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Nellis Range Renewal

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[Nellis Air Force Base and the Nellis Range](#) occupies public land that has been temporarily withdrawn for military use. The current withdrawal expires in Nov. 2001, and it must be renewed by Congress for the Air Force to continue using this land. As part of the renewal application, the Air Force must complete a review of the environmental impacts of continued use. This process involves public hearings and culminates in an Environmental Impact Statement.

The Nellis Renewal EIS is unrelated to the EIS for the neighboring [Nevada Test Site](#), which is considering changes in its mission. Neither EIS appears to cover the block of land known as Area 51.

Reference

1. [Air Force's Official Range Renewal Page](#)*
 - o [Schedule of Events & Official Timetable](#)*
 - o [Range Renewal Video Script](#)*
 - o [Nellis Air Force Base main page](#)*
 - o [Nellis AFB & Range, general information](#)

2. Laws and Legal Notices

- o [Public Law 99-606: Previous Renewal of Nellis Range](#) (Passed 1986.)
- o [Public Law 98-485: Withdrawal of Groom Range](#) (Passed 1984.)
- o [Notice Of Intent To Prepare Legislative EIS*](#) (6/1/96)
- o [Nellis Range Land Description](#) (6/20/96)
- o [Public Land Order 1662](#) that originally withdrew Area 51 for use by the AEC. (1958)

3. Area 51, general information

- o [Laws Pertaining to Area 51](#)
- o [WhiteSides/Freedom Ridge Withdrawal](#)
- o *Groom Lake Desert Rat* #36 : [Range Renewal Discussed](#). (6/96)

Events and Articles

Most recent items first

- **6/21/96:** [Nellis Range Land Description](#)
- **6/19/96:** Campbell's [request for access](#) to office of the commander, Nellis Air Force Base for inspection of map entitled "Nellis Air Force Range Withdrawal-Proposed" in accordance with PL 99-606, Section 2(c).
- **6/17/96:** [Reply](#) from Air Force to FOIA request for a copy of the map entitled "Groom Mountain Addition to Nellis Air Force Range."
- **6/17/96:** [Reply](#) from Air Force to FOIA request for a copy of the map entitled "Nellis Air Force Range Withdrawal-Proposed."
- **6/17/96:** [Reply](#) from DOE to [5/28 FOIA request](#).
- **6/1/96:** Air Force's [Official Range Renewal Website](#) inaugurated.
- **5/31/96:** Federal Register: [Air Force Notice Of Intent To Prepare Legislative EIS](#).
- **5/28/96:** [FOIA request to DOE](#) for agreement which transferred Area 51 to Air Force management. [6/17 reply](#)
- **5/20/96:** News article, *Groom Lake Desert Rat*, "[Nellis Range Renewal](#)."

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- **11/6/86:** [Public Law 99-606: Withdrawals Of Public Lands For Military Purposes](#)
 - **10/17/84:** [Public Law 98-485: Public Lands In Lincoln County, Nevada](#)
 - **2/12/52:** [Public Land Order 1662](#) that originally withdrew Area 51 for use by the AEC.

Responsible Parties

The [99th Range Group](#) appears to be taking responsibility for the range renewal process. It has employed a private contractor, [SAIC](#), for various support functions.

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