

PUBLIC NOTICE
Vermont Army National Guard
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

The Vermont Army National Guard (VTARNG) has completed an Environmental Assessment (EA) for construction and operation of a new Light Demolition Range (LDR), in Underhill, Vermont.

The Proposed Action is the construction of the LDR within the Ethan Allen Firing Range in the Town of Underhill in Chittenden County, Vermont. This project is needed to meet the mission requirements of the VTARNG and provide a multi-station facility that will allow units to train on the use and employment of explosives in various applications. This service is not available in this area and requires units to travel to Fort Drum, New York, or further, to complete this training.

The proposed action will upgrade an existing gravel roadway from Range 5-3 for access to the proposed LDR. The LDR will utilize the natural mountainous landscape to establish each station. Eight different stations will allow units to focus on different demolition tasks and procedures that are part of the Mission Essential Task Training or Military Occupational Specialty training.

The draft document is available from TBD for review at the following locations:

Deborah Rawson Memorial Library, 8 River Rd., Jericho, VT 05465

Underhill Town Hall, 12 pleasant Valley Rd., Underhill, VT 05489

**Environmental Office, Vermont National Guard, Building 5, Camp Johnson, Colchester, VT.
Monday through Friday, 7:30am-4:00pm.**

Written substantive comments received on or before March 9, 2020 will be addressed. Comments are being solicited under the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Section 106. Send comments to Vermont Army National Guard, Environmental Office, Building 5, 789 National Guard Rd., Colchester, VT 05446.

Additional information may be obtained through Mike O'Hara by calling (802) 338-3316 or email @ mike.ohara@vermont.gov, or writing to the Environmental Office at the address listed above.