

FACT SHEET: Trespassing is Dangerous

Fort Ord - Restricted Impact Area Munitions Response Area (MRA)

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- Due to the **explosives safety hazard**, the Impact Area MRA is off-limits to the public. **DO NOT ENTER** the fenced area.
- Map on reverse side shows the location of the Impact Area MRA - **Restricted Area**.

Background

The Impact Area Munitions Response Area (MRA) is a 6,560-acre munitions response site located in the southwestern-portion of the former Fort Ord. Before base closure in 1994, the Impact Area was used for military training and ranges for rockets, projectiles, rifle and hand grenades, and other conventional munitions. The Army began removing the munitions in this area in 2008, and the cleanup continues.

EXPLOSIVES HAZARDS ARE PRESENT.

The munitions cleanup includes removing vegetation to expose the ground surface and removing munitions and explosives of concern (MEC) on the ground surface. Munitions below ground are removed in select areas. Recovered explosive munitions are destroyed by detonation. The munitions cleanup is expected to take several more years to complete.

The cleanup greatly reduces MEC risks but does not completely eliminate the potential for someone to encounter a MEC item. The Army monitors the surface removal areas for multiple years to look for munitions that have been uncovered by changing site conditions such as erosion.

Safety is Everyone's Responsibility

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Law enforcement agencies patrol the area regularly. Trespassing is a crime, and will be prosecuted.

You can help the Army protect the people in your community from the risks of MEC by observing the access restrictions and reporting any suspicious activity inside the fenced area – call Presidio of Monterey Police Department (831) 242-7851 or 242-7852; or 911.

All access into the Impact Area MRA is controlled by the Army. The Army monitors the perimeter fence for evidence of unauthorized entry. In 2019 and 2020 illegal camps were found and removed. All instances of trespassing or evidence of trespassing are reported to federal, state, county and city law enforcement agencies who coordinate their efforts to maintain public safety.



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To learn more about the former Fort Ord munitions response site security, go to fortordcleanup.com. Contact the cleanup team:

- U.S. Army Fort Ord Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Office:
R. Curtis Payton, II; 831-393-9692,
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9: Maeve Clancy; 415-947-4105, clancy.maeve@epa.gov
- California Department of Toxic Substances Control: Brett Leary; 916-255-4988, brett.leary@dtsc.ca.gov



Location of the Restricted Area (red).

