

Early Public Notice wording for RND Granting of Perpetual Easement for the Expansion of FM 1518 from Two Lanes to Four Lanes

“NOTICE FOR EARLY PUBLIC REVIEW OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY WITHIN THE 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN – UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

The U.S. Air Force (USAF) is inviting public input on any practicable alternatives for a proposed activity within the 100-year floodplain at Joint Base San Antonio (JBSA)-Randolph, Texas. The Proposed Action involves the Air Force issuing a perpetual easement to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), for the purpose of widening FM 1518 to four lanes. The work will be conducted by TxDOT, who intends to widen and improve FM 1518 from its intersection with FM 78, south to Interstate Highway 10. TxDOT will acquire a perpetual easement of a strip of JBSA property to accommodate the road widening project. A portion of this property is located in the 100-year floodplain. (See attached diagram.) The road widening project will also include utilities relocation, and installation of an improved stormwater drainage system. Activities proposed for the property that is currently part of JBSA include relocation of the base perimeter security fence, installation of an underground concrete conduit for stormwater drainage, and potentially the placement of above-ground and underground utility lines. TxDOT will be responsible for complying with all applicable floodplain requirements for this project. TxDOT posted the Early Public Notice on 12/12/2018 in local newspapers, and it was posted for 30 days. No public comments were received in relation to floodplain concerns. TxDOT is preparing project designs in accordance with Federal Highway Administration requirements for roadway construction in a floodplain. The activity is not expected to increase the flood risk or impact the natural and beneficial functions of the floodplain on JBSA property. Construction of the roadway project is projected to begin in 2025. This notice fulfills the Air Force’s Early Public Notice requirement under the JBSA Floodplain Management Program, in accordance with the requirements of EO 11988.

The Air Force is performing environmental analysis in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act to analyze the potential environmental impacts of the Proposed Action. This early public notice is required by Executive Order 11988 and has been prepared and made available to the public by the Air Force in accordance with 32 CFR 989 and Air Force Manual 32-7003 for actions proposed within the 100-year floodplain.

Address written comments to the USAF 802 CES/CEI, ATTN: Ms. Monica Guerrero, 1555 Gott Street, JBSA-Lackland, TX 78236, or via email: [monica.guerrero.2@us.af.mil](mailto:monica.guerrero.2@us.af.mil), or via phone: (210) 671 5320.”

