

DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Implementation of Emergency Actions for Camp Bonneville, Washington

Description of proposal:

The Proposed Action is to conduct specific emergency actions as described in the Prospective Purchaser Consent Decree (PPCD), to be overseen by the Washington Department of Ecology pursuant to the Model Toxics Control Act, to enable the cleanup and ultimate reuse of the Property made available by the closure of Camp Bonneville. Specifically, the PPCD requires the implementation of emergency actions related to the investigation and cleanup of Property. Emergency actions have been outlined for the purposes of completion of the SEPA Environmental Checklist.

The Property referenced in this Determination of Non-significance (DNS) is the 3,020 acres of Army-owned property and 820 acres of property the Army leases from the Washington Department of Natural Resources.

The Proposed Action is the implementation of emergency actions to restrict access to the Property during investigation and cleanup activities (remedial actions) and reducing the threat to human health and safety associated with military munitions and other contamination. Maintenance activities similar to the emergency actions have been ongoing at the Property, but have not occurred in the last few years due to the closure and transfer activities. Emergency actions involve the clearing of brush and surface clearing of Munitions and Explosives of Concern (MEC) within 30 feet of the interior of the Property perimeter and Central Impact Target Area (CITA); the repair of the Camp Bonneville perimeter fence; the repair of the CITA fence; and the installation of signage on the fence at 50-foot intervals. These clearing and repair activities apply to approximately 60,000 feet of perimeter fence (clearing area ~ 14 acres) and 19,000 feet of CITA fence (clearing area ~ 4 acres).

Proponent: Clark County Department of Public Works

Location of proposal, including street address, if any:

Camp Bonneville is located on the western slopes of the Cascade Mountains in the Lacamas Creek Valley in Clark County, Washington, approximately 15 miles northeast of Portland, Oregon, and approximately 10 miles east of Vancouver, Washington. The installation occupies approximately 3,840 acres in sections 34 and 35, Township 3 North, Range 3 East, and sections 1, 2, 3 and 10, Township 2 North, Range 3 East.

Lead agency: Washington State Department of Ecology

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that this proposal does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030 (2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date below. Comments must be submitted by August 23, 2006.

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