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NEWS RELEASE

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Ukiah, California, March 26, 2009 – The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors will conduct a special meeting on Tuesday, March 31, 2009, at 4:00 p.m., to receive a presentation from U.S. Navy representatives regarding the proposed Northwest Training Range Complex Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS). The EIS/OEIS examines the potential environmental effects of the Navy’s proposal for future range management operations and activities. The Complex consists of numerous individual training areas in the Pacific Northwest, including beyond the coast of Northern California.

Responding to the concerns expressed by constituents, the Board recently discussed the matter relative to the local impacts on marine life, the environment, and other impacts, and transmitted a letter of formal comment on the proposed action. Subsequently, the Navy extended the public comment period through April 13, 2009.

U.S. Navy representatives John Mosher, Commander U.S. Pacific Fleet, Northwest Environmental Liaison and Project Manager; Kimberly Kler, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Environmental Planner and Project Navy Technical Representative; and Brian Wauer, Project Operations Specialist, will be on hand to present detailed information and respond to Board and public comment.

Supervisor David Colfax, 5th District, noted, “This is a rare opportunity for people to provide the Navy with information about our coast and our commitment to ensuring its continued well-being.”

Congressman Mike Thompson (D-CA), added, “I’m pleased that the Navy will be conducting an in-person meeting so that everyone will have a chance to voice their concerns. We need to gather as much information and public input as possible so that we can fully evaluate the impact this will have on marine animals and the fishing community.”

The public is invited and welcome to attend every Board meeting. Alternatively, meetings may be viewed via live web streaming from the Board’s website at www.co.mendocino.ca.us/bos/cgi-bin/meetings.pl. For more information, please contact the Mendocino County Clerk of the Board’s office at 463-4221.

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