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MILITARY RELOCATION TO GUAM AND CNMI PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT (PA) MEMO #1

Project: J-001B Naval Base Guam Telecommunication Site
(NBGTS) Finegayan Utilities and Site Improvements (RC#
2016-0048) Area F Expansion (REVISED APE)

Project Location: NBGTS

Date: February 26, 2021
Comment Period Open Until:
April 12, 2021

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PROJECT SUMMARY:

This project (being referred to throughout this PA Memo as J-001B Area F Expansion) originally proposed to add approximately 5.4 acres of development to accommodate a required stormwater infiltration basin at Naval Base Guam Telecommunication Site (NBGTS) on the island of Guam (Figure 1). This area is located adjacent to the larger area of potential effect (APE) of J-001B. Finegayan is the selected alternative for construction of a cantonment area to support the Guam and Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Military Relocation (the Undertaking). The project area is located in the north central part of the island within the village or municipality of Dededo. Although the general area is now commonly referred to as Finegayan or North Finegayan, its pre-World War II name was Machanao. The J-001B footprint was previously shown in PA Memos #1 (August 22, 2014), #2 (December 9, 2014), and #1 (November 17, 2017).

J-001B Area F Expansion consists of an additional development area identified for J-001B Utilities & Site Improvements (U&SI) Mass Grub and Grade, Phase I, which was originally identified in the 2010 Final EIS (FEIS) for the military relocation to Guam and CNMI and Appendix E of the 2011 Programmatic Agreement [2011 PA] among the Department of Defense, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the Guam State Historic Preservation Officer, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands State Historic Preservation Officer Regarding the Relocation to the Islands of Guam and Tinian. The location of Area F Expansion is outside of the APE identified in Appendix A of the PA. Accordingly, as per Stipulation V.B.3., this PA Memo presents information to allow the public to provide comments on the identification and evaluation of historic properties and the finding of effects.

PROJECT LOCATION:

NBGTS is located in northwestern Guam, west of Route 3 and south of the Northwest Field of Andersen Air Force Base. It supports headquarters communications center activities, and provides communications receiving operations for Navy and other DoD services on the island. It occupies approximately 1,195 hectares (2,952 acres) of land. For clarity, this project does not propose to expand NBGTS; the expansion is adding area to J-001B.

The original Area F Expansion APE, included in the transmittal dated January 21, 2021, is shown in Figure 1.

The REVISED Area F Expansion APE is 9.8 acres (3.965 hectares). (Figure 2)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The work for this expansion includes construction of a stormwater infiltration basin. This project is an associated effort for J-001B U&SI and future vertical construction projects within the bounds of NBGTS.

Project work for development of a stormwater infiltration basin includes clearing, grubbing, grading activities such as digging, trenching, drilling, boring and/or cut and fill, processing and stockpiling of green waste, erosion and sediment control, construction of roadways, temporary construction fence, perimeter/security fence, landscaping and other site improvements. The effort may also require munitions and explosives of concern (MEC) removal and associated efforts.

IDENTIFICATION OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES:

In planning for the Undertaking, DoD first conducted a data gap analysis to determine the need for supplemental identification and evaluation surveys and then conducted those surveys. Surveys were available for review by the Guam SHPO, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), National Park Service (NPS) and Concurring Parties to the 2011 Programmatic Agreement (2011 PA). DoD has applied the results of those survey identification efforts to the siting/lay down of this facility to avoid and minimize effects to historic properties to the extent practical. DoD has provided documentation of these efforts to the Signatories and Invited Signatories via Appendices D and E of the 2011 PA. All of the added areas in this PA Memo were surveyed when the full footprint of the planned main cantonment was surveyed.

DoD surveys and evaluations have focused on project-specific APEs, defined consistent with 36 CFR §800.16(d) to include those portions of the island of Guam subject to direct and indirect effects of projects included in the Undertaking, based on the July 2010 Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Guam and CNMI Military Relocation.

In addition to archaeological and architectural surveys and evaluations, DoD has completed extensive archival research and oral history studies and interviews to identify traditional cultural properties, places, sacred sites, and culturally important natural resources such as the *nunu*, *yoga*, *dokdok*, and *ifit* trees, and medicinal plants.

The APE was subject to one or more of the historic property identification efforts listed in 36 CFR \$800.4(b)(1), as described above. As such, results of identification and evaluation efforts for the J-001B Area F Expansion APE can be found in the following original studies.

Dixon, Boyd, S. Walker and R. Schaefer

2011 Final Report Cultural Resource Investigations Conducted in the Territory of Guam Supporting the Joint Guam Build-Up Environmental Impact Statement: Final Archaeological Surveys on Guam 2010 on Andersen AFB. Prepared by the Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Pacific Division, by TEC Inc.

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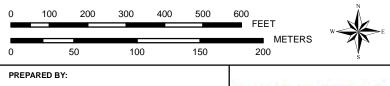
2010 Archaeological Survey and Cultural Resource Studies Conducted in 2007 on the Island of Guam in Support of the Join Guam Build-Up Environmental Impact Statement. 2 volumes. Prepared for Department of the Navy, Pacific Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. International Archaeological Research Institute, Inc., Honolulu, Hawaii.

Results of the above studies indicate historic properties are located within the J-001B U&SI APE. However, there are no historic properties within the Area F Expansion area presented in this PA Memo.

In accordance with Stipulation VI.F. of the 2011 PA, the DoD has retained a full-time Archaeologist to provide site checks, oversee coordination and execution of the archaeological mitigation measures in the 2011 PA and to provide quality control. This individual is on-staff at Marine Corps Activity Guam, Public Works Department, and is also designated to respond to and report any inadvertent discoveries to the Signatories, Invited Signatories, and Concurring Parties per Stipulation XII of the PA. In the event of inadvertent discoveries, Section XI of the 2011 PA will be followed.

DETERMINATION OF EFFECT:

Considering the information presented above, the DoD has determined that no historic properties will be affected by this expansion. PA Memo #2 will not be required as no mitigation efforts will be necessary.



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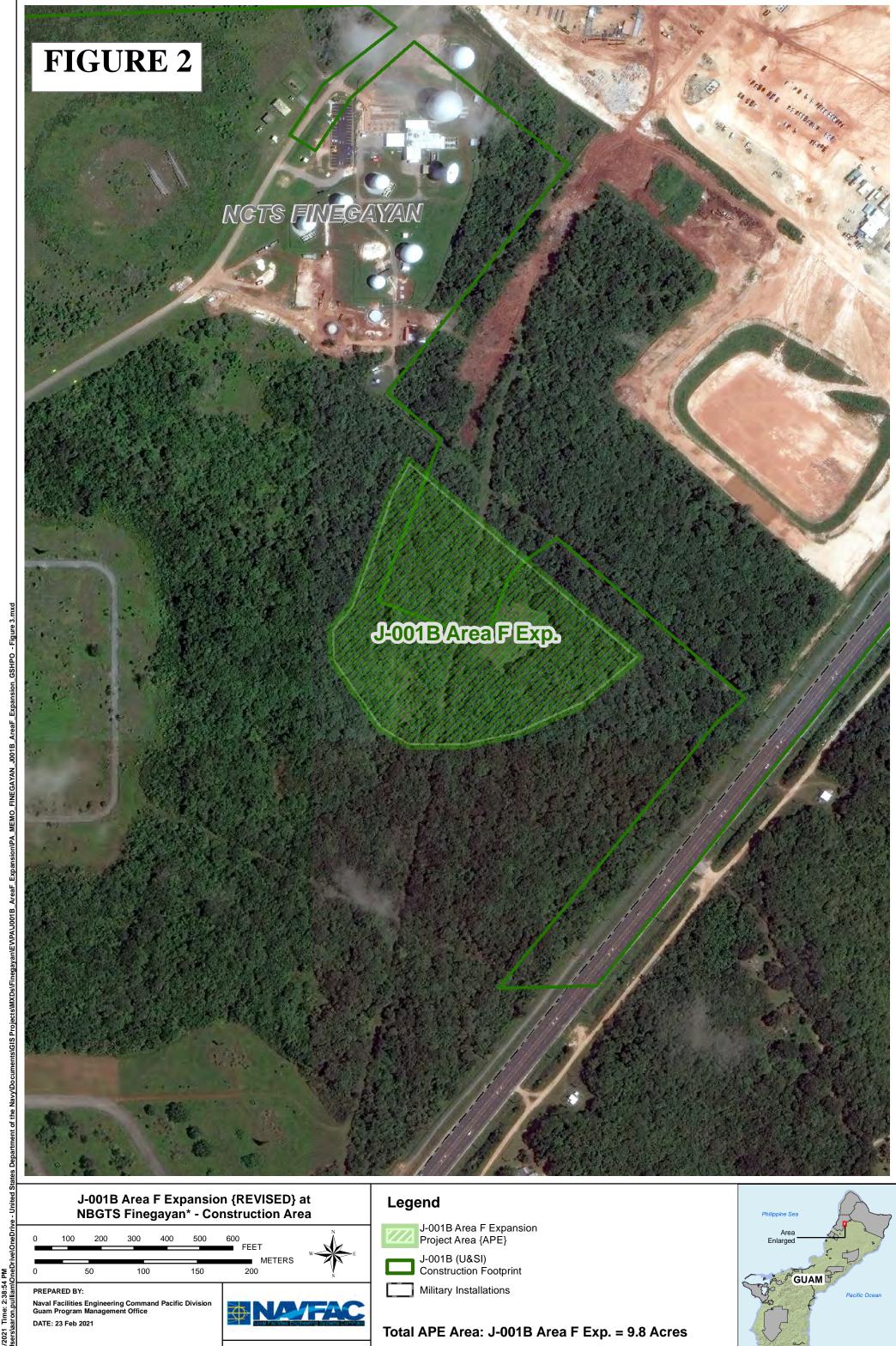
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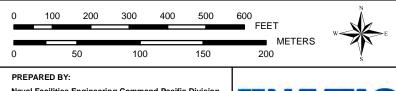


Total APE Area: J-001B Area F Exp. = 5.4 Acres

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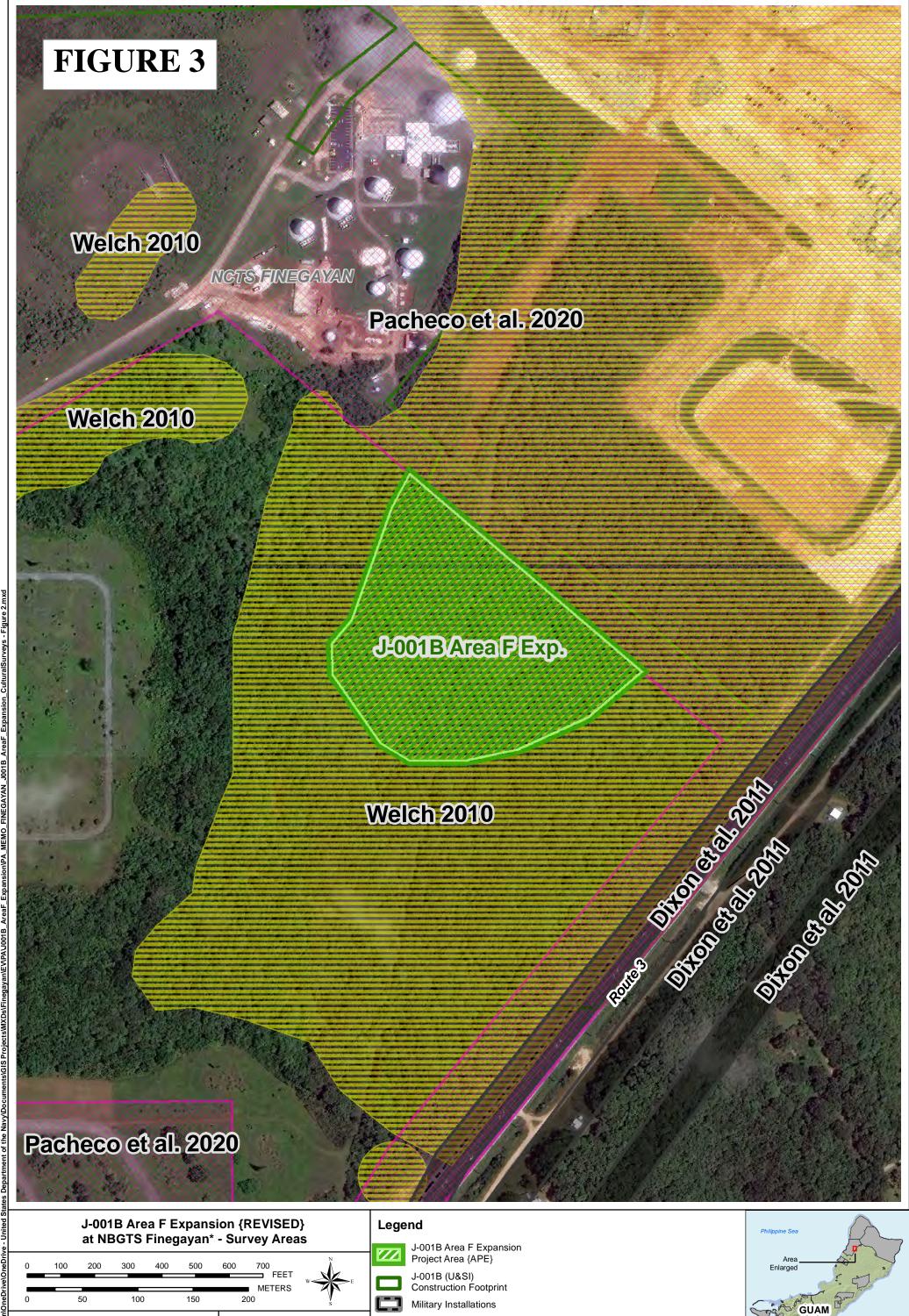
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Cultural Survey Areas

Dixon et al. 2011

Welch 2010

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