

**Munitions Response (MR) Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Cleanup Team
Meeting Minutes
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Fort Ord, CA**

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Agenda

<u>Item</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Community Relations	Update	by Melissa Broadston
Property Transfer	Update	by Derek Lieberman
Environmental Services Cooperative Agreement (ESCA)	Update	by Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA)
Prescribed Burn Program	Update	by Betsy Hibbits
Fieldwork	Update	by Natalie Gordon
Site Security Program	Update	by Natalie Gordon
Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Area C	Update	by Chieko Nozaki
Report Status	Update	by Chieko Nozaki
Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) Schedule	Update	by Chieko Nozaki
Action Items	Review	by Chieko Nozaki
Next Meeting	Schedule	by Chieko Nozaki

Community Relations – The Army provided an update on community outreach:

1. Recent activities included: hosting a bus tour for local senior center (17 Aug); sending out semi-annual letter to local schools offering a munitions safety presentation (22 Aug); providing a habitat management presentation to a California State University Monterey Bay (CSUMB) forum (27 Aug); staffing a cleanup information booth at the Monterey County Fair (31 Aug); and delivering 65,000 copies of the Annual Report to the local community (Aug 31).
2. Long-term activities underway include: continuing outreach activities related to munitions cleanup work in the northern portion of the Fort Ord National Monument; and responding to burn program inquiries and direct notification enrollment requests. Direct Notification Program as of 5 Sep – 907 participants.
3. Upcoming activities include: coordinating hosting a bus tour for Monterey County Health Department (TBD); participating in Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Fort Ord National Monument (FONM) Public Lands Day (27 Oct); providing a Fort Ord cleanup presentation at the Invasive Weeds Symposium (10 Nov); and hosting another senior center bus tour (15 Nov).

Property Transfer – The Army provided an update on recent property transfer actions:

1. FOST 6 Parcel L36: No changes from last MR BCT. Parcel will be transferred to FORA as an Economic Development Conveyance (EDC) parcel. A draft memorandum of agreement (MOA) amendment is under review by the Army Environmental Law Division (ELD).
2. FOST 11: The draft deed was reviewed by USACE Sacramento District (SPK) Real Estate (RE) and was forwarded to SPK Office of Counsel (OC) on 20 Feb. Legal review of the property disposal package for two parcels described by FOST 11 is in progress.
3. FOST 12: SPK-RE submitted disposal package for Parcel E29b.3.1 to USACE HQ on 1 May. The USACE Southwest Division (SWD) required the information paper to be revised and resubmitted. Disposal package was approved by the USACE Regional BRAC Coordinator in early August. FORA will likely be asked to re-execute the deed for E29b.3.1. For Parcel S2.1.2 to University of California (UC), a meeting between ELD, SPK-RE and UC was held on 10 Apr to resolve minor comments on the deed. Two issues remain to be resolved by ELD. Disposal package will be submitted to USACE HQ after SPK OC approves title report.
4. FOSET 1/4/5: No changes. Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) draft warranty documents are under review with ELD. Once completed, copies will be provided to EPA and DTSC. CERCLA Warranty for Group 3 parcels (Del Rey Oaks/Monterey MRA, Laguna Seca Parking MRA, MOUT Site Munitions Response Areas [MRAs]) is pending finalization of the Group 3 Land Use Control Implementation Plan (LUCIP)/Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Plan and remedy complete determinations. LUCIPs for Interim Action Ranges (IAR) and Group 2 CSUMB Off-Campus MRAs have been finalized; CERCLA Warranty documents for these MRAs are pending remedy complete determination. CERCLA warranty documents for parcels associated with ESCA Group 1 and Group 4 MRAs are pending RODs, LUCIP/O&M Plans and subsequent remedy complete determinations.
5. Parcel L20.4 (Oil Well Rd) transfer to BLM: No change. Letter of Transfer (LOT) is under review at OGC to be executed by DASA. LOT revisions/updates may be required due to time lapse.

ESCA Update – FORA provided an update:

1. The FORA munitions recognition and safety training website is online. A few minor bugs remain to be worked out; however, at this time, FORA is able to track participants in the online training and issue certificates of completion through the website.
2. Planning is in progress for land use control implementation plan training workshops with individual jurisdictions, including one specifically for CSUMB.

3. FORA is in the process of reviewing the ESCA community outreach plan to support transition of some tasks such as website maintenance from the ESCA contractor to FORA staff.

Prescribed Burn Update – The Army provided an update:

1. Burn preparation for the BLM Area B Unit A is nearing completion. A request by Monterey County Regional Fire District (MCRFD) for additional vegetation removal along Watkins Gate Road east of Addington Road and outside of the secondary containment line (CL) is being evaluated.
2. Presidio of Monterey (POM) Fire Department (FD) has approved the use of woodchips for erosion control in areas outside of the burn unit primary containment lines (CLs) prior to burning.
3. A burn contingency meeting with POMFD and local law enforcement is scheduled for 12 Sep.
4. Burn resources are currently unavailable due to wildfires in California and the western U.S.
5. Newly acquired tactical radios are in process of being programmed. Training on new communications equipment will be scheduled.
6. Fuel moisture monitoring indicates dead fuel moistures are high and live fuel moistures are low.

Fieldwork/BLM Area B & MRS-16 – The Army provided an update on the status of fieldwork:

1. The BLM Area B website and area kiosks are being maintained with current road and trail closure information. The most recent updates were made 13 Aug.
2. Notice and warning signs, trail closures, and boundary fences are in place around the current work areas in Units B, C, B-3W, B-3E and B-2A.
3. Vegetation removal in support of 2018 prescribed burns in Unit 31 and Unit A CLs is complete. Some additional manual vegetation removal requested by the burn team in support of Unit A will be complete by 14 Sep.
4. Manual vegetation removal along Trail 62 12-foot trail footprint is complete.
5. Surface MEC removal is complete in Units B (except for one grid) and C. Surface MEC removal is nearing completion in Unit A CLs and burn prep areas. Surface MEC removal is in progress in the 12-foot trail footprint of Trail 62 in Unit B-2A; this work is being conducted concurrently with the subsurface MEC removal in the trail footprint.
6. Digital Geophysical Mapping (DGM) is nearing completion in Unit C burn area and is in progress in the Unit B burn area.
7. The new fuel break road, named Lion's Revenge Road, on the north side of Unit A is complete.
8. Subsurface MEC removal was started in the Unit B-3W 100-foot buffer and planning continues for subsurface MEC removal in Area B trails.
9. To address possible additional unknown filler items that could be present in Unit B-2A, investigation of DGM targets with the potential to be 4.2-inch mortars was completed using Metal Mapper 2x2 to cue the anomalies. A dig list is in development and intrusive investigation of targets of interest is expected to begin in late September.

Fieldwork/Track 3 Update – The Army provided an update on recent and planned fieldwork:

1. In Unit 3, DGM targets above the 250mV threshold that have the potential to be a Livens or 4-in. Stokes mortar projectile were previously investigated. A total of 126 targets within areas of interest were intrusively investigated. To remove uncertainty 189 DGM targets above the 250mV threshold that are outside of the original areas of interest, will be investigated. The work is expected to be conducted concurrently or subsequent to the Unit B-2A 4.2-in investigation in Area B so that any unknown filler items can be addressed at one time.
2. Mechanical vegetation removal along approximately 7.3 acres of fuel breaks designated for realignment or additional DGM (e.g. under asphalt) on Impossible Canyon and Wildcat Ridge Roads was completed. DGM and subsurface MEC removal activities will begin following an additional 6.7 acres of manual vegetation removal currently in progress.

3. The Unit 23 Risk Reduction MetalMapper 2x2 cued survey of 1,279 target picks (from EM-61 survey) for potential near-surface large ordnance items is complete and a target dig list has been finalized. Intrusive investigation is expected to begin in late September.
4. Additional verification fieldwork will be conducted in specific segments of fuel breaks as part of the Fuel Breaks Quality Control (QC) work. This activity is scheduled to begin once Unit A is burn ready.
5. Upcoming Impact Area restoration projects and erosion control activities include the Watkins Gate Burn Area (WGBA) mortar pits and Austin Road latrine depression. Work to remove up to 32 buildings in Impact Area units and Unit B-3W is expected to proceed following additional asbestos and lead-based paint sampling.
6. One detonation operation for 102 items was conducted on 29 Aug. Scrap sorting was started on 29 Aug and all accumulated scrap has been sorted.
7. The Vernal Pools Investigation dig list has been finalized and an approach to perform target excavation while minimizing impacts to the ponds has been developed. Work is expected to begin in late September.

MMRP Safety and Site Security – The Army provided a description of recent MEC and trespass incidents, community education events and related training:

1. No trespass incidents were recorded since the last MR BCT meeting.
2. No munitions incidents were reported since the last MR BCT meeting.
3. Community Education for 2018 – 265 participants.

BLM Area C – The draft document has been reviewed by the agencies and comments have been received. Response to comments (RTCs) are in progress and the next version will be submitted for public review.

Report Status – The Army provided a review and update. The changes to the previous status report are:

1. Final MRS-BLM Units 1/2/3 Remedial Action Report (RAR) was issued 27 Aug.
2. Draft final MRS-BLM Unit 28 RAR was issued 31 Aug. Comments are requested by 10 Oct.
3. The MRS-BLM Unit 25 RAR is in development.
4. Draft final Track 3 Remedial Design (RD)/Remedial Action (RA) Work Plan Update was issued on 31 Aug. Comments are requested by 10 Oct.
5. Final BLM Area B Units B/C Prescribed Burn After Action Report was issued 31 Aug.
6. BLM Area B B-3E-NE Technical Memorandum (TM) (Revision A) was issued 10 Jul. Responses to comments received were forwarded to the regulatory agencies on 30 Aug. A letter of concurrence was received from EPA. DTSC concurrence is forthcoming.
7. BLM Area B B-3E TM is in development.
8. BLM Area B B-2A field work variance (FWV) to document procedures for the 4.2-inch investigation is in progress.
9. Draft Track 1 Plug-In Approval Memorandum BLM Area C was issued 31 Jul. Comments were received from EPA and DTSC. Army will address the comments.

FFA Schedule – The Army provided updates to the FFA Schedule:

1. FFA schedule update for BLM Area B and MRS-16 will be finalized.

Action Items – Due action items were described as complete and pending items were reviewed.

The next meetings of the MR BCT were scheduled for October 10 at 10am and November 14 at 10am in the Fort Ord BRAC conference room.

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