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Written scoping comments will be accepted at any time during the environmental impact analysis process up until the public release of the Draft EIS. 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 postmarked to one of the addresses listed above by May 9, 2020.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** 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 Air Force is preparing this EIS in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969; 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Parts 1500-1508, the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations implementing NEPA; and the Air Force's Environmental Impact Analysis Process (EIAP) as codified in 32 CFR part 989.

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 two 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.

**Purpose and Need for the Proposed Action:** 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.

**Description of the Proposed Action and Alternatives:** The Air Force proposes to beddown MOB 1, which includes two B-21 Operational Squadrons, a B-21 Formal Training Unit (FTU), and a Weapons Generation Facility (WGF) in this EIS. 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.

**Brief Summary of Expected Impacts:** 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, socioeconomic, and environmental justice.

**Scoping and Agency Coordination:** The scoping process will be used to involve the public early in the planning and development of the EIS, to help identify issues to be addressed in the environmental analysis. 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 and interested members of the public.

As a direct result of the National Emergency declared by the President on Friday, March 13, 2020, in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic in the United States and the Center for Disease Control's recommendations for social distancing and avoiding large public gatherings, the Air Force has canceled six public scoping meetings between March 31, 2020 and April 9.

This amended notice of intent will 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.

**Request for Written Comments:** The Air Force seeks written comments in the manner or methods listed in the **ADDRESSES** paragraph above on potential alternatives and impacts and identification of any relevant information, studies, or analyses of any kind concerning impacts affecting the quality of the human environment.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

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### Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records; Correction

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Notice of a modified System of Records; correction.

**SUMMARY:** On Tuesday, January 14, 2020, the DoD published a notice titled "Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records" that modified a System of Records titled, "Forms and Account Management Service (FAMS), DCFO 01." Subsequent to the publication of the notice, DoD discovered that the SORN designator "DCFO 01" was not correct. This notice corrects the error.

**DATES:** This correction is effective on March 24, 2020.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patricia L. Toppings, 571-372-0485.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On Tuesday, January 14, 2020 (85 FR 2112-2114), the DoD published a notice titled "Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records" that modified a System of Records titled, "Forms and Account Management Service (FAMS), DCFO 01." The error referenced in the **SUMMARY** section of this notice is corrected to read as follows:

1. On page 2112, in the third column, in the **SUMMARY** section "DCFO 01" is corrected to read "DUSDC 02."

2. On page 2113, in the second column, in the **SYSTEM NAME AND NUMBER** paragraph, "DCFO-01" is corrected to read "DUSDC 02."

Dated: March 19, 2020.

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