

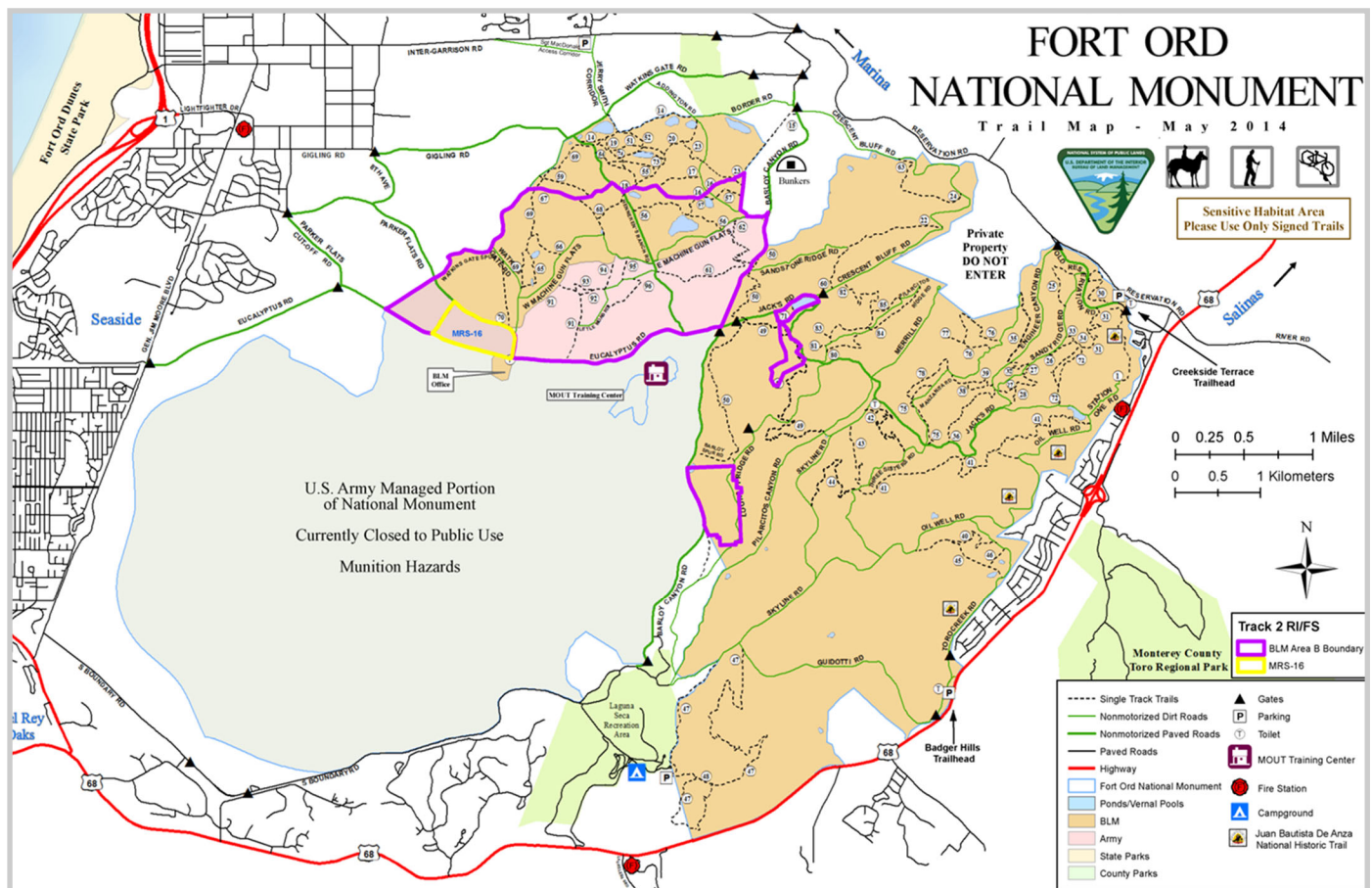
FACTSHEET: Fort Ord Bureau of Land Management Area B (BLM B) and MRS-16

Background

In 1996, the Army transferred 7,205 acres to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) at the former Fort Ord to be managed as a habitat reserve. The property, which includes 86 miles of trails, is extensively used for hiking, bicycling and horseback riding by local residents and tourists. On April 20, 2012 the President designated these lands (as well as land pending transfer to the BLM as a habitat reserve) as the Fort Ord National Monument. During the long history of Fort Ord as an Army training facility, many areas were used for training involving military munitions and explosives. The training often resulted in munitions and explosives of concern or MEC remaining on those areas. The Army has conducted investigation, sampling, and removal of MEC within the transferred BLM lands.

Visitors who comply with posted restrictions and remain on designated trails on the Fort Ord National Monument are safe from munition risk. The Army conducted a comprehensive evaluation of BLM Area B in terms of explosives safety. BLM Area B is located in the northern portion of the Fort Ord National Monument. This evaluation also included the final review of MRS-16, where removals of MEC were conducted following a prescribed burn in 2006.

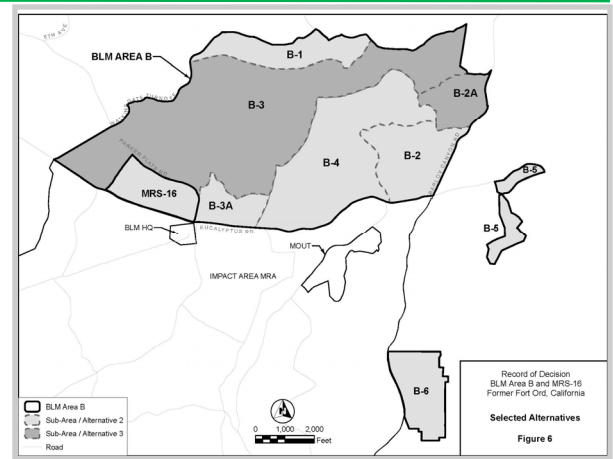
Where is BLM Area B?



Cleanup Decision for BLM Area B and MRS-16:

Based on the evaluation of the potential for MEC to remain at the site and after considering public comments, the Army and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), with support of the State of California, made a decision to conduct munitions cleanup in BLM Area B sub-area B-2A and sub-area B-3 (approximately 800 acres). The remedial decision also includes land use controls that apply to all of BLM Area B and MRS-16.

The decision to conduct munitions cleanup is documented in the Record of Decision (ROD) for BLM Area B and MRS-16. The decision is part of the Superfund process consistent with Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). The process is supervised by EPA and California Department of Toxic Substances Control.



Cleanup Progress:

The goal of the remedial action is to support the designated use of the property as a habitat reserve with public access as a part of the Fort Ord National Monument. The ROD and supporting documents can be viewed at www.fortordcleanup.com. In mid-2017 the Army began munitions cleanup. Two prescribed burns were conducted in 2017. As of March 2020, munitions cleanup is complete in all areas except Unit A. Remedial action in Unit A is pending a prescribed burn.

We ask recreational users to **Mind the Signs**. During field work the Army must maintain a safety exclusion zone to maintain public safety. Temporary closures of roads and trails will occur as necessary. The Army will work with BLM to plan and implement appropriate access management measures to accomplish munitions cleanup in a safe manner. These measures and the process for informing the public are described in remedial action work plans which can be viewed at FortOrdCleanup.com.

For your safety and to protect the natural resources, unauthorized ground disturbance activities (such as digging) are prohibited. Please also remember to abide by BLM's user restrictions that apply to the Fort Ord National Monument (e.g. no motorized use).

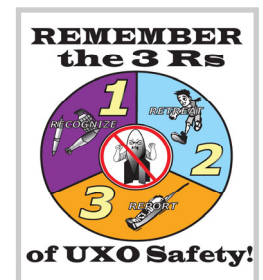
The Army welcomes public input and feedback throughout the cleanup process. At FortOrCleanup.com you can: find out current and upcoming trail closure information, join the Army's email list to receive information and updates, and provide feedback to the Army.

You can help the Army protect the people in your community from risks of MEC by observing the access restrictions on the former Fort Ord property and knowing the 3Rs of MEC safety:

Recognize – when you may have encountered a munitions item.

Retreat – do not touch, move or disturb it, note the location, and carefully leave the area.

Report – call 911.



To Learn More About the Fort Ord Munitions Response Program:

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