet known, and will be changing with any new discoveries of endangered plant species or historic properties (which will be consulted upon as stipulated in the 2011 PA section XI.).

PROJECT LOCATION

The project APE for Government of Japan-funded (Mamizu) project J-001B to erect forest enhancement ungulate fencing is an approximately 8 meter (26.25 feet) wide corridor for clearing and minor grubbing along a length of approximately 3,517 meters (11540.5 feet or 2.2 miles) through secondary limestone forest (Figure 1). The project area is situated on the limestone plateau above the western cliffs of northern Guam. The plateau, which rises from 120 to 150 meters (400 to 500 feet) above mean sea level, is relatively flat, although there are localized raised and depressed areas caused by differential solution of the limestone bedrock below the soil layer. Depressed areas may collect some soil, while raised areas of bedrock would be exposed on the surface. The APE of this fence has been laid out to avoid contact with eligible historic properties.

The total APE for J-001B forest enhancement ungulate fencing is a corridor (maximum 20 meters wide, and approximately 3,517 meters long) that will potentially be cleared for the construction/equipment necessary for erecting the fence. This gives an approximate acreage of 17 acres (7 hectares), however this is with a very wide buffer, and it must be noted that this will in actuality be far narrower, since it is just a fence line. The wide buffer is to allow for field changes to avoid munitions and explosives of concern/unexploded ordnance (MEC/UXO), cultural materials, and sensitive vegetation (Federally listed plants). The forest enhancement fence

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intersects with perimeter fencing that was previously-consulted upon under J-001B for a fully-enclosed area.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

J-001B Forest Enhancement fencing crosses from Route 3A to the western cliff line in the area of AAFB referred to as Northwest Field, and lies north of NBGTS and the proposed Alternative E Main Cantonment area.

This ungulate control fencing is to facilitate restoration of native species of plants and animals to the property, through elimination of the introduced ungulate (deer and pig) species that are responsible for much degradation of native forests on Guam.

Prior to installation of the fence line, clearing of vegetation will facilitate access to the project site. Since there will be excavation for each fence post, MEC clearance support will be required.

Fence posts will be installed approximately 2 meters (6.5 feet) apart (depending on terrain), and to a depth of 0.6 meter (2 feet) minimum. The limestone bedrock is frequently encountered within 30 cm (12 inches) depth in this area. With the width of the corridor being far wider than the actual needed fence installation area, this will permit movement of the fence location slightly along the corridor to avoid sensitive species or cultural materials that may be unexpectedly encountered.

All contractors will receive Cultural Resource Awareness training prior to the start of work, and the DoD CR SMEs will do periodic inspections of the field crews to note their avoidance/protection of historic properties.

IDENTIFICATION OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Scope of DoD Identification Efforts

In planning for the Undertaking, the Department of Defense (DoD) first conducted a data gap analysis to determine the need for supplemental identification and evaluation surveys and then conducted those surveys. Surveys were available for review by the Guam SHPO, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), National Park Service (NPS) and Concurring Parties to the 2011 Programmatic Agreement (2011 PA). DoD has applied the results of those survey identification efforts to the siting/lay down of this fencing to avoid and minimize effects to historic properties to the extent practical. DoD has provided documentation of these efforts to the Signatories and Invited Signatories via Appendices D and E of the 2011 PA.

DoD surveys and evaluations have focused on project-specific APEs, defined consistent with 36 CFR §800.16(d) to include those portions of the island of Guam and Tinian subject to direct and indirect effects of projects included in the Undertaking, based on the July 2010 Final

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In addition to the archaeological and architectural surveys and evaluations, DoD has completed extensive archival research and oral history studies and interviews to identify traditional cultural properties, places, sacred sites, and culturally important natural resources such as the *nunu*, *da'ok*, *dokdok*, and *ifit* trees, and medicinal plants.

More specifically, the J-001B forest enhancement APE has been subject to one or more of the historic property identification efforts listed in 36 CFR §800.4(b)(1), which may include background research, consultation, oral history interviews, sample field investigation and field survey. As such, results of identification and evaluation efforts for the J-001B forest enhancement APE can be found in the following original studies of cultural and/or historic resources. Should any unknown historic properties be discovered during the layout of the fence line, Section XI of the 2011 PA will be initiated, to record and mitigate any adverse effects to the historic properties. Unevaluated old roadways from before WWII and shortly thereafter may be encountered and if so will be handled as per Section XI of the PA as mentioned.

Athens, J.S.

2009 *Final Archaeological Surveys and Cultural Resources Studies on Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Support of the Joint Guam Build-Up Environmental Impact Statement Volume I: Guam*. Prepared by International Archaeological Research Institute, Inc. Honolulu, HI.

Dixon, Boyd, S. Walker and R. Schaefer

2011 *Final Report Cultural Resource Investigations Conducted in the Territory of Guam Supporting the Joint Guam Build-Up Environmental Impact Statement: Final Archaeological Surveys on Guam 2010 on Andersen AFB*. Prepared by the Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Pacific Division, by TEC Inc.

Haun, Alan E.

1988 *Archaeological Reconnaissance Survey and Field Inspections of Relocatable Over-the-Horizon Radar Sites on Guam, Mariana Islands, Micronesia*. Prepared for Wilson Okamoto and Associates, Inc., Paul H. Rosendahl, Ph.D., Inc. Hilo, HI.

Highness, D. and Alan E. Haun

1990 *Archaeological Inventory Survey DTS Facility: Barrigada and Finegayan Sites, Dededo and 3 Barrigada Municipalities Territory of Guam*. Prepared for Belt Collins by Paul H. Rosendahl, Ph.D., Inc., Hilo.

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Kurashina, H., T. McGrath and H. Manner

1987 *Archaeological Survey of Areas 1, 2, 1A, and 2A at Northwest Field, Andersen Air Force Base and Naval Communication Area Master Station Western Pacific, Finegayan, Guam, Mariana Islands*. Prepared for Department of Navy, Pacific Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command. University of Guam, Mangilao, Guam and Bernice P. Bishop Museum, Honolulu, HI.

Kurashina, H., D. Wooster, T. McGrath, and J. Toenjes

1988 *Archaeological Investigations of the Route 3 Road Corridor, Territory of Guam, Mariana Islands*. Prepared for Juan C. Tenorio and Associates, Inc., Agana, Guam.

Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI)

1999 *ONI -99* [This document presents photos and maps as well as strategic analysis of suitability for military usage, of the various villages and areas of the island of Guam. Historic roads were mapped in this document.] publication Washington D.C.

Olmo, Richard K., T. Mangieri, D. Welch, and T.S. Dye

2000 *Final Phase II Archaeological Survey and Detailed Recording at Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Marianas (COMNAVMARIANAS) Communications Annex (Formerly Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station, Western Pacific [NCTAMS WESTPAC]), Territory of Guam, Mariana Islands*. Prepared for the Department of the Navy, Pacific Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Building 258 Makalapa Drive, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii under contract N62742-97-D-3511 to International Archaeological Research Institute, Inc.

Reinman, F.

1977 *An Archaeological Survey and Preliminary Test Excavations on the Island of Guam, Mariana 6 Islands, 1965-1966*. Miscellaneous Publications No.1. Micronesian Area Research Center, University of Guam, Mangilao.

Welch, D.

2010 *Final Archaeological Surveys and Cultural Resources Studies Conducted in 2007 on the Island of Guam in Support of the Joint Guam Build-Up Environmental Impact Statement; Volume I: Narrative and Volume II: Site Descriptions*. Prepared for Department of the Navy, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Pacific, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii under Contract N62742-06-D-1870, Task Order 10 to TEC, Inc.

Results of the above studies indicate a presence of historic properties within the J-001B forest enhancement APE, as presented here. However, with the procedures in place, that have already been accepted by the Guam SHPO in the two previous PA Memos described above, the historic

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properties will be avoided and thus preserved.

DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY:

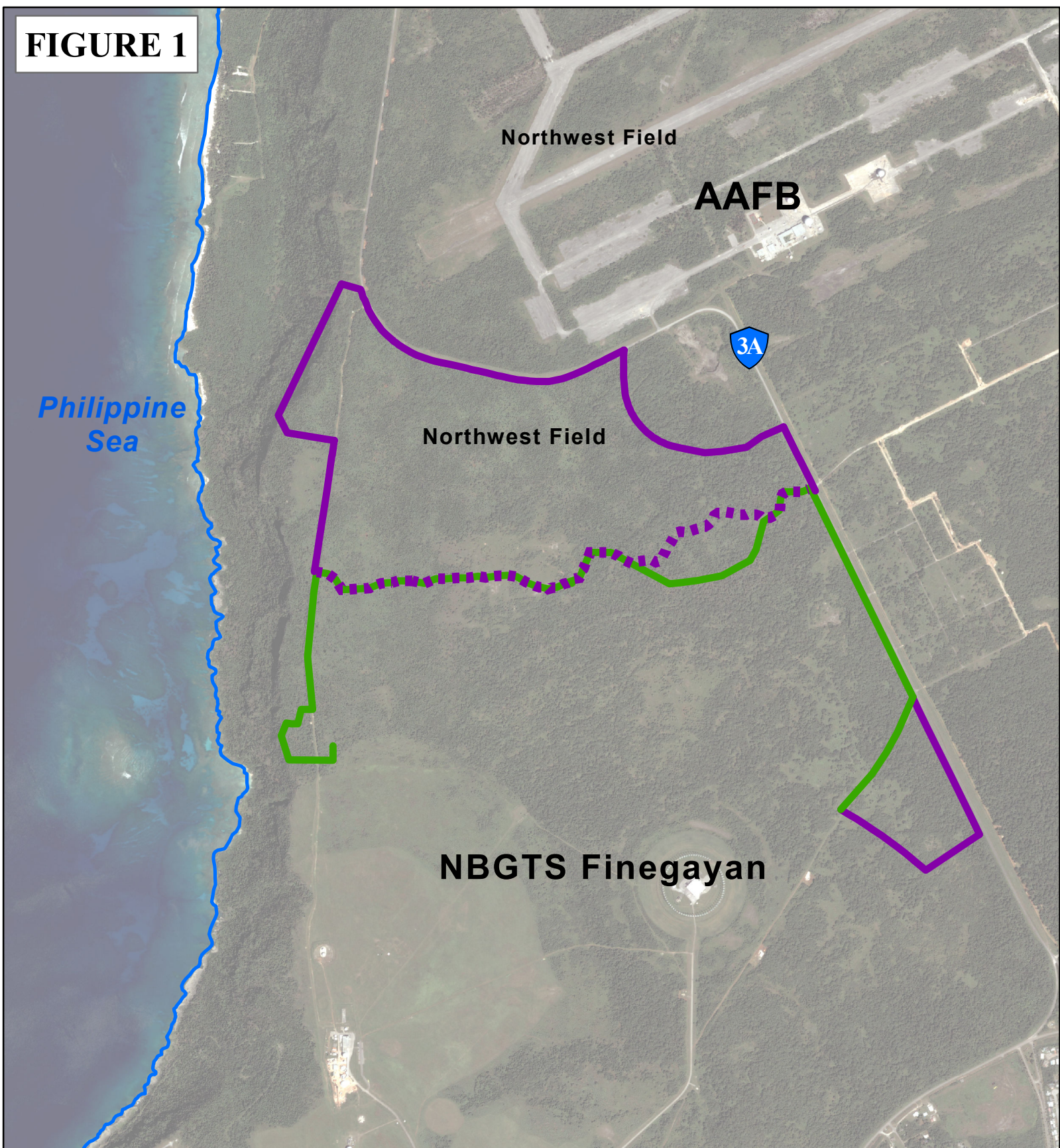
There are multiple sites noted within the larger forest enhancement APE but none in the fence line footprint, that have been determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).

DETERMINATION OF EFFECT:

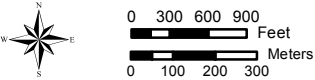
The specific procedures described above will ensure to avoid historic properties. Therefore, the DoD has determined that no historic properties will be affected by this project.

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FIGURE 1



**J--001B
Ungulate Fence
for Forest Enhancement**






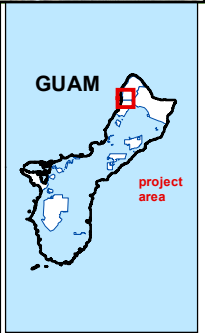
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Coordinate System: UTM Zone 55 North
Projection: Transverse Mercator
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**North Finegayan J-001B
Revised Ungulate Fence
Northern Section**

-  Revised Ungulate Fence APE
-  Revised Fence Alignment APE Discussed with SHPO 5-19-2017
(Follows Clear Areas/Existing Road)
-  Fence Alignment APE Previously Concurred Upon by SHPO 2-2-2016



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PROJECT: J-001B Northern Ungulate Fence for Forest Enhancement

SUBJECT: PA Memo #1, Determination of Effect

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