

NHPA Project #4: Threat Pad Emitter Expansions

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 expand nine existing threat pads for use by Nellis Air Force Base (NAFB) in Clark County, Nevada. The threat pads need to be expanded to accommodate the larger modernized weapons training systems. The areas to be surveyed are larger than necessary and the additional space may be used for future expansion depending on the presence of historic properties and training mission needs.

Each of the nine threat pads will be 50 feet long by 100 feet long and no higher than 6 inches. Ground disturbance will be limited to grading the ground flat prior to pouring the concrete for the pad. It is estimated grading will be no more than 3 feet deep at any location. Only rubber-tired vehicles will be used to minimize the ground disturbance to and from the individual pads during construction; however, a 200-meter buffer around the center of each pad also is included in the direct Area of Potential Effect (APE) for survey for the maneuvering and parking of construction equipment. The indirect APEs for visual, auditory, atmospheric, and cumulative effects for each threat pad will be within the one-half-mile area surrounding the direct APEs. The access roads to each threat pad will remain as-is; no additional grading or widening will be necessary.

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.