

**BRAC Cleanup Team (BCT)  
Munitions Response (MR) BCT Meeting Minutes  
November 13, 2008  
Fort Ord BRAC Conference Room**

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**Agenda Items:**

<u>Item</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Property Transfer	Update	by Gail Youngblood
ESCA (FORA Update)	Update	by Stan Cook
MR Fieldwork	Update	by Lyle Shurtleff
MRS Security Pgm	Update	by Lyle Shurtleff
Track 2 Parker Flats MRA	Update	by Chieko Nguyen
Track 2 DRO MRA	Update	by Chieko Nguyen
Track 3	Update	by Chris Prescott
Remaining RI/FSs	Update	by Bruce Wilcer
Report Status	Update	by Chieko Nguyen
FFA Schedule	Update	by Chieko Nguyen
Action Items	Update	by Chieko Nguyen
Calendar of MR BCT Meetings	Update	by Chieko Nguyen

**Property Transfer Status:**

CSUMB property transfer (EDC) in parcel 1.3.5 appears as an amendment to the MOA.

- FOSET 5: Deed negotiations are complete and are now under consideration by FORA's attorney.
- FOST 10: Deed negotiations lagging behind schedule.

**ESCA:** A tabulation of recent and planned community outreach events was distributed. FORA described a new format for the status report. FORA reported continuing work in Parker Flats cutting brush from the east end moving towards the west. The local authorities report ready to assume responsibility for emergency services on the PF property. There has been some vandalism of survey markers in the area.

**Fieldwork Update:**

MEC Removal Fieldwork: None

**Site Security Program:**

MEC Incidents: The regulatory agencies were advised that an expended practice 2.36 in rocket was reported on 4 November 2008 on MRS-16 by BLM staff engaged in weed abatement activities. The item was collected and inspected by USACE ordnance safety personnel and disposed as munitions debris.

**Track 2 Parker Flats Munitions Response Area (MRA):** The Army described that the draft land use control implementation plan that addresses three parcels that not in the ESCA will be issued at the end of November.

**Track 2 DRO MRA:** The Army described the ROD as pending agency signatures.

**Track 3 Impact Area MRA:**

The Army reported that comments from FOEJN on the draft Remedial Design/Remedial Action Work Plan have been reviewed. Comments are pending from DTSC. The Army reported it remains on a ready status for a prescribed burn mobilization.

**Remaining RI/FSs:** A presentation on the plan for the Remaining RI/FSs was provided. A summary is attached.

**Report Status:**

MRS-16: The Army reported the remedial action report is under internal review.

**FFA Schedule:** None.

**Action Items:** None.

**Future Meetings:** The next MR BCT was scheduled for 9 December at 1:30 p.m. and 14 January at 1:30 p.m.

Attachment: *Notes Fort Ord Munitions Response Program Remaining RI/FSs – BCT Presentation November 13, 2008 Meeting*

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**Notes**  
**Fort Ord Munitions Response Program Remaining RI/FSs – BCT Presentation**  
**November 13, 2008 Meeting**  
**BRAC Conference Room**  
**11/13/2008 @ 9:00 am**

**Attendees**

Gail Youngblood, Fort Ord BRAC  
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**Remaining RI/FSs**

- Beth Flynn stated that several RI/FSs still require completion at the former Fort Ord. The RI/FS areas were divided into FTOs for tracking and contracting purposes by the Army. An FTO may contain MRSs where Track 1 is complete and ESCA areas. The ESCA sites and completed Track 1 sites are excluded from the project.
- Beth Flynn provided an annotated outline for the RI/FS work plan. The work plan will consist of three volumes: Volume 1 Data Summary, Volume 2 Management Plan and process overview, Volume 3 Field SOPs and evaluation tools.
- Sites will be divided into geographic units or groupings for evaluation. These groupings are preliminary for the purpose of investigations. Nine geographic units have been established to facilitate investigation. Information used to develop units included: property acquisition date, vegetation type, MRS boundaries, and FTO boundaries if appropriate.

**Investigation Process**

- Presented discussion of process flow chart.
- Discuss preparation of the work plan that outlines the steps in the investigation process.
- The investigation process will consist of: 1) Pre-Field Data Evaluation 2) Site Assessment 3) Sampling, 4) Preparation of RI/FS

- The starting point in the process is dependent on the work already completed for a site. The outcome of the process is either a Track 1 Approval Memorandum or a Track 2 RI/FS.
- Technical Memorandums may be prepared to document field activities or site specific field work plans.

#### Schedule

- Draft Work Plan – End of February 2009
- Draft Final Work Plan – May 2009
- Field Work – To follow

#### Discussion

- Eric Morgan asked about areas outside of established MRS boundaries. For example, area surrounding MRS-16. Beth Flynn stated that the areas outside of the MRS boundaries will be evaluated under this program. Will evaluate existing data for in between areas including vegetation type, historical uses, interviews, etc.
- Roman Racca asked whether HTW issues have already been addressed for these areas. Yes, issues have been addressed; however, if new data indicate a potential HTW concern it will be addressed under the BRA.
- Beth Flynn described more details on the work plan data review. It will include existing data for each of the areas, including previous site walks, and sampling such as at MRS-32C and MRS-14B. It was noted that the geographic area boundaries would likely change as specific areas are put through the evaluation process.
- The Army will coordinate field work plans and coverages with the agencies.
- Incidental MEC and MD finds over the years will be included in the evaluation.
- Bruce Wilcer indicated that LIDAR data may also be evaluated to see if there are areas that require further investigation.
- David Eisen indicated that the MIRAGE group is currently doing testing at former Fort Ord to evaluate the potential use of radar for identifying MEC. The current study is focused on the ODDS site (Badger Flats). Technology is currently expensive, but may be useful in future. Site can be flown 500 to 5,000 feet above the ground surface, so vegetation and terrain are not a problem. Large amounts of data are collected.
- Beth Flynn indicated that the review of the historical data will be used to identify areas that need a more in depth look rather than a board look across large arrears (Not planning to redo prior investigations).
- Roman Racca indicated that DTSC will require enough coverage to verify that the site is Track 1 and would have unrestricted use. Assume that it could be made residential at some time.
- David Eisen asked if BLM has a master plan. Eric Morgan indicated that there is a generic master plan that covers Fort Ord property and many other BLM sites. There are also a number of specific plans for smaller Fort Ord specific projects. David Eisen indicated that he was looking for an official document that identifies property easements, surveys, boundaries, and restrictions. Eric Morgan – there are some BLM Easements that have been established post transfer. He is not sure that prior Army Right of Ways (ROWs) are all documented. It is likely that not all ROW information

is up to date. Some ROW information is on a BLM Master PLAT and others are recorded with the County. Discussed the possible methods for updating BLM information. All Army easements will ultimately be issued as a ROW.

- Roman Racca asked about the purpose of the technical memorandum. Will it present the same information as the approval memorandum? Beth Flynn stated that the technical memorandums will be used to document the site-specific work plans prior to field operations, and to document results of field work where additional field work is necessary. The approval memorandum will be the final document for approval. It was agreed that the results of field work for a site that fits the Track 1 requirements could be presented as part of the approval memorandum and that a separate technical memorandum would not be necessary. Roman Racca indicated that he will need to walk each of the Track 1 sites and that he will be the approver. The Army will invite DTSC and EPA to walk each of the Track 1 sites.
- The Army will provide a list of sites where no additional work is planned as part of the Work Plan.

#### Public Information Component of the Project

- Gail Youngblood opened the discussion on incorporation of public information for the project.
- The public may be sensitive to the upcoming work and issues related to potential for MEC at open BLM lands. Eric Morgan indicated that regular users understand the issues and the potential for MEC. Non-regular users could get confused with the ESCA area trails being closed while the BLM trails are open. Eric indicated that closure of trails during project could create issues with the users.
- The possibility of a perception issue related to BLM areas remaining open for public use as MEC investigation continues while ESCA site trails have been closed for MEC investigation was discussed. EPA indicated that ESCA sites trails are closed because they are closer to nearby populations, active remediation is ongoing, and heavy equipment is in use. These factors warrant trail closure.
- BLM does not currently have reasons to close trails because no active remediation is occurring. David Eisen wants to prevent misinformation among public.
- Suggested public involvement activities included attending the Trail Users Group that ESCA conducts. A short presentation would be given to let the group know that a plan is being prepared for evaluation of remaining areas of Fort Ord to close the loop and that the work plan would be available for public review. In addition, the topic would be mentioned at the January 2009 CIW and be added to the April 2009 CIW.
- Some short discussion of the public involvement program should be included in the work plan, along with a statement that trail closures are not anticipated at this time, but that temporary closure of areas is possible. Updates and information will be provided to the public as the project proceeds.