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***Public Hearing Added**

***Comment Period Extended Northwest Training Range Complex EIS/OEIS**

By Navy Region Northwest Public Affairs

SILVERDALE, Wash. –* The Navy is further extending the public comment period for the Northwest Training Range Complex Environmental Impact Statement / Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS) to *March 11, 2009*, to allow for additional public input.

There will also be an additional public hearing event held on *February 26, 2009,* at the Tillamook County Fairgrounds Auditorium* at 4603 E. 3rd Street in Tillamook, Oregon.

The public hearing will begin with an open house information session beginning at 5:00 P.M. and a public hearing beginning at 7:00 P.M.

The Navy is making a special allowance within this National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process, due to public comments received.

This EIS/OEIS examines the potential environmental effects of the Navy's proposal for future range management operations and activities. The Northwest Training Range Complex consists of numerous individual training areas in the Pacific Northwest. **The range complex extends westward in the Pacific Ocean -- up to 250 nautical miles beyond the coast of Washington, Oregon, and Northern California.**

Public involvement is a fundamental part of EIS/OEIS development and key to helping the Navy make informed decisions. For more information on this project, and several ways to provide public comment by the newly extended deadline, please visit:

[www.NWTRangeComplexEIS.com](http://www.nwtrangecomplexeis.com) <<http://www.nwtrangecomplexeis.com>>.

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***MEDIA AVAILABILITY:** *The media is invited to attend from 4:00 to 5:00 P.M. to meet with Navy subject matter experts.

To RSVP, or for more information, please contact Mrs. Sheila Murray, Navy Region Northwest Environmental Public Affairs Officer, cell 360-340-5398. *