

# Camp Bonneville Cleanup Update



## Camp Bonneville Listening Session

Online Zoom webinar  
January 19, 2022  
6:00 p.m.

Registration link:

<https://tinyurl.com/29v7n7zk>

## Site information

<https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=11670>

Facility Site ID: 69965472  
Site Cleanup ID: 11670

## Document review locations

Vancouver Community Library  
901 C Street  
Vancouver, WA 98660  
Phone: 360-906-5000  
Hours: Fri – Mon 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.;  
Tue – Thurs 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Department of Ecology  
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Lacey, WA 98503  
Phone: 360-407-7224  
(by appointment)

## Join us for a listening session!

Ecology will host an online listening session on January 19, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Our goal is to hear your concerns, thoughts, and questions about completed and upcoming cleanup activities. Ecology staff will share a brief background on the work at Camp Bonneville, updates on activities since the last comment period, and will be available to answer questions and hear your comments. To register for the listening session, visit Ecology's Camp Bonneville webpage or <https://tinyurl.com/29v7n7zk>.

This listening session will be hosted online to provide broad access to people interested in activities at Camp Bonneville. Ecology continues to follow public health guidance to limit in-person gatherings.

## Site background

Camp Bonneville is a former military training camp in southwest Washington. Spanning 3,840 acres, the U.S. Army owned and operated Camp Bonneville for firing range practice and training from 1910 to 1995. Environmental cleanup has been underway at Camp Bonneville for over 20 years. The cleanup aims to prevent exposure to military munitions and other hazardous substances and prepare a portion of the site for reuse as a public park. Following a 2012 legal agreement, Clark County conducts the cleanup work, Ecology ensures that work follows cleanup standards, and the Department of Defense funds the work. In 2006, the Department of Defense transferred the Camp Bonneville deed to Clark County, under the condition that the site is reused as a park and conservation area.

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Clark County and Ecology will develop a plan for long-term operation and maintenance for all the cleanup areas at Camp Bonneville with safe public access in mind. Ecology is working closely with Clark County to support the planned future land use of the site and ensure a successful transition when cleanup is complete.

### Cleanup at Camp Bonneville

Ecology's goal for cleanup at Camp Bonneville is to manage risk and to protect people and the environment from contamination and historic military weapons and ammunition. Some strategies used at Camp Bonneville include:

- Removing contaminated soil
- Removing sources of further contamination
- Capping contaminated soil with a thick layer of clean soil
- Removing munitions from the surface of the ground or from the top 14 inches of the soil

In some cases, such as when a building or firing range is in active use in a contaminated area, contamination is not completely removed or treated. In those cases, the cleanup work focuses on preventing exposure to contamination rather than removing it.

Remains of military weapons and ammunition are still present in some areas of the site. This was recognized during the cleanup design, which carefully considered public safety and risk. In order to support visitors in accessing the site safely once it's a park, the cleanup plans will limit public access in certain areas, and they will require park rangers with munitions knowledge, and educational materials to support visitors in following safety protocols.

Today, nearly all of the cleanup work at Camp Bonneville is complete and is consistent with the state and federal cleanup regulations that were developed to protect people and the environment.

### Next steps

#### Ecology's final Camp Bonneville comment period is coming soon

We are nearing the end of our cleanup work at Camp Bonneville! In 2022, we expect to invite the public to comment on a Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study for groundwater at Landfill 4/Demolition Area 1. This work is currently the final step in cleanup decisions for the site.

#### Transitioning to Clark County's leadership

As cleanup activities at the site are completed, Ecology's active management of cleanup at Camp Bonneville will come to a

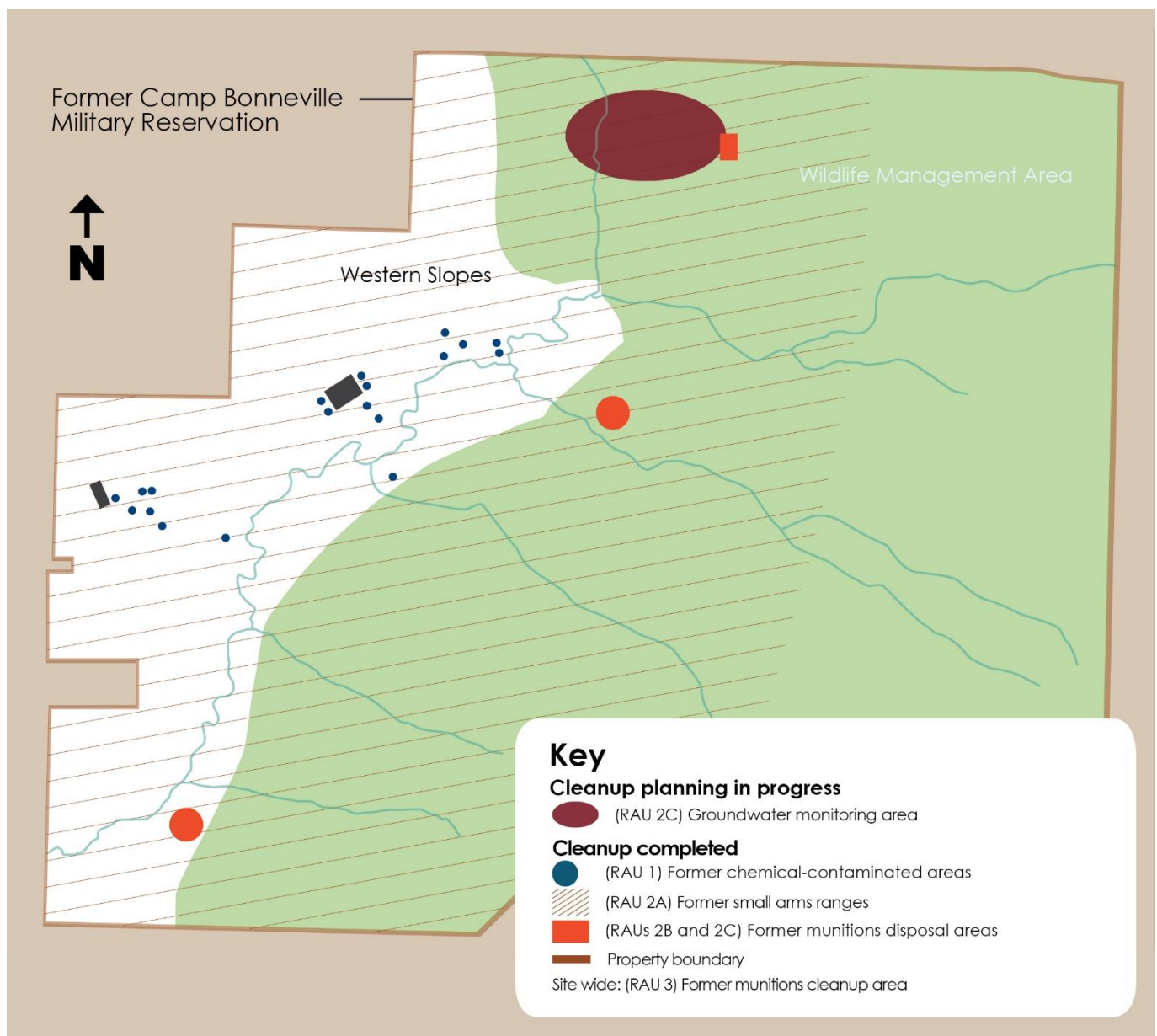


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close. We will continue to oversee Clark County’s development of long-term operations and maintenance plans and regular site inspections to ensure the cleanup protects people and the environment from exposure to contamination remaining on the site. The public will have an opportunity to review the long-term operations and maintenance plans for the site.

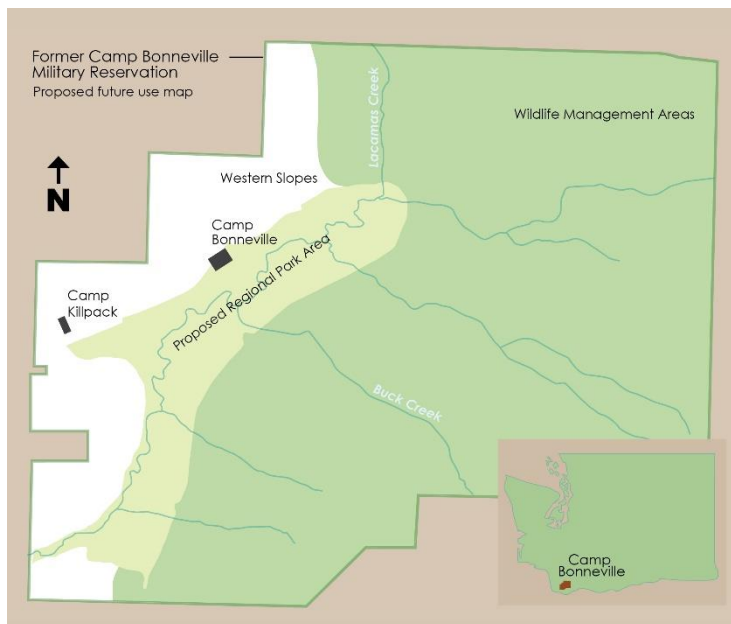
Future activities at Camp Bonneville will be determined by Clark County and their long-range planning for the site. While some part of Camp Bonneville will be off limits to the public forever, a significant part of the property will be used as a wildlife management area and the Central Valley Area will become the primary area used as a park. Future planning efforts will consider the feasibility and appropriateness of different activities, including recreation areas include sports fields and RV, tent, and yurt camping.

## Camp Bonneville site map



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## Camp Bonneville Cleanup Site



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Ecology staff will present a short overview of work at Camp Bonneville and an update about recent cleanup work since our last comment period.

Join us to share your comments! We will work to hear from as many people as we can, and answer questions as possible.