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Dear Reader:

This is the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for NASA's Sounding Rockets Program at the Poker Flat Research Range (PFRR), Alaska. Prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the FEIS evaluates the environmental consequences of five alternative means for continuing sounding rocket launches at PFRR. The FEIS also considers the effects of both Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service non-issuance of future authorizations for impacts on their lands within the PFRR launch corridor.

NASA considered all comments received on the Draft EIS (DEIS) in preparing the FEIS. Comments received on the DEIS and NASA's responses to those comments are included as Appendix K.

In consideration of both public input offered during scoping and review of the DEIS and the results of the environmental analysis in Chapter 4 of the FEIS, NASA has identified Alternative 1, *Continue NASA SRP Activities and Flights at PFRR within Existing Flight Zones with Environmental Screening for Recovery of New and Existing Stages and Payloads (Environmentally Responsible Search and Recovery Alternative)* as its Preferred Alternative.

NASA will issue a Record of Decision (ROD) based on the FEIS no sooner than 30 days from the date of publication in the *Federal Register* of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Notice of Availability (NOA) of the FEIS. NASA's ROD will be made available, once issued, on the project's website (address provided below) and upon request.

The FEIS is available for review online at [http://sites.wff.nasa.gov/code250/pfrr\\_eis.html](http://sites.wff.nasa.gov/code250/pfrr_eis.html). You may also request a hard copy or compact disc.

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