

From: [Jacqueline Young](#)
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Proposed machine gun training range
Date: Saturday, August 29, 2020 12:33:54 PM

Dear Keith J. Driscoll,

I was horrified when I saw the map of the proposed changes for a machine gun training range at Camp Edwards. The land that has been sequestered for the safety of the water supply and the creatures who used to be native to all of Cape Cod, but now only exist in that open space, are now threatened by this appallingly short sighted plan.

There is so much potential damage that it is hard to know where to begin, but I will keep this email to the three most egregious and obvious problems that even a quick look at the plan brings to the surface:

- 1) The map shows construction that breaks up a contiguous environment into smaller parcels of preserved land and adds other small areas to the South. Creatures are not humans - they cannot be told to move house and gain access to what they need through a network of delivery systems. The reason they no longer exist on the rest of the Cape is because, despite pockets of open space, they require large areas to support their migratory existence. Breaking up the spaces is almost as bad as removing it entirely. This is madness.
- 2) Near the beginning of the document it is casually thrown in that lead bullets will be allowed. As has been documented over and over again lead is very very bad for all creatures including us humans. The potential for this devastating element to be released into the air, water supply, and bellies of creatures who accidentally ingest this poison is not even close to being worth the supposed benefits of having a convenient range at the base, which the document states has been dealt with successfully by traveling to other bases to do the training.
- 3) To use the excuse of a technicality to avoid a review of the impact on the drinking water for the base and four surrounding towns is despicable. The report states "it is our understanding that this Project is excluded from review under the SSA program as it is located on a military base" ... Using loopholes to get around the spirit of regulations is the act of a coward.

Sincerely,
Jacqueline O Young
Cape Cod resident

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It's all good

Commenter

#132

From: [Patricia Aurigemma](#)
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Say NO to proposed gun range
Date: Sunday, August 30, 2020 11:25:20 AM

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Dear Sir,

My husband and I live in Eastham, along the peaceful bike trail, and adjacent to the firing range. We support the right to bear reasonable arms (not semi-or automatic weapons), and support the right to target practice with these reasonable weapons.

There are days when the automatic firing of weapons taints our peaceful abode. Sometimes, the noise is compounded by an enormity of bullets being fired, as will be the case with the proposed firing range expansion on the upper Cape. As someone noted in a letter to the editor, our country requires “more technical training”, more diligence to providing optimum mental health care to soldiers and veterans. Put your taxpayer dollars there! We do NOT need more weapons training, especially on our already fragile Cape Cod environment.

War games are past. They are NOT the mark of “manhood,” contrary to the belief of our military. Protect our fragile Cape, our state, our country, and our world with measured responses of non-violent methods, despite how contrary this thinking is to your career aim. Because these peace-seeking approaches are contrary to your status quo, it does not make them wrong.

Thank you, Patricia Aurigemma, Eastham, MA

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Commenter

#133

From: maccebula1@verizon.net
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] gun range at Camp edwards
Date: Sunday, August 30, 2020 3:07:39 PM

We are submitting a public comment on the proposal to add an eight lane machine gun range at Camp Edward ,on cape Cod

Absolutely opposed to this idea

Has not there been enough damage to our environment from all of the chemicals that have leached into our water supply from shooting weapons?

And clearing /disturbing another 200 acres of land?

Is there some reason for this other than a few people would have to take a ride off cape to learn how to use grenades et al?

No No No

Linda Cebula and Robert MacCready
Harwich Port MA

Commenter

#134

From: [Jim Coogan](#)
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
Cc: coogan206@comcast.net
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Proposed gun range at JBCapeCod
Date: Sunday, August 30, 2020 7:23:55 PM

Dear Mr. Driscoll,

I'd like to register opposition to the proposed machine gun range at Joint Base Cape Cod. Cape Cod is far different than it was when the base was originally set up in the late 1930s. There has been a huge increase in population in the towns surrounding the base and a new firing range will impact them considerably. Noise levels will be a constant problem for abutting residents. .And while some of the range is apparently already cleared, I'm not keen on the removal of trees in the 190 acre plus proposed site. Environmental concerns are real, particularly with respect to ground water contamination.

I recognize the need for this kind of training. I'm a retired naval officer and I support our military and the operational commitments that are part of service. I just feel that there has to be a more remote place in Massachusetts that would be more suitable for this activity. I would respectfully ask that the new range be located elsewhere.

James Coogan
Sandwich, Massachusetts .

From: [Susanne Hallstein](#)
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Joint Base Cape Cod
Date: Sunday, August 30, 2020 1:57:10 PM

Commenter
#135

Dear Mr. Driscoll,
Please do not use the Base for the Artillery Range.
It has just too much potential damage to our water supply to say nothing of the clear cutting of 100 plus acres of forest.

Residents of the towns around the base have endured enough over the years.
Please, please, find another plan for the training of our Massachusetts Air Guard.

Please keep the National Cemetery a peaceful place for the families of our veterans to bury and to visit their loved ones.

Respectfully,
Susanne Goodman Hallstein
Falmouth, MA

Sent from my iPhone

From: [SUSAN E HARVEY](#)
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Machine Gun Range
Date: Sunday, August 30, 2020 5:02:39 PM

Commenter
#136

Dear Mr. Driscoll,

I strongly oppose your proposal to install a new machine gun firing range on Joint Base Cape Cod.

One acre of forest will absorb six tons of carbon dioxide in a year. Removing 170+ acres will only cause more harm to our already fragile ecosystem. Also, destroying a large expanse of wildlife habitat.

Scientific studies have shown copper ammunition is no less toxic to ground water than lead.

Past activities on the base have already caused extensive ground water contamination that will remain for decades to come.

Haven't they done enough damage to this beautiful and fragile coastal community?

Please reconsider this outrageous proposal.

Sincerely,

Sue Harvey
Mashpee, MA

From: [Shirley Hayes](#)
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Firing range
Date: Sunday, August 30, 2020 8:33:21 PM

Commenter
#137

I am appalled at the idea of a machine gun firing range and would like you to speak in opposition on my behalf.
Shirley Hayes, Brewster, MA

Sent from my iPad

From: [stephen o'neil](#)
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
Cc: [stephen o'neil](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Opposed to gun range
Date: Sunday, August 30, 2020 3:55:40 PM

Commenter
#138

Sir,

I write to oppose the eight lane machine gun range under consideration for Camp Edwards. In my opinion, the land in consideration for this use should remain as is. The destruction of 170 acres of land to accommodate the use of: tracers , machine guns, shot guns, grenade launchers and pistols... adjacent to residential neighborhoods and an elementary school is surely an environmental impact requiring further review by the public and most notably by the abutters. Additionally, the proposed project's impact ought to consider the impact of increased traffic and the residue left behind from the weapons. The attention ought to be focused on the no use/action alternative and improving upon the existing location in Jericho, Vt.

Regards,

Steve O'Neil

From: [Mary Oneil](#)
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] proposed machine gun range
Date: Sunday, August 30, 2020 12:20:19 PM

Commenter
#139

Dear Mr. Driscoll,

I am writing to say I am completely opposed to the clearing of 170 acres of forest for the purpose of a gun range at Camp Edwards. Despite the environmental report there is clear and obvious impacts on the environment and the bird and animal habitat. If we wonder how the current catastrophic pandemic started; loss of habitat is clearly indicated. Trees are a critical part of the fragile eco=system on Cape Cod. Their ability to sequester carbon is also a critical element in our battle with climate change.

Going to an existing gun range in Vermont is not such a hardship.

I urge you and your committee to reconsider this disastrous undertaking.

Mary O'Neil

Commenter
#140

From: [David Read](#)
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Machine gun range:
Date: Sunday, August 30, 2020 9:27:05 AM

Dear Mr Driscoll: NO MORE GUN RANGES FOR CAPE COD !!!!! Take your damn gun range and put it somewhere else !!! We have two gun ranges here on the Cape (Brewster and Eastham) that make life miserable for most of us, due to the continuous rapid fire weapons that they use. Please reconsider your ill advised proposal !!!
Regards,
Dave Read

From: mallard0600@comcast.net
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Joint Base Shooting Range
Date: Monday, August 31, 2020 9:25:40 PM

NO to the machine gun/grenade launching range in a high density residential area between Mashpee and Sandwich. Are you kidding?

While you're at it, how about reducing the relentless nightly helicopter flyovers? Please limit them to reasonable hours and let our kids sleep!

Mark Allard
45 Hilltop Road
Mashpee MA 02649

From: abrody@macmaps.com
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Machine gun range on OTIS
Date: Monday, August 31, 2020 4:03:48 PM

Hi Keith,

Word has come on the Cape Cod Times that the base is planning a new machine gun range that takes out 170 acres of woods. Already the base is accountable for the PFAS pollution.

We already have so much intrusion on the Cape single source aquifer of pollutants that you can't even swim on Santuit Pond. Taking away woods contributes to erosion, less environmental filtering of pollutants, and more air pollution on the Cape. Not to mention the animals who will listen to the gun range go deaf, and potentially get hit by accident by the bullets fired by the range.

As a full year Cape resident, I say no. Do not build any more gun ranges.

The base pollutes enough.

We've had enough.

Please take your guns somewhere else.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Abraham Brody

From: [Susanne Hallstein](#)
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Joint Base Cape Cod
Date: Monday, August 31, 2020 9:41:02 AM

Thank you for letting me know that you received my comment.

The citizens in the towns abutting the Base are patriotic folks who support our military and at the same time are acutely aware of the environmental damage that will occur if this artillery range is permitted.

Remember, you would not want this type of activity if your water supply would be compromised.

I would say, the track record from the base has Not been good at protecting our water.

Please reconsider.

This is a painful project to thrust on us, very unexpectedly and quickly, during a pandemic. That adds to our overall distrust of the project.

It is all wrong for our Joint Base Cape Cod.

Respectfully,

Susanne

Sent from my iPhone

> On Aug 31, 2020, at 9:04 AM, Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG (USA) <keith.j.driscoll.nfg@mail.mil> wrote:

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> Your comments have been received and recorded.

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> Thank you.

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Susanne Hallstein <susannehallstein@gmail.com>

> Sent: Sunday, August 30, 2020 1:57 PM

> To: Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG (USA) <keith.j.driscoll.nfg@mail.mil>

> Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Joint Base Cape Cod

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> Please keep the National Cemetery a peaceful place for the families of our

> veterans to bury and to visit their loved ones.

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> Respectfully,

> Susanne Goodman Hallstein

> Falmouth, MA

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> Sent from my iPhone

From: [Marcy Klattenberg](#)
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] MAARNG Firing Range Comments
Date: Monday, August 31, 2020 1:51:50 PM
Attachments: [MAARNG Proposal #2ntitled.docx](#)

Commenter
#144

Dear Mr. Driscoll,

I have added additional comments to my original email and wish them to be read into the record.

Thank you,

Marcy Klattenberg

From: [Liz K](#)
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Joint Base machine gun range concerns
Date: Monday, August 31, 2020 5:28:29 AM

Good morning,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed machine gun range on Cape Cod.

It is astounding to me that a proposal to clear cut 170 acres of forest has been deemed of no environmental impact, because the science clearly shows that deforestation results in carbon dioxide emissions, adding to global atmospheric CO2 concentrations and raising global temperatures. I live in Falmouth, and I am extremely worried about sea level rise. To then hear that a project like this has been suggested for the region is disheartening. It is clear to me that climate change is a huge threat facing humanity, and I would hope that the military would be interested in trying to mitigate that threat.

I am aware that the proposed range will use copper ammunition instead of lead, but I am not swayed that there will be no negative impacts of copper leaching into soil or groundwater. Copper is a metal that can leach in the environment, and there are data showing that it can also negatively impact human health. I am all too aware of the impacts of the base on the groundwater here; in my driveway there is a well that is used to track the contamination from the base's firefighting efforts in previous decades. Are we in for another round of suffering in the name of national defense?

I have also read reports that address the potential for noise pollution. From what I have read, it appears that there may be an elementary school within hearing from the range, and I find it chilling to think of young children hearing the sound of gunfire while attending school. I grew up in Newtown, CT, the location of the Sandy Hook School shooting, and I can not believe that it would be deemed acceptable for students of that age to be exposed to such noise.

Finally, I am worried about the current economic situation, and I find the defense spending in this country to be outrageous. I am a teacher, and schools have to struggle to purchase basic supplies while the government can budget multiple millions of dollars to fund a machine gun range. That is just plain wrong in my book, and while I know that you don't have the influence over that level of decision making, I wanted to include that as another concern.

I do not expect a response to this email, but I could not sit idly by and watch this all unfold without voicing my very serious concerns. I hope that the people in charge of these decisions hear the voices of the citizens that live here and halt this project.

Sincerely,
Liz Klein

From: [Susan Patterson](#)
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
Cc: [Julian \(SEN\) Cyr](#); Sarah.Peake@mahouse.gov; [Rosemary Carey](#); [Chris Powicki](#); [Deborah Ennis](#); [Maureen Condon](#); [ROSANNE SHAPIRO](#); [Robin Lord](#); [Jacqueline Pentz Greene](#); [Jeanne Mac](#); [Michaela Kerns](#); [Amanda Murphy](#); [Michael Roseman](#); [Genia Gould](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Letter of Protest Re Proposed MPMG Range at Camp Edwards Joint Base on Cape Cod
Date: Monday, August 31, 2020 1:16:33 PM

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I have read through the proposed plan for construction and operation of a multi-purpose machine gun range at Camp Edwards, Joint Base Cape Cod. The plan's overriding objective is to provide a more accessible area for training and enhance its efficiency for members of the Massachusetts Army National Guard (MAARNG). While its realization will cause significant environmental impacts, these are deemed acceptable and reconcilable with the purposes of natural resource preservation, including water supply, and wildlife habitat protection. The proposed remedy for the damage to be incurred is "mitigation" and resource "management." Yet, strong grounds for concern about the environmental consequences of this project remain. **Above all, the loss of 170.5 acres of existing forest is not negligible nor can it be "mitigated" by the proposed commitment to preserve hundreds of acres of extant forest.**

The justification for the proposed project ignores the fact that Cape Cod is on the frontlines of climate change: Barnstable County has already experienced more than 2 degrees Celsius of warming since the turn of the 20th Century, and our ocean waters are heating up more rapidly than most places on earth. We have already experienced more frequent storms of increasing violence, enhanced erosion of our coastline, as well as acidification of our waters that endanger native species and our fisheries. As a Cape Cod resident, I participate in environmental groups such as 350capecod.org < [Caution-http://350capecod.org](http://350capecod.org) > that seek to mitigate – or prevent the worst-case scenario of catastrophic changes threatened by the unfolding climate crisis to our beautiful but fragile peninsula. As you may know, trees serve the critically important function of carbon sequestration, which along with reducing greenhouse gas emissions is a crucial tool for limiting global warming. Our current situation requires that we enlarge areas of woodland rather than accept further, especially unnecessary, losses. Removing 170.5 acres of trees to create the proposed facility will move us in the direction of courting disaster and can only increase the risks to Cape Cod's fragile ecosystem that our global climate emergency is already

visiting upon us. Last summer's tornadoes did extensive damage to many areas, resulting in the destruction of hundreds of trees. Even with efforts to reforest areas most severely decimated – like the town of Harwich in which I live – new growth will not be capable of making a significant contribution to carbon sequestration for decades.

I have read the Final Environmental Assessment (EA). While it includes information about monitoring and mitigating damage to such factors as air quality, soils, groundwater, rare and endangered species, infrastructure, and hazardous and toxic materials and wastes, it fails to address **the removal of 170.5 acres of trees**, a significant omission for the reasons indicated above. I urge you reject this plan and develop a viable alternative with less severe consequences. Compounding the losses our Cape Cod communities have already experienced from climate change by permanently removing significant numbers of trees only further jeopardizes the survival of our way of life on Cape Cod. It is too great a price to pay for the convenience of having a local facility for training members of the MAARNG.

Sincerely,

Susan Patterson

Harwich, MA 02645

From: [joymarzolf](#)
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Please stop the machine gun range on Cape
Date: Monday, August 31, 2020 1:33:22 PM

Dear Mr Driscoll,

I would like to express my opposition to the plan to build a machine gun range on Cape Cod. First, my parents are residents and I am a part-time resident of Cape Cod.

A few things...

- There are other ranges in driving distance-how many trips for 11 million dollars?
- Especially now, State and Federal funds are short due to COVID-19 spending and a decline of tax income: 11M for this NOW? It will take quite some time to get out of this financial hole too.
- No impact on wildlife is definitely NOT the case if 170 acres of forest are removed. That is home to wildlife right now.
- Sound also has a significant impact on wildlife, including nesting birds, many of which are in decline already. They do not have to live on the grounds of the base to be negatively affected by sound.
- Sound will not "stay put" on the base as claimed. Cape residents already deal with many loud sounds from the base with numerous and often low flights. There are also many retirees, including military vets, on Cape. How many have PTSD and other issues that will be affected by this sound? Many people already had issues with the constant sound from the windmills in certain parts of the Cape. The initial claim was there was no issue, until an issue was proved and the windmills shut down.
- Water quality has already been significantly threatened due to the activities of the base, including an increase in cancer rates on Cape. There are many known issues from materials used to make ammunition such as lead, copper and other materials that will lead to more water issues and contamination.
- Law suits will be coming from many groups, including those that care about clean water and a healthy Cape Cod.

Please save the taxpayers some time and expense and stop this effort now.

Sincerely yours,

Joy Marzolf

From: [Sheila Place](#)
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
Cc: [Ed Markey](#); [Cyr, Julian \(SEN\)](#); [Timothy - Rep. Whelan](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Machine Gun Range
Date: Monday, August 31, 2020 11:51:46 AM

Dear Sir,

I am writing to express, in the strongest terms possible, my objection to the proposed machine gun range at Joint Base Cape Cod. I was stunned to read that this project is considered environmentally acceptable.

Cape Cod is one of the most environmentally fragile communities on the East coast. Every measure of climate change is being experienced here, and we rely on a sole source aquifer as our lifeline. I'm sure you're well aware of the "unforeseen" impact of earlier activities at the base which directly affected the aquifer.

Clearing 170.5 acres of forest is particularly offensive in an area threatened daily by climate change, and I'm sure you know trees sequester carbon dioxide, thereby removing CO2 from the atmosphere. We should be planting more trees, not removing those that are here. I am aware that the Department of Defense considers climate change a threat multiplier, so it's curious that this project is in direct contravention of that position. I have just learned that the Cape Cod Commission approved this project, without public input. I find that to be an abdication of their responsibility, and appreciate the opportunity to comment you have provided.

The disruption of life, adding heavy traffic to our bridges when they are in dire need of replacement makes no sense, and a construction zone of just under 200 acres makes even less. Access to the range is sure to be a problem. The infrastructure simply can't handle it now and that will be the case into the foreseeable future.

You may be tempted to ask why some of these concerns, such as forest clearing, weren't addressed as the Cape was developed, and that's a fair question. Public awareness has been lacking until relatively recently, but we are now very aware and working hard to address wastewater issues and mitigate the effects of climate change. A machine gun range would be a giant step backwards for our fragile sandbar.

I accept that this training is necessary, but I would hope a less fragile environment would be found, and as you point out, another option exists. We don't have a lot of time to mitigate climate change, so let's do what we can.

Respectfully,
Sheila Place
Yarmouth Port, Ma.

From: [Judy Scavarelli](#)
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Machine Gun Range
Date: Monday, August 31, 2020 1:15:51 PM

As tax payers and year round residents , my husband and I do not want a Machine Gun range on the Cape. To take 5, 400 + Acres of forest is abhorrent . The little bit of land left on our peninsular is home for wildlife, flora and fauna, the impact to our environment would be catastrophic.. Please do not consider this proposal..

Sincerely,

Judy and Matt Scavarelli
Centerville, Massachusetts

Sent from my iPhone

From: [GORDON STARR](#)
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Camp Edwards
Date: Monday, August 31, 2020 12:29:48 PM

Dear Mr.Driscoll,

I am writing in opposition to the proposed new machine gun training area. I feel that the loss of 170 acres of trees is incomprehensible. For our climate to survive we need to mitigate the effects of carbon, and that is most efficiently done by trees. Clear cutting vast swaths of natural growth not only decimates the habitat of many species, it also degrades the soil there. We sit on top of our water source, the aquifer, and I have no faith at all that this new firing range won't be polluting it as have other firing ranges in that same area.

Please Mr.Driscoll, no more guns. Enough already. Let's preserve what little of the natural Cape is left.

Sincerely,
Sherry Greene-Starr

From: [Eileen Swan](#)
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Proposal for Machine Gun Range on Cape Cod - public comments
Date: Monday, August 31, 2020 10:25:02 AM

Commenter
#151

Sir,

A public comment period during the pandemic does not (and cannot) offer citizens the opportunity to fully understand or consider this project. Citizens are dealing with issues related to the pandemic including such considerations as health, employment and child care and thus the opportunity to consider a proposal such as this is limited. Also consider that public meetings where this would be discussed and debated are also severely limited by the pandemic. Thus my first request is an extended public comment period that would include a public (in person) meeting to be held on Cape Cod, at such time as a large gathering would be considered safe. That meeting to include a description of the site and any and all environmental issues (historic and current) related to the site since its inception as a military base. A full review of the proposal with a new EIS written under the auspices of an independent group such as Conservation Law Foundation (CLF) but paid for by the project proposers. Also the meeting should include an environmental analysis by the Cape Cod Commission of the site and the proposal. It is difficult to accept the findings of the report that there would be no environmental impacts when the deforestation alone is problematic; for this reason an independent report should be required. The meeting should allow for comments/presentations by the four towns immediately impacted, interested groups and should include public comment.

Currently there is an existing site in Vermont so that training may continue and so there should be no issue in delaying this proposal until such time as meaningful public education and involvement is possible.

I submit these comments with respect,

Eiblin Swan
Brewster
MA 02631

Commenter
#152

From: [Linda Valente](#)
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] RE: proposed Machine gun training range at Joint Base Cape Cod
Date: Monday, August 31, 2020 2:10:03 PM

Dear Mr. Driscoll,

As a long time resident of Mashpee since 1991, living next to the base on Cape Cod has come with many challenges.

Including our wells being polluted, flyovers at all hours, and regular munitions training. We have withstood many things in the past, but the idea of a machine gun range within earshot of our residential neighborhoods is a terrible idea.

Noise travels - we have no tall buildings to block noise here in the surrounding neighborhoods, and we are certainly within ear shot of everything that happens on the base. Machine gun fire would be not only a nuisance, but a hardship that no one should have to tolerate in their own backyard.

Nevermind having to clear 170 acres to make it possible...

We are so strongly against this. Our property values would go down substantially, at a time in our country when we are all hurting so very much financially and yet still having to fight the COVID virus. Folks are still out of work for who knows how long. The future here on the Cape is so uncertain that to add this machine gun range would be truly irresponsible, reckless and detrimental to our lives here on the Upper Cape.

We are begging you to please put a stop to this proposed idea now.

There is too much at stake here on Cape Cod.

Sincerely,
Linda & Ben Valente

From: [Annette](#)
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] New proposed shooting range
Date: Tuesday, September 1, 2020 5:25:01 PM

Commenter
#153

Please please reconsider. Strongly oppose this proposal for so many reasons: who are use of land, decimating force, squeezing forest animals out of their habitat into other areas, danger to persons straying into the area.

You for seriously considering this plea.

Annette

”All that you touch you Change. All that you Change, changes you. The only lasting truth is Change.”

— Octavia E. Butler

From: [Heather Crombie](#)
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Environmental Assessment of the proposed machine gun range
Date: Tuesday, September 1, 2020 9:11:05 AM

Commenter
#154

Hi,

I want to recommend delaying the start of this project until the following can be accomplished.

1. In-person meetings can be safely held once Covid is under control. This will permit folks who don't have computers, are uncomfortable with Zoom Webinar capabilities and those who would prefer to meet in person. Discussion of this has been very limited and need to be more available to the public.

2. An environmental impact statement produced by a non-profit environmental group can be performed. There is a tremendous impact upon the largest track of forest land left on the Cape with the tree cutting and firebreaks. The impact statement provided can't be provided by the military because it is invested in the outcome of the project. The current statement is not credible.

Thank you,

Heather Crombie
Brewster, MA

From: [L. Michael Hager](#)
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Machine gun range on Cape Cod
Date: Tuesday, September 1, 2020 1:16:52 PM

Commenter
#155

Dear Officer Driscoll,

The very idea of a machine gun range on Cape Cod is repugnant to me. Beyond the noise and endangerment to bird and animal life, I would hate to see our peaceful Cape refuge turned into a practice place for war.

We don't need more militarization here on Cape Cod. Please find some other place to discharge heavy weapons. Not on this side of the Cape Cod Canal.

Sincerely,

L. Michael Hager
115 Shady Lane
Eastham, MA 02642

From: [Seth Hudak](#)
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
Cc: [Julian.Cyr@masenate.gov](#); [david.vieira@mahouse.gov](#); [sarah.peake@mahouse.gov](#); [info@capecodchronicle.com](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Machine Gun Range Proposal - Joint Base Cape Cod
Date: Tuesday, September 1, 2020 9:08:52 AM

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A recent My View article by Mary Ann Jones of West Harwich, MA makes a fine case for Not establishing a machine gun range on Cape Cod at Camp Edwards.

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The proposal to place a machine gun training site at Camp Edwards, Joint Base, Cape Cod also appears to have neglected the millions of dollars spent on Superfund monies to mitigate range damages done at the Base and the many plumes and cancerous issues associated with similar projects (which still exist).

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Additionally, the loss of further land cover or the extensive damaging land development is surely not helpful to Cape ecology and affects all in that area.

Having lived near a small range in Harwich, where machine guns were fired in close proximity to neighborhoods. the myriad of issues from noise, water pollution, and failures to properly clean and safe the site, are legend.

The Cape's economy would receive little or no benefit as billeting or feeding would use base troop housing and messing, and the added traffic patterns over the bridges and the Roads of the area would surely not be needed.

Having served in Coast Guard Reserve, living on the base and serving in reserve units there, my opinion is the last useful purpose the upper Cape land, communities and facilities can use now is another anachronistic weapons

training range such as a machine gun training platform.

Respectfully

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Please count us among the opposition to the proposed machine gun range.

We would be supportive IF the noise issues outside the base are addressed. (The following is excerpted from CapeCod.com on August 31).

“Most of the noise from the range would be contained on the base, but some noise could affect multiple neighborhoods as well as an elementary school.”

Thank you.

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