

From: [Jamie Balliett](#)
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Proposed Machine Gun Training Facility Public Comments
Date: Thursday, August 27, 2020 8:55:27 AM

Hello,

Please submit my comments regarding the proposed machine gun training facility at the Joint Base Cape Cod.

This project should not be built. It is incongruous with the Cape.

Cutting down 170 acres of forest, disturbing 199 acres of land and using a total of 5,000 acres would pose a significant level of environmental impact including water, air, and noise pollution.

The proximity of the project to several neighborhoods and the canal region will also result in a high level of noise disturbance. Think about local elementary school kids who have to listen to gun fire and exploding grenades during their recess?!

This project should be built on a much larger parcel of land and Cape Cod cannot accommodate this.

Additionally, as proven by the extreme pollution resulted by jet fuel spills, munition dumps, and other military operations at this base, this project is going in the wrong direction for Joint Base Cape Cod.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment,

James Balliett, MS
84 Great Oak Road
Orleans, MA

From: [Gloria Hanson](#)
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
Cc: [Gloria Hanson](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Question
Date: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 9:03:46 AM

Commenter
#54

How can I register my opposition? G Hanson

From: [Bob Gould](#)
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
Cc: [Rosemary Dreger Carey](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Removing 170 acres of forest to build a machine gun range
Date: Sunday, August 23, 2020 4:33:07 PM

Dear Mr. Driscoll,

As an organizer for Falmouth Climate Action Network and participant of 350 Cape Cod, the Sierra Club, and Citizen's Climate Lobby, I received the notice about plans to deforest a portion of Otis airforce base to construct a shooting range. We are living on the brink of the most devastating catastrophes to our planet and many of us are doing everything in our power to prevent the ongoing destruction. Although in the face of California Wildfires, you may feel that cutting down 170 acres of forest is not a big deal, but for those of us living on Cape Cod and fearing for the impact of a rising ocean on our property is imminent, everything we do has consequences. Showing that the military has respect for our environment by refusing to sacrifice this forest is a very positive step you can take

Bob Gould
President

FalCAN

From: [Sharon Sodekson](#)
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop proposal for firing range
Date: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 10:06:39 AM

Commenter
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Please do not allow the military firing range at joint base cape cod!!
Many factors that would hurt our environment this proposal must be stopped.

Thank you.
Sharon Sodekson
Resident of Falmouth

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18 August 2020

Dear Mr. Driscoll,

I only recently learned of the MAARNG proposal to construct a new enlarged firing range on Camp Edwards. I am a neighbor of Joint Base, living on the Falmouth side of Ashumet Pond and our well was impacted by the contaminated plume from Joint Base Cape Cod. This happened before we moved to the Cape and we are grateful that you have continued to test our well for emerging contaminants. My husband and I have environmental backgrounds and would like to address the MAARNG proposal.

I've read through the prepared EA, including the three alternatives that have been evaluated. I am alarmed by the "Preferred Action Alternative" with the disturbance of 199 acres and clear cutting of 170.5 acres of forested land. Your EA defines Camp Edwards as "The largest intact area of relatively unfragmented forest remaining on Cape Cod. It serves as an important refuge for wildlife that require large interior forest habitat to live in and breed." As stated in the EA, your "Preferred Action Alternative" will have a greater impact on the land area, soil, water, air quality, water, flora and fauna. I implore Joint Base to continue to be a good neighbor and steward of this jewel of habitat and choose the "Reduced-Scale Alternative" for your proposed firing range. The "Reduced-Scale Alternative" will still allow you to meet the purpose of your proposed need. With several State Listed species found on Camp Edwards, the preservation of as much of that unfragmented forest as possible is critical.

I didn't see mention of how munitions will be handled and disposed of. The lead contamination from the old firing range is still being mitigated. Please read my email into the record. Thank you.

Marcy Klattenberg
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East Falmouth, MA 02536

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Commenter

#58

August 31, 2020

Mr. Keith J. Driscoll
Massachusetts Army National Guard
Hanscom Air Force Base, MA 01731

Subject: Proposed New Machine Gun Firing Range, Joint Base Cape Cod

Dear Mr. Driscoll,

I am writing on behalf of Falmouth Select Board Chair Megan English-Braga and Vice-Chair Doug Brown. This proposed Machine Gun Firing Range has recently come to the attention of the Falmouth Select Board. The Board has received considerable email communications from residents raising significant concerns regarding this proposed clear-cutting of 170 forested acres on Joint Base Cape Cod and the continued concerns about environmental damage potentially caused by the routine operation of this Firing Range to be located within the extremely sensitive Upper Cape Water Supply Reserve. This strategic water supply reserve serves the Upper Cape Towns of Bourne, Falmouth, Mashpee and Sandwich and occupies a fundamental location within Cape Cod's sole source aquifer.

We are respectfully requesting that the Army National Guard extend the allowable public comment period on the Environmental Impact Report for an additional thirty days, beyond the specified deadline of September 7 to allow a more adequate opportunity for public review, discussion and input. The timing of this notification process, in the midst of the present COVID-19 pandemic and with the upcoming Labor Day Holiday has presented difficult scheduling circumstances for a reasonable Board discussion. We join with other Upper Cape Towns in urging a formal public presentation on this project by the Massachusetts Army National Guard in advance of this coming deadline. Thank you for your consideration of this request. The Falmouth Select Board will be further

reviewing/discussing this matter at one/more upcoming business meetings in the month of September.

Sincerely,



Julian M. Suso

Falmouth Town Manager

Cc Falmouth Select Board
Falmouth Town Counsel
Falmouth Public Works Director Peter McConarty
US Senator Edward Markey
US Senator Elizabeth Warren
Congressman Bill Keating
Governor Charlie Baker
State Senator Susan Moran
Representative David Vieira
Representative Dylan Fernandes
Kristy Senatori, Cape Cod Commission
Town Managers, Towns of Bourne, Mashpee, Sandwich

September 1, 2020

Andrew Gottlieb
Executive Director

Keith J. Driscoll

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2 Randolph Road

Hanscom Air Force Base, MA 01731

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RE: Camp Edwards Multi-Purpose Machine Gun Range Environmental Assessment

Bob Ciolek
Treasurer

Dear Mr. Driscoll:

Jack Looney
Clerk

The Association to Preserve Cape Cod (APCC) has reviewed the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed Multi-Purpose Machine Gun (MPMG) Range at Camp Edwards, Joint Base Cape Cod. Based on our review, APCC questions the thoroughness of the EA along with its findings of “no significant impact.” APCC calls for the completion of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed project to carefully study the impacts this project would create, propose appropriate mitigation and reexamine the potential viability of the rejected project alternatives.

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Founded in 1968, APCC is the leading regional nonprofit environmental advocacy and education organization on Cape Cod. Supported by thousands of members from every Cape Cod town, APCC’s mission is to promote policies and programs that foster the preservation of the Cape’s natural resources. APCC focuses its efforts on the protection of groundwater, surface water, and wetland resources, preservation of open space, the promotion of responsible, planned growth and the achievement of an environmental ethic.

Over the years, APCC has been actively engaged in actions to protect and restore the natural resources found on Joint Base Cape Cod. APCC was a leading voice in the 1980s and 1990s calling for cleanup of toxic plumes originating from the base that contaminated groundwater in the four Upper Cape towns. APCC also spearheaded efforts that led to the designation of Camp Edwards—the northern 15,000 acres of the base—as the Upper Cape Water Supply Reserve, which was created for the protection of drinking water resources and wildlife habitat and compatible military training.

According to the EA, the proposed MPMG project would be located at Camp Edwards on the Upper Cape Water Supply Reserve. The project consists of construction and operation of an eight lane MPMG range that would require 199.0 acres of land disturbance, including 170.5 acres of forest area that would be clear cut “to accommodate the range footprint, small arms range operations and control area facilities, utility extensions, access and maintenance road development, and firebreaks to reduce wildfire hazards from tracers and other ignition sources.” The project plan also includes approximately 5,197 acres (over one-third of the 15,000-acre Upper Cape Water Supply Reserve) that would be required for the MPMG range to accommodate the Surface Danger Zones area where projectiles fired on the range would land.

The EA analysis conducted by the MAARNG determined that the known and potential adverse impacts from the project would be “less than significant” on land use and cover, air quality and climate, noise, soils, groundwater, biological resources, infrastructure, and hazardous and toxic materials and wastes. The MAARNG concluded that no EIS would be required and no mitigation was necessary for any potential impacts the project may generate.

APCC finds the MAARNG’s conclusions to be questionable and unacceptable. Clearing 170.5 acres of forested land does have an impact on the area habitat, on loss of carbon sequestration value of the trees and on loss of valuable forest for water recharge for the Upper Cape's drinking water supply.

Habitat and Land Use Impacts

APCC maintains that there is a regional interest in preserving the unfragmented nature of Camp Edwards and the Upper Cape Water Supply Reserve. The proposed land clearing would be, by far, the largest single land clearing project on Cape Cod in recent memory. The loss of this forest cover on Cape Cod would, in and of itself, be a significant regional environmental impact.

As noted in the EA, Camp Edwards is “the largest intact area of relatively unfragmented forest remaining on Cape Cod and serves as an important refuge for wildlife which require large ranges of interior forest habitat.” The area also supports an important pitch pine-scrub oak barrens community. The Massachusetts Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program has ranked the pitch pine-scrub oak barrens natural community as “Imperiled in Massachusetts.” According to the project EA, the footprint of the proposed MPMG range that is targeted for clearing consists of high value pine barrens habitat (pitch pine-scrub oak, pitch pine oak forest, immature pitch pine) as well as some disturbed land. The project area is also mapped for Priority and Estimated Habitat for Rare Species, some of which are associated with pitch pine-scrub oak barrens habitat.



Although the project's Single Environmental Impact Report filed for MEPA states that the MAARNG proposes to preserve 310 acres of forest and conduct active management of 551 acres of forest, these forests already exist and do not replace the forest area to be cleared by the project. No additional forested land will be created in place of the 170.5 acres.

Climate Impacts

The carbon sequestration value of the to-be-cleared forest will be a net loss in the total carbon sequestration contribution made by Cape Cod's forested lands. Massachusetts' State Hazard Mitigation and Climate Adaptation Plan (SHMCAP), which was codified in the state's 2018 Environmental Bond, stresses the use of nature-based solutions for climate adaptation and mitigation. It highlights the value of preserving forests for their use as an important source of carbon sequestration, stating that "Massachusetts forests currently absorb more than 15 percent of the carbon generated in Massachusetts every year." APCC strongly supports the state's policy to protect existing forestland as a means to address climate change.

In addition to the carbon sequestration loss of the forest if it is cleared, the anticipated increase in training activity at the base described in the EA will increase travel to the Cape and thus add to vehicle carbon emissions in Barnstable County, further exacerbating the local climate impact from this project.

Environmental Assessment Findings

Considering the above, it is therefore puzzling and rather implausible that the EA concludes the following in the analysis of potential impacts (emphasis is APCC's):

For land use and cover:

- The No Action Alternative (not going forward with the project) would have "long term, potential significant adverse impact on future land use from a reduction in training use of Camp Edwards."
- The Preferred Alternative would have "long-term, less-than-significant adverse impacts on land cover from clearing 170.5 acres and permanent conversion of forested areas to maintained grasslands," and a "long-term, beneficial impact on land use by maximizing training value of Camp Edwards."

For impacts to air quality:

- Long-term, less-than-significant adverse impact on climate change from continued vehicle-generated GHG emissions.
- Long-term, less-than-significant adverse impact on air quality from increased emissions due to training and firing operations.
- Long-term, beneficial impacts on air quality from decreased emissions due to reduced out-of-state travel.



For impacts to groundwater:

- The Preferred Alternative would have "long-term, less-than-significant adverse impacts on groundwater from inadvertent release of contaminants during site maintenance and training operations."

For biological impacts:

- The Preferred Alternative would result in "long-term, less-than-significant adverse impacts on vegetation from the permanent loss of 170.5 acres of forested land," "long-term, less-than-significant adverse impacts on wildlife species from potential habitat loss and training range operations," and "long-term, less-than-significant adverse impacts on special status species from potential habitat loss and training range operations."

Consideration of Other Alternatives

APCC questions whether land clearing of the scale described in the EA within the protected area of the Upper Cape Water Supply Reserve exceeds the threshold of "compatible training" as mandated in the establishment of the reserve. According to the EA, the potential alternative of choosing another MAARNG installation for the location of the training site was dismissed from further analysis. APCC wonders why such an alternative was quickly dismissed from consideration, when another base in Massachusetts may have the capacity for the training site and would result in less impact on environmentally sensitive land and natural resources.

Conclusion

It is clear to APCC that this project proposal needs to be revisited. An in-depth, comprehensive study of the major issue areas associated with the project needs to be conducted through the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement, which must include a more thorough analysis of the potential adverse impacts the proposed large-scale forest clearcutting in this region of Cape Cod would have on carbon sequestration, rare species habitat, high-value pine barren natural communities and groundwater resources. Any analysis conducted in an EIS must also include a more serious look at appropriate mitigation and viable alternatives. More importantly, a reassessment of the project should examine the larger question of whether this project is an appropriate use for the Upper Cape Water Supply Reserve.

Sincerely,



Andrew Gottlieb
Executive Director



From: [Sheila Anderson](#)
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Machine gun range
Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 11:47:41 AM

I'm writing in support of Mary Ann Jones' letter in today's Cape Cod Times regarding her opposition to the proposed machine gun range at Joint Base Cape Cod. I am in no way knowledgeable about the need for such a facility, but it would seem to me that there must be ample space there to build such a range without destroying so much of the environment. Like so many other Americans I have become leery of the militarism that seems to be taking over our police forces and wonder what is behind the National Guard's thinking that such a range is needed at all. Are there not other military places that could be used if such training is truly needed? I presume you are a member of the military, but perhaps not. At any rate, please give very serious thought to this matter for all the reasons expressed in Ms. Jones letter as well as my concerns about an overreaching military. Thank you.
Sheila Anderson Brewster MA

Commenter
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From: [Judy](#)
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Machine gun range
Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 9:07:45 AM

Dear Mr. Driscoll, with all due respect for the ang, I strongly object to a proposed machine gun range at Otis. As a resident of the Cape, I support any effort to keep the area pristine. There has to be a more appropriate place than a resort area. BAD IDEA!

Judith Conway

Sent from my iPad

S. Lawrence Dingman
Jane V.Z. Dingman
237 North Main Street, Apt. 404
South Yarmouth, MA 02664

Commenter
#62

26 August 2020

Keith J. Driscoll
MAARNG
2 Randolph Road
Hanscom Air Force Base
MA 01731

Dear Mr Driscoll:

I am strongly opposed to the establishment of a Machine-Gun Range at Camp Edwards on Cape Cod. My family and I have been coming to the Cape since the 1950s to enjoy its unique natural setting, and like many others, we chose to retire here and have lived here since 2005.

The Cape has long been a vacation spot and refuge from the everyday aspects of modern urban and suburban life. Such a place will become rarer and infinitely more valuable as population and development continue to grow in the Northeast and throughout our country. I am a retired earth sciences professor and am well aware of the destructive impacts, not only environmentally but socially, of devoting almost 5400 acres of this unique peninsula, including the clearing of more than 170 acres of forest, to a function that is totally out of character with the Cape. Such a facility could be established virtually anywhere - including on reclaimed dump or industrial sites, perhaps even generating a positive overall benefit.

Please reconsider your plans for siting this environmentally and socially destructive facility on this unique and invaluable peninsula!

Sincerely,

S. Lawrence Dingman

From: meg.massaro
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](mailto:Driscoll.Keith.J.NFG.NG.MAANG@USA)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Machine gun range
Date: Friday, August 28, 2020 9:21:13 AM

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A Cape Cod resident and property owner for over half a century, I am writing to express my consternation and vehement opposition to establishing a multipurposed machine gun range at Camp Edwards. Common sense would dictate that Cape Cod's already overworked infrastructure, fragile ecosystem, and rising population do not need such facilities further endangering our way of life and livelihood. Please do not approve the construction of this gun range.

Sincerely,

Meg Massaro
47 Obed Brooks Rd.
Harwich, MA 02645

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Great, that's exactly what the Cape needs.
Perfect timing too. Forget the pandemic and
all the mental cases. What we need is more
people shooting bigger guns. In close
proximity to neighborhoods and Elementary
Schools as a bonus. What a waste of space

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From: [Barbara Stephens](#)
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Machine Gun range at Camp Edwards
Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 1:23:51 PM

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Dear Mr. Driscoll,

Please record my opposition to the construction and operation of a machine gun practice range at Camp Edwards.

Camp Edwards and Joint Base Cape Cod sit atop the region's primary aquifer; it provides 100% of the Cape's drinking water, and has been designated a Sole Source Aquifer under the Safe Drinking Water Act by the Environmental Protection Agency.

The military operating within what is now Joint Base Cape Cod have spent decades remediating the pollution of past military activities, which has caused significant degradation of the Cape's water supply. The prospect of new military activities--a machine gun practice range--is another burden our aquifer and our citizens should not have to bear. Cape Cod already faces a host of other environmental challenges, from warming coastal waters and erosion to loss of forest from development and disease. A machine gun practice range will represent one more negative impact on our fragile environment.

Thank you,

Barbara Stephens

Falmouth MA

Barbara Stephens
Teacher and Writer
bswriter50@gmail.com < Caution-mailto:bswriter50@gmail.com >
"I think therefore I am."

From: [Paul Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
To: randy.hunt@mahouse.gov; julian.cyr@masenate.gov; Dylan.Fernandes@mahouse.gov; David.Vieira@mahouse.gov <David.Vieira@mahouse.gov>; townmanager@falmouthma.gov <townmanager@falmouthma.gov>; megan.english-braga@falmouthma.gov
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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] in opposition to machine gun range on Cape Cod
Date: Thursday, August 27, 2020 11:09:34 AM

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August 27, 2020

Keith J. Driscoll, MAARNG

2 Randolph Road, Hanscom Air Force Base, MA 01731 or

email Keith.J.Driscoll.nfg@mail.mil <Caution-mailto:Keith.J.Driscoll.nfg@mail.mil > .

To Keith Driscoll and our caring politicians,

We would like to register our opposition to a machine gun range on Cape Cod. We are close to the Joint Base Cape Cod and have been observers as well as recipients of its impact for decades. We live on a pond that required superfund cleanup because of base groundwater pollution. (Our house lot now has 3 abandoned test wells on it.) We have no use of our well water as a result of groundwater pollution caused by our next door neighbor...the base.

We see waterfowl and wildlife disturbed by the noise pollution of planes landing, returning and on Thursdays...just flying in circles over Ashumet Pond and surrounding area. The newspaper article in the Cape Cod Times today sites a report stating noise will be "varied." 130 decibels at peak...I can often hear the train whistle and train whistles are 110 decibels. We have seen ground pollution from gun ranges on the Cape before. Chemicals and waste are a primary concern. These are the days and the times of our lives that **we need to move forward in a positive way to protect all of Cape Cod** from negative human impact.

We first read about this project in the Cape Cod Times this morning. Our understanding is that people only have a month to comment. Where is the transparency? When are the public meetings? We used to receive periodic letters in the mail regarding pollution mitigation at the base as well as notice of public hearings. All residents within the impacted towns should have received notice and been offered ample time to respond thoughtfully.

In fact, Cape Codders deserve an opportunity to preserve this fragile peninsula. We are in perilous times. A firing range that wipes out acres and acres of natural habitat and greenspace is unacceptable. We need to scrap this plan.

Thank you for listening to our important concerns.

With earnest concern,

Debra and Paul Hennessey
East Falmouth, MA 02536

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From: [Anne Adams](#)
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Otis Gun Range
Date: Thursday, August 27, 2020 12:45:24 PM

We are absolutely opposed to the installation of a military gun range at the Otis Air Force Base
Our fragile land and Bridges on Cape Cod would be affected tremendously..
Please do not support this endeavor!!

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Susan Anker](#)
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Military machine gun range
Date: Thursday, August 27, 2020 11:25:17 AM

Dear Mr. Driscoll:

I am writing to register my strong opposition to the proposed gun range at Camp Edwards. Cape Cod is no place for such a facility, with our increasingly fragile ecosystem. It requires too much land, too much clearing of forest, too much dangerous invasion. Please explain how this facility represents no significant impact.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,
Susan Anker
91 Meadow Neck Road, E. Falmouth 02536

Commenter

#69

From: [Dianne Ashley](#)
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Machine Gun Range
Date: Thursday, August 27, 2020 3:09:08 PM

Dear Mr. Driscoll,

I am opposed to the machine gun range for the Camp Edwards site. We do not need a machine gun range in Massachusetts. It would be a gross infringement on our environment to destroy 170 acres of forrest and 190 acres of land. Forrests should be saved in our fragile Cape Cod land. The loss of natural habitat, anywhere, but especially on Cape Cod is threat to a healthy planet. The bullets from the the weapons will also destroy wildlife and pollute the soil. The noise from the guns is terrible air pollution. World Wildlife has a fall magazine out on the value of Forrests. Trees

keep our air clean, provide chlorophyl and homes for birds, squirrels, and insects. The army should make a state forrest in this area with research on climate change which is a great threat to our country. DON'T BUILD A MACHINE GUN WEAPON RANGE.

Thank you for asking for opinions.

Dianne Ashley
55 Garden Lane
Eastham, MA 02642

From: [Francine Buck](#)
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Machine gun range proposed for Camp Edwards
Date: Thursday, August 27, 2020 7:23:15 PM

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To put it simply, the base has harmed, killed, sickened and saddened the residents of Cape Cod enough from the residual affects of your dumping of contaminated waste into our watershed. It doesn't bother me that our military trainees have to travel over 250 miles to Vermont for training. I drove 65 miles, 5-days a week to go to my job for over 20 years.

I'm opposed to this proposal.

Yours,

Francine Buck
25 Mary Manuel Way
E. Falmouth MA

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Commenter
#71

From: [Dick Carey](#)
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
Cc: [Michael Jackman](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Machine Gun Range
Date: Thursday, August 27, 2020 6:40:59 PM

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Mr. Driscoll,

I served on Congressman Bill Keating's veterans advisory board and have served on his military academies selection board.

There are other military bases in Massachusetts that are more suitable for live fire exercises other than Cape Cod. As densely populated as this area is on Cape Cod I find this to be unwise and unnecessary. As a Marine Corps Vietnam combat veteran I strongly oppose the machine gun range.

Respectfully,

Richard D. Carey
31 Stratford Ridge
Mashpee, MA 02649
Phone: 740-637-7755

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Commenter
#72

From: richard.conron@gmail.com
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Questions on the Comments I Submitted
Date: Thursday, August 27, 2020 10:58:45 AM

Good morning,
When can I expect answers to the questions I submitted in my Comments Email to you?
Will there be a public hearing on this project?
Thank You
Richard Conron
Bourne,MA

Sent from my iPhone

Commenter
#73

From: [escrooks](#)
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] NO Machine gun range please
Date: Thursday, August 27, 2020 5:09:17 PM

Dear Sir,

We were horrified to read in CC Times of the proposed machine gun range. Please Do Not create a machine gun range at Camp Edwards Joint Base.

There Will be Significant impact to the Upper Cape area. Many acres cleared, wildlife impacted and local residences for MILES AND MILES around the Joint Base airspace will be impacted without regard. Haven't we already been impacted enough by the plumes created by the Base?? Our home valuation has plummeted.

Please do not create a machine gun range at Joint base.

Thank you
Richard & Elaine Crooks

Keith.J.Driscoll.nfg@mail.mil

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

From: [khdelehaunty](#)
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Camp Edwards
Date: Thursday, August 27, 2020 4:57:11 PM

Mr. Driscoll,

I ask that you reconsider the development of a machine gun range at Camp Edwards as was described in the Aug 8 CCTimes and again this morning. It is not an appropriate use of 5000+ acres of finite fragile Cape Cod land, 170 acres of which will have to be cleared -forest and habitat- never to be restored. To devote that much land -2% of the Cape's total land mass- to such a specialized activity seems an extremely disproportionate use. And as the only such range In Massachusetts, it will attract even more traffic to the Cape, which is straining to handle what we already have.

Surely there is a more appropriate location elsewhere in the state, a less populated, less congested area where infrastructure could be built without affecting existing neighborhoods, schools and related development.

My husband is a (disabled) veteran as were both our fathers; I understand the need for training. But Sir, if you have any influence on this project, please do not build it at Camp Edwards. The planning already completed can be used as a template for a more appropriate, alternate location.

Sincerely and with thanks for your consideration,

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Mr. Driscoll,

This proposed machine gun range you are proposing to be constructed does not fit in any fashion on Cape Cod.

The money to be used for this venture would be better spent on environmental, cultural and socioeconomic survival, especially at this particular point in time.

We do not need a machine gun range on Cape Cod now or in the future!

Regards,

Kelly Ferguson

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