

**Munitions Response (MR) Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Cleanup Team (BCT)
Meeting Minutes
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Acronyms

BLM Bureau of Land Management
DTSC California Department of Toxic Substances Control
EPA U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
USACE U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

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 Sheri Damon
Site Security Program	Update	by Betsy Hibbits
Fieldwork/Impact Area Munitions Response Area	Update	by Curtis Payton
Report Status	Update	by Chieko Nozaki
Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) Schedule	Update	by Chieko Nozaki
Action Items	Review	by Chieko Nozaki
Next meetings	Schedule	by Chieko Nozaki

Community Relations - The Army provided an update on community outreach.

1. Recent Activities: The Army issued the 2021 community outreach survey in May; completed surveys will be accepted through December 31, 2021. July 20: Technical Review Committee (topics: munitions and ESCA). In August, outreach was initiated for Fort Ord's Five-Year Review, which will be completed in 2022. Five-Year Review surveys are being collected and interviews are being conducted (through September 30). In August, BRAC sent invitations for the Guided Nature Walk. In August, BRAC sent a semiannual munitions safety presentation offer letter to schools and a second letter specific to law enforcement and emergency responders. August 11: Munitions safety presentation to York School. August 24: BRAC provided a second interview with Associated Press. September 3: BRAC staffed information table at the Monterey County Fair.
2. Upcoming Activities: September 18: Guided Nature Walk. Publication of the public comment period for Findings of Suitability to Transfer (FOST) Number 11, Amendment No. 1 in local newspapers is tentatively planned. The Associated Press is expected to publish an article related to the April and August interviews and site visit. Due to COVID-19 safety considerations, BLM is revising the planned activities associated with the October 23 National Public Lands Day at the Fort Ord National Monument. The Fort Ord Annual Report is under development and will include the 2021 community outreach survey form and information on the Five Year Review.
3. Planned 2022 community outreach event dates were presented to the regulatory agencies.

Property Transfer - The Army provided an update on recent property transfer actions.

1. Finding of Suitability to Transfer (FOST) 6: Parcel F2.7.2
 - a. This parcel includes Site 33, the Golf Course Maintenance Area at Bayonet and Black Horse Golf Course.
 - b. The property was transferred with a restriction on residential use, but the site developer has completed additional remedial actions and requested removal of the restriction.
 - c. The Army can prepare a deed modification upon regulatory agency concurrence.
2. FOST 11: Parcels L2.3 and L2.4.1
 - a. The FOST had been signed (in 2017) prior to the change that ended Army's participation in the State Covenant to Restrict the Use of Property (CRUP) process. There is a need to amend the FOST to document the changes. The amendment will remove the reference to Army participation in the State CRUP process and update the processes for response to incidental munitions discoveries and annual reporting of land use controls.
 - b. The Army will hold a 7-day public comment period for the FOST amendment. The Army provided a draft FOST amendment and public notice on 13 January to USEPA, DTSC, Seaside, and Monterey County for review. USEPA requested an update to the USEPA contact information. DTSC provided a comment letter. Fort Ord BRAC responded to the DTSC comment letter and provided a draft memorandum to file for coordination. DTSC and USEPA are coordinating a response to the Army on the draft memorandum. The 7-day public comment period will be held after the execution of the memorandum.
 - c. The Army will provide the draft deed to USEPA and DTSC for review after USACE HQ review. The draft revised deed was sent to the City of Seaside. The Army will execute the deed after DTSC has a CRUP in place with the City of Seaside. DTSC reported the CRUP is ready for execution pending FOST amendment resolution and property transfer.
3. FOST 12: Parcels E20.c.1 and S2.12
 - a. Draft deeds are in progress.

- b. A process similar to FOST 11 may be required because the Operable Unit 1 (OU1) Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) states a CRUP will be established between the Army and the State.
- 4. FOST 13: Parcel L36
 - a. Draft deed is in progress. Comments were received from USACE Office of Counsel and the draft deed is still under review with the City of Seaside.
- 5. Letter of Transfer: Parcel L20.4
 - a. The letter of transfer had been staffed for signature in 2013. The letter of transfer was updated and resubmitted to Army Environmental Law Division in May; however, it may be necessary to do a new Environmental Condition of Property Report Update due to the time lapse.
- 6. CERCLA warranty documents for non-ESCA early transfer parcels are in progress. Draft documents for parcels in Finding of Suitability for Early Transfer (FOSET) 1 and FOSET 5 were sent to the City of Seaside for review in June.

ESCA Update - City of Seaside provided an update.

- 1. Starting October 1, Melissa Broadston will be the new City of Seaside ESCA point of contact. Interviews are being conducted to fill an ESCA Administrative Analyst position.
- 2. Seaside ESCA staff and jurisdictions have been conducting regular inspections of the ESCA properties. No unauthorized ground-disturbing activities have been found recently.
- 3. Upcoming projects that require preparation of construction support plans include: Eucalyptus Road stormwater project and California American Water Company pipeline in Seaside. A construction support plan for the installation of fence and gates at the Military Operations in Urban Terrain (MOUT) training facility was finalized on 6 June. Addendum to the Seaside programmatic plan addressing the Pure Water Project Phases 3 and 4 has been submitted to the regulatory agencies and the Army. Pure Water Project boreholes are to begin in September.
- 4. ESCA is conducting quarterly Long Term Obligations (LTO) meetings to discuss land use control implementation. The next meeting will be held in November.

Site Security Program – The Army provided a description of recent munitions, trespass, and security incidents, community education events, and related training. A status report detailing BRAC field check activities and findings was provided.

- 1. Recent Activities
 - a. Daily POMPD and/or BLM Law Enforcement Impact Area MRA patrols are continuing.
 - b. Weekly BLM perimeter fence inspections and repairs are continuing.
 - c. Thrice-weekly BRAC site visits are continuing.
 - d. Six motion-activated cameras are deployed at rotating locations.
 - e. Multi-lock gate devices for five perimeter gates have been fabricated; installation is planned for September.
 - f. BLM will start fence and gate repair projects in October.
 - g. On 7/19/2021 the Impact Area fence was found to be damaged by a vehicle collision near Laguna Seca. Monterey County repaired the damage on 8/10/2021.
 - h. On 9/3/2021, the Impact Area MRA fence was found to be damaged near Laguna Seca following vegetation cutting performed by Monterey County. BRAC is coordinating with the County on repairs.
 - i. Planned purchases

- i. “No Trespassing” signs for Army-owned portion of FONM
 - ii. Small concertina wire rolls
 - iii. Radio batteries
 - j. Additional planned safety signage
 - i. ESCA has been coordinating gate name signs for high use perimeter gates and “No Parking Fire Lane” signs. City of Seaside is doing a planning exercise regarding the reuse of Seaside East that will address trespass regulations and signage.
 - ii. Update large Impact Area danger sign by Watkins Gate North.
- 2. Anticipated issues in the near future
 - a. Deterring and/or citing trespass into restricted areas with explosive hazards.
- 3. Trespass Incidents Overview
 - a. BLM provided security camera images that documented six additional trespass incidents in April and May 2021.
 - b. Six BRAC security cameras deployed since May 28, 2021. Five total trespass incidents detected from cameras; four since last BCT meeting.
 - c. Trespass incidents reported since the last BCT meeting (7/15/2021 – 9/16/2021): 12
 - i. Four incidents discovered from BRAC security camera footage.
 - ii. Six incidents discovered from older BLM security camera footage.
 - iii. No citations issued.
 - d. Trespass incidents year to date (1/1/2021 through 9/16/2021): 54
 - e. BLM noted that, to encourage public compliance with “no trespassing” policy for the restricted Impact Area, posted “no trespassing” signs in other/transferred properties should be enforced.
- 4. Trespass Incident Details
 - a. April 16, 2021: Security camera near MOUT site documented two male trespassers entering on foot at 5:40 p.m. and exiting at 6:02 p.m.
 - b. April 17, 2020: Security camera near MOUT site documented three male trespassers entering on foot at 2:59 p.m. and exiting at 4:17 p.m.
 - c. April 24, 2021: Security camera near MOUT site documented two male trespassers entering on foot at 2:14 p.m. and exiting at 2:51 p.m.
 - d. April 25, 2021: Security camera near MOUT site documented one male trespasser entering on foot at 12:20 p.m.
 - e. May 4, 2021: Security camera near MOUT site documented one male trespasser entering via bicycle at 4:30 p.m. and exiting at 6:06 p.m.
 - f. May 10, 2021: Security camera near MOUT site documented one male and two female trespassers entering on foot at 9:48 a.m. and exiting at 11:16 a.m.
 - g. July 25, 2021: Security camera documented a middle-aged man and woman walking inside the Impact Area MRA at 7:01 p.m. They were walking southbound on Impossible Canyon Road.
 - h. August 7, 2021: Security camera near MOUT site documented two male bicyclists trespassing inside the Impact Area MRA at 10:14 a.m.

- i. August 23, 2021: Impact Area MRA fence breach along South Boundary Road. A wire was loose, fence clips were missing, and concertina wire was pushed back. BLM repaired the fence.
 - j. September 6, 2021: Security camera footage near the MOUT site documented one male walking with a bicycle inside the Impact Area MRA at 2:16 p.m. and exiting with another male, both riding bicycles, at 3:19 p.m.
 - k. September 6, 2021: Security camera footage near the MOUT site documented one male riding a bicycle inside the Impact Area MRA at 4:38 p.m. and exiting with another male, both riding bicycles, at 5:08 p.m. (different individuals than previous incident).
 - l. On September 16, 2021: BLM staff discovered evidence of trespass through the Impact Area MRA fence. All four barbed wires were cut near Austin South Gate along Blueline Road. BLM repaired the fence.
5. Munitions Incidents Overview
 - a. Munitions incidents reported since last BCT meeting (7/15/2021 – 9/13/2021): 1
 - b. Munitions incidents year to date (1/1/2021 through 9/13/2021): 13
 6. Munitions Incident Details
 - a. September 13, 2021: Munitions debris (MD) from a Projectile, 40mm, Practice, M781 found by BLM staff in Ranges 43-48 South in the Impact Area MRA. BRAC removed it for scrap/recycling.
 7. Update on munitions debris discovered in Unit 23 on May 26 and 27
 - a. The munitions debris was found during munitions remediation in 2016. The transport vehicle got stuck in mud and rugged terrain, and the munitions debris was offloaded, left in a cleared fuel break area. The munitions debris discovered in May 2021 will be removed during the 2021 Annual Surface Monitoring activities.
 8. Community Education Participants
 - a. Year to date (1/1/2021 through 9/13/2021): 240
 9. Munitions Recognition and Safety Training Participants (in-person)
 - a. (1/1/2021 through 9/10/2021): 71

Fieldwork / Impact Area Munitions Response Area – USACE provided an update on the status of upcoming fieldwork.

1. The 2021 surface monitoring contract has been awarded. Fieldwork is expected to begin this fall.
2. The Unit 5 remedial action contract has been awarded. The Unit 5 Site Specific Work Plan (SSWP) Addendum is being developed. For habitat conservation considerations, vegetation cutting should be done before winter rains begin. Because of timing constraints, the Army will request to initiate vegetation cutting upon submittal of the draft SSWP for agency review.
3. BRAC provided a follow-up presentation on technical alternatives for subsurface removal in areas of high anomaly densities associated with Impact Areas where military munitions with sensitive fuzes were fired. The effort would address the risk to BLM workers from potentially encountering sensitive fuze-type unexploded ordnance (UXO) that could be exposed from erosion or changes in site conditions. Advanced Geophysical Classification is a viable alternative to sifting with less environmental impact. A list of sites and an advanced geophysical classification (AGC) usability guide have been developed. An additional field study phase is

planned to provide data that would inform future actions to be applied for other identified areas. The additional phase would be contracted with Interim UXO contract before the next major UXO contract. A detailed work plan will be developed to describe the objectives and detailed technical approaches.

4. Fuel Break Technical Information Paper (TIP): publication of draft-final version is expected in September.

Report Status – The Army provided a review and update.

1. The FFA schedules will be updated to address Unit 5 remediation documents.
2. Draft Impact Area MRA Non-Burn Fuelbreaks TIP Volume 2 was issued on 26 June 2020. Army provided responses to comments by DTSC and EPA. The draft-final version is planned for publication in September 2021.
3. Draft Impact Area MRA Non-Burn Fuelbreaks TIP Volume 1 was issued on 29 June 2020. Army provided responses to comments by DTSC and EPA. Additional data review was necessary due to discrepancies detected. A final summary of changes has been provided to the regulatory agencies. The draft-final version is planned for publication in September 2021.
4. MRS-BLM Unit 5 Pond 21 DGM Letter report was issued on July 27, 2021.
5. MRS-BLM Unit 5 (2021 Unit) MEC-QAPP Addendum will be developed.
6. MRS-BLM Unit 5 (2021 Unit) Site SSWP Addendum MEC Remedial Action will be developed.
7. Working Draft Track 3 RD/RA Work Plan – Interim LUCIP was updated with munitions safety information for fire suppression.
8. Deed releases and CERCLA warranty document status will be tracked

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

The next meeting of the MR BCT was scheduled for November 17, 2021.

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