

MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION A

FROM: AFGSC/A4C

SUBJECT: Final Finding of No Significant Impact and Finding of No Practicable Alternative for the Redevelopment of Gate 5 at F. E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyoming

1. F. E. Warren Air Force Base (FEW) proposes to redevelop Gate 5 to address safety and security issues.

2. Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). Pursuant to 40 CFR §1508.13 and 32 CFR Part 989 (Air Force Environmental Impact Analysis Process), federal agencies shall complete an Environmental Assessment (EA) and, if appropriate, document that the action will not have a significant effect on the environment through a FONSI. FEW completed an EA for the proposed action. This EA, attached and incorporated by reference in this finding, considers the potential impacts of the proposed action on the natural and human environment. Based on the information and analysis presented in the EA, I conclude the proposed action does not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment when considered individually or cumulatively in the context of the referenced act, including both direct and indirect impacts. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement is not necessary. My decision to approve the proposed action is based the following:

a. Redevelopment of Gate 5 is necessary to ensure access to the installation for mission requirements.

b. FEW provided the public a 30-day review period to comment on the proposed action and received no objections.

c. On 28 May 2020, FEW provided the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Wyoming Regulatory Office the opportunity to comment on the proposed action and they voiced no concerns.

d. On 26 May 2020, FEW provided the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service an opportunity to comment on the proposed action and they voiced no concerns.

e. On 24 May 2019, the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office reviewed the proposed action and concurred with FEW that the it would have no effect to historic properties.

f. The proposed action will serve to preserve and enhance the natural and beneficial value of the adjacent wetland.

3. Finding of No Practicable Alternative (FONPA). Pursuant to Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands, Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, Department of Defense Instruction 4715.03, Air Force Manual 32-7003 *Environmental Conservation* and the authority delegated by Secretary of the Air Force. In consideration of all relevant factors,

the Air Force finds there are no practicable alternatives to the proposed action. The proposed action includes all practicable measures to minimize harm to wetlands.

4. The point of contact for this EA is Mr. Travis Beckwith, National Environmental Policy Act Coordinator for FEW. He can be reached at (307) 773-6607 or at travis.beckwith@us.af.mil.

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