

**Churchill County's Perspective on the:
Proposed Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Modernization;
Navy Record of Decision & Legislative Proposal; and,
County Proposed Alternative**

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Today I will cover the following:

- Brief overview of the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization
- General Perception / Position of Churchill County
- FRTC Modernization Schedule and Process to Date
- Key Differences Between Current Legislative Proposals:
 - Churchill County Supports Division A of HR 6889⁴
 - Navy Legislative Proposal has also been provided as support material³

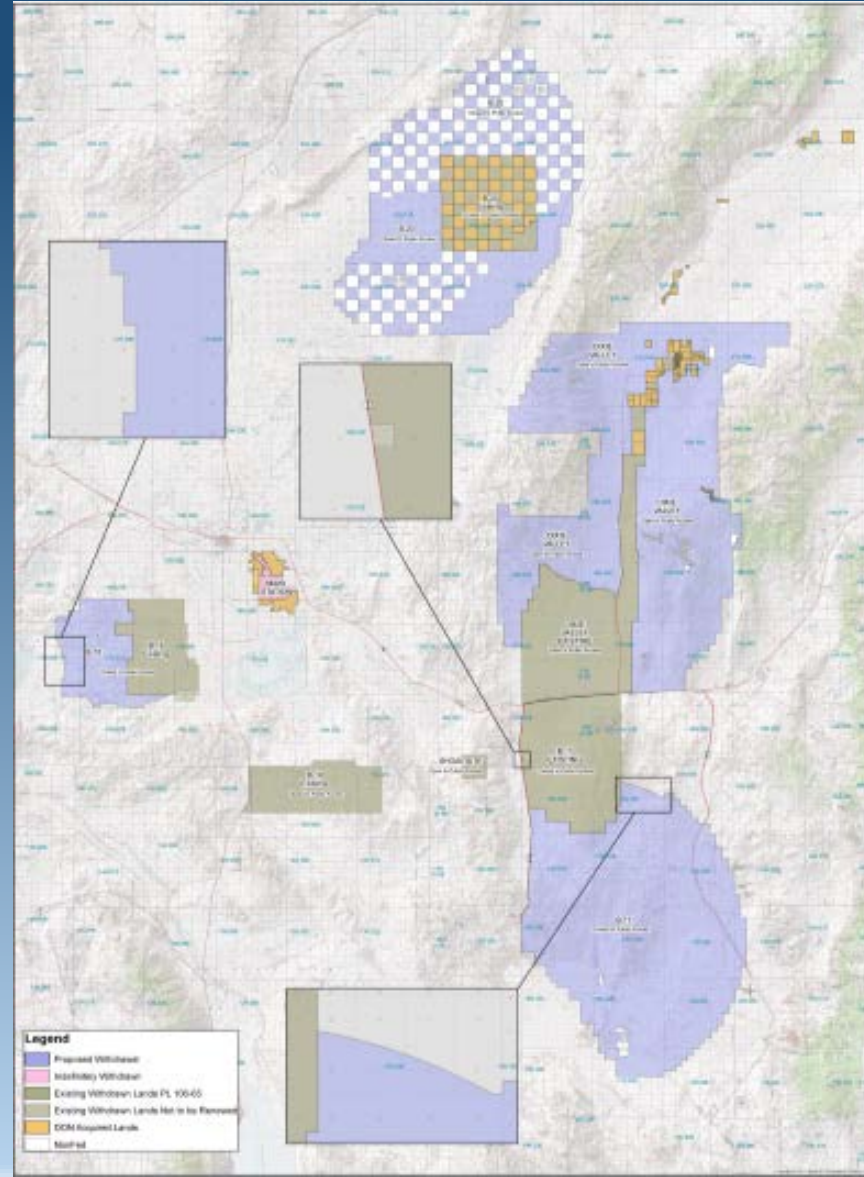
Overview of the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization¹:

FTRC Modernization Acreage Table – Record of Decision - March 12, 2020

Range	Current Acres				Proposed Acquisition Acres			Total Range Size Acres		
	Current DON Land	Current Withdrawn Land	Current Total Land	* Current Lands not to be Renewed	Proposed DON Land Purchase	Proposed Additional Withdrawal	Total Proposed Expansion	Total DON Land	Total Withdrawal	Total Proposed Range
B-16	0	27,359	27,359	-1,079	0	31,515	31,515	0	57,795	57,795
B-17	25	53,546	53,572	-23	2,452	207,912	210,364	2,478	261,435	263,913
B-19	0	29,012	29,012	0	0	0	0	0	29,012	29,012
B-20	19,429	21,576	41,005	0	61,765	115,349	177,114	81,194	136,925	218,119
DVTA	8,751	68,809	77,560	0	2,334	245,428	247,762	11,085	314,237	325,322
Shoal	0	2,561	2,561	0	0	0	0	0	2,561	2,561
Total	28,205	202,864	231,069	-1,102	66,551	600,204	666,756	94,757	801,966	896,723

***Note:** The Navy is also proposing a Special Land Management Overlay (SLMO) that would be managed by Department of Interior under MOU with the Navy to avoid conflicts with the training environment (specifically lighting, structures over 50' tall and electromagnetic spectrum) = 78,478 acres + released WSA (Sec. 2984)³

Overview of the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization¹:



Not Depicted on Navy Map:

1. Special Land Management Overlay
2. Release of Wilderness Study Areas
3. Navy Proposed Conveyances to DOI

General Perception / Position of Churchill County:

- Churchill County is the proud home of Naval Air Station Fallon; and wants to remain the proud home of NAS Fallon
- The County has been fully engaged in FRTC Modernization Process since it became public
 - The County was not involved in development of the Navy's Original Proposal
- The FRTC Modernization will have significant impacts on the County's Customs, Culture and Economy
- The County has sought to identify and articulate these impacts as well as seeking resolution in a collaborative manner
- The County is now working with its Congressional Delegation and Key Stakeholders in seeking resolution through final Legislation

FRTC Modernization Schedule and Process to Date

- **October 2016:** **National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Process Begins with “Scoping”.** Navy presents 2 Alternatives:
 - Proposed Action; and
 - No Action Alternative
 - **County doesn’t support either Alternative and Provides Copious Comments**
- **Dec. ‘16 – Oct. ‘18: Cooperating Agency Process**
 - Closed Process Governed by a Non-disclosure Agreement
 - **County actively participates in all meetings**
- **Nov. 2018:** **Draft Environmental Impact Statement Published**
 - Public Process
 - Navy Adds Alternative 3 as its “Preferred Alternative”
 - **County Provides Copious Comments.**
 - **Alternative 3 is an improvement but doesn’t address all impacts.**
- **Jan. ‘19 – Jan ‘20: Additional Cooperating Agency Process**
 - Closed Process Governed by a Non-disclosure Agreement
 - **County actively participates in all Navy meetings as well as cooperative stakeholder meetings, resulting in some changes to Navy’s Final EIS and Record of Decision.**

FRTC Modernization Schedule and Process to Date

- **February 2020: Final Environmental Impact Statement Published**
 - Navy Maintains Alternative 3 as its “Preferred Alternative”
 - **County Provides Additional Comments.**
 - Additional improvements but doesn’t address all County Concerns.
- **March 2020: Navy’s Record of Decision Signed² (See Support Material)**
 - Includes the Navy’s Selected Action and Commitments to Mitigation
 - **County appreciates Navy Commitments, but ROD doesn’t address all County concerns.**
- **March 2020: Administration Transmits Navy Legislative Proposal to Congress³ (See Support Material)**
 - **County does not support this Legislative Proposal.**
 - **County requests support from Congressional Delegation.**
- **May 2020: Congressman Amodei Introduces HR 6889^{4,5} (See Support Material)**
 - **County Supports Division A, which includes:**
 - Changes to the Navy’s FRTC Modernization; and,
 - A Churchill County Lands Bill

Key Differences Between Current Legislative Proposals (FRTC Modernization):

- Churchill County Supports Division A of HR 6889:

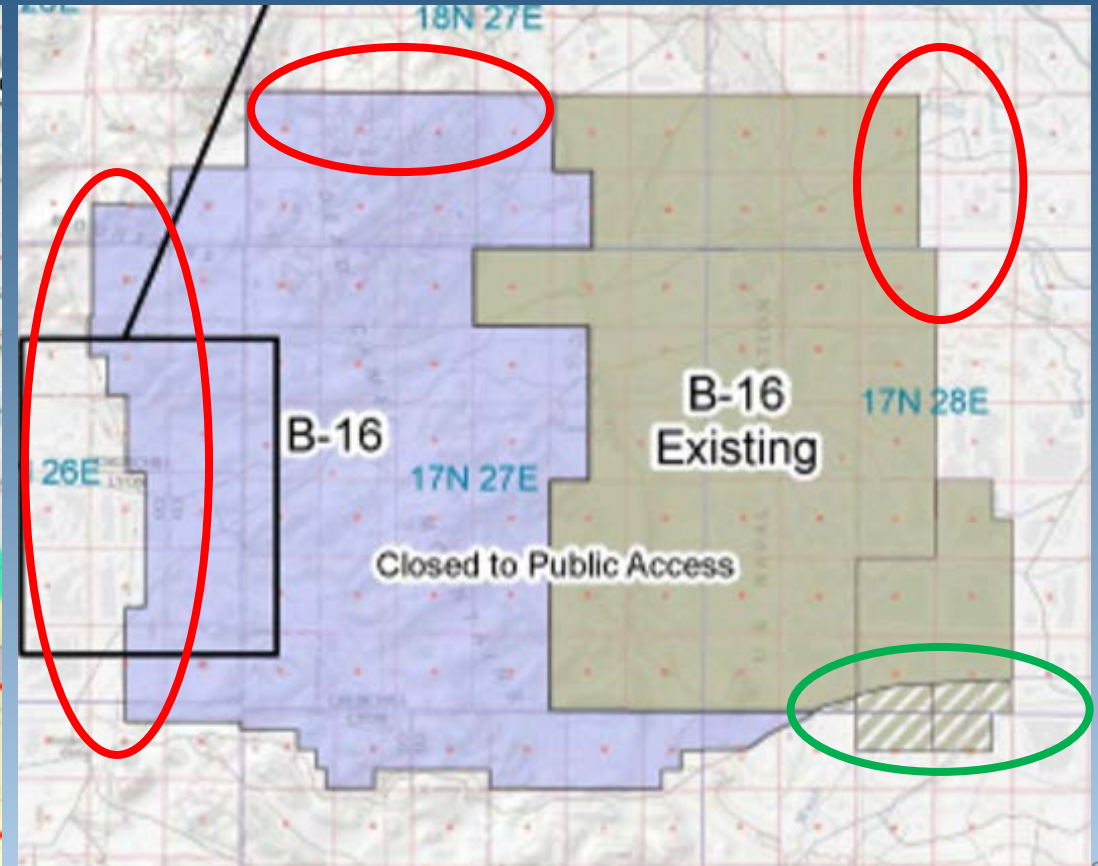
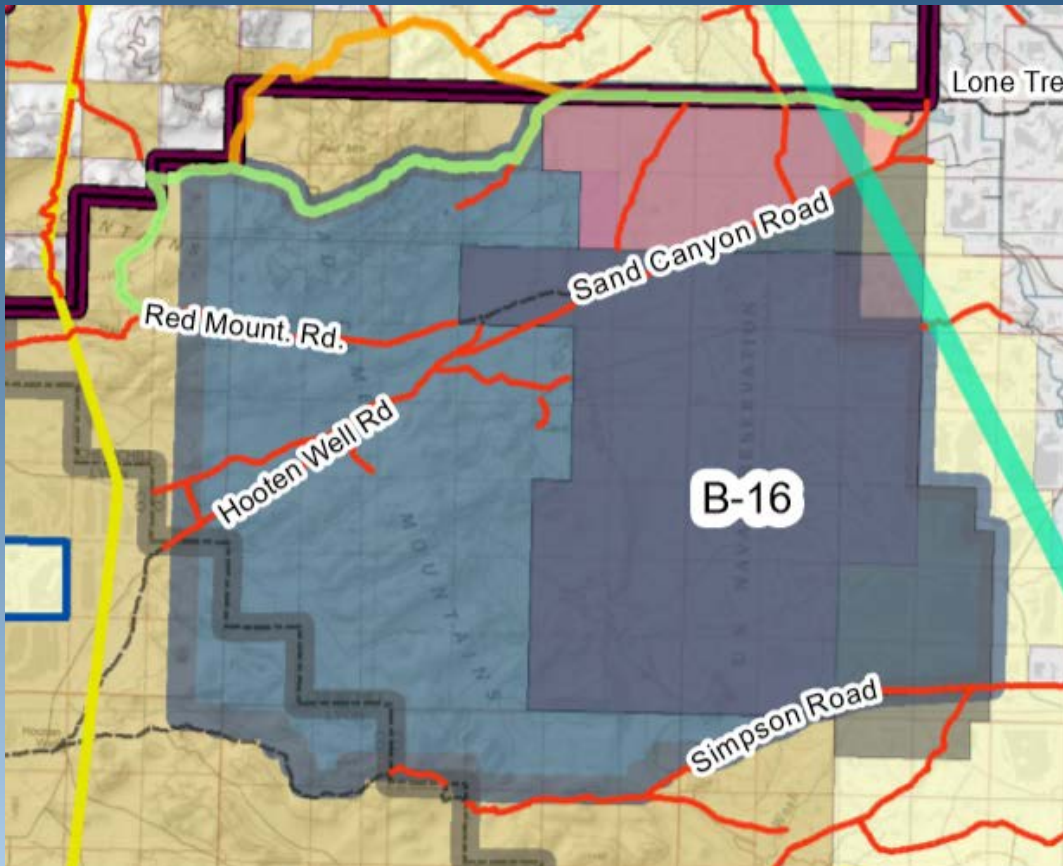
FRTC Component	Current Size ¹ (Acres)	HR 6889, Div. A, Title 1 ⁴ (Acres)	Navy Legislative Proposal ¹ (Acres)
Bravo 16	27,359	48,632	57,795
Bravo 17	53,572	240,113	263,913
Bravo 19	29,012	29,012	29,012
Bravo 20	41,005	189,069	218,119
Shoal Site	2,561	2,561	2,561
Dixie Valley	77,560	*See Note Below	325,322
Totals =	231,069	509,387	896,723

***Note:** The County-proposed Dixie Valley Special Management Area⁴ (269,572 acres) would not be withdrawn by the Navy. Management authority would reside with the Department of Interior.

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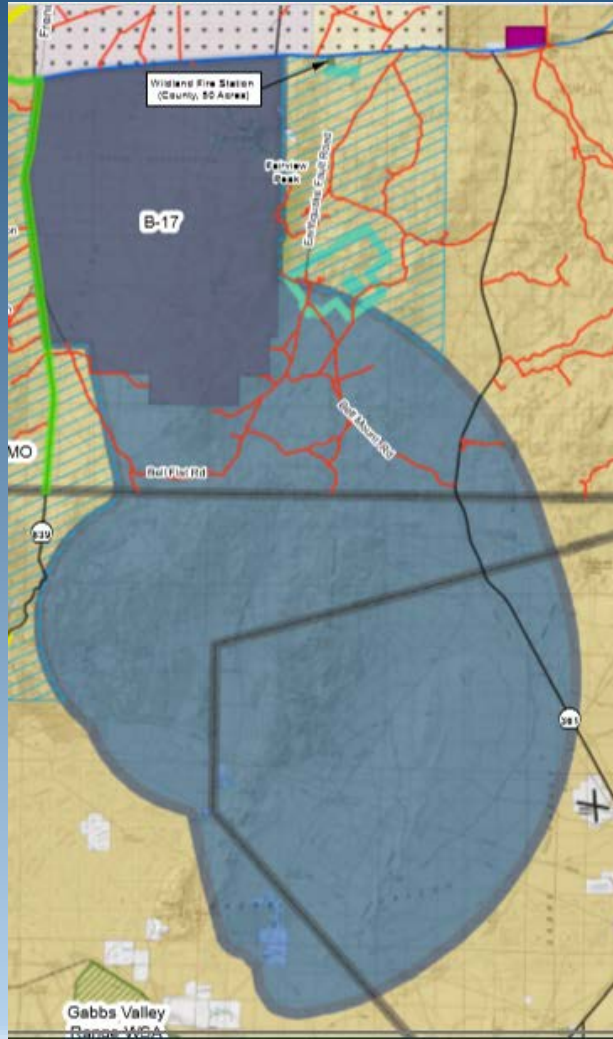
HR 6889, Div. A, Title 1 (Bravo 16)⁵

Navy (Bravo 16)¹

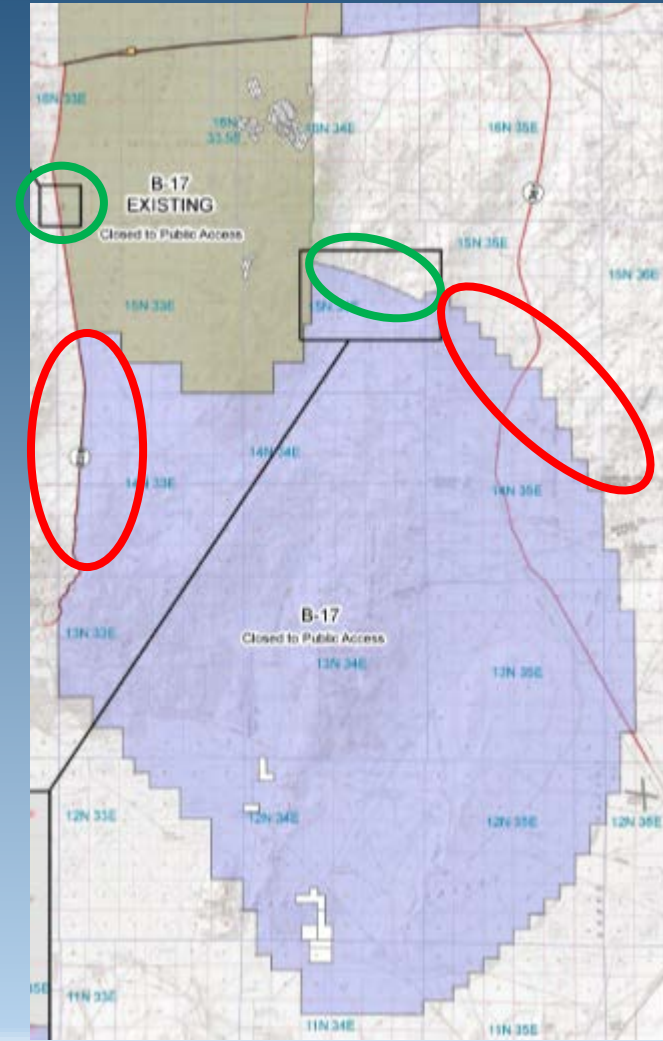


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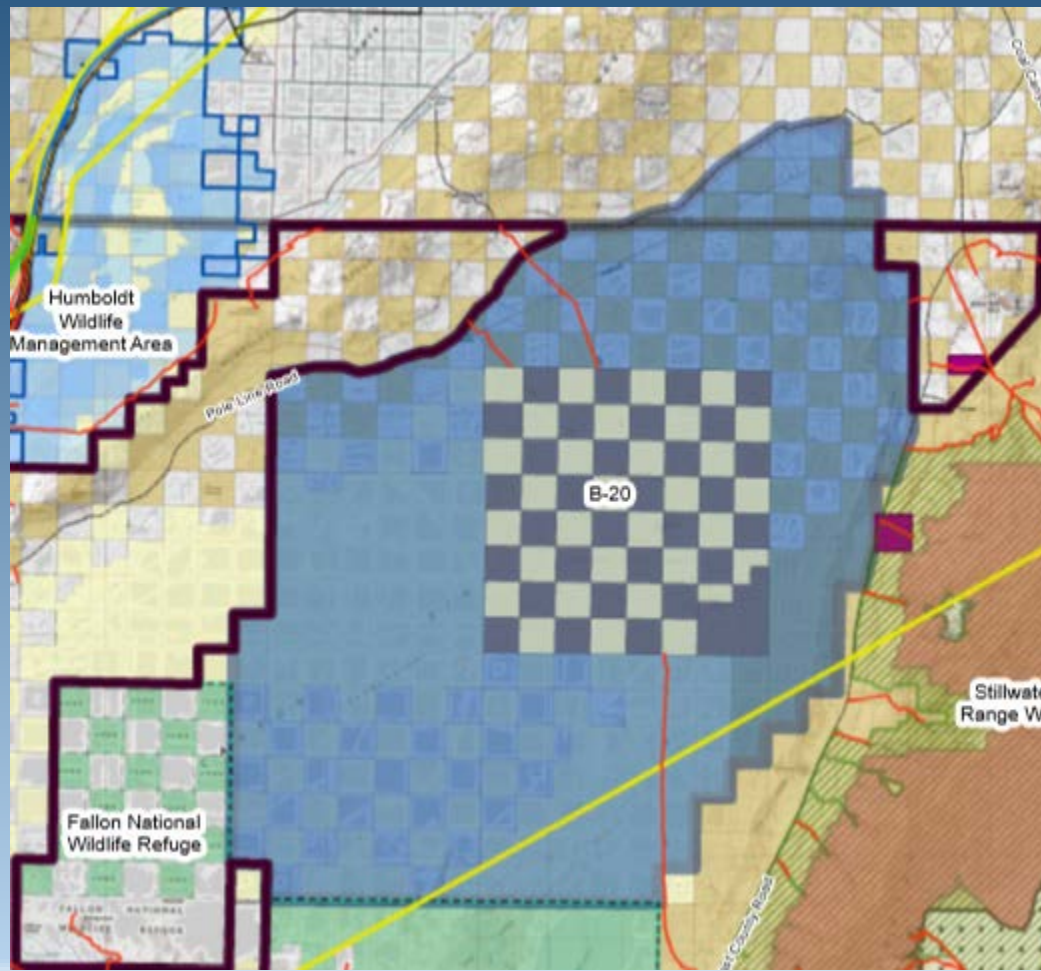


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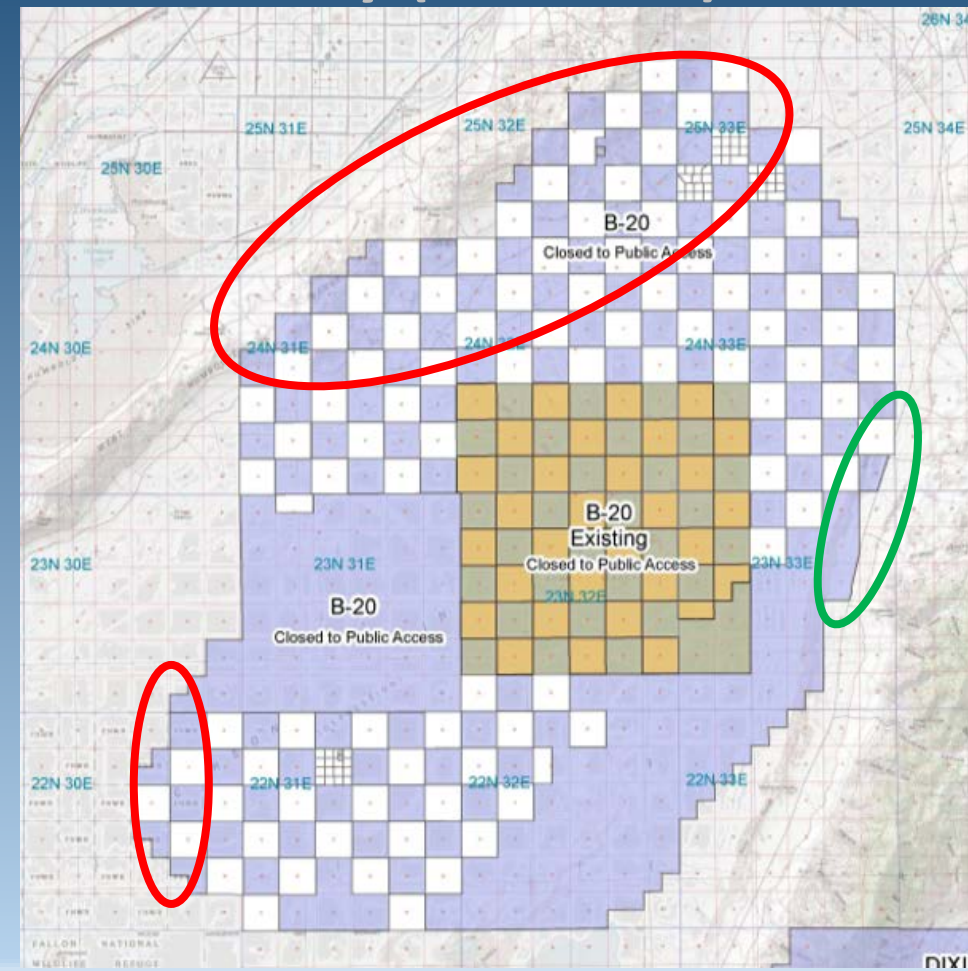


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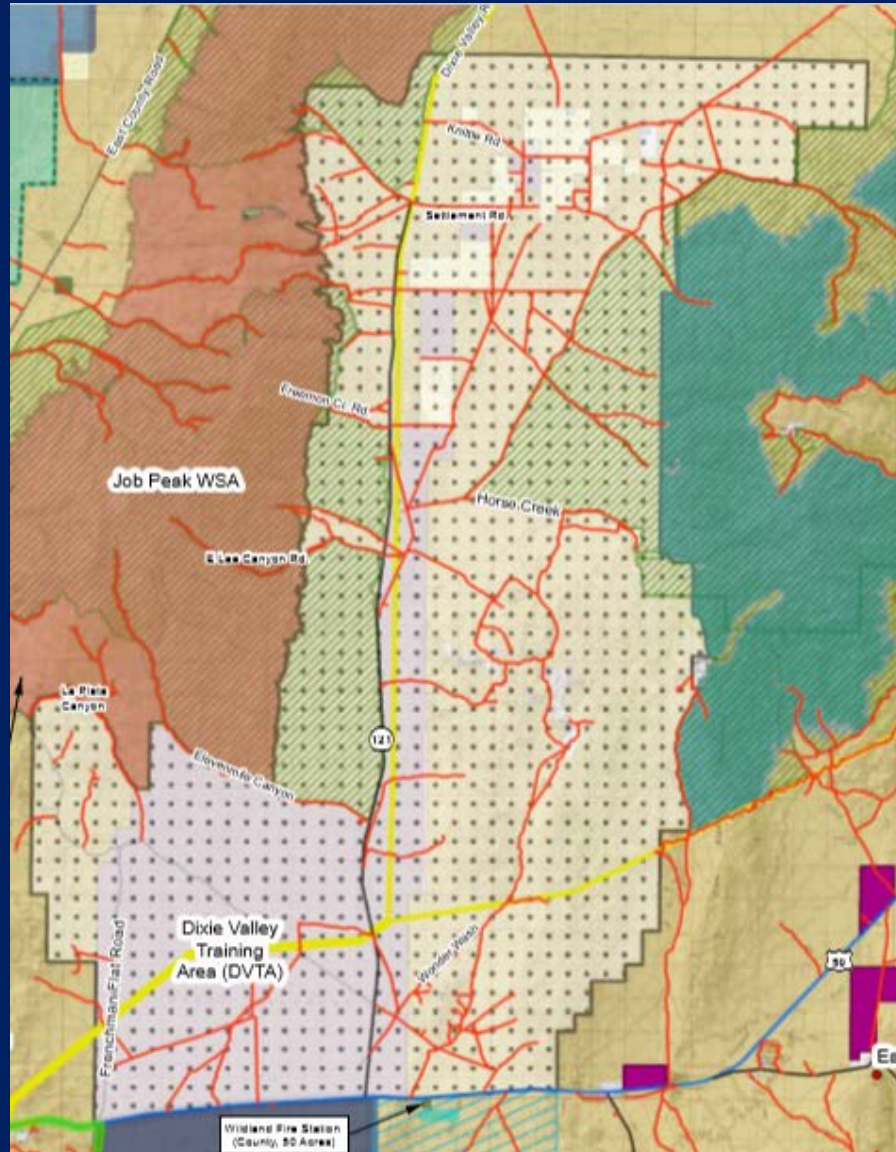


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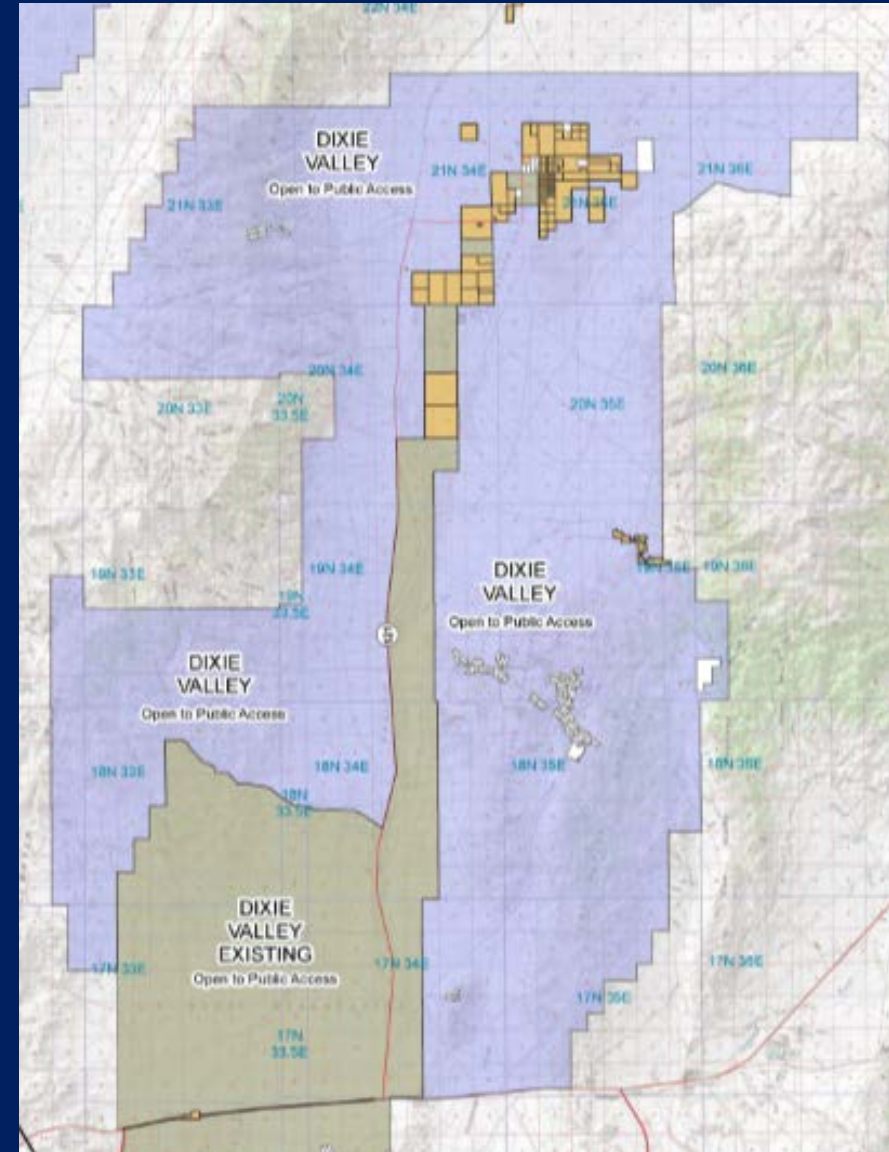
HR 6889, Division A, Title 1⁴

(Dixie Valley Special Management Area)⁵



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(Dixie Valley Training Area)¹



Key Differences Between Current Legislative Proposals (FRTC Modernization):

HR 6889, Division A, Title 1⁴

(Withdrawal Duration)

- **Sec. 110:** 20 years

(Other Provisions)

- **Sec. 111:** Road reconstruction and treatment of existing roads and rights-of-way

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(Withdrawal Duration)

- **Sec. 2989:** March 31, 2047; and,
- “...may be extended to March 31, 2072, by mutual agreement of the Secretary of Navy and Secretary of Interior.”

Key Differences Between Current Legislative Proposals (Lands Bill Components)

HR 6889, Division A⁴






- **Title 2: Designation of National Conservation Areas**
 - Grimes Point NCA (1,817 acres)
 - Stillwater (158,429 acres)
- **Title 3: Designation of Wilderness Areas**
 - Clan Alpine Mountains
 - (128,362 acres)
 - Desatoya Mountains
 - (32,537 acres)
 - Cain Mountain, Churchill Co. Portion
 - (7,664 acres)
 - Resolution of 5 Wilderness Study Areas

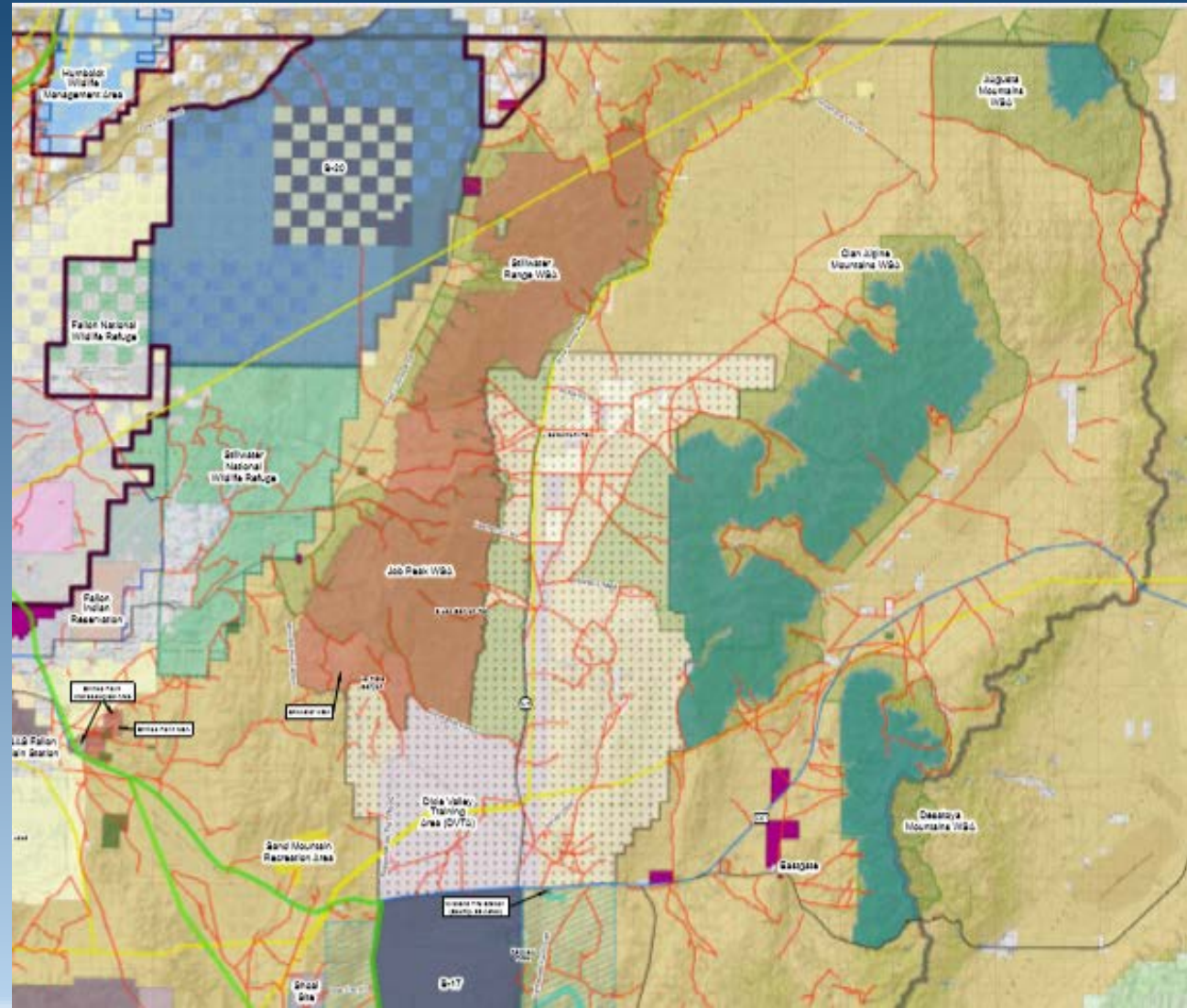
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- **No NCA Designations**
- **Sect 2984: Would release Job Peak, Stillwater Mountains and Clan Alpine Mountains WSA.**
 - Released areas would be managed under MOU between Navy and DOI.
- **Sect 2985: Designation of Clan Alpine Mountains Wilderness Area (68,458 acres)**

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Proposed Conservation Designations

-  Grimes Point National Conservation Area¹ (1,817 Acres)
-  Stillwater National Conservation Area¹ (158,429 Acres)
-  Clan Alpine Mountains Wilderness Area¹ (128,362 Acres)
-  Desatoya Mountains Wilderness Area¹ (32,537 Acres, Churchill County Portion)
-  Cain Mountain Wilderness Area¹ (7,664 Acres, Churchill County Portion)



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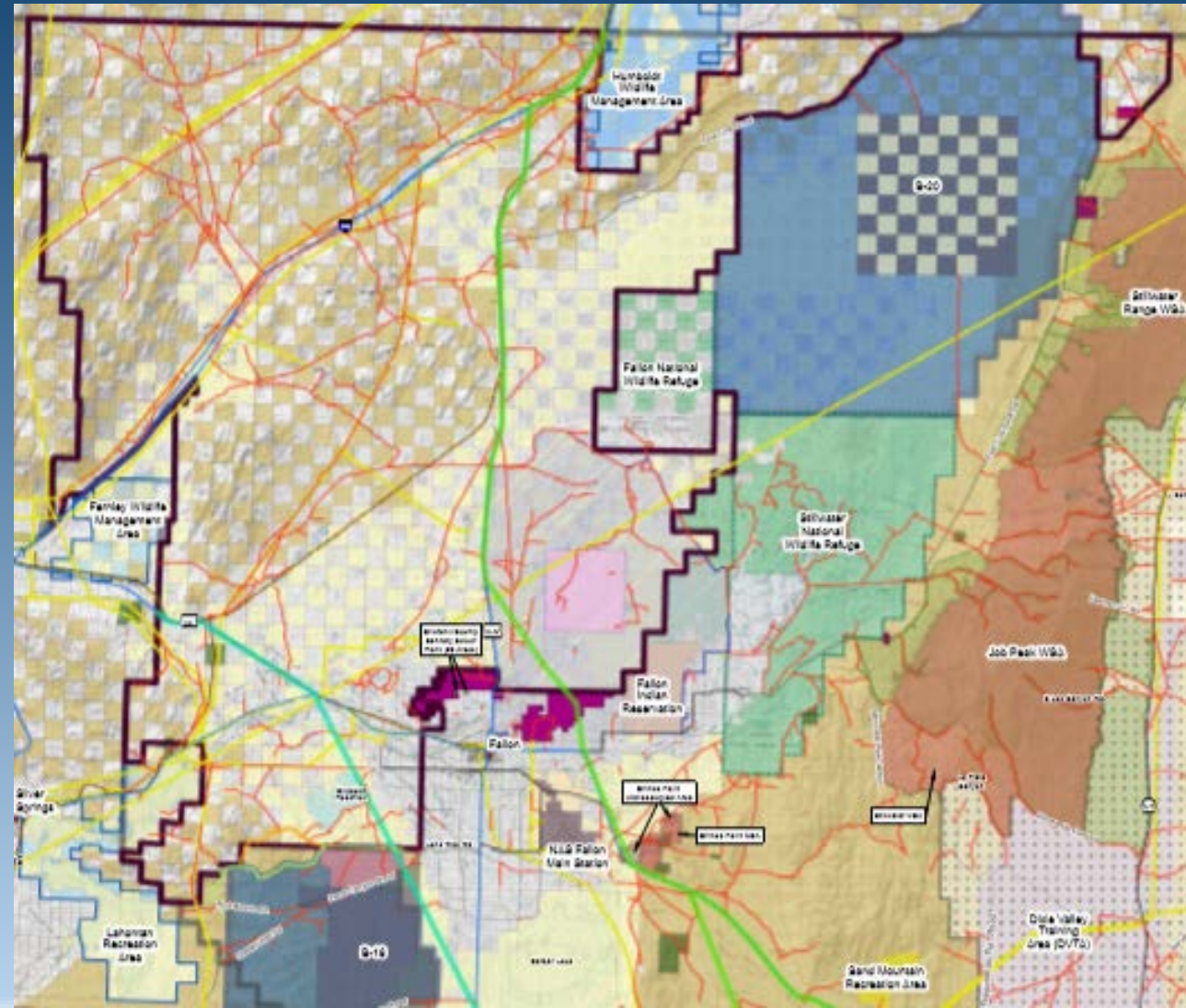
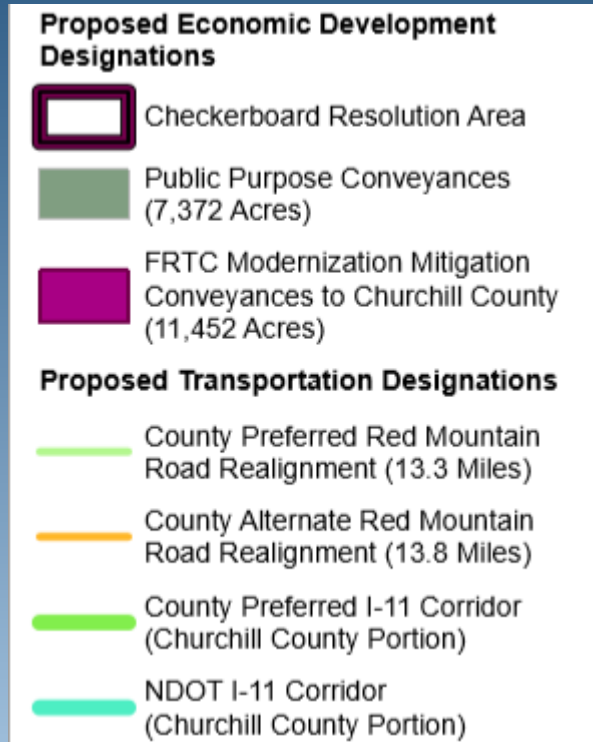
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- **Title 4: I-11 Corridors**
 - Designates both NDOT and County preferred Alternatives
- **Title 5: Municipal Conveyances**
 - 7,372 acres of RPP Lands to:
 - County for Fire Station, Sewer Plant & Gravel Pits; and
 - City of Fallon for Landfill
 - 11,452 acres to County for Mitigation
- **Title 6: Checkerboard Resolution**
 - Provides a process to consolidate ownership, ID management priority areas, and 50,000 acre cap on sale of federally managed lands

Navy³

- No equivalent Actions to HR 6889, Titles 4-6
- **Sec. 2986: Two proposed land conveyances:**
 1. 89 Acres of Navy-owned lands to the Sand Mountain Recreation Area; and,
 2. 2,200 Acres of Navy-owned lands in the Dixie Valley to the Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge

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Citations: All Provided as Support Material

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Acknowledgements:

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- Senator Rosen & Staff
- Congressman Amodei & Staff
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Thank You for your Time Today!
Questions Welcome

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