

Overview:
Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Area B
Technical Information Paper (TIP)
for Trail Access

February 1, 2019

Introduction

- During remedial action, BLM Area B units were enclosed by temporary fencing with warning signs. The trails have remained closed to public access.
- The Army's goal is to complete the remedial action as quickly as possible and to reopen the land to recreational use.

Process

- The Site-Specific Work Plan (OE-0900B) states
 - The TIP will evaluate the results from the surface and subsurface MEC removal and identify specific trails that may be considered for reopening for public access.
 - The TIP will be prepared and submitted to the regulatory agencies.
 - The trails will remain closed until approval is obtained from the regulatory agencies.
- TIPs are in development for units where surface removal and digital geophysical mapping have been completed, and subsurface removal on trail alignments have also been completed.

Supporting Information

1. All planned munitions removals have been completed.
2. Trails intended for public use will have been prepared for recreational use.
3. Mechanisms to distribute new trail access information are in place.



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Figure 3
Subsurface MEC Removal within Trails

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An example of trail in an area where vegetation cutting and surface removal were conducted.



3. Mechanisms to distribute new trail access information are in place.

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BLM AREA B (Northern Portion of the Fort Ord National Monument)

The map below shows current trail closures as well as Access Corridors.

Work areas enclosed by temporary fence are currently closed. Trail 62 is currently closed for active cleanup operations. Trail 61 (which leads into the current work areas) is also closed. Please continue to check this web page for updates.

The prescribed burn planned for Unit A was not conducted in 2018 because the required combination of weather and other factors to meet the burn prescription did not occur. While the prescribed burn was postponed to a future burn season, the Army is conducting munitions work in interior portions of Unit A. As of January 17, 2019, trails within Unit A are closed.

Access Corridors may be closed within the exclusion zones during work activities, but will remain open the rest of the time to allow for passage through the National Monument.

Thank you for complying with the temporary trail and road closures while the Army's munitions cleanup is in progress. For your safety please Mind the Signs, and continue to call the Army's information line ([1-800-852-9699](tel:1-800-852-9699)) with your feedback and if you have any questions. Thank you.



Recommendation & approval process

- It is recommended that the trails in B-3E and B-3E-NE be opened for public recreational use.
- To respond to community's interest for reopening trail access, the Army requests agency approval within 14 days of the TIP submittal.
- Once agency approval is received, the trails will be opened, and the Army will disseminate the new trail access information to the public in coordination with BLM.