

1 May 2020 BCT

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.
 - a. Last 42 days since prior BCT meeting (3/14/2020 – 4/27/2020): 12
 - i. On 3/16/2020, BLM Law Enforcement found evidence of trespass through the Impact Area fence along South Boundary Road. Concertina wire was pushed back; no damage to fence.
 - ii. On 3/23/2020, BRAC staff found evidence of trespass through the Impact Area fence near the Laguna Seca South gate. Concertina wire was cut and pushed aside; no damage to fence.
 - iii. On 3/23/2020, BLM staff found the fence breach hidden behind trees discovered on 3/10/2020 was opened up again.
 - iv. On 3/30/2020, BLM staff found evidence of trespass through the Impact Area fence between the Nowhere and Broadway West gates. The bottom 3 strands of wire and concertina were cut. This is within 100 feet north of trespass incidents on 3/10/2020 and 3/23/2020.
 - v. On 4/15/2020, BLM staff found evidence of trespass through the Impact Area fence along Barloy Canyon Road north of Laguna Seca. The top wire strand was cut.
 - vi. On 4/17/2020, BRAC staff found evidence of trespass through the Impact Area fence near Laguna Seca (between Impossible Canyon South Gate at South Boundary Road and Hugo Gate). The top three wires were loose and were twisted together to make space for access. Same location as similar 3/23/2020 incident.
 - vii. On 4/19/2020, BLM Law Enforcement found evidence of trespass into the Impact Area MRA: fresh bicycle tracks on Impossible Canyon Road near the MOUT site from Wildcat Ridge Rd to Hawkeye Rd. No other tracks observed and no one was found inside the MOUT site.
 - viii. On 4/19/2020 BLM Law Enforcement found evidence of trespass into the Impact Area MRA: fence pushed down just north of the Bitter Gate.
 - ix. On 4/21/2020 BLM Law Enforcement found evidence of trespass into the Impact Area MRA within 2 fence lengths east of the MOUT gate (Impossible Canyon Gate on Eucalyptus Rd). Concertina had been pushed down and footprints were present.
 - x. On 4/24/2020, BRAC staff found evidence of trespass into the Impact Area MRA just south of Bitter Gate. Concertina wire had been pulled up onto the fence t-posts and the ground was dug out to make space to pass under the barbed wire. A baseball cap was found on the ground on the Impact Area side of the fence.
 - xi. On 4/26/2020 at 1558, BLM Law Enforcement found evidence of trespass into the Impact Area MRA near the MOUT. Fresh bicycle tracks were found going up Riso Ridge Road from the MOUT, south of Hawkeye Road. Tracks turned around before Mercury Road. Different tire tread than found on 4/19/2020 on Impossible Canyon Road.
 - xii. On 4/27/2020 BLM Law Enforcement found evidence of trespass into the MOUT site

- and the Impact Area MRA. A trail of fresh footprints led from inside the MOUT site up the hill. Broken vegetation indicated repeated use. A stuffed animal was lying on the ground (wasn't there during last visit on 4/21/2020).
- b. 2020 trespass incidents year to date (1/1/2020 – 4/27/2020): 2
 - i. January: 2 incidents (Impact Area MRA)
 - ii. February: 2 incidents (BLM Area B)
 - iii. March: 10 incidents (Impact Area MRA)
 - iv. April 1-27: 8 incidents (Impact Area MRA)
2. Munitions Incident Reports
- a. Last 42 days since prior BCT meeting (3/14/2020 – 4/27/2020): 2
 - i. On 4/8/2020 a hiker reported finding suspicious metal exposed by recent rains on county trail C-62. BRAC Safety Manager located item and identified it as non-munitions related (pipe cap).
 - ii. On 4/26/2020 University of California Santa Cruz Fort Ord Natural Reserve in Marina found a suspected expended signal illumination flare. BRAC Safety Manager inspected the item and identified it as munitions debris (MD). Item was removed to be scrapped.
 - b. 2020 munitions incidents year to date: 3
3. Security Incidents
- a. On 4/10/2020, BLM Law Enforcement detained an individual who was using a metal detector off-trail in ESCA property north of the CCC Veterans Cemetery (Monterey County jurisdiction). He was in possession of a metal detector, a large sieve, a handheld "pinpoint" metal detector, trowel, and gloves. The individual had collected approximately 20 spent and unspent cartridges and other used ammunition items from the vicinity. BLM Law Enforcement informed him that he was not allowed to use a metal detector in this area due to potential explosive hazard. BLM Law Enforcement collected evidence and forwarded the case to the Monterey County Sheriff's Office. The County was unable to issue a citation on this case.
 - b. On 4/19/2020 BLM received a report from a bicyclist that an individual was metal detecting somewhere on or around the former Travel Camp or East Garrison south of Watkins Gate Road, "on the other side of the barrier." This area is owned by Monterey County so would not be considered a trespass case into Army property. BLM Law Enforcement investigated and no suspects were found.
4. Community Education Participants
- a. 1/1/2020 through 4/24/2020: 0
5. Munitions Recognition and Safety Training Participants
- a. 1/1/2020 through 24 April 2020: 34