

MR BCT Meeting July 17, 2020  
Munitions Response Site Security Update

1. Trespass Incident Reports. All fence breaches have been repaired. The Army works with BLM to repair fences within days. The total number of incidents reported in the last 71 days since prior BCT meeting (5/1/2020 – 7/10/2020): 13
  - a. 5/1/2020: Impact Area MRA fence breach between the Nowhere and Broadway West gates. This is the same location as 3/30/2020 fence breach and within 100 feet north of the 3/10/2020 and 3/23/2020 fence breach location.
  - b. 5/3/2020: Impact Area MRA fence breach north of Nowhere Gate. This is a spot previously noted for trespass. **The evidence is not clear whether the concertina was cut in the past and not fully repaired, or if it is a new intrusion point.**
  - c. 5/3/2020: Impact Area MRA fence breach south of Broadway West Gate. **This is likely not a recent intrusion** as there were no tracks and the ends of the cut wire are weathered enough to suggest that it has been at least 6 months to a year.
  - d. 5/4/2020: Impact Area MRA fence breach south of Bitter Gate.
  - e. 5/6/2020: Impact Area MRA - Bicycle tracks found on Riso Ridge Road.
  - f. 5/10/2020: Impact Area MRA fence breach beside the Wildcat Ridge gate with a clear trail through the vegetation. There were bicycle tracks estimated to be 3-5 days old on the road as soon as it turned to dirt below the communications site. More bicycle tracks (same size and pattern) were found on Hawkeye Road.
  - g. 5/22/2020: Impact Area MRA fence breach north of Nowhere Gate along Blueline Rd. in the vicinity of four prior breaches. A sock and two metal rods (unknown purpose, looked similar to tent poles, but only 9 inches long) were found nearby.
  - h. 6/21/2020: Impact Area MRA evidence of trespass - bicycle tracks were observed on Riso Ridge Road between HA36 and Chinook Road. The tracks appeared to be between several days to a week old and likely came up the hill from the direction of Tongue Ridge. The tracks were visible on the road for a few hundred yards.
  - i. 6/21/2020: Impact Area MRA fence evidence of trespass – concertina wire was lifted and lowest barbed wire strand loosened just east of MOUT gate. Footprints with the same tread found on both sides of the fence and inside the MOUT site.
  - j. On 7/8/2020 at 2:30 pm, Chenega staff observed an individual in MRS-16. The individual continued walking west on Parker Flats Road away from federal property. BLM Rangers investigated the area on 7/9/2020 and did not find evidence of illegal camps.
  - k. On 7/9/2020 at approximately 3:30 p.m. BLM staff found evidence of an Impact Area fence breach along South Boundary Road. The bottom fence wire was loosened and the concertina wire was cut and pulled out. A foot path in the grass inside the fence was observed. No individuals were seen.
  - l. On 7/12/2020 at 1510 hours, BLM Law Enforcement discovered evidence of trespass into the Impact Area MRA. A roll-up door on a metal building at the MOUT site was partially open. No one was present. Graffiti of unknown age was seen on the building. New graffiti that was not present two weeks ago was

observed on other MOUT buildings. A probable access point for trespassers was an area of fence within two fence lengths east of the MOUT gate (Impossible Canyon North).

- m. On 7/12/2020 at 1724 hours BLM Law Enforcement found evidence of trespass into the Impact Area MRA just south of Watkins West Gate. Concertina wire had been cut and pushed down as if stepped on. An indistinct trail and faint, older tracks were observed.
- 2. 2020 trespass incidents year to date (1/1/2020 – 7/10/2020): 35
    - i. January: 2 incidents (Impact Area MRA)
    - ii. February: 2 incidents (BLM Area B)
    - iii. March: 10 incidents (Impact Area MRA)
    - iv. April: 8 incidents (Impact Area MRA)
    - v. May: 7 incidents (Impact Area MRA)
    - vi. June: 2 incidents (Impact Area MRA)
    - vii. July 1-10: 4 incidents (1 in MRS-16; 3 in Impact Area MRA)
  - 3. Munitions Incident Reports
    - a. Last 71 days since prior BCT meeting (5/1/2020 – 7/10/2020): 3
      - i. 5/13/2020: workers demolishing buildings on Imjin Parkway in Marina (west of 910 2nd Ave.) discovered a Grenade Rifle Smoke M23 Series (munitions debris - MD). It was removed for scrap/recycling.
      - ii. 5/20/2020: a researcher from California State University Monterey Bay (CSUMB) discovered two munitions items east of Joe Lloyd Way. The items were identified as an expended Signal Illumination Ground M126 Series and its launcher tube. It was determined to be munitions debris (MD) and removed for scrap/recycling.
      - iii. 6/1/2020: a CSUMB staff member found a munitions item on the ground under vegetation near a trail east of Eichelberger Court and notified the CSUMB Police Department. The Monterey County Bomb Squad responded, X-rayed the item, and detonated it at a secure location. The item was likely a practice M1 antitank mine containing a black powder and red phosphorus spotting charge. No explosive filler would be inside the practice mine, but the spotting charge could have posed an explosive hazard. It was determined to be probable Munitions and Explosives of Concern (MEC).
    - b. 2020 munitions incidents year to date: 5
  - 4. Community Education Participants
    - a. 1/1/2020 through 7/10/2020: 0
  - 5. Munitions Recognition and Safety Training Participants
    - a. 1/1/2020 through 7/10/2020: 48
  - 6. Status of follow-up actions from annual Security Committee Meeting and past BCT meetings
    - a. POMPD implemented nightly patrols around the Impact Area MRA perimeter in late May; a daytime patrol started in late June.

- b. SPK approved purchase of motion-activated cameras and forwarded it to purchasing department.
  - c. BLM installed additional signs to warn drivers of upcoming closed Parker Flats Cutoff Road gate.
  - d. Planned road gate naming system has been approved by City of Seaside and BLM. Approval from Monterey County is pending. Signs with numbers will be ordered and a list will be provided to jurisdictions and Emergency Dispatches.
  - e. Concertina wire was used to fortify the Impact Area MRA fence in high trespass areas along Blueline Road.
  - f. BRAC staff doing site inspections 3 or more times weekly using the buddy system.
  - g. BRAC continues to disseminate the message that the use of metal detectors on former Fort Ord is prohibited due to the possible presence of explosive hazards. This message is emphasized in school MEC safety presentations, MEC awareness and safety trainings and on the FortOrdCleanup.com website. Email messages are sent periodically to user groups including the mountain biking group MORCA. In a recent ESCA Long-Term Commitments meeting, local jurisdictions discussed the need to add language regulating ground-disturbing activities in former Fort Ord.
7. Current priorities
- a. Planning and coordination among the users to install a multi-user gate access system and close the last unsecured gate, on Parker Flats Rd by the Veterans Cemetery main entrance.
  - b. Multi-user gate access systems will be installed on five high traffic gates: PFC-1, PF-1, 8-1, G-1, and B-2 to make them more secure.
8. Anticipated issues in the near future
- a. Parker Flats Cutoff Road gate (PFC-1) by the veterans cemetery service entrance has been left open multiple times. Installation of a more secure slider-lock system is planned.
  - b. Purchase of additional concertina wire and razor wire to use to fortify more areas is planned. This is a periodic activity not expected to be ongoing.