

**Notice of Availability
Environmental Assessment for
Proposed Water Well Development at
Buckley Air Force Base**

Interested parties are hereby notified that Buckley Air Force Base (AFB) has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for proposed development of existing water wells and construction of a water storage tank and pipelines for the purpose of irrigation.

Statutory Authority. This notice is being issued to interested parties in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (Public Law [P.L.] 91-190, 42 United States Code 4321 et seq.) as amended in 1975 by P.L. 94-52 and P.L. 94-83.

Purpose. The purpose of and need for the Proposed Action is to produce and maintain a sufficient water supply for irrigation on the base. The proposed well improvements and new irrigation system will allow Buckley AFB to become increasingly self-sufficient.

Proposed Action. The Air Force proposes to re-drill and rehabilitate three existing water wells, construct a 250,000-gallon aboveground water storage tank to be placed near a current on-base Recreational Vehicle parking area, install a pipeline between each well and the storage tank, and connect the pipeline to areas under irrigation.

Alternatives. There are three alternatives for the water well development at Buckley AFB. Under the first alternative, the proposed above ground water storage tank would be sited on-base south of Camp Rattlesnake. Under the second alternative, the proposed above ground water storage tank would be sited on-base to the southwest of Highway 30/E. 6th Avenue. Under the No-Action Alternative, the Proposed Action would not be implemented and no additional irrigation water would be produced by existing wells at Buckley AFB.

Comments. Comments on the Draft EA should be directed to Mr. Scott Wilson, 460 CES/CEV, 660 South Aspen Street (Stop 86), Buckley AFB, CO 80011-9551. Electronic copies of the Draft EA are available on the public Buckley AFB website (www.buckley.af.mil) under the Library tab, then Environmental Information . Copies of the Draft EA will also be available for review beginning Friday, 14 May 2010 at the Aurora Central Library, 14949 East Alameda Parkway, Aurora, CO 80012. The comment period is open for 15 days and will end on 29 May 2010. Copies can also be obtained by writing to Buckley AFB at the address above.

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