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FACT SHEET #3

BASING F-35A LIGHTNING II FORMAL TRAINING UNIT AT KINGSLEY FIELD AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE AT CRATER LAKE-KLAMATH REGIONAL AIRPORT, KLAMATH FALLS, OREGON

ANNOUNCING AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND COMMENT PERIOD

What's Inside This Fact Sheet?

- A Review of the Purpose and Need for the Proposed Action
- Dates of the comment period and how to submit comments
- Current EIS Timeline

Previous Fact Sheets:

FACT SHEET #2 Included the public comment process and review of how to make comments, and a summary of the public comments received during the scoping process.

FACT SHEET #1 Included a review of the Proposed Action, public meetings schedule, and link to the project website.

The National Guard Bureau (NGB) and the Department of the Air Force (DAF) invite the public to provide comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) for the proposal to beddown one formal training unit (FTU) squadron of F-35A Lightning II aircraft at the 173d Fighter Wing (173 FW) at Kingsley Field Air National Guard Base (ANGB) located at Crater Lake-Klamath Regional Airport in Klamath Falls, Oregon. The Federal Aviation Administration is participating as a cooperating agency.

The Draft EIS is available on the project website, and hard copies of the document have been placed at local libraries. During the public comment period, the public is invited to review the Draft EIS and submit comments on the analysis.

What is the Proposed Action?

The Proposed Action is the beddown and operation of one FTU squadron of F-35A aircraft at the 173 FW, including associated infrastructure construction.

The F-35A aircraft would replace the aging F-15C/D aircraft associated with the current mission at the 173 FW. The Draft EIS also evaluates the No Action Alternative. Under the No Action Alternative, the Proposed Action would not occur. The Draft EIS evaluates ongoing base operations and considers facility and infrastructure construction projects needed to support continued base operations.



Why is the Proposed Action Necessary?

The F-15C/D aircraft previously assigned to the 173 FW have been retired as part of the DAF's transition from aging legacy aircraft that had reached the end of their service life. At the same time, the DAF has an ongoing need to increase F-35A pilot training capacity to support national defense requirements.

The Proposed Action would establish a new F-35A FTU at Kingsley Field ANGB. This would expand the Air Force's F-35A pilot production capacity and provide an integrated training environment for pilot qualification.

The National Environmental Policy Act

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is our national charter for making informed decisions based upon potential environmental consequences. NEPA requires all federal agencies to take a good-faith, hard look at potential environmental consequences of a proposal before making a decision. The NGB has prepared a Draft EIS to analyze the potential environmental consequences of this proposal. The schedule of this process is shown in the timeline on the next page.

Public Involvement

Public involvement is a fundamental element to the successful implementation of the NEPA process. The public has an important role in providing input during this process to help NGB make more informed decisions to implement the proposal. The Draft EIS has been made available via the website, and hard copies of the document have been placed at the libraries listed at the bottom of this fact sheet. A public comment period will take place from **April 10, 2026 to May 11, 2026**, during which time the public is invited to review the Draft EIS and provide their comments on the analysis. All substantive comments received during the comment period will be reviewed and addressed in the Final EIS, as appropriate, to inform the DAF's decision-making process.

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Comments are Welcome!

Written comments must be submitted by **May 11, 2026** in one of the following ways:

- Via the project website at www.KingsleyFieldF35EIS.com
- Via the project email at NGB.CCA4F.NEPACOMMENTSOrg@us.af.mil
- By U.S. Mail to: EIS Project Manager, National Guard Bureau, NGB/A4FR, Shepperd Hall, 3501 Fetchet Avenue, Joint Base Andrews MD 20762-5157

Please note that by including your name and address on correspondence, it may be used to compile a mailing list for distributing future information regarding this EIS. Names may appear in the EIS, but phone numbers, email addresses, and physical addresses will not be published.

The Draft EIS is available online and at the following libraries:

- Klamath County Library (Main Library)
126 S. Third St., Klamath Falls, OR 97601
- South Suburban Branch, 3625 Summers Lane,
Klamath Falls, OR 97603

Proposal materials can be viewed online at:
www.KingsleyFieldF35EIS.com.

