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CITY OF CUSTER
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION AGENDA
Tuesday April 28th, 2020 at 5:00 P.M.
Custer City Hall, 622 Crook Street, Custer, SD 57730

1. Call to Order - Roll Call:

2. Approve Agenda: April 28th, 2020

3. Approve Minutes: March 25th, 2020

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

5. Public Hearings:

a.—

6. Old Business

a.—

7. New Business:

- a. Minor Plat – A Plat of Lot 15R and Lot 18R or Tompkins Subdivision
- b. Subdivision Variance Request – Wheeler Tract North and Wheeler Tract South
- c. Preliminary Plat – A Plat of Wheeler Tract North and Wheeler Tract South

8. Discussion Items:

- a. USAF Environmental Impact Statement Input – B-21 “Raider”

9. Public Comments (3-minute max. per person, with total communication period to not exceed 15 minutes):

10. Planning Administrator Updates:

11. Adjournment

Planning Commission 4/28
Tue, Apr 28, 2020 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (MDT)

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MINUTES OF THE March 24th, 2020 MEETING OF THE OF THE CITY OF CUSTER PLANNING COMMISSION

Roll Call: 5:00 pm

Members Present: Kathy Johnson; Scott Olson; Fred Mills – Alternate(phone); Marc Moore – Alternate.

Members Absent: Jerad Tennyson-Chairman; Joe Uhrich-Vice Chairman; Rick Hudson.

Other Parties Present: Tim Hartmann–Planning Administrator; Dixie Whittaker-Council Representative.

Agenda: Commissioner Johnson moved, with a second by Commissioner Olson to approve the agenda. Motion unanimously carried.

Minutes: Commissioner Mills moved, with a second by Commissioner Johnson to approve the March 10th, 2020 minutes. Motion unanimously carried.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: None Stated.

Public Hearings:

- a. Minor Plat – A Plat of Showers Tract and Schmitz Tract.
 Planning Commission reviewed the request. A brief discussion was held which included but was not limited to the location the property, the lot line to be shifted, and location of the well and septic systems. After the discussion, Commissioner Mills moved, with a second by Commissioner Olson to recommend approval of the minor plat by the Council. Mills motion carried with Johnson, Olson, Mills, and Moore all voting yes.

Old Business:

- a.

New Business:

- a.

Discussion Items:

- a. Rewrite of Custer City’s Comprehensive Plan
 Planning Administrator explained that the next step meetings will be postponed, but an updated draft of the plan may be sent out electronically.

Public Comments:

Public comments were heard by the Commission.

Planning Administrator Updates

Planning Administrator and commission members gave various updates and discussed scheduling.

Adjournment:

Being no further business before the Commission, Commissioner Olson moved, with a second by Commissioner Johnson to adjourn. Motion unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:18 pm.

Approved:

Attest:

Mark Moore

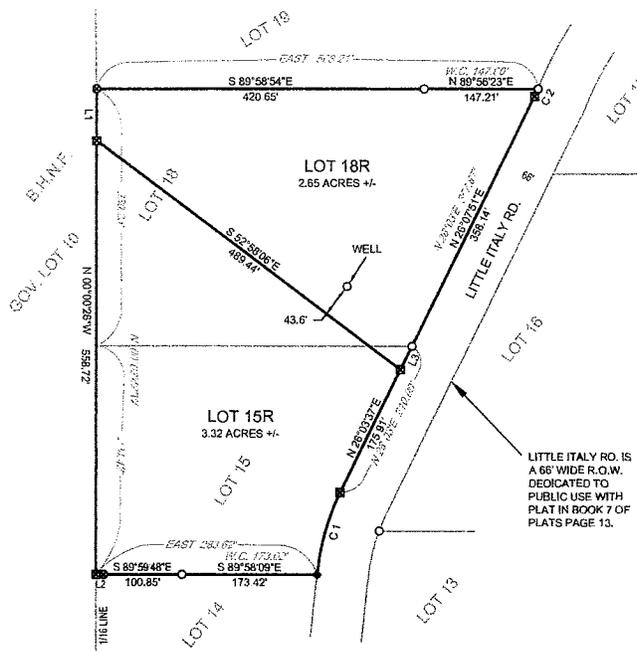
Tim Hartmann, Planning Administrator

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1/10/20

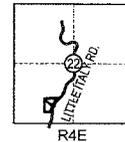
A PLAT OF
LOT 15R AND LOT 18R OF TOMPKINS SUBDIVISION,
LOCATED IN SE 1/4 SW 1/4 OF SECTION 22, T3S,
R4E, BHM, CUSTER COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA

NOTE: See Book 7 of Plats on page 13 for a Plat of Lots 15 & 18.

Formerly Lot 15 and Lot 18



VICINITY MAP
Not to Scale



DATE SURVEYED
12 Feb. 2020

LEGEND

- ☒ Set rebar w/aluminum cap marked "ANDERSEN ENG PLS 5906"
- Found rebar w/aluminum cap marked "BRYANT LS 2196"
- Found rebar w/aluminum cap marked "FRANCIS MEADOR 1019"
- ◆ Found iron pipe
- ◆ Slant lettering denotes record calls



NOTE: UTILITY & DRAINAGE EASEMENT ALONG ORIGINAL LOT LINE BETWEEN LOT 18 & LOT 15 IS VACATED WITH THIS PLAT.

Curve	Radius	Tangent	Length	Delta	Degree	Chord	Chord Bear
C1	314.41' 315.41'	55.96'	110.57' 110.57'	20°09'00" 20°09'00"	18°13'24"	110.00'	N 15°26'16" E
C2	336.25' 336.25'	5.01'	10.01' 10.01'	1°42'22" 1°42'15"	17°0'223"	10.01'	N 26°58'58" E

Course	Bearing	Distance
L1	N 00°00'26" W N 02°02'42" W	56.03'
L2	S 89°56'48" E	9.82'
L3	N 26°04'31" E N 26°03'31" E	33.60'

CERTIFICATE OF SURVEYOR

I, John D. McBride Registered Land Surveyor No. 5906 in the State of South Dakota, do hereby certify that being so authorized, I have prepared the within plat of land shown and described hereon from notes taken during an actual survey made by me or under my direct supervision, and that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the same is a true and correct representation of said survey.
 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.
 Dated this ___ day of ___, 2020.

John D. McBride SDRLS No. 5906

NOTE: 10 FEET EACH SIDE OF REAR AND SIDE LOT LINES ARE RESERVED FOR UTILITY EASEMENTS. IF THE LINE ABUTS LANDS NOT SUBDIVIDED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF CUSTER COUNTY SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE #2, THE ENTIRE 20' WIDE EASEMENT WILL BE TAKEN FROM THE LOT.

No area of special flood hazard exists within this subdivision according to Flood Hazard Insurance Rate Map Panel No. 46033C0095F, effective date: Jan. 6, 2012.

WATER PROTECTION STATEMENT

Pursuant to SDCL 11-3-8.1 and 11-3-8.2, the developer of the property described within this plat shall be responsible for protecting any waters of the state, including groundwater, located adjacent to or within such platted area from pollution from sewage from such subdivision and shall in prosecution of such protections, conform to and follow all regulations of the South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources relating to the same.

STATE OF _____ COUNTY OF _____

I, Kevin D. Brunk, do hereby certify that I am the owner of the within described lands and that the within plat was made at my direction for the purposes indicated therein, and that the development of this land shall conform to all existing zoning, subdivision, and erosion and sediment control regulations.
 Dated this ___ day of ___, 2020.

Kevin D. Brunk

CERTIFICATE OF HIGHWAY AUTHORITY

It appears that every lot has an acceptable approach location onto a public road and the location of the intersection(s) of the proposed subdivision road(s) with the existing public road(s) is hereby approved.

Highway Authority _____ Date: _____

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF OWNERSHIP

STATE OF _____ COUNTY OF _____
 On this ___ day of ___, 2020, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Kevin D. Brunk, known to me to be the person(s) described in the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that they signed the same.
 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal.

Notary Public _____

My commission expires _____

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Whereas there has been presented to the City Council of Custer, South Dakota, the within plat of the above described lands, and it appearing to the Council that said plat conforms to the existing plats of said City, that the streets set forth therein conform to the system of streets of the municipality, that all provisions of the subdivision regulations have been complied with, that all taxes and special assessments upon the tract have been fully paid, and that said plat and the survey thereof have been executed according to law, now therefore,
 BE IT RESOLVED, that said plat is hereby approved in all respects.
 Dated at Custer, South Dakota this ___ day of ___, 2020.

Mayor _____

CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY TREASURER

I, Custer County Treasurer, do hereby certify that all taxes and special assessments which are liens upon the within described lands are fully paid according to the records of this office.
 Dated this ___ day of ___, 2020.

Custer County Treasurer _____

CERTIFICATE OF CITY FINANCE OFFICER

I, Finance Officer of the City of Custer, South Dakota, do hereby certify that the foregoing instrument is a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted by the City Council of Custer, South Dakota at a meeting held on the ___ day of ___, 2020.

Custer City Finance Officer _____

CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION

I, Director of Equalization of Custer County, do hereby certify that my office has been furnished with a true copy of the within plat.
 Dated this ___ day of ___, 2020.

Director of Equalization of Custer County _____

OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS

Filed for record this ___ day of ___, 2020, at ___ o'clock ___ M., and recorded in Book ___ of Plats on page ___.

Custer County Register of Deeds _____

Prepared by
ANDERSEN ENGINEERS
Land Surveyors, Professional Engineers, & Environmental Consultants

Drawn by RW	Date 3/16/2020	P.O. Box 446 Edgewood, SD 57735 (605)-582-5500 andersenengineers@gwlc.net
Approved by McB	Date 3/17/2020	
Scale 1"=100'	Sheet 1 of 1	File Name L15_TOMPKINS



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e-mail: timh@cityofcuster.com

Staff Report

Request: Minor Plat, Lot 15R and Lot 18R
Applicant: Kevin Brunk
Location: Little Italy Road, approximately 0.6 miles West of Custer City
Legal Desc.: Lot 15R and Lot 18R of Tompkins Subdivision - See plat for full legal.
Fee: \$150.00
Date Prepared: March 20, 2020
Planning Commission Meeting: April 28th, 2020
Prepared by Tim Hartmann, Planning Administrator

GENERAL

This plat is for a subdivision that is not within the corporate limits of the City of Custer but is within the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction. Private wells and septic systems serve the parcels. The plat is performing a lot line adjustment between proposed Lot 15R and Lot 18R to allow additional setback to structure on proposed Lot 15R and to better to align the lot line with topography. The lot line between the proposed Lot 15R and Lot 18R has been shifted North making proposed Lot 15R 3.32 acres and proposed Lot 18R 2.65 acres.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The comprehensive plan identifies this area as countryside residential.

ROUTING SHEET RESPONSES

SDDOT- No Comments

ACCESS

Access to the property is gained from Highway 16 to Little Italy Road. Both proposed and existing lots then have access directly to Little Italy Road.

SUMMARY AND STAFF RECOMMENDATION

This plat is presented as a lot line adjustment with no affect to existing access, water, or wastewater systems. The proposed shift will align the dividing lot line with a drainage between the lots and give an additional buffer to the home on the proposed Lot 15R. Staff supports a recommendation for approval to the Council.

Tim Hartmann

From: Rick Wheeler <frenchcreeksupply@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 8:18 PM
To: Tim Hartmann
Subject: Re: Wheeler Tr N & S Sub Variance

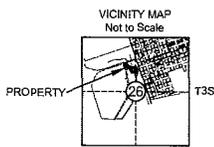
Rick Wheeler the applicant, would like to request a subdivision variance on the Plat of Wheeler Tract North and Wheeler Tract South to allow for the 25' Private Access Easement serving Tract Wheeler South. This variance request is to allow for a private easement to be platted within Custer City, and also allow for the 25' easement to be platted for service to Wheeler Tract South. Due to the 25.98' "bottleneck" between the two parcels, this easement is restricted. We understand that should additional development occur with the proposed Wheeler Tract South, additional legal access would need to be attained. Take any, all, make any changes you see fit, appreciate your help with this.

Sincerely, Rick Wheeler

A PLAT OF WHEELER TRACT NORTH AND WHEELER TRACT SOUTH, OF BUSSKOHL SUBDIVISION, CUSTER CITY, CUSTER COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA

FOR A PLAT OF TRACT 1 OF
BUSSKOHL SUBDIVISION
SEE BOOK 11 OF PLATS ON
PAGE 78.

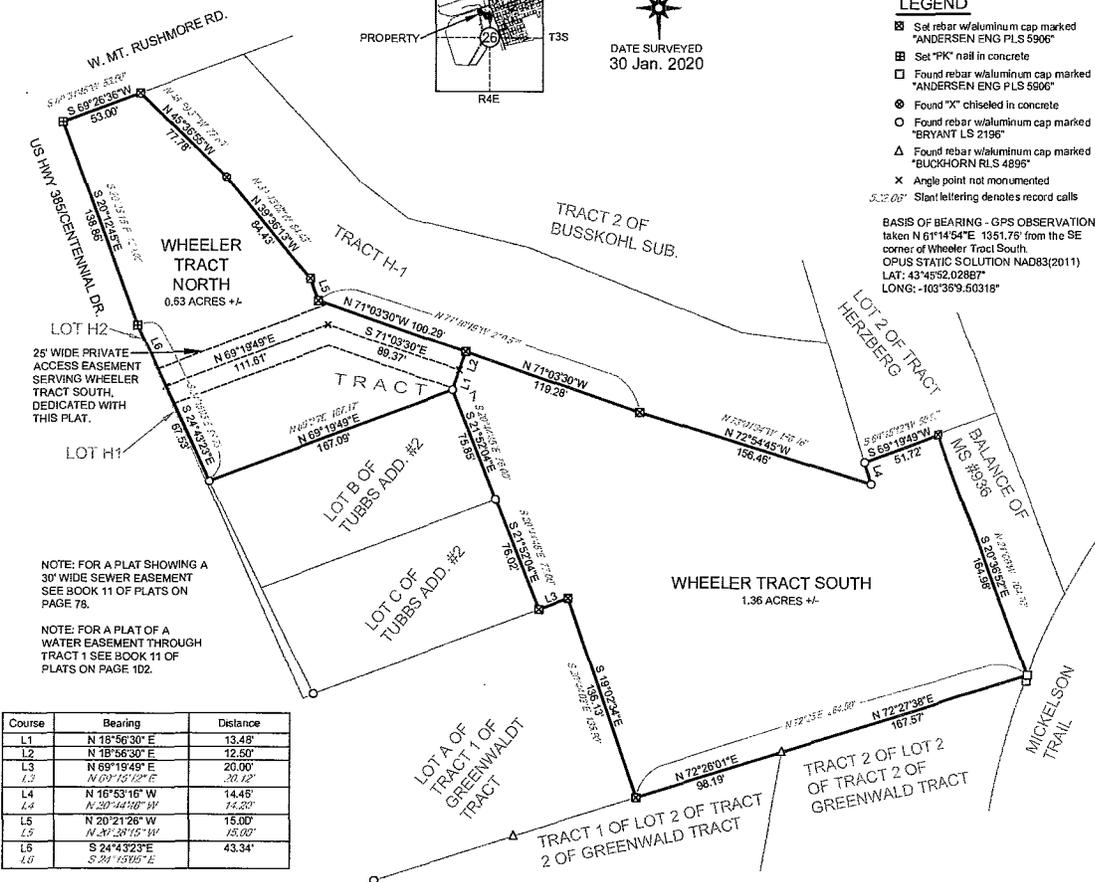
Formerly Tract 1



LEGEND

- ⊗ Set rebar w/aluminum cap marked "ANDERSEN ENG PLS 5906"
- ⊕ Set "PK" nail in concrete
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- ⊙ Found "X" chiseled in concrete
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- △ Found rebar w/aluminum cap marked "BUCKHORN RLS 4896"
- × Angle point not monumented
- 3.12.02° Slant lettering denotes record calls

BASIS OF BEARING - GPS OBSERVATION
taken N 61°14'54"E 1351.76' from the SE
corner of Wheeler Tract South.
OPUS STATIC SOLUTION NAD83(2011)
LAT: 43°45'52.02867"
LONG: -103°35'9.50318"



Course	Bearing	Distance
L1	N 15°56'30" E	13.49'
L2	N 18°56'30" E	12.60'
L3	N 69°19'49" E	20.00'
L3	N 69°15'12" E	20.12'
L4	N 16°53'16" W	14.46'
L4	N 20°44'06" W	14.20'
L5	N 20°21'26" W	15.00'
L5	N 20°30'15" W	15.00'
L6	S 24°43'23" E	43.34'
L6	S 24°15'05" E	

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John D. McBride SDRLS No. 5906

An area of special flood hazard exists within this subdivision according to Flood Hazard Insurance Rate Map Panel No. 4603C0113F, effective date, Jan. 6, 2012. The placement of fill, any new construction, substantial improvements, or another development within the 100-year flood plain as designated by the County's Flood Insurance Rate Maps and Flood Boundary and Floodway Maps, shall be in conformity with Custer County's Flood Ordinance.

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Drawn by RW	Date 3/11/2020	P.O. Box 446 Edge mont, SD 57735
Approved by McB	Date 3/11/2020	(605)-662-3500 andersenengineers@gwic.net
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Staff Report

Request: Wheeler Tract North and Wheeler Tract South
 Applicant: Rick Wheeler
 Legal Desc.: Wheeler Tract North and Wheeler Tract South, of Buskohl Sub - See Plat for full legal
 Fee Paid: \$650.00
 Date Prepared: April 20, 2020
 Planning Commission Meeting: April 28, 2020
 Prepared by Tim Hartmann, CFM Planning Administrator

GENERAL

This plat is for a subdivision of land within Custer City located near the intersection of Mouth Rushmore Road and Highway 385. The proposed plat will divide the existing Tract 1 into the proposed 2 Tracts, Wheeler Tract North (0.63 acres) and Wheeler Tract South (1.36 acres).

The proposed Wheeler Tract North has City sewer and water services available.

ZONING

Per the City zoning map the property affected by this plat is currently zoned Highway Commercial and Industrial.

ROUTING SHEET RESPONSES

SDDOT – No Comments

ACCESS AND PUBLIC SERVICES

Access to the area is provided by Highway 385 to the West.
 A proposed private access easement is shown on the plat to serve Wheeler Tract South.
 As referenced on the plat, this property does also contain existing sewer, water, and power line easements. The sewer easement (30' wide) currently serves existing sewer infrastructure through the property and the water easement (20' wide) currently serves existing public water infrastructure. To staff's knowledge these easements are adequate for those existing services.

Access & Variance

Staff has reviewed and discussed the access point to the Proposed Wheeler Tract South. The access falls short of full compliance with from two sections of the City subdivision standards. Per standards, a private street shall not be platted in the City, and the 25' easement is lesser than minimum Right of Way standards with the smallest allowed being an alley at 30' in width, and probably more appropriately a minor road standard requiring a 50' right of way (or easement). This parcel is restricted from additional access(width) at this time due to the "bottleneck" where the two proposed parcels meet. For this reason, staff supports the variance as requested and presented and feels that the easement is adequate for this parcel. However, would like to note that if approved, proposed Tract Wheeler S would be restricted for additional subdivision unless additional access was attained. CMC 16.20.020. B & K

REGULATORY FLOODPLAIN

Per flood insurance rate map panel 46033C0113F it may be noticed a large portion of the property is affected by regulatory floodplain and within such, also a portion of Floodway. The presence of the flood hazard has been noted and shown on the plat, and any building or qualifying development within will be subject to local and FEMA Flood Damage Prevention regulations administered by the local floodplain administrator. Staff would also like to note that with the LOMR currently in process with FEMA most of the regulatory floodplain will be eliminated. Such LOMR expected to go into effect fall of 2020.

STAFF RECCOMENDATION

Staff supports a recommendation to City Council for approval of the variance and preliminary plat. With the variance, the City Council may impose conditions to secure the objectives of the subdivision ordinance. Planning Commission may want to consider a recommendation for a condition that Wheeler Tract South cannot be further subdivided without additional access first being granted.

Mayor Corbin Herman
Custer City
622 Crook Street
Custer, SD 57730-1608

Draft

Colonel David A. Doss
28th Bomb Wing
1958 Scott Drive, Suite 1
Ellsworth AFB, SD 57706-4710

Dear Colonel Doss,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Environmental Impact Statement for the B-21 Main Operating Base at Ellsworth AFB. As long-time supporters of the United States Air Force and the mission at Ellsworth Air Force Base, the community members of Custer South Dakota are happy to host the men and women who live and work in the greater community of the Black Hills. Since 1889 the Black Hills have been source of natural beauty and recreation for the people who live and work here. We are blessed to have many wonderful parks, both national and state, hiking trails, biking trails, lakes, fishing and hunting areas, shops, and restaurants for the enjoyment of our residents and more than one million visitors a year. We in Custer City welcome the opportunity to share these wonderful resources with our Air Force members and their families.

We understand the economic impact the base has on our local area and the potential impact it will have as the base grows to welcome additional personnel and families for the B-21's new mission. We also understand the impact any additional construction might have for the local area and welcome the opportunity to provide a quality and qualified work force to help in any way the base needs.

We also understand that the public scoping meetings were cancelled in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. Please let my office know if the public scoping meetings get re-scheduled so that a representative from Custer can attend and publicly voice our support for this important effort.

Sincerely,

Corbin Herman
Mayor, Custer South Dakota



**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 28TH BOMB WING (AFGSC)
ELLSWORTH AIR FORCE BASE SOUTH DAKOTA**

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Ellsworth Air Force Base, SD 57706-4710

Mayor Corbin Herman
City of Custer
622 Crook Street
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CITY OF CUSTER

Dear Mayor Corbin Herman

The United States Air Force (USAF) is issuing this notice to inform state and local agencies of its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the B-21 Main Operating Base 1 (MOB 1) Beddown at Dyess Air Force Base (AFB), Texas or Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota. The Air Force's notice of intent (NOI) to prepare an EIS and hold public scoping meetings was published in the Federal Register on March 6, 2020. The EIS will assess the potential environmental consequences of the proposal to beddown the Department of Defense's new bomber aircraft, the B-21 "Raider," which will eventually replace existing B-1 and B-2 bomber aircraft. The EIS is being prepared in accordance with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969; 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Parts 1500-1508, the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations for implementing NEPA; and the Air Force Environmental Impact Analysis Process (EIAP) [32 CFR Part 989].

This notice also serves to invite early public and agency participation in determining the scope of environmental issues and alternatives to be analyzed in the EIS and to identify and eliminate from detailed study the issues which are not significant. To effectively define the full range of issues and concerns to be evaluated in the EIS, the Air Force is soliciting scoping comments from interested local, state and federal agencies, interested American Indian tribes, and interested members of the public.

The beddown of the B-21 will take place through a series of three Main Operating Bases (MOB), referred to as MOB 1, MOB 2, and MOB 3. The Air Force proposes to beddown MOB 1, which includes B-21 Operational Squadrons, a B-21 Formal Training Unit (FTU), and a Weapons Generation Facility (WGF) in this EIS. MOB 2 and MOB 3 beddown locations would be evaluated in future NEPA analyses, after the location for MOB 1 is chosen. The B-21 will operate under the direction of the Air Force Global Strike Command. The B-21 will have both conventional and nuclear roles and will be capable of penetrating and surviving in advanced air defense environments. It is projected to enter service in the 2020s, and the Air Force intends to have at least 100 B-21 aircraft built.

The purpose of the Proposed Action is to implement the goals of the National Defense Strategy by modernizing the U.S. bomber fleet capabilities. The B-21 Raider is being developed to carry conventional payloads and to support the nuclear triad by providing a visible and flexible nuclear deterrent capability that will assure allies and partners through the United States' commitment to international treaties. The B-21 will provide the only stealth bomber capability and capacity needed to deter, and if necessary, defeat our adversaries in an era of renewed great power competition. MOB 1

will support training of crewmembers and personnel in the operation and maintenance of the B-21 aircraft in an appropriate geographic location that can provide sufficient airfield, facilities, infrastructure, and airspace to support the B-21 training and operations.

The EIS will analyze Dyess AFB and Ellsworth AFB as basing alternatives for MOB 1 for the Proposed Action, as well as a No Action Alternative. The basing alternatives were developed to minimize mission impact, maximize facility reuse, minimize cost, and reduce overhead, as well as leverage the strengths of each base to optimize the B-21 beddown strategy. The potential impacts of the alternatives and the No Action Alternative that the EIS may examine include impacts to land use, airspace, safety, noise, hazardous materials and solid waste, physical resources (including earth and water resources), air quality, transportation, cultural resources, biological resources, socioeconomics, and environmental justice.

The Air Force will be holding public scoping meetings in areas potentially impacted by the proposal. During the public scoping meetings, the Air Force will provide additional information about the B-21 MOB 1 Beddown EIS. The purpose of the meetings and the scoping period is to further solicit input regarding the scope of issues to be addressed and identify environmental issues to be analyzed in depth. Written comments received by the Air Force during the public scoping period will be considered in the preparation of the Draft EIS. Scoping comments may be submitted to the Air Force at the planned public scoping meetings, via the public website (www.B21EIS.com), or mailed. Comments will be accepted at any time during the Environmental Impact Analysis Process (EIAP). However, to ensure the Air Force has sufficient time to consider public input in the preparation of the Draft EIS, scoping comments must be submitted no later than April 24, 2020.

DATES: The Air Force plans to hold six public scoping meetings from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on the dates and at the locations listed below. Local notices announcing scheduled dates, locations, and addresses for each public scoping meeting will also be published in the Rapid City Journal and Black Hills Pioneer newspapers in South Dakota, the Abilene Reporter News, and The Wylie News newspapers in Texas, as well as the Native Sun News, Indian Country Today, and the Original Briefs tribal newspapers, a minimum of fifteen (15) days prior to each meeting.

- Tuesday, March 31, 2020: Holiday Inn at Rushmore Plaza, 505 North 5th Street, Rapid City, SD 57701
- Wednesday, April 1, 2020: Sturgis Community Center, 1401 Lazelle Street, Sturgis, SD 57785
- Thursday, April 2, 2020: Douglas Middle School, 691 Tower Road, Box Elder, SD 57719
- Tuesday, April 7, 2020: Abilene Convention Center, 1100 North 6th Street, Abilene, TX 79601
- Wednesday, April 8, 2020: Wylie High School Performing Arts Center, 4502 Antilley Road, Abilene, TX 79606
- Thursday, April 9, 2020: Tye Community Center, 103 Scott Street, Tye, TX 79563

The agenda for each scoping meeting is as follows:

- 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. – Open House and comment submission
- 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. – Air Force Presentation
- 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – Open House and comment submission resumes

Additional information on the B-21 MOB 1 Beddown EIS environmental impact analysis process can be found on the project website at www.B21EIS.com. The project website can also be used to submit comments. Inquiries and comments-by-mail regarding the Air Force proposal should be directed to Ellsworth AFB Public Affairs; ATTN: Steve Merrill, 28th Bomb Wing Public Affairs, 1958 Scott Dr., Suite 4, Ellsworth AFB, SD 57706; (605) 385-5056; 28bw.public.affairs@us.af.mil.

Comments will be accepted at any time during the environmental impact analysis process. However, to ensure the Air Force has sufficient time to consider public input in the preparation of the Draft EIS, scoping comments must be submitted to the website or mailed to one of the addresses listed above by April 24, 2020.

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