



Pōhakuloa Training Area

Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) Public Hearing

PURPOSE & NEED

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Ensure our Soldiers are properly trained to meet the urgent combat needs of today and are prepared for future challenges.

The Army must modernize PTA to provide sufficient capacity on its ranges, facilities, and infrastructure. Many of the ranges do not meet current doctrinal training and standard range design requirements. Many of the range assets do not have sufficient capacity to meet collective live-fire training requirements. Facilities in the cantonment area do not meet quality of life standards. Much of the training infrastructure is dilapidated or aged.

Training at PTA will return to its baseline-use by three (3) active Army brigades, U.S. Army Reserve, National Guard, and U.S. Marine Corps-as military units deployed to combat operations overseas redeploy back to their home station on Oahu. Training doctrine has changed over the last 10 years and the infrastructure at PTA must accommodate doctrinal standards.

IPBA PURPOSE & NEED (initial modernization project)

Ensure Soldiers meet their collective (group) training requirements to fight and win today's combat missions.

The Infantry Platoon Battle Course (IPBC) would augment the existing non-standard IPBC (located at Range 10 on PTA), which is undersized and cannot be modernized in its current footprint.

The Army must build an IPBC to standard, and co-locate it with a Shootouse and MOUT to enhance training efficiency and maximize unit training time through simultaneous training of its platoons during semi-annual deployments to PTA.