



# Camp Bonneville

## Military Reservation Cleanup

April 2006

Public Comment  
Period:  
April 5 - May 5

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Public Hearing:  
April 19, 2006

- 5:00 - 6:00 Open House
  - 6:00 - 7:30 Public Meeting
  - 7:30 - 8:30 Public Hearing
- The Marshall House  
1301 Officer's Row  
Vancouver, WA 98661

To review documents:

Vancouver Public Library/  
Vancouver Mall  
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Suite 285  
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Contact Ben Forson to schedule  
an appointment

Ecology's Web site:  
[http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/camp\\_bonneville/camp\\_bonneville\\_hp.htm](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/camp_bonneville/camp_bonneville_hp.htm)

## Washington State Department of Ecology Invites Public Comment on Legal Agreement with Clark County

Ecology invites you to comment on the Prospective Purchaser Consent Decree (Decree) for the cleanup of the Camp Bonneville Military Reservation.

The comment period on the Decree extends through May 5, 2006. Ecology staff will be present to answer questions about the cleanup at Camp Bonneville during an informal open house and during the public meeting portion of the evening. A public hearing will be conducted to receive formal public testimony on the Decree. Ecology will review all written public comments and oral testimony on the draft and will modify the document, as appropriate.

## Cleanup and Land Transfer

Ecology proposes to enter into a Decree with Clark County and the Bonneville Conservation and Restoration Trust (BCRT, a contractor team). The Decree outlines the process and schedule for cleanup activities at the site. In addition, the Army is proposing to transfer the portion of Camp Bonneville it owns to Clark County. After the transfer, the site will undergo the cleanup and further investigation required by the Decree prior to being redeveloped as a park and wilderness conservation area.

The Army will pay for Clark County and the BCRT to conduct the cleanup through an Environmental Services Cooperative Agreement (ESCA) grant. The Army will also provide an opportunity for public comment on the Finding of Suitability for Early Transfer (FOSET), which describes the current conditions of the property and the reasons why Camp Bonneville is suitable for transfer. Ecology must concur with the FOSET in order for the transfer to occur. Governor Gregoire will make the final decision regarding transfer.

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please contact Ecology at (306) 407-7170 (voice) or 1-800-833-6388 or 711 (TTY).



## Upcoming Opportunities to Comment

### ► Cleanup Action Plan (CAP)

After the Decree is signed and entered in Court, a CAP will be written by the County's contractor and the public will be invited to comment on the draft document when it is completed later this year. The CAP will describe the selected cleanup action, and specify the necessary cleanup standards and any other requirements of site remediation.

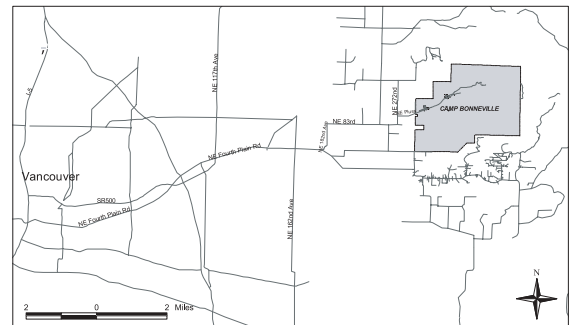


## What is Camp Bonneville?

Camp Bonneville Military Reservation is located in Clark County approximately five miles east of Vancouver City limits and seven miles north of the Columbia River. The Army owns 3,020 acres of the camp, and leases 820 acres from the State Department of Natural Resources. The camp was used from 1910 to 1995 for troop training, ammunition storage, and firing range practice. In 1995, the camp was officially closed and all active military operations ceased.



During its history as an active military training facility, various military ammunitions were stored, used, and disposed of at the site. This resulted in unexploded ordnance being located on the site. These operations also resulted in the release of hazardous substances which caused some soil and groundwater contamination. Ecology issued an Enforcement Order under the state's cleanup law to the Army in 2003 for the Camp Bonneville cleanup.



## What Contamination Has Been Found?

Soil contaminants include petroleum products, lead, pesticides, and volatile organic chemicals. Soil and groundwater contaminants include volatile organic chemicals and explosive chemicals, such as perchlorate and RDX. Unexploded ordnance has also been found at some locations. Details regarding the contamination are provided at the Ecology Web site for the facility at: [http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/camp\\_bonneville/camp\\_bonneville\\_hp.htm](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/camp_bonneville/camp_bonneville_hp.htm).

## What Has Been Done?

The Army began investigations and cleanup activities at the camp in 1995. Since February 2003, investigations and cleanup activities have been conducted with Ecology oversight under the Enforcement Order. The Enforcement Order established the requirements and deadlines for the Army to investigate and clean up the site.

The site has been divided into five Remedial Action Units (RAUs), based upon the contamination. The current status of the investigations and cleanup can be summarized as follows:

RAU	Type of Contamination	Current Status of Cleanup
1	Hazardous waste	An independent cleanup action was completed prior to issuance of the Enforcement Order. A Cleanup Action Plan documented this process.
2A	Munitions (Small arms ranges)	A soil investigation has been completed and a draft Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Report (RI/FS) has been prepared.
2B	Munitions (Disposal)	Soil and groundwater investigations have been completed. Monitoring wells have been installed. A final site investigation report has been submitted.
2C	Munitions/Solid waste (Disposal)	An interim action work plan for landfill and contaminated soil removal was approved by Ecology. An interim removal action for contaminated soil has been completed. Groundwater investigations are on-going. An RI/FS Report will be prepared.
3	Unexploded ordnance	A draft RI/FS Report has undergone public review and comment, and is currently under Ecology review.

## How Has the Public Been Involved?

A 30-day public comment period is required under the state's cleanup law, the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA), for all major decision making documents. A Public Participation Plan was completed in April 2004 that outlines the history of the site, the cleanup process, and how you can be involved in review and comment on cleanup plans for the site.

Additionally, the Army created a Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) of local citizens that has met regularly for ten years. The RAB provides a public forum for discussion and presentations about cleanup activities.



## Ecology Would Like Your Input

**Public comment period: April 5 - May 5**  
**Please share your comments with Ecology.**

► **Review the draft Decree**

- **Vancouver** - Documents are available at the Vancouver Public Library/Vancouver Mall Branch during regular library hours.  
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Suite 285, Vancouver, WA
- **Olympia** - To review documents in Olympia, contact Ben Forson of Ecology at (360) 407-7227 to schedule an appointment.
- **Web site** - Documents are also available on the site webpage: [http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/camp\\_bonneville/camp\\_bonneville\\_hp.htm](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/camp_bonneville/camp_bonneville_hp.htm)

► **Public meeting and hearing** on the Decree, scheduled for **April 19, 2006**, at the Marshall House, 1301 Officers Row, Vancouver, WA

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► **Send your written comments on the Decree to:**

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