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MILITARY RELOCATION TO GUAM AND CNMI

PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT (PA) MEMO #1

Project: P-608 Project Design Studies for Earth Covered Magazines and Ordnance Pad - RC# 2019-0111	Date: June 21, 2019 Comment Period Open Until: August 5 2019
Project Location: Naval Base Guam, Ordnance Annex	Prepared By: NAVFAC Pacific

PROJECT SUMMARY:

This project proposes to conduct project design efforts including geotechnical and topographic surveys for eight (8) earth covered magazines and one (1) ordnance pad within the bounds of Naval Base Guam Ordnance Annex (NBGOA) and Orote Point, Naval Base Guam (NBG). This effort may also require Unexploded Ordnance (UXO)/Munitions and Explosives of Concern (MEC) removal. This P-608 revised PA Memo # 1 is produced in response to SHPO's comments on 26 April 2019.

The project is identified in Appendix E of the *Programmatic Agreement among the Department of Defense, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the Guam State Historic Preservation Officer, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands State Historic Preservation Officer Regarding the Military Relocation to the Islands of Guam and Tinian* (2011 PA). Pursuant to Stipulation V.B., this revised PA Memo presents information to allow the public to provide comments on the DoN's identification and evaluation of historic properties within the project's Area of Potential Effect (APE), as well as the DoN's determination of effect.

Project works will include vegetation trimming for the purpose of accessing geotechnical and land survey study areas, placing geotechnical borings (via auger) and manual excavation to investigate existing structures; as well as placement of survey markers (wooden stake hubs and/or rebar) for topographic land survey support. A topographic survey will be conducted to locate all surface features as well as to depict the natural features and elevations. Geotechnical work generally entails drilling borings with a truck-mounted drill rig using 8-inch diameter augers or pipe casing with water or air rotary drilling. Boring depths will vary, but they are expected to range from 13 – 115 feet (4 – 35 meters). Samples from subsurface soil/rock materials are collected from borings for laboratory analysis. After completion of sampling, borings are filled with grout. Samples of the soil cover of existing structures will be excavated and backfilled after the sample area has been examined.

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PROJECT LOCATION:

The proposed geotechnical and topographic surveys, in support of project design efforts for future improvements and vertical construction projects, will be conducted at the NBGOA and the NBG Main Base (Figure 1). The NBGOA encompasses an area of about 3,577 hectares (8,838 acres) within the inland volcanic hills and valleys of south central Guam. The terrain is mountainous and rugged and NBGOA is dissected by limestone ridges of weathered karst topography and contains ravine forest, limestone forest, swordgrass communities, and savannah grasslands.

The NBG Main Base, at Apra Harbor, is primarily located on Orote Peninsula, a Mariana limestone formation that marks the southern edge of the harbor. This area is primarily developed, but contains patches of limestone, secondary ravine, and scrub forests. Some of the traditional Chamorro place names in this vicinity are Tuparao, Orote, and Sumay.

The P-608 APE measures 21.4 hectares (25.6 acres).

IDENTIFICATION OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES:

Identification Efforts

In planning for the Undertaking, the Department of the Navy (DoN) first conducted a data gap analysis to determine the need for supplemental identification and evaluation surveys and then conducted those surveys. In consultation with the Guam SHPO, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), National Park Service (NPS) and Concurring Parties to the 2011 Programmatic Agreement (2011 PA), the DoN has applied the results of those identification efforts to the siting/lay down of individual projects to avoid and minimize effects to historic properties to the extent practical. DoN has provided documentation of these efforts to the Signatories and Invited Signatories via Appendices D and E of the 2011 PA.

DoN surveys and evaluations have focused on project-specific APEs, defined consistent with 36 CFR §800.16(d) to include those portions of the island of Guam subject to direct and indirect effects of projects included in the Undertaking.

More specifically, the entirety of the P-608 APE has been subject to one or more of the historic property identification efforts listed in 36 CFR §800.4(b)(1), which may include background research, consultation, oral history interviews, sample field investigation and field survey. As such, results of identification and evaluation efforts in the vicinity of, and including the P-608 APE can be found in the following original studies of cultural and/or historic resources (also, see Figure 2):

Allen, J., B. Dixon, K. Aronson, L. Gilda, D. Gosser, T. Moorman, C. O'Hare, M. Riford, and J. Toenges

2002 *Archaeological Survey and Excavations at the Naval Ordnance Annex, Territory of Guam.*

Prepared for Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Pacific, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Prepared by Ogden Environmental and Energy Services Co., Inc., Honolulu.

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Craib J. L., R. and Nees

1998 *Archaeological Survey and Subsurface Testing of Prehistoric Inland Chamorro Settlement at U.S. Naval Activities Guam in Conjunction with the Department of Defense Legacy Resource Management Program*: Project No. 0895. Prepared for Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Prepared by Ogden Environmental and Energy Services Co., Inc., Honolulu.

Dixon, B. T. Rudolph, A. Jalandoni, I. Nelson, M. Hroncich-Conner, S. Leary, R. Schaefer, E. Lash, and M. Todd

2014a *Proposed Guam and CNMI Military Relocation, 2012 Roadmap Adjustments SEIS, Live-Fire Training Range Complex Footprints, Main Cantonment, Utilities, Communications, Well Field Alternatives and Access Route Options, Volume I: Potential Direct Impact Area In-Fill Cultural Resource Study Narrative*. Prepared for Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Pacific, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Prepared by Cardno TEC, Inc., Honolulu.

Henry, J. D., A. Haun, M. Kirkendall, and D. DeFant

1999 *Phase I Archaeological Survey and Subsurface Testing, U.S. Naval Activities Ordnance Annex and Waterfront Annex*. Prepared for Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Pacific, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Prepared by Paul H. Rosendahl, PhD, Inc., Hilo, Hawaii.

Hunter-Anderson, R. and D. Moore

2002 *Phase I and Phase II Archaeological Survey at Waterfront Annex and Ordnance Annex, Territory of Guam Volume I: Narrative*. With contributions by J. R. Amesbury, S. K. Collins, D. M. Pearsall, M. W. Kaschko, G. M. Murakami, C. E. Skinner, J. V. Ward, and E. F. Wells. Prepared for International Archaeological Research Institute, Inc., and Department of the Navy, Pacific Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Prepared by Micronesian Archaeological Research Services, Barrigada, Guam.

Joint Region Marianas

2015 *Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement: Guam and Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Military Relocation*, Prepared for Joint Guam Program Office, Washington, DC, by Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Joint Region Marianas

2015 *Integrated Cultural Resource Management Plan*, Naval Base Guam, Joint Region Marianas, Prepared by SEARCH and Cardno-TEC through IDIQ Contract N62742-09-D-1960, Delivery Order JQ03, May 2015.

Mason Architects and Weitze Research

2010 *Cold War Historic Context and Architectural Inventory for Naval Base Guam: Main Base, Piti Power Station, Drydock Island and Polaris Point*. Prepared for Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Prepared by Mason Architects Inc., and Weitze Research.

McCoy, P., S. Price, and J. Craib

1978 *Archaeological Review of Orote Historical Complex, Orote Point, Guam*. Prepared for the U.S. Department of the Navy. Prepared Pacific Studies Institute, Micronesian Areas Research Center, University of Guam, Mangilao.

Reinman, F., and R. Nees

1998 *Archaeological Inventory Survey for the Apra Harbor Naval Complex, Guam in Conjunction with the Department of Defense Legacy Resource Management Program*. Project No. 0895. Prepared for Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Prepared by Ogden Environmental and Energy Services Co., Inc., Honolulu.

Schilz, A. and R. P. Drolett

1992 *Preliminary Report. Archaeological Survey and Evaluation, Orote Point, Guam, Mariana Islands*. Prepared for Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Results of the above identification efforts indicate that there are several historic properties near the APE and one potential historic property within the APE. Notably, there are several site complexes within West Fena area. The Bonya site (66-08-0145) is a Latte complex comprised of two loci: the West Bonya site (66-08-0145A) and the East Bonya site (66-08-0145B). The West Bonya Site is a Latte Period site that consists of seven Latte sets, an associated retaining wall, several basalt mortars (*lusong*), and a surface artifact scatter. Radiocarbon samples collected from subsurface excavations reveal a date range of AD 1285 – AD 1435. The East Bonya consists of six Latte sets, two-eight stone sets and four disturbed clusters. Subsurface testing documented a possible buried occupational surface that contained a possible hammerstone, an adze, two pestles, and ceramics just below the modern surface. While both East and West Bonya sites are listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) under Criterion D, neither site is within the P-608 APE.

Guam SHPO did not concur with the DoN's findings of no historic properties effected in PA Memo # 1 for Project Design Studies (12 March 2019). This revised PA Memo # 1 for P-608 is produced in response to SHPO's comments. Guam SHPO states that PA Memo# 1 does not describe in detail the excavation depths. PA Memo# 1 pertains only to project design studies and does not include construction activities. As stated in PA memo #1, maximum depth of the geotechnical excavation is 35 meters (115 feet) below surface.

Additionally, Guam SHPO indicates that the Fena Lake West site is within the P-608 APE for design studies at NBGOA. An error in the presentation of the DoN GIS data is currently being rectified. A joint site visit with the State Archaeologist June 7, 2019 to two boring locations of concern resulted in agreement to proceed with design activities as proposed. As a condition imposed, however, DoN will have an archaeologist examine two boring locations for design activities that are within the vicinity of the Fena Lake West area in order to confirm that these areas do not contain cultural deposits.

While the DoN does not agree with Guam SHPO that new survey must be completed at this time, the DoN will consider additional archaeological investigation at the Fena Lake West area prior to

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future consultation on construction. Based on preceding information, the DoN is treating the Fena Lake West area as potentially eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places until a formal evaluation can be completed.

In accordance with Stipulation VI.F. of the PA, the DoN has retained a full-time Archaeologist to provide site checks, oversee coordination and execution of the archaeological mitigation measures in the PA and to provide quality control. This individual is on-staff at Marine Corps Activity Guam, Public Works Department, and is also designated to respond to and report any inadvertent discoveries to the Signatories, Invited Signatories, and Concurring Parties per Stipulation XII of the PA.

DETERMINATION OF EFFECT:

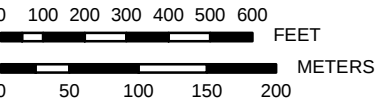
The DoN has reassessed its findings and has determined that the project will result in “no adverse effect” on historic properties with the imposed condition for an archaeologist to examine boring locations within the vicinity of the Fena Lake West area.

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FIGURE 1
NBGOA



P-608 Earth Covered Magazines at Naval Base Guam Ordnance Annex - Construction Area



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Coordinate System: UTM Zone 55 North
Projection: Transverse Mercator
Datum: D WGS 1984

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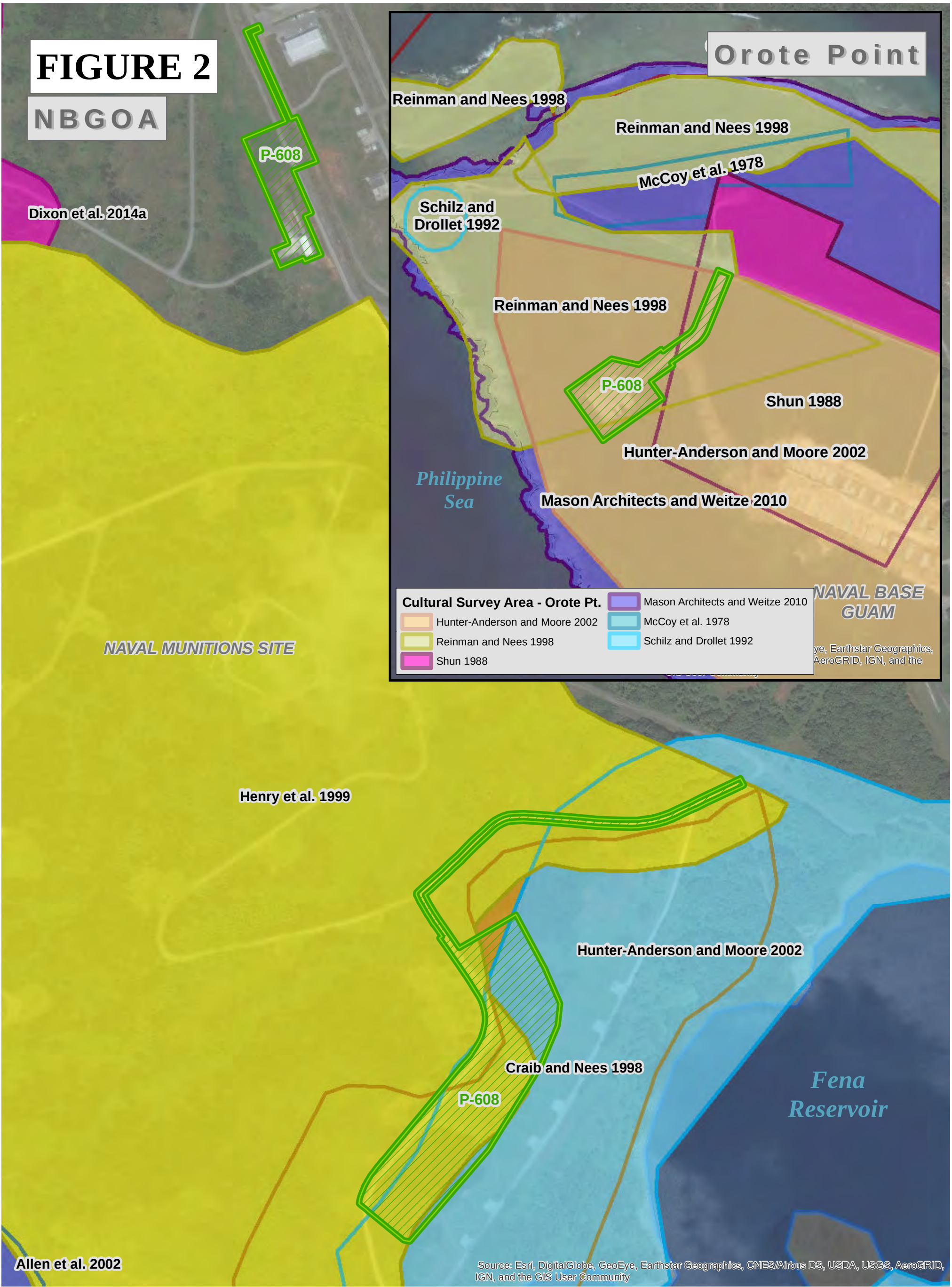
- P-608 (ECMs at NBGOA) Project Area
- Paved Roads
- Military Installations

Total APE Area P-608 = 24.8 Acres

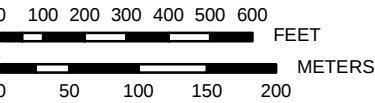


FIGURE 2

NBGOA



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- P-608 (ECMs at NBGOA) Project Area
- Paved Roads
- J-200 (North Ramp Utilities) Project Construction Area
- Military Installations

- Cultural Survey Area - NBGOA**
- Allen et al. 2002
 - Carucci 1993
 - Craib and Nees 1998
 - Dixon et al. 2014a
 - Henry et al. 1999
 - Hunter-Anderson and Moore 2002

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PROJECT: P-608 Revised Project Design Studies PA Memo # 1

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