

## **Signage Increased on ESCA Property: ESCA Access Corridors Remain the Same**

FORA, at the request of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), is increasing signage throughout the ESCA properties. There will be NO CHANGE to the existing Access Corridors. The approved accessible areas remain the same as when the Access Corridors were put in place in 2008. The goal of the increased signage is to clearly mark Access Corridors and closed trails so there is no question as to the areas the public can use.

In the coming days crews will be installing new kiosks with updated maps and new and increased signage at trailheads, pathways, and active remediation sites throughout the ESCA property. These signs are designed to guide recreationalists onto approved Access Corridors, designate closed areas and trails, and identify active munitions remediation sites.

Access is restricted on munitions remediation sites for a number of reasons, but the most important is for your safety. As munitions remediation activities dictate, FORA may need to temporarily close Access Corridors for the protection of the public and workers. FORA will announce temporary access corridor closures via Facebook, the FORA ESCA Remediation Program website [[www.fora-esca-rp.com](http://www.fora-esca-rp.com)], email, and the ESCA Bulletins. Such closures will be clearly marked in the field with signage.

Adherence to these restrictions is not a choice; it is mandatory for safety reasons. Trespassing puts one at risk and is an enforceable violation. On lands where past live fire training occurred, munitions can be found anytime, anywhere. This is no small matter to FORA, the Army, EPA or DTSC. All four public agencies are united in their efforts to cleanup up the former Fort Ord all the while maintaining public safety.

\*Previous ESCA Bulletins can be viewed at: [www.fora-esca-rp.com/daily-bulletins.html](http://www.fora-esca-rp.com/daily-bulletins.html)