

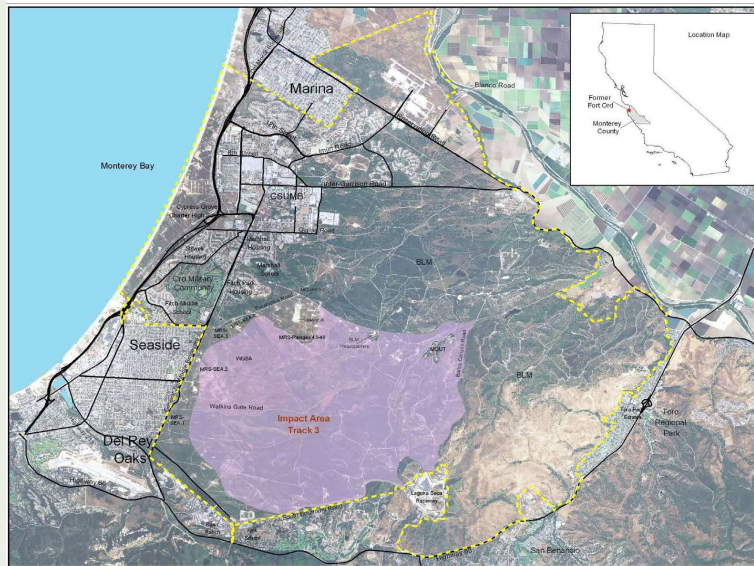
Case Study: Fort Ord



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Fort Ord



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Fort Ord

- ◆ **Started in 1917 as a horse garrison, closed in 1994, training and staging for infantry troops (7th Infantry)**
- ◆ **27,827 acres/12,000 acres are known or suspected to contain MEC**
- ◆ **Types of MEC: artillery projectiles, rockets, hand grenades, practice land mines, pyrotechnic bombs, and demolition materials**
- ◆ **Reuse: 3 Es—Economy, Education, Environment**
 - » Fort Ord won the 2020 Excellence in Site Reuse Award in the BRAC NPL category.
- ◆ **Privatized cleanup**
 - » In 2007, Army funded Fort Ord Reuse Authority to conduct MEC cleanup on 3,340 acres. Cleanup was completed in 2020. Land use controls implementation is ongoing.



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Impact Area Munitions Response Area

- ◆ **6,560 Acres**
- ◆ **Part of the Fort Ord National Monument**
- ◆ **Threatened and Endangered Species**
 - » Central Maritime Chaparral
- ◆ **Final Record of Decision Signed in 2008**
 - » Prescribed Burns/Vegetation Cutting
 - » Technology Aided Surface MEC Remediation
 - » Subsurface Remediation in Select Areas (roads and trails)
 - » Institutional Controls
 - › Land use controls, constructions support, access controls, habitat management
 - » Digital survey post cleanup



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Why Prescribed Burns - Habitat



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Why Prescribed Burns - Safety



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Fuel Break Cutting



The image shows two side-by-side photographs of a landscape. The left photograph, labeled 'Before', shows a dirt road winding through a dense, green brushland. The right photograph, labeled 'After', shows the same area after a fuel break cutting, with a large section of the brushland cleared, revealing brown soil. The EPA logo is in the bottom left corner, and the text '3a-7' is in the bottom right corner.

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Prescribed Burn Video

- ◆ Fort Ord prescribed burns (47 sec) Published on Oct 5, 2017
- ◆ <https://youtu.be/qCkB36OeGJ4>

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Prescribed Burn Before and After



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Analog Detection and MEC Removal



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Digital Geophysical Mapping



Towed Digital Geophysical Mapping



Manual Digital Geophysical Mapping



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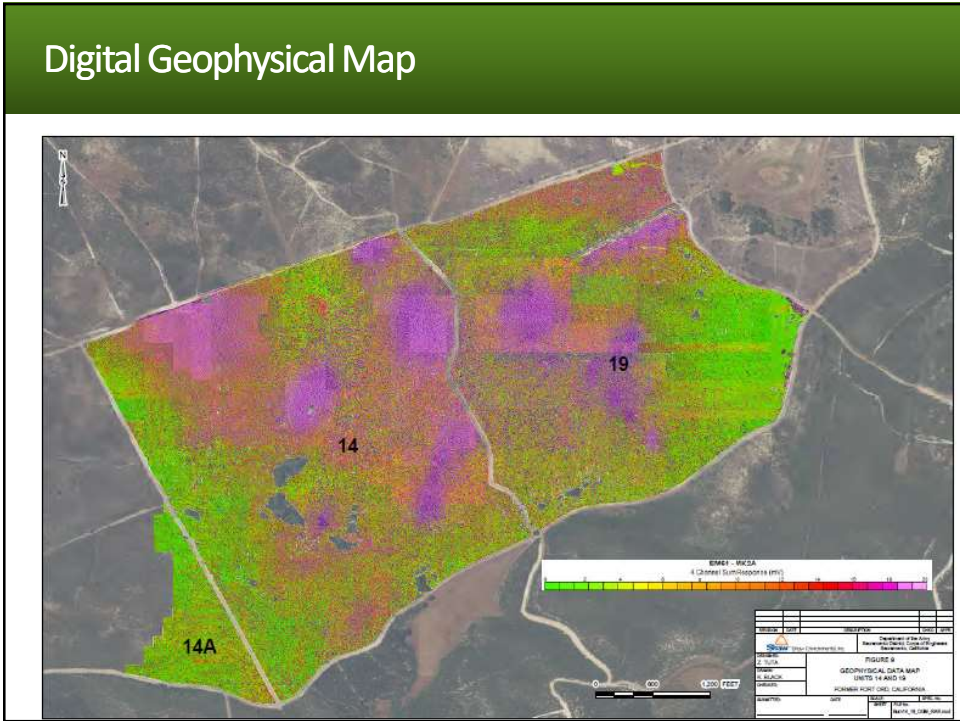
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Metal Mapper (DGM)



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Types of UXO Found



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Institutional Controls, Education, and Outreach

◆ Institutional Controls

- » Land Use Restrictions
- » Access Restrictions
 - › Signage and Fencing
- » Construction Support
 - › MEC Recognition and Safety Training
 - <http://18.188.218.43/>
 - › Helicopter for future habitat management

◆ Education and Outreach

- » School outreach
- » Outreach at public events
- » Saturday open houses and bus tours



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Mind the Signs

NOTICE
ROADS AND TRAILS
TEMPORARILY CLOSED AHEAD
 Fort Ord National Monument
 Munitions Cleanup



For more information:
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www.fortordcleanup.com/programs/blm-area-b/

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DANGER PELIGRO

EXPLOSIVES AREA
 KEEP OUT BY ORDER OF THE COMMANDER
AREA DE EXPLOSIVOS
 MANTENGASE AFUERA POR ORDEN DEL COMANDANTE

TRESPASSERS WILL BE PROSECUTED
INTRUSOS SERAN PROCESADOS

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 43 C.F.R. § 8364.1 (d)
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NO TRESPASSING
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Examples of Outreach Material

CALL 911



TO REPORT UXO


STOP!
DON'T TOUCH



UXO
CAN HURT OR KILL



REMEMBER the 3 Rs



of UXO Safety!



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Cleanup Status:

- ◆ **Estimated remedial completion in 2030**

- ◆ **Items recovered:**

- » BRAC
 - › 78,982 MEC items recovered
 - 12,106 high explosive items
 - › 300+ type of munitions found to date
- » Privatized cleanup – completed all investigations
 - › 4,900+ munitions items recovered
 - › 50,000 lbs of munitions debris recovered
 - › 150,000 cubic yards soil sifted
 - › 115,000 lbs Army cultural debris removed



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Lessons Learned (So Far . . .)

- ◆ **Munitions cleanup is resource intensive.**
- ◆ **In many cases long-term efforts are required (LUCs/ICs/5YRs).**
- ◆ **Collaboration and innovative thinking is key.**
- ◆ **Local knowledge and perspectives are important.**



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Questions?

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