

**Notice of Intent to Conduct Public Scoping and  
Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the  
Proposed Modernization and Expansion of  
Townsend Bombing Range, McIntosh County, Georgia**

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the Department of the Navy (DoN) intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and conduct public scoping meetings for the modernization and expansion of the Townsend Bombing Range (TBR) located in McIntosh County, Georgia, to accommodate the use of inert (with spotting charge) precision-guided munitions (PGMs) with their associated larger land requirements. To accomplish this, the United States Marine Corps proposes to acquire lands in the vicinity of TBR on which to create new target areas to allow for a greater range of training activities.

The DoN is initiating a 30-day public scoping process, which begins with the advertisement of the Notice of Intent in the Federal Register on August 6, 2010, to identify community interests and local issues to be addressed in the EIS. Two public scoping meetings, using an informal open house format, will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the following dates and at the following locations in Georgia:

**August 24, 2010**

City of Ludowici Meeting Room, City Hall,  
469 North Macon Street, Ludowici, GA 31316.

**August 26, 2010**

Haynes Auditorium Ida Hilton Public Library,  
1105 Northway, Darien, GA 31305.

All written comments must be postmarked by September 7, 2010 to:

**Townsend EIS Project Manager**

Post Office Box 180458  
Tallahassee, Florida 32318

For additional project information, please refer to the project website at <http://www.townsendbombingrangeeis.com> or phone (843) 228-7201.