

## NHPA Project Announcement: Construction of two new facilities

The United States Air Force is initiating section 106 consultation under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (as amended) for a federal undertaking to construct two new buildings in Area I of Nellis Air Force Base (NAFB), Nevada. Building #850 will be used to accommodate additional personnel for the F-35 program as well as the current overflow from Building 878, which is over capacity. Building 852 will be used for large meetings and training with adequate bathroom facilities to accommodate over 160 people.

Building 850 is estimated to be 70 feet by 90 feet and 19 feet high for a total direct Area of Potential Effect (APE) of 0.15 acres. Building 852 is estimated to be 47 feet by 54 feet and 19 feet high with a total direct APE of approximately 100 feet by 200 feet or 0.5 acres. The National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) establishes as the policy of the Government to “use measures...to foster under which our modern society and our prehistoric and historic resources can exist in productive harmony and fulfill the social, economic, and other requirements of present and future generations” (16 USC 470–1[1] and [5]). The facilitation of new construction of buildings ensures that the NAFB and the flightline can continue to be utilized for their purposes of training the next generation of elite pilots. NAFB has *Installation Facilities Standards* (IFS 2019:99) states that buildings must “Maintain architectural compatibility following AFCFS [Air Force Corporate Facility Standards] and this Installation Facility Standards (IFS) document to create continuity while avoiding monotony.” These standards consider the importance of the historic elements within the overall installation and are consistent with the express purposes of the NHPA which negate any potential visual impacts that would alter the integrity of setting or feeling.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this undertaking, please contact the Cultural Resources Office at Nellis Air Force Base via email at [99CES.CulturalResources@us.af.mil](mailto:99CES.CulturalResources@us.af.mil).