

Environmental Restoration Program. Cleanup is independent of the closure. Maintenance of historic sites and the existing agreement with the Golden Gate Recreational Committee will affect property disposal. Adverse environmental impacts are not anticipated for those installations receiving transfers from this action, since comparable activities presently exist there.

The closure will have minimal impact on local employment.

The Commission recommends the following relocations of major units:

-- Headquarters, Sixth Army to Fort Carson, Colorado. This will reduce the high base-operating costs currently experienced at Presidio and place the Sixth Army on a multi-mission installation.

-- The medical assets of LAMC to be distributed throughout the Army medical force structure to improve health care at other bases with large active-duty populations, and to reduce costs.

-- Recurring health-care requirements normally handled by Letterman to be accommodated by other Service medical facilities in the Bay Area or through CHAMPUS.

-- Letterman Army Institute of Research to be relocated to Fort Detrick, Maryland. The realignment will provide new facilities and consolidate research functions.

Coosa River Annex, Alabama

The Commission recommends Coosa River Annex for closure. It has limited military value because it has been essentially inactive for several years, with

only a minimal ammunition storage mission. There are no mobilization requirements for this property. The net cost of closure will be paid back immediately upon sale of the land. The Commission expects annual savings to be \$100 thousand.

Coosa River has only limited ammunition storage capability. The ammunition can be either demilitarized or relocated. Inadequate facilities limit any additional ammunition-related functions at the site.

Coosa River has significant environmental cleanup problems. The hazardous waste problems include asbestos, PCBs in transformers, and other forms of contamination. Cleanup of these sites is covered by the Defense Environmental Restoration Program. Cleanup is independent of the closure.

The closure will have no impact on local employment.

The Commission recommends relocating the ammunition storage mission to Anniston Army Depot, Alabama.

Navajo Depot Activity, Arizona

The Commission recommends Navajo for closure and anticipates its eventual transfer to the Arizona National Guard. The military value of the installation is lower than others in the same category. The Army does not exercise operational control of the depot and the ammunition mission and tenants of the installation can be relocated. The net cost of closure and relocation will be paid back within four years. The Commission expects annual savings to be \$3.1 million.

Navajo stores and demilitarizes conventional ammunition. It also operates a reserve-storage depot, which provides care, preservation, minor maintenance, and limited receiving and shipping of assigned commodities. The ammunition and supply functions can be more effectively managed at less cost at another location. No significant environmental problems exist at the Depot.

The closure will have minimal impact on local employment.

The Commission recommends relocating the ammunition-mission stocks, equipment, and personnel to Hawthorne Army Ammunition Plant, Nevada.

Fort Wingate Ammunition Storage Depot, New Mexico

The Commission recommends Fort Wingate for closure. Its military value is lower than the other installations in the same category, primarily because Fort Wingate is a small, single-mission facility. Its mission can be relocated. The net cost of closure and relocation will be paid back within one year. The Commission expects annual savings to be \$5.2 million.

Fort Wingate ships, receives, renovates, and stores ammunition and components and is responsible for the disposition of unserviceable ammunition.

Sufficient storage capacity is available at other depots to accept the ammunition mission from Fort Wingate. This realignment will eliminate current excess capacity and equipment problems.

Closure of Fort Wingate will require the cleanup of environmental hazards before the facility can be considered for

unrestricted land use. The major environmental problems are asbestos and contaminated sites. Cleanup of these sites is covered by the Defense Environmental Restoration Program. Cleanup is independent of the closure. Potential issues also exist with the archaeological sites at the installation.

The closure will have minimal impact on local employment.

The Commission recommends that the activities at Fort Wingate be relocated to Hawthorne Army Ammunition Plant, Nevada.

Lexington - Bluegrass Army Depot, Kentucky

The Commission recommends closure of the Lexington portion of the Lexington-Bluegrass Army Depot. The military value of this installation is lower than others in the same category, primarily due to the condition of facilities and to limited storage capacity. The Bluegrass Storage facility, however, has higher military value. The net cost of closure and relocation will be paid back within six years. The Commission expects annual savings to be \$6.7 million.

The Lexington - Bluegrass Army Depot consists of two separate facilities, one located in Lexington, which is the headquarters for the complex, and the other an ammunition storage facility (Bluegrass) at Richmond, Kentucky. The Lexington facility also performs the overhaul of communications security equipment and assembles communications-electronics materiel.

Consolidation of the communications-electronics maintenance function from