



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**Federal Aviation
Administration**

March 16, 2009

Request for Scoping Comments Regarding Environmental Issues of Concern

**Environmental Assessment
for
Proposed Airport Land Lease and Airport Construction
Pahrump Valley General Aviation Airport, Pahrump, Nevada**

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: March 16, 2009 to April 20, 2009

PUBLIC INFORMATION WORKSHOP AND COMMENT MEETING*:

March 30, 2009, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Bob Ruud Community Center
150 North Highway 160, Pahrump, Nevada

AGENCY INFORMATION WORKSHOP AND COMMENT MEETING*:

March 30, 2009, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Bob Ruud Community Center
150 North Highway 160, Pahrump, Nevada

***same information provided at each meeting**

SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS BY APRIL 20, 2009 TO:

Mr. Doug Pomeroy, Environmental Protection Specialist
Federal Aviation Administration, 831 Mitten Road, Suite 210, Burlingame, CA 94010

Dear Interested Party:

The Town of Pahrump, Nevada, proposes to lease BLM public land and construct and operate a new public-use, general aviation airport in the southwestern quadrant of the Town (see Figures 1-1 and 1-2) covering approximately 650 acres. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) will take the administrative lead on the Environmental Assessment (EA) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will be a cooperating agency, although FAA and the BLM will be equally responsible for assuring compliance with all of the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

The Town of Pahrump's *Pahrump Valley Airport Master Plan* dated July 2008 (available on the Town's website www.pahrumpnv.biz under *Airport Department*) identified two alternative airport locations as shown on Figure 1-3. The Environmental Assessment will evaluate those two alternative airport locations, shown in more detail on Figures 1-4 and 1-5, as well as consider whether additional alternative airport sites should be evaluated.

The new Pahrump Valley General Aviation Airport would predominantly serve small, general aviation aircraft of less than 12,500 pounds maximum gross takeoff weight, with wingspans of 49 feet or less. The airport is also forecast to serve some larger corporate business turbojet aircraft over 12,500 pounds and less than 30,000 pounds maximum gross takeoff weight, with wingspans up to 78 feet.

The Airport Master Plan identifies that the airport would be developed in phases through 2025. Phase I includes the initial design and construction of the airport which is anticipated to take approximately three years. Facilities constructed during Phase I would include:

- Runway (5,000 feet by 100 feet)
- Parallel taxiway (5,000 feet by 35 feet), entry/exit taxiways (3 at 330 feet by 35 feet) and holding aprons (2 at 150 feet by 100 feet)
- Aircraft parking apron (700 feet by 450 feet)
- Access road to project site from Gamebird Road or Thousandaire Boulevard (road approximately 11,000 feet by 24 feet)
- Perimeter fencing (approximately 16,000 feet) with controlled access gates
- Electrical and telephone service (rights-of-way and utility lines of approximately 11,000 feet, but varies by alternative)
- Electrical, vault, airfield lighting and navigational aids including medium intensity runway edge lights, medium intensity taxiway lighting, precision approach path indicators, automated weather observing system, rotating beacon, segmented circle and lighted wind dictator
- Vehicular parking lot (60,000 square feet) and terminal area service road (2,500 feet by 24 feet)
- Hangar taxiways (2 at 600 feet by 25 feet and 1 at 350 feet by 35 feet)
- 30 hangars for plane storage
- Two 12,000-gallon fuel tanks and fuel island
- On-site water well
- On-site septic sewer system
- On-site stormwater detention basin

The Pahrump Valley Airport Master Plan states the airport will be operational following the completion of the Phase I construction projects. After Phase I is completed, the Master Plan states additional airport development will occur when future aviation requirements become known and funding from airport operations becomes available.

The following specific federal actions are being considered:

1. FAA unconditional approval of the portion of the Town of Pahrump's Airport Layout Plan that depicts the Phase I construction projects.
2. FAA approval of further processing of an application for federal assistance for eligible projects using federal funds from the Airport Improvement Program.
3. BLM approval of a lease to the Town of Pahrump for approximately 650 acres of federal public land for airport development.
4. BLM approval of rights-of-way for access road and utility routes across federal public land to serve the airport.

In accordance with the requirements of NEPA, public and agency scoping meetings will be held at the following dates, times and locations:

March 30, 2009 – General Public Meeting

Bob Ruud Community Center

150 North Highway 160, Pahrump, Nevada

7:00 p.m.

Doors Open, Display Boards and Presentation Available

7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Public Comments Session

- **March 30, 2009 – Agency Meeting**

Bob Ruud Community Center

150 North Highway 160, Pahrump, Nevada

1:00 p.m.

Doors Open, Display Boards and Presentation Available

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Agency Comments Session

The format and content of each meeting will be the same. The purpose of these meetings is to receive your comments regarding the potential environmental issues of concern regarding this development proposal. The FAA and the BLM are seeking your comments on what environmental resources, issues and analysis should be included as part of the environmental impact evaluation in this Environmental Assessment. If you have information or interest regarding the environmental effects of the proposed action that you want the FAA and BLM to consider during the environmental evaluation of this proposal, we are requesting that you make us aware of your information or interest.

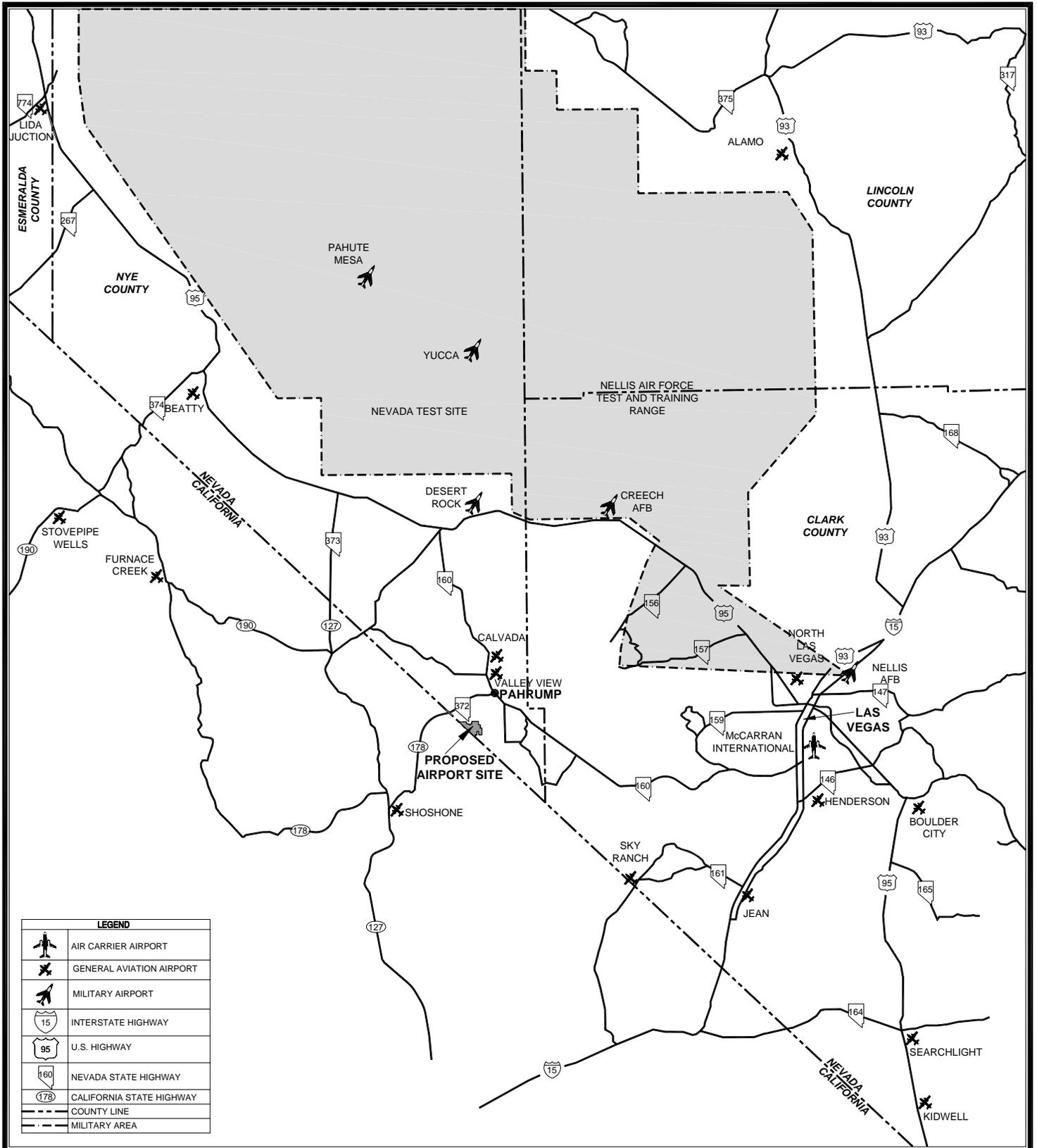
Written comments can be submitted to: Mr. Doug Pomeroy, Environmental Protection Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, 831 Mitten Road – Suite 210, Burlingame, CA 94010. The deadline to receive comments is April 20, 2009. If you have questions about the public scoping meetings you can contact Mr. Doug Pomeroy, FAA Environmental Protection Specialist at (650) 876 – 2778 ext 612 or FAX 650-876-2733.

Sincerely,



for Robin K. Hunt
 Manager, Airports District Office

Enclosures: Figures 1-1, 1-2, 1-3, 1-4, & 1-5



LEGEND	
	AIR CARRIER AIRPORT
	GENERAL AVIATION AIRPORT
	MILITARY AIRPORT
	INTERSTATE HIGHWAY
	U.S. HIGHWAY
	NEVADA STATE HIGHWAY
	CALIFORNIA STATE HIGHWAY
	COUNTY LINE
	MILITARY AREA



**PAHRUMP VALLEY
AIRPORT
ENVIRONMENTAL
ASSESSMENT**

TRUE NORTH

MAGNETIC NORTH
13°06'E(2006)

NOTE:
GRAPHIC SCALE IN MILES

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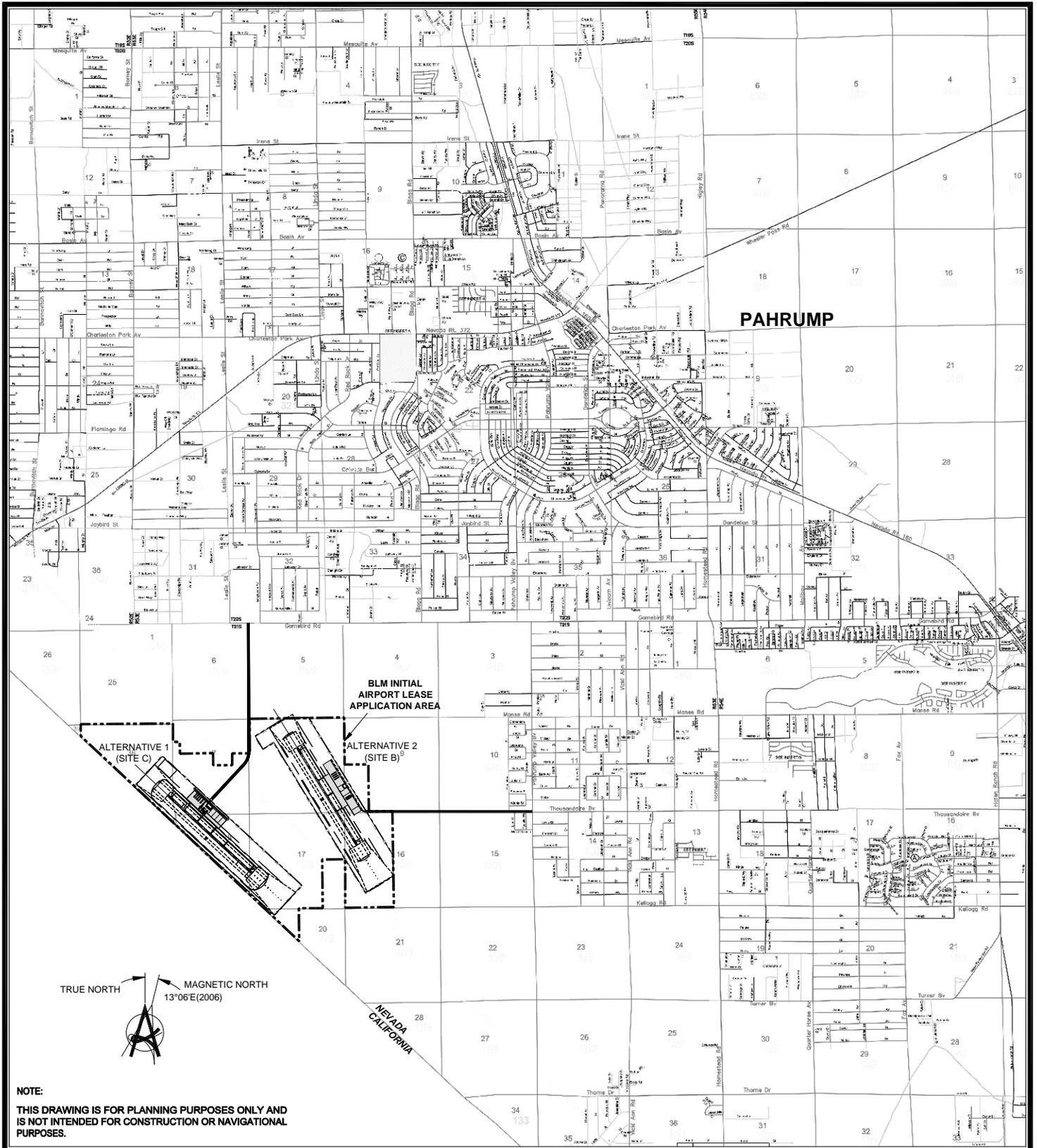
LOCATION MAP

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PAHRUMP VALLEY AIRPORT
NYE COUNTY, NEVADA

FIGURE
1-1

NAME: PVA-11-Location Map-A.DWG | NO: 4080-02
DATE: 12-11-2008 | PLOT SCALE: 1"=105.600'

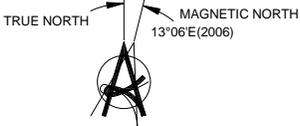


PAHRUMP

**BLM INITIAL
AIRPORT LEASE
APPLICATION AREA**

**ALTERNATIVE 1
(SITE C)**

**ALTERNATIVE 2
(SITE B)**



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**PROPOSED AIRPORT
LOCATION**

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PAHRUMP VALLEY AIRPORT
NYE COUNTY, NEVADA

FIGURE
1-2

NAME: PVA-12-Vicinity Map.dwg NO: 4470-02
DATE: 12-15-08 PLOT SCALE: NOT TO SCALE

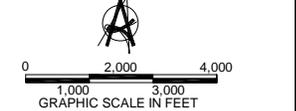


**PAHRUMP VALLEY
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**PAHRUMP VALLEY AIRPORT
SITE LOCATIONS**

LEGEND	
	BLM APPLICATION AREA
	AIRPORT BOUNDARY

TRUE NORTH
MAGNETIC NORTH
13°06'E (2006)



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PAHRUMP VALLEY AIRPORT

NYE COUNTY, NEVADA

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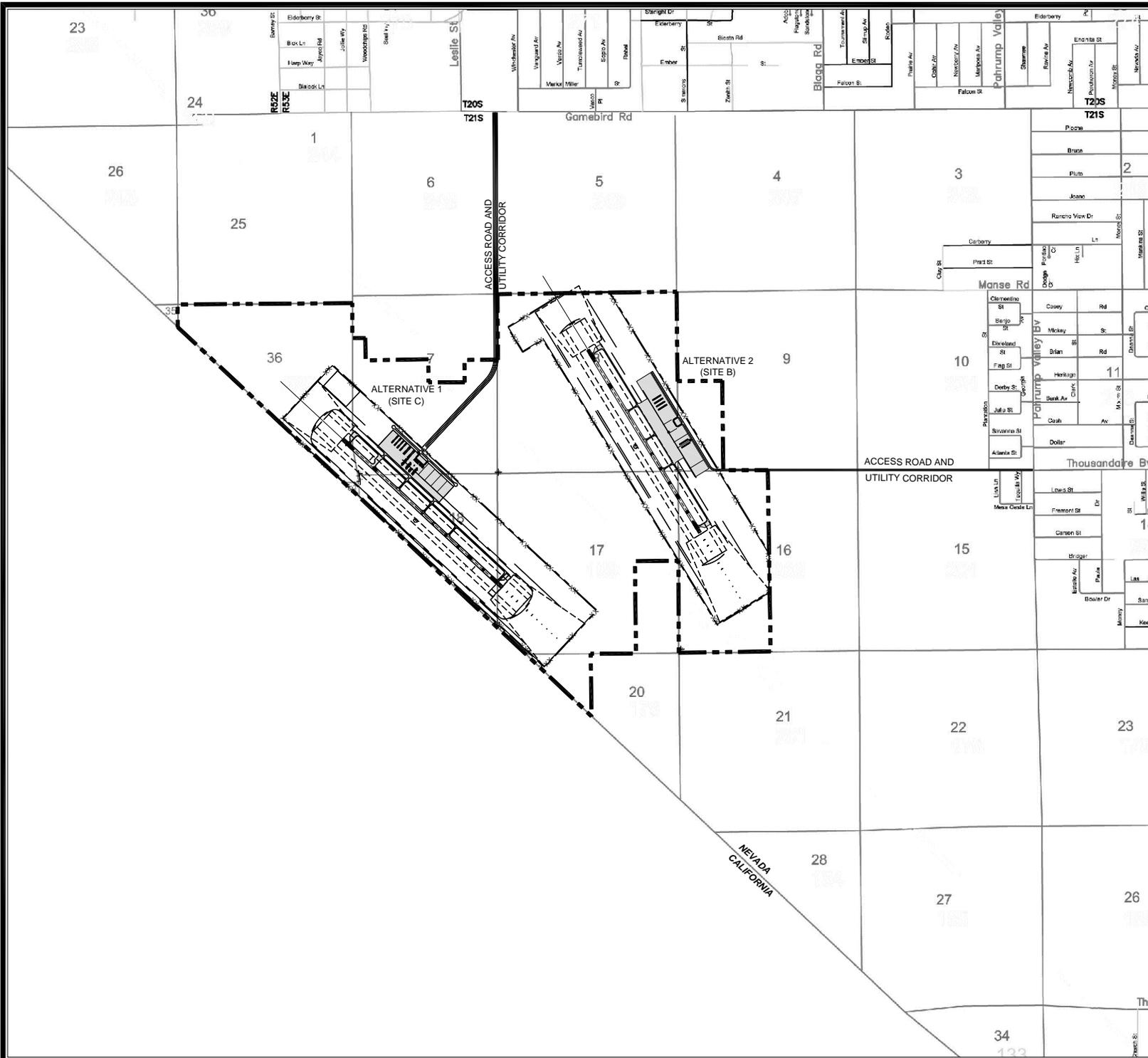
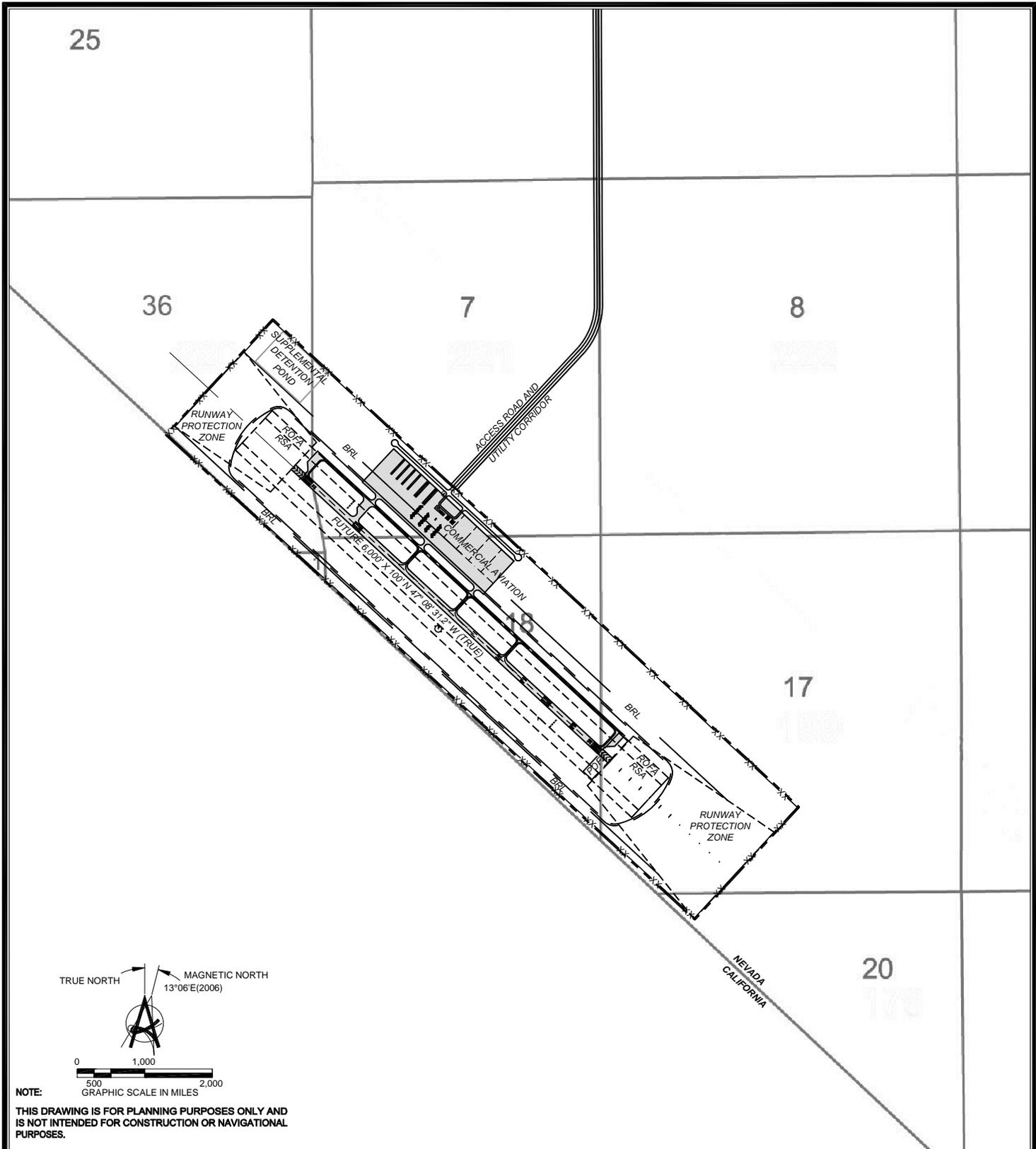
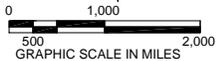


FIGURE
1-3



TRUE NORTH
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 13°06'E(2006)



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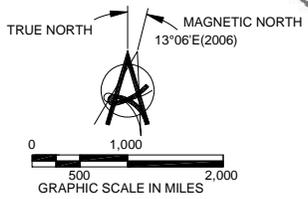
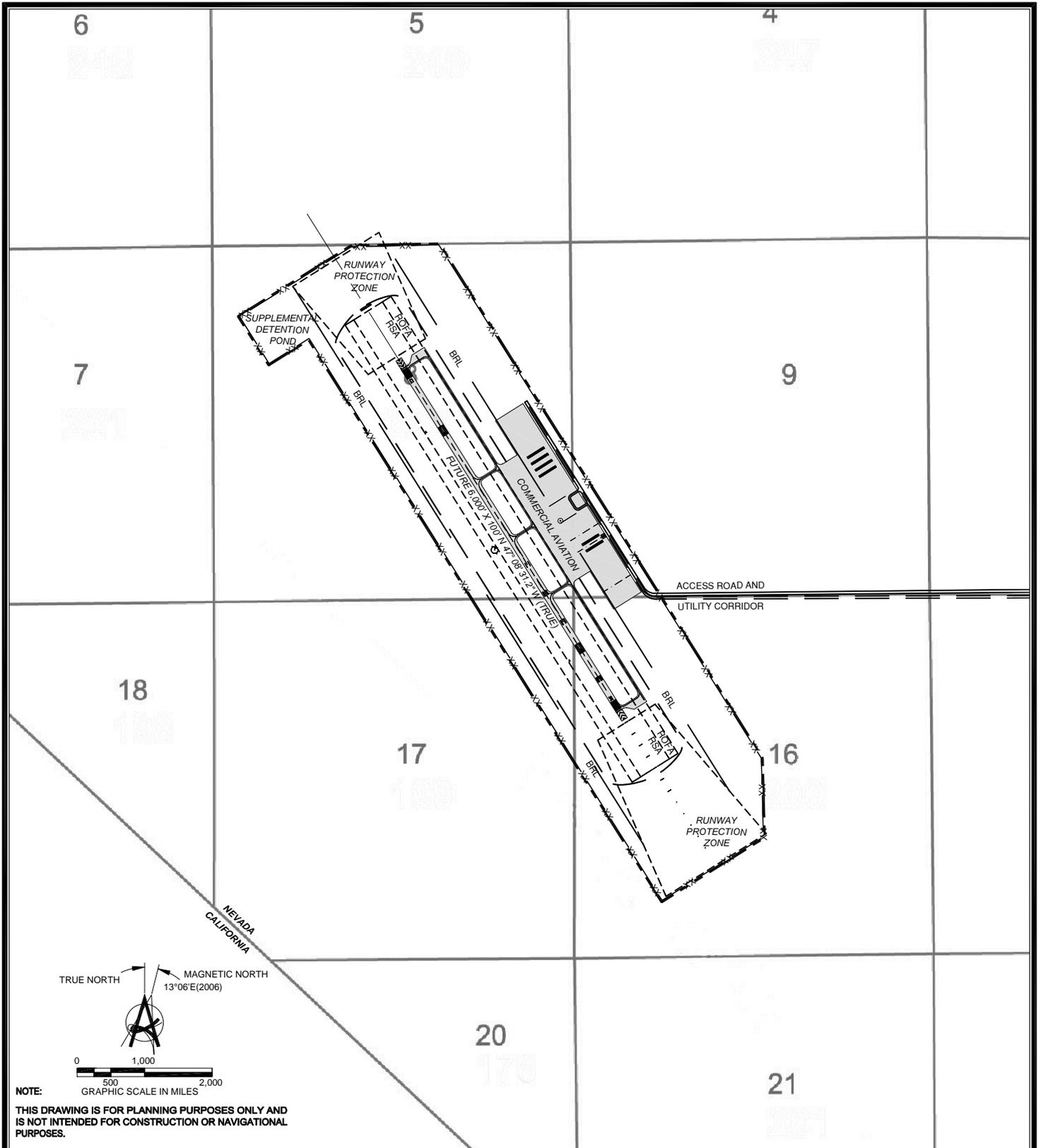
**AIRPORT LAYOUT
 ALTERNATIVE 1 (SITE C)**

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PAHRUMP VALLEY AIRPORT
 NYE COUNTY, NEVADA

FIGURE
1-4

NAME: PVA-14-Layout Site C.DWG | NO: 4080-02
 DATE: 12-15-2008 | PLOT SCALE: 1"=2,000'



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PAHRUMP VALLEY AIRPORT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

AIRPORT LAYOUT ALTERNATIVE 2 (SITE B)
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PAHRUMP VALLEY AIRPORT
 NYE COUNTY, NEVADA
 NAME: PVA-15-Layout Site B.DWG | NO: 4080-02
 DATE: 12-15-2008 | PLOT SCALE: 1"=2,000'

FIGURE
1-5