

THE FORA ESCA REMEDIATION PROGRAM

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Interim Action Ranges Field Activities

The Interim Action Ranges Munitions Response Area (MRA) falls within the jurisdictional boundaries of Monterey County and a small portion of the City of Seaside. Historically this land was used for military weapons and live-fire training, including mortars, anti-tank rockets, and 40 mm grenades. Army investigations and removal actions took place between 1997 and 2007. Future uses for the Interim Action Ranges will consist of Habitat Reserve and Development, specifically the Monterey Peninsula College Police Officer Training Facility.

The Army and the ESCA RP Team found evidence of sensitively fuzed munitions within the Interim Action Ranges MRA, which has lead to a Design Study approach that is currently being conducted on the MRA. The goal of the Design Study is to determine if additional actions are necessary to meet the objectives of

the Interim Action Record of Decision (ROD) and support a final remedial action decision for the area.

The Design Study activities include digital geophysical mapping (DGM), brush cutting, field investigation using analog and digital equipment, and recovery of items found – some of these activities are illustrated in the site photos above. The Design Study data results have led the ESCA RP Team to conduct additional field investigations in one area as part of the Interim Remedial Actions.

A Habitat Restoration Plan is being developed by the ESCA RP team in coordination with the U.S. Army and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. This plan will be in accordance with the Biological Opinions and the Base Wide Habitat Management Plan and address the restoration requirements in the Interim Action Range MRA. ☞

Recent/Upcoming Meetings and Events

January

11th: Army Community Involvement Workshop
12th: Technical Review Committee
18th: Fort Ord Users Group

February

15th: FORT Friends
25th: Army Open House and Bus Tour

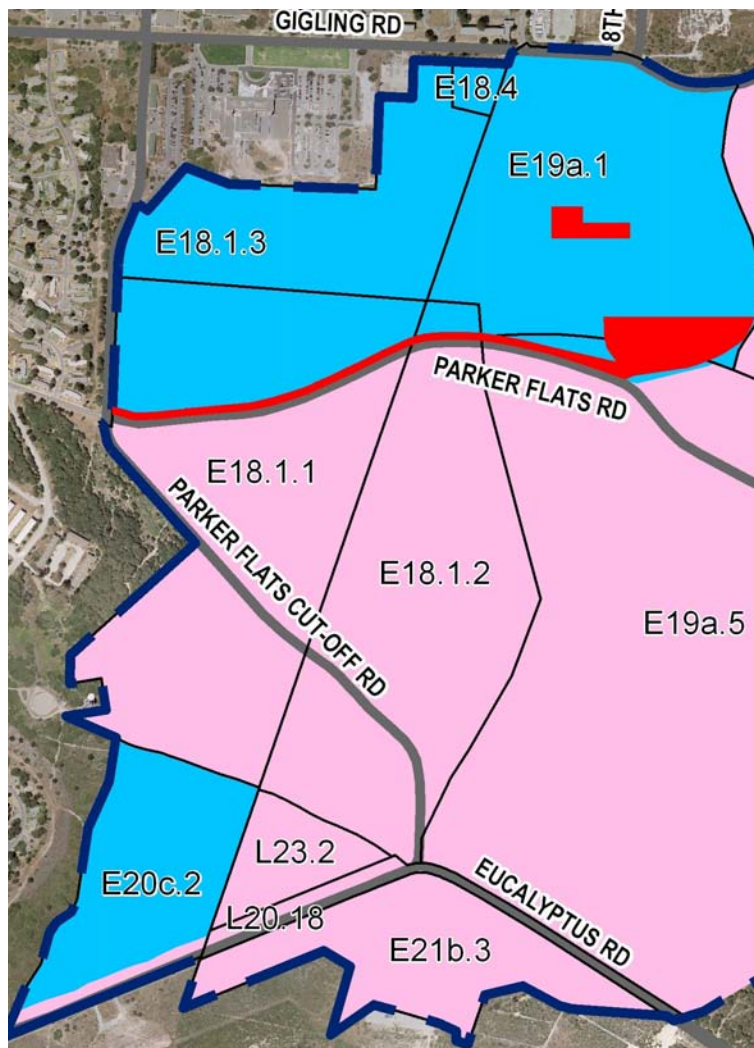
March

21st: Fort Ord Users Group
29th: ESCA Informal Community Workshop

Parker Flats Field Activity Update

The 1,180 acre Parker Flats Munitions Response Area (MRA) is planned for a mix of uses, including 182 acres proposed for future residential reuse. The future residential reuse areas are currently undergoing the Residential Quality Assurance (RQA) process, which was developed under the FORA ESCA Remediation Program to evaluate MEC hazards resulting from historical Army training activities. The goal of the RQA process is to simultaneously be protective of human health and safety (such as recreationalists and future users) as well as to minimize the amount of vegetation removal necessary for intrusive digging and investigation to meet EPA and DTSC regulatory requirements. In the first quarter of 2012, RQA work will be performed along Parker Flats Road and two other areas as shown in the adjacent figure.

At the ESCA Remediation Program September 2011 Informal Community Workshop, the Team provided an in-depth description of the Parker Flats RQA work to date. The RQA Evaluation phase (Level 1) was performed in the future residential reuse areas (see blue areas on the figure) and completed in August 2011. Based on the evaluation, the data indicated that, out of 182 acres, additional investigation is required in 12 acres along and to the north of Parker Flats Road due to the possible historical use of 37mm projectiles, concerns with detection capabilities of original survey instruments, and the discovery of high hazard munitions. These areas, indicated in red, will be addressed with the next RQA phase, Level 2, requiring vegetation removal and further investigation. On the remaining 170 acres (identified in blue) no remedial action or vegetation removal will be necessary. ☞



Join Us for An Informal Community Workshop March 29th

The FORA ESCA Remediation Program is holding an Informal Community Workshop Thursday, March 29th beginning at 6 PM at the Bridge Center.

We encourage everyone to come out and learn about the various aspects of the ESCA. Our team of experts will be on hand to answer your questions. Please check our website: www.fora-esca-rp.com and Facebook page for updates.

See you in March!

April

11th: Army Community Involvement Workshop

12th: Technical Review Committee

18th & 19th: Sea Otter Classic

KEEPING IT SAFE

Maintaining safety for the public and the unexploded ordnance technicians is a top priority for the FORA ESCA RP team. To help ensure safety, public access onto ESCA lands is restricted. Vehicle entrance is for official ESCA business only. You can easily recognize an official ESCA vehicle by the decals.

Army personnel, BLM workers and volunteers, utility workers, surveyors, event organizers (such as the Sea Otter Classic and Fort Ord Mud Run), and others may apply for vehicle access permits in order to access ESCA property, but note that permits are issued at the discretion of FORA.

Because portions of the ESCA property are restricted, Access Corridors have been established for recreationalists and private citizens to traverse ESCA property onto BLM trails. More information on Access Corridors and BLM trails can be found on the following websites: www.fora-escarp.com and www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/hollister/maps_hollister.html

Please contact the FORA ESCA offices at esca@fora.org or the ESCA hotline at 831-883-3506. Be ready to provide the following information with your request:

- Event and/or organization information
- Reason for requesting a permit
- Date(s) you will need the permit

Vehicle access permits must be prominently displayed on the dashboard at all times. If you see a vehicle on ESCA property without the required permit, or without the visible decal on the vehicle, for your safety, do not intervene. Note the vehicle location and contact FORA right away at the contact information above. ☒

Looking Forward to 2012

2012 is starting out as a busy year for the FORA ESCA RP team. In January we participated in the Army's first Community Involvement Workshop (CIW) of the year. On March 29th we invite you to learn about the progress of the ESCA Remediation Program at the ESCA Informal Community Workshop. It's been five years since the ESCA project started – see what has been accomplished during that time! Please check the project website (www.fora-escarp.com) and our Facebook page for updates on this event.

In April you will find us once again at the Sea Otter Classic. This is a wonderful regional event for locals and visitors alike. Most likely we will be sharing a booth again with our friends from BLM. We'll also be participating in the Army's April CIW.

The end of June we will participate in the Army's Open House and Bus Tour. Visit the Army's website for further details: www.fortordcleanup.com. Mid-August will find us at the Army's last CIW of 2012. The summer season wraps up, over Labor Day weekend, at the Monterey County Fair with a booth containing FORA ESCA Remediation Program displays and information.

In September we'll be hosting another ESCA Informal Community Workshop. Be sure to come by and learn about current ESCA activities. October we traditionally participate in the Marina Air Faire and encourage everyone to come out for BLM's Make a Difference Day.

Two Proposed Plan public meetings are scheduled for 2012. The first will address Military Operations in Urban Terrain (MOUT), Laguna Seca, and Del Rey Oaks (DRO)/Monterey Munitions Response Areas (MRAs). The second Proposed Plan public meeting will address the CSUMB Off-Campus MRA. Check the project website (www.fora-escarp.com) and our Facebook page for meeting updates.

As always we will continue to host FORA Users Group Meetings every other month starting in January and FORT Friends meetings every other month beginning in February.

Remaining connected to our local community and gathering public input is central to the Community Involvement Outreach Plan for the FORA ESCA Remediation Program. Please come out and see us at events, participate in our meetings, or simply stop by the office with questions. We want to hear from you! ☒



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To find out more about the Environmental Services Cooperative Agreement (ESCA), or to request that you be added to our database, please send an email to esca@fora.org or visit the ESCA website at www.fora-esca-rp.com



2012 Project Document Schedule

- Final Group 3 RI/FS Report, Del Rey Oaks/Monterey, Laguna Seca Parking, Military Operations in Urban Terrain (MOUT) Site MRAs
Targeted Release: March 2012
- Draft Technical Information Paper, Phase II Parker Flats MRA
Targeted Release: March 2012
- Draft Final ESCA RQA Process Pilot Study Technical Information Paper, CSUMB Off-Campus MRA
Targeted Release: March 2012
- Draft Final Group 2 RI/FS Report, CSUMB Off-Campus MRA
Targeted Release: March 2012
- Final Group 2 RI/FS Report, CSUMB Off-Campus MRA
Targeted Release: Summer 2012
- Group 3 Proposed Plan, Del Rey Oaks/Monterey, Laguna Seca Parking, Military Operations in Urban Terrain (MOUT) Site MRAs
Targeted Release: Summer 2012

FORA ESCA RP documents can be viewed or downloaded at www.fora-esca-rp.com or the BRAC Office, Building 4463 Gigling Road, Ord Military Community. For viewing hours contact the Administrative Record coordinator at (831) 393-9186.

* The above document timeframes are based upon agency work schedules and therefore subject to change. For the most current information please contact FORA's ESCA hotline at (831) 883-3506 or send an email to esca@fora.org.

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