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Navy No Longer Considering NOLF Wolf for Runway Extension

Naval Air Station (NAS) Whiting Field and Naval Facilities Engineering Command have pulled Navy Outlying Field (NOLF) Wolf from consideration in the proposed runway extension project in Baldwin County, Ala.

The project team is reviewing NOLF runways that could be extended to accommodate the T-6 Texan aircraft that NAS Whiting Field will be receiving to replace the T-34 Turbo Mentor planes currently in use.

Two of the outlying fields in Baldwin County would need to have runways extended to ensure the training mission at NAS Whiting Field could continue to be met. NOLF Wolf was one of the options initially considered, but due to airspace limitations caused by its proximity to NAS Pensacola and Pensacola Regional Airport it has been removed from immediate consideration.

"Navy Outlying Landing Field Wolf will no longer be fully evaluated in the Environmental Assessment (EA) process as a viable alternative for this proposed project," said Sean Heath, a Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) representative.

The EA review will continue to look at NOLF Barin, NOLF Summerdale and NOLF Silverhill combinations as NAS Whiting Field and NAVFAC work toward a single preferred alternative. The draft EA is tentatively scheduled to be released in mid-May. Following release of the draft EA, the public will have another 30-day period to provide input to NAVFAC pertaining to the proposed action.

"The Navy appreciates the comments received so far and looks forward to receiving public comments on the draft EA," said Heath.

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