This report documents the findings of a project related to Army land policy and approaches to fulfilling Army needs for training lands. The Army has been criticized for its lack of a comprehensive land-use strategy to guide decisions and help set priorities for land policy initiatives. This document reviews the Army's current approach to establishing requirements and evaluates the policy changes that might occur with a comprehensive strategy. It differs from previous assessments in that it explicitly considers the political environment for Army land use.

This report should be of interest to those concerned with Army environmental policy and questions of land use and military training. It should also be of interest to those concerned with potential future Base Realignments and Closures (BRACs) and the forthcoming efforts to renew three large Army parcels under Public Law 99-606. Large land parcels at Fort Bliss and two Alaska bases will be returned to the public domain unless Congress renews 99-606 by the year 2001.

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