

Cleanup Documents Available for Public Review and Comment

Ecology Wants Your Input!

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) is asking for your comments on two new documents for the Camp Bonneville Military Reservation site. The purpose of this fact sheet is to provide information about new cleanup work planned for the Central Impact Target Area (CITA) of Remedial Action Unit 3 (RAU 3), background information about Camp Bonneville and the CITA, and how you can submit your comments.

Camp Bonneville is generally located five miles northeast of the city of Vancouver, in Clark County, Washington.

You are invited to

- **Review** the draft Interim Action Work Plan for RAU 3 CITA.
- **Review** the proposed State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Determination of Non-Significance.

Send your comments to Ecology for consideration. Comments will be accepted *May 28 through June 29, 2009*. See the box on the right for details about where to review documents and submit comments.

Site Background

Camp Bonneville is almost 4,000 acres of forested land previously owned by the U.S. Army and leased from the State Department of Natural Resources. It was used from 1910 to 1995 for firing range practice, after which all military operations ended. In 2006, the site underwent an Early Transfer Process. This process involved a temporary transfer of facility ownership to the Bonneville Conservation Restoration and Renewal Team (BCRRT) to manage the cleanup. The BCRRT will maintain temporary ownership of the facility while it investigates contamination and conducts cleanup. Ecology will determine when the facility meets state cleanup requirements, after which point, ownership will be transferred back to Clark County for use as a park and wilderness conservation area.

Comments Accepted

May 28 – June 29, 2009

Submit Comments and Technical Questions to:

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Vancouver Mall Public Library
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Washington State University Vancouver
14204 NE Salmon Creek Avenue
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WA Department of Ecology
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Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Website
http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/camp_bonneville/camp_bonneville_hp.htm

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CITA Background

The Central Impact Target Area (CITA) is the former primary artillery target area at Camp Bonneville. It covers approximately 465 acres in the middle of RAU 3. Some shrubs and munitions and explosives of concern (MEC) have been removed from the surface around the perimeter of the CITA, and the 5-strand barbed wire fence has been repaired for safety purposes during the cleanup.

Overview of the Draft Interim Action Work Plan

The draft Interim Action Work Plan describes the next steps for cleanup within the CITA. It describes the procedures that will be used to remove vegetation, surface and subsurface MEC, and munitions debris (MD) from a 200-foot by 200-foot grid centered on 15 “hard targets” (old vehicles and appliances). These 15 areas are shown in the figure on page 3. The hard targets will be dismantled and recycled as scrap metal before MEC removal begins. The actions detailed in the work plan meet the requirements of Washington State’s Model Toxics Cleanup Act (MTCA).

The following actions will be completed within the CITA:

- Remove vegetation from approximately ten-foot wide access roads and from within a 200-foot by 200-foot grid centered on each hard target.
- Remove surface and subsurface (to 14 inches below ground surface) MEC and MD from approximately 10-foot-wide access roads leading to hard targets.
- Remove surface and subsurface (to frost depth of 14 inches below ground surface) MEC and MD from within a 200-foot by 200-foot grid centered on each hard target. In addition, an approximately 3-foot area around any surface or subsurface irregularity will be investigated.

- Move “hard targets” to the MD storage area for dismantling and recycling.

Excavations resulting from the MEC and MC removal will be left unfilled until Ecology has verified and approved that the hazard has been removed. The MEC contractor will address and dispose of all MEC hazards by moving them to an approved storage location or detonating them in place using approved MEC disposal procedures.

Information about all discovered MEC items will be mapped and recorded in a Geographical Information Systems (GIS) database.

Proposed SEPA Threshold Determination

Ecology completed a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) checklist and has proposed a Determination of Non-Significance. Ecology determined that the draft interim cleanup action in RAU 3 will not have significant adverse environmental impacts. These documents are available for review through Ecology’s website, the public library, or the BCRRT [contact Mike Gage at (360) 566-6990].

What Happens Next?

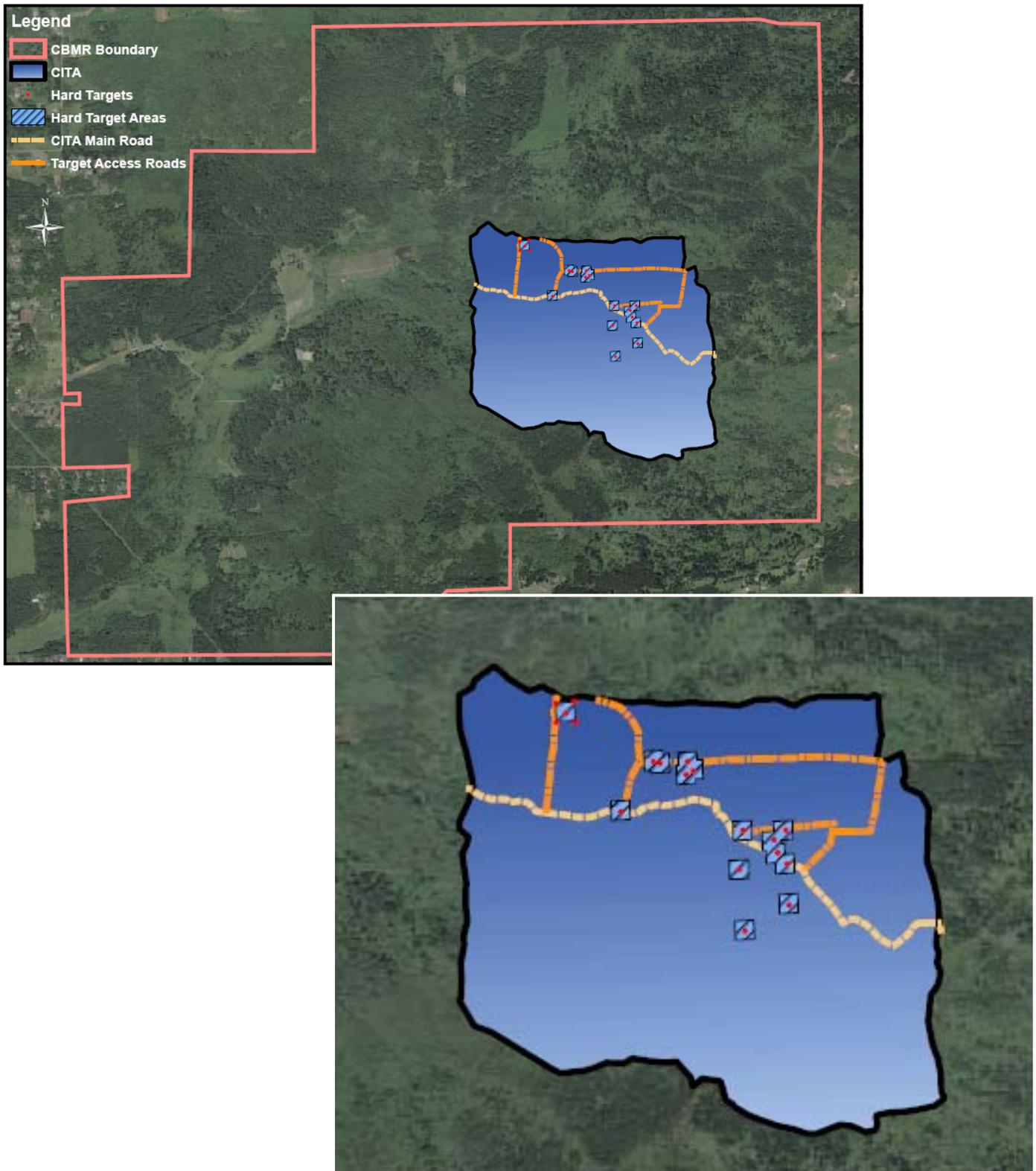
Once the public comment period ends, Ecology will review and consider all comments that have been received. The draft Interim Action Work Plan may be modified based upon your comments.

As future documents on the site are developed, you will be notified of additional public comment periods.

For information about other Ecology public comment periods, meetings, workshops, hearings, and open houses, please visit Ecology’s public events calendar at: <http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/pubcalendar/calendar.asp>

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Vegetation, and surface and subsurface MEC and MD, will be removed from 10-foot wide access roads and from 200-foot by 200-foot grids centered on fifteen (15) hard targets. (Map Source: MKM Engineers, April 2009)

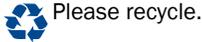


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What can you do?

- 1.** Read about the cleanup in this handout.
- 2.** To get more detailed information, review the supporting documents at the locations listed on the back page.
- 3.** Write down your comments and questions. Send them to the Department of Ecology at the address shown on the back page.

We appreciate your comments and concerns. *Thank you.*



Camp Bonneville Military Reservation, Clark County, WA

Ecology Seeks Public Comment on Draft Site Investigation Documents

**Public Comment Period:
May 28 through June 29, 2009**

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