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EIELSON AIR FORCE BASE, Alaska – The Notice of Availability for the F-35A Operational Beddown – Pacific Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was published in the Federal Register on March 4. Publication of the NOA marks the beginning of the 30-day waiting period before the Record of Decision can be issued.

This EIS analyzes the potential consequences of the first Operational Basing of F-35A aircraft in the Pacific Air Forces Area of Responsibility. The Proposed Action would base up to 54 F-35A aircraft (48 Primary Assigned Aircraft and 6 Backup Aircraft Inventory) at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, as an additive operational mission to the 354th Fighter Wing. The first aircraft would be delivered in 2019, with the final aircraft arriving by late 2020, with full operational capabilities by 2021. This EIS also analyzes the environmental consequences of the No-Action Alternative, where the F-35As would not be based at Eielson AFB or within the PACAF AOR at this time.

No additional airspace is proposed; aircraft based at Eielson under this proposal will, in concert with existing aircraft and missions currently based at or operated out of Eielson, utilize existing airspace in the Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex.

The Final EIS is available for review at local public libraries and can be downloaded from the Web at www.PACAF-F35AEIS.com.

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