PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR TLZ FALCON/GANDER CLEARING

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1. ENCLOSURE. Map showing proposed clearing area.

2. <u>PURPOSE AND NEED</u>. The purpose of this clearing is to provide a drop zone for unit training and increase the functionality of the tactical landing zone.

3. PROJECT DESCRIPTION. This project will include the clearing of brush and trees on the east side of the existing berm.

4. <u>SITE LOCATION.</u> The affected area is presented in enclosure (1). The site is located on the east side of Onslow Beach Road at grid square 909289.

5. <u>RANGE CHARACTERISTICS.</u> This area is a predesignated helicopter landing zone which provides air and ground units a training facility for helicopter operations.

6. COMPLIANCE WITH ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS.

a.AIR QUALITY: No emissions are anticipated.

b.LAND QUALITY: Erosion control measures will be included in the project. Preventive measures to contain all sediment on site will be provided. Reseeding of disturbed areas will be accomplished within 30 days of completion of project.

c.CLEAN WATER ACT: No discharge of wastes to surface waters will occur during clean up or with subsequent use.

d. NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT: No significant cultural resources are located on the project site.

e. EXECUTIVE ORDER 11990 PROTECTION OF WET LANDS: Disturbance of wet lands will be avoided during clearing.

f. ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT: The impact of this project on the habitat of endangered species has been determined to be negligible. This statement is based on the determination that no endangered species are known to live in the area to be affected by clearing.

7. <u>CONCLUSION</u>. The proposed improvements for the TLZ FALCON/GANDER area will not result in significant environmental impact provided the measures described herein are followed. Further, the project is not controversial, thus, preparation of an environmental assessment per Marine Corps Order 6280.5 is not required.





