

## **Recommendation Supporting Information**

### **7th SFG from FT Bragg ( EGLIN AFB)**

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#### **Competing Recommendations and Other Information:**

There are no known competing recommendations that could conflict with this recommendation. This recommendation was viewed as the best alternative due to the availability of maneuver land and ranges, access to needed deployment platforms and joint training synergies gained by joint basing with other service SOF units. The other Army alternatives considered were Fort Stewart, Georgia and Fort Polk, Louisiana. These sites were not chosen due to modular force structure growth and missions competing for resources on these installations. Joint locations considered were Fallon NAS, Nevada, MCAS Yuma, Arizona, and Nellis AFB, Nevada. These locations were not chosen due to incompatibility of training lands and lack of training resources.

#### **Force Structure Capabilities:**

The importance of training and readiness of Special Operations Forces is evident in the current Global War on Terrorism and is a vital part of the force structure to meet future operational requirements. This recommendation is consistent with and supports the Army's Force Structure Plan submitted with the FY 06 budget, and provides the necessary capacity and capability, including surge, to support the units affected by this action. It considers essential manning, training, organizing, equipping, and sustaining requirements, as well as approved transformational initiatives to ensure the Army and Department of Defense have the capabilities necessary to meet mission requirements.

#### **MVA Results:**

This recommendation significantly enhances military value and meets Department of Defense transformational objectives by locating Special Operations Forces (SOF) in locations that best support Joint specialized training needs, training with conventional forces and other service SOF units while meeting wartime alignment deployment requirements. The integration of selected range capabilities across Services enhances Service collective, interoperability and joint training, such as Urban Operations, Littoral, and training in unique settings such as tropical environments. The terrain around Eglin AFB is well suited for training the 7th SFG for their South American area of responsibility. Additionally, this recommendation improves cross-service training capabilities. This action improves coordination, doctrine development, and the quality of special operations training, while creating training efficiencies by Joint basing special operating forces providing the same or better level of training at a reduced cost. See attached table.

#### **Capacity Analysis Results:**

This recommendation provides the needed capacity to train and deploy forces and materiel as part of the Joint team. Locating like BCTs at Fort Bragg enhances training, readiness and deployment capabilities while maintaining adequate surge capacity within

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the training capability. It provides units with sufficient, sustainable maneuver and training space in the necessary geographic, topographic, and climatic conditions. Eglin AFB has sufficient buildable acres to support required facilities construction. See attached table.

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