

THE FORA ESCA REMEDIATION PROGRAM

the future of Fort Ord



SAFETY FIRST!

Many former Fort Ord lands, now utilized for outdoor recreation, previously were vital US Army training areas/ranges. Portions of these lands are known and/or suspected to contain military munitions and explosives of concern (MEC), including unexploded ordnance (UXO) and discarded military munitions (DMM). These explosive hazards have been located both on and below the ground's surface.

Recognizing these MEC items is important in maintaining safety. Munitions/MEC can come in many shapes and sizes; they can look like pointed pipes, soda cans, baseballs, car mufflers or necklace beads. Munitions may look new or old, may be found individually or in groups, and can be located in many places on the former Fort Ord.

Munitions may be partially or completely hidden by vegetation, dirt, or debris. If you encounter or even suspect that you have encountered munitions, never, under any circumstance, touch, move, or disturb the item. A good rule of thumb to follow: IF YOU DIDN'T DROP IT, DON'T PICK IT UP! Remember the 3R's of explosives safety:

RECOGNIZE: Recognize when you may have encountered a munition.

RETREAT: Do not touch, move, or disturb, but carefully leave the area the way you entered.
IF YOU DIDN'T DROP IT, DON'T PICK IT UP!

REPORT: Call 911. Immediately notify local law enforcement of what you saw and where you saw it.

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Recent/Upcoming Meetings and Events

January

12th: Army Community Involvement Workshop
13th: Technical Review Committee
19th: Fort Ord Users Working Group

February

26th: Army Open House & Bus Tour

March

17th: ESCA Informal Community Workshop
23rd: Fort Ord Users Working Group

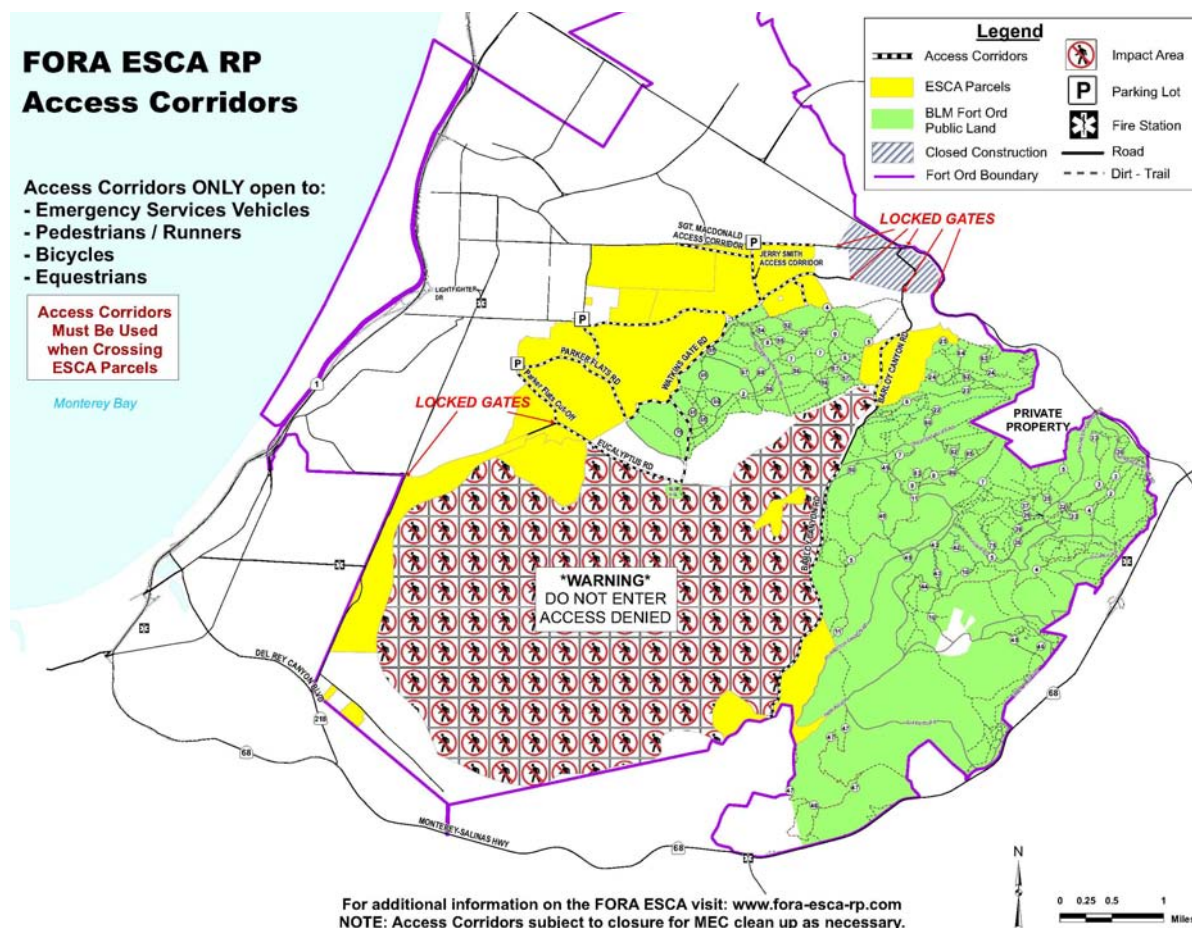
RECREATIONAL ACCESS CORRIDORS

FORA, in concert with Emergency Service Providers and the Fort Ord Users Working Group, developed a series of temporary routes to enable recreational users to access Bureau of Land Management (BLM) property. Coordination between the ESCA RP Team and regulators expedited the adoption of these temporary access routes. The map below identifies current access corridors and gate closures. The black and white dotted lines indicate access corridors, which are only open to recreational users and emergency service providers (closed to motor vehicle traffic).

While former Fort Ord munitions fieldwork is underway, site access through ESCA properties, for recreational users including bikers, hikers, equestrian, local community members, CSUMB students and staff, and others may be restricted in certain areas. FORA, as the ESCA property owner until property transfer to local jurisdictions, requests that the public adhere to posted restrictions for their safety. During this time, while munitions remediation is not yet complete, all restrictions will be enforced.

Signs indicating closures and restrictions are located throughout the ESCA properties.

Access Corridor maps are posted on FORA kiosks at the following trailheads: 1) 8th Avenue and Gigling Road; 2) Inter-Garrison Road and Schoonover Drive; and 3) Parker Flats Cut-off and Parker Flats Road. For current access and work area information please call the FORA Hotline 831-883-3506 or visit: www.fora-esca-rp.com.



April

13th: Army Community Involvement Workshop
14th: Technical Review Committee
14th & 15th: Sea Otter Classic

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When reporting suspected MEC, provide the following safely visible information: the location of the munitions item and a general description including approximate size, shape, and readily visible markings. Do not approach or handle the item.

Munitions Are Not Collectibles

Unfortunately, munitions are a popular, but unsafe souvenir. Collecting munitions as souvenirs poses a safety risk to you, your family, and your friends. Taking munitions for a keepsake presents an immediate and real danger, as they can jeopardize the safety of your family and friends in the home environment. Munitions are volatile and can become less stable over time.

The record shows that many adults and children have been injured, sometimes fatally, as a result of coming into contact or tampering with munitions. Should you or your family have a munitions souvenir, even if it has been in the family for years, it is still a hazard. Help to protect your friends, neighbors and family by calling 911. ❧

What's Your Sign?

Safety is FORA's primary concern. Once work begins in ESCA Munitions Response Areas (MRAs), FORA may limit trail access for the protection of the public and workers. You can help! Adhere to signs on roadways and trailheads indicating closed trails or limited access. Protect yourself by staying out of areas marked with warning signs or identified as restricted. By doing so, you will avoid areas known or suspected of containing munitions or where active munitions fieldwork is occurring. ❧



Questions & Answers

Q: How long will the Access Corridors be used?

A: The Access Corridors are temporary while FORA owns the property and munitions remediation is occurring. Once munitions remediation is complete and the land is transferred to the future landowner, it will be up to the landowner to determine access. The Fort Ord Recreation Trails Friends (FORT Friends), is working with current and future landowners for long term recreational trail access design.

Q: What are the requirements for a community person to obtain a Vehicle Access Permit to drive on ESCA properties?

A: Vehicle permits are only issued to personnel driving through ESCA properties on official business (i.e., FORA, ESCA RP Team, Army, BLM staff and volunteers, and event organizers) and will include specific information on the permit such as event time, date, and expiration time/date for use of permit. Signs have been posted on ESCA roads advising when Vehicle Access Permits are needed. For specific permit requirements, contact FORA at 831-883-3506 or esca@fora.org.

Q: I'm planning an outing that will take me through some of the trails on the ESCA properties. Are there any precautions I should take?

A: The same safety precautions one would take on a hike or bike ride through the wilderness should be observed when on the ESCA Access Corridors. At a minimum, be sure to dress appropriately for the weather and carry water, something to eat (such as an energy bar), sunscreen, a hat, a map, and a cell phone in the event of an emergency. Please also adhere to restrictions on the property. Safety is one of FORA's primary concerns; please do not wander off marked access corridors. The former Fort Ord is home to many wild animals, including a small mountain lion population. In the rare event you encounter a mountain lion, don't approach the animal. Most mountain lions avoid confrontation. Give them a way to escape. For more information on what to do when in the presence of wild animals, the California Department of Fish and Game provides detailed information at www.dfg.ca.gov/keepmewild/. ❧



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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



2011 Project Document Schedule

- Draft Final Phase II Interim Action Work Plan, Interim Action Ranges MRA
Targeted Release: Early March 2011
- Final Phase II Interim Action Work Plan, Interim Action Ranges MRA
Targeted Release: Mid-April 2011
- Draft Final Group 3 RI/FS Report, Del Rey Oaks/ Monterey, Laguna Seca Parking, Military Operations in Urban Terrain (MOUT) Site MRAs
Released: February 8, 2011
- Final Group 3 RI/FS Report, Del Rey Oaks/ Monterey, Laguna Seca Parking, Military Operations in Urban Terrain (MOUT) Site MRAs
Targeted Release: March 2011
- Draft Final Technical Information Paper, Phase II Seaside MRA Outside Roadway Alignment and Utility Corridor
Released: February 14, 2011
- Final Technical Information Paper, Phase II Seaside MRA Outside Roadway Alignment and Utility Corridor
Targeted Release: Early April 2011
- Draft Technical Information Paper, Phase II Parker Flats MRA
Targeted Release: Early April 2011
- Draft Final Group 2 RI/FS Report, CSUMB Off-Campus MRA
Targeted Release: Early May 2011
- Final Group 2 RI/FS Report, CSUMB Off-Campus MRA
Targeted Release: Late June 2011

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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