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Mr. Wayne Dyess
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312 Courthouse Square, Suite 18
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Dear Mr. Dyess:

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FOR THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR PROVIDING T-6 JPATS SOLO CAPABILITY AT NAVY OUTLYING LANDING FIELDS NAVAL AIR STATION WHITING FIELD, FLORIDA

On August 19, 2010, Commander, Navy Region Southeast (CNRSE) will publish in the *Mobile Press Register* a Notice of Availability for the draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for Providing T-6 JPATS Solo Capability at Navy Outlying Landing Fields Naval Air Station Whiting Field, Florida. In accordance with the procedural requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act, NAVFAC Southeast has prepared the draft EA to expand two existing Navy outlying landing fields (NOLFs) in the South Military Operating Area for Naval Air Station Whiting Field (NASWF) with extended runway lengths and clear zones sufficient to support training with the T-6 aircraft which is replacing the current T-34 aircraft at NASWF.

CNRSE welcomes comments on the enclosed "*Draft Environmental Assessment for Providing T-6 JPATS Solo Capability at Navy Outlying Landing Fields Naval Air Station Whiting Field, Florida*" for a 30-day public review period. The public comment period begins August 19, 2010, and all comments must be received by no later than September 20, 2010.

The enclosed document is also available for review and comments via the Internet at the following address: <http://www.navyolfextensions.com> or by written request to: Mr. Sean Heath, NAVFAC Southeast, Box 30, Building 903/Yorktown, Jacksonville, FL 32212; or by fax to: (904) 542-6345.

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Public comments on the enclosed document should be submitted using one of the following methods:

(a) By mail to: Mr. Sean Heath, NAVFAC Southeast, Box 30, Building 903/Yorktown, Jacksonville, FL 32212.

(b) By fax to: (904) 542-6345.

(c) By e-mail to: sean.heath@navy.mil.

(d) Comments may also be addressed on the website at the following address: <http://www.navyolfextensions.com>.

When submitting comments, please include your name, address and identify your comments as for the T-6 Solo Capability, Navy Outlying Landing Fields, NAS Whiting Field, FL draft EA. Your comments, along with your identifying information, will be made available to the public.

I appreciate your assistance with our efforts to invite public involvement in our decision making process. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Mr. Sean Heath by e-mail at: sean.heath@navy.mil; or by fax at: (904) 542-6345.

Sincerely,



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By direction of the Commanding
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Enclosure: 1. Copy of draft EA on CD