Pursuant to Executive Order 11988, *Floodplain Management*, the United States Department of the Navy (Navy) gives notice that the Navy is conducting an evaluation of a proposed action which may involve construction in a floodplain to determine the potential effects that its activity in the floodplain would have on the human environment. The Navy will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives and the potential impacts on the floodplain from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988.

The proposed action is to repair erosion at a small beach area designated as Lake Frederic beach area, located on Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola, Escambia County, Florida. The project will stabilize the shoreline to prevent further erosion in the future. Beach erosion has been a continued threat at the Lake Frederic beach area, but Hurricane Sally accelerated the issue when the hurricane made landfall in September 2020. As required by EO 11988, a more detailed description of the proposed action is available below.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplain and wetlands and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative methods to serve the same project purpose and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplain and wetlands can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplain and wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Interested parties may submit written comments no later than 5:00 PM Central Time on October 28, 2021 by email to joelle.a.odaniel-lopez.civ@us.navy.mil or by mail postmarked no later than October 28, 2021 to:

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

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Lake Frederic beach area is located on the southern coastline of NAS Pensacola, adjacent to Pensacola Bay and just east of Sherman Cove. This erosion repair and shoreline stabilization project includes the installation of approximately 250 feet of a 4-foot high berm on the land side of existing rip-rap rocks. The berm will consist of a sand core covered with geotextile fabric covered with rip-rap rocks. The new berm will cover most of the area where a beach access road existed prior to Hurricane Sally. This project will reduce current erosion problems in the Lake Frederic beach area to protect the bicycle path adjacent to the shoreline and reduce future threats to Radford Boulevard, which spans the southern coastline of NAS Pensacola.

The Navy is proposing the action in the floodplain because immediate action is necessary to reduce or eliminate further erosion at the Lake Frederic beach area. If immediate actions are not taken, erosion will continue to threaten this beach and the adjacent coastline, bicycle path, and road. These erosion control methods will provide an immediate solution and prevent any further loss.

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