## What's Happening Tonight

- ESCA RP Update
- Future East Garrison Progress
- ESCA RP Biological Program
- Poster Session
- Interim Action Ranges Update
- Community Involvement in 2011









#### **Future East Garrison MRA**

- Areas identified for investigation
- Final Work Plan published October 2010
- Vegetation cutting necessary
- Investigation began November 2010
- Investigation locations include:
  - Biological monitoring transects
  - Select trails in Habitat Areas
  - Select grids in Habitat Areas
  - Select roadways in Development Areas
- Biological monitoring of:
  - Habitat Management Plan (HMP) species
  - Aquatic features



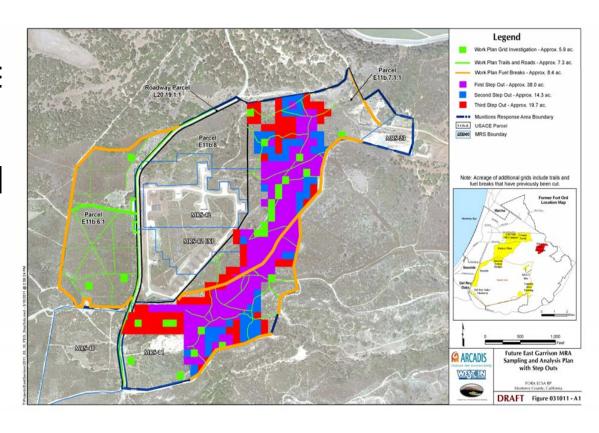






# Future East Garrison Investigation Area

- Evidence of munitions training in Habitat Area
- A majority of Habitat
  Area could be affected
- Investigation area expanded
- Requires additional brush cutting











#### Future East Garrison MEC Finds























## **Biological Monitoring Program**

- Foundation: Biological Opinions & Habitat Management Plan (HMP)
- Guiding Principles:
  - Minimize impacts while allowing MEC response actions
  - Keep initial disturbances to focused areas
  - Limit vegetation removal as appropriate
  - Use a "phased approach"
    - Expand work areas when new data warrants it (i.e. Future East Garrison)









#### **Team Work**

#### • Biologists and UXO technicians work closely:

- Shared Goal: effective remediation program supported by active biological program
- Planning: biologists provide input to MEC clearance planning and response actions to minimize impacts
- Training: Workers and supervisors are trained in environmental awareness
- Communication: During field work, biologists and UXO technicians are in close coordination
- Documentation/Reporting: Biologists monitor and document mitigation measures; UXO technicians document wildlife sightings and rescues









## **Habitat Monitoring**

- Applies to HMP plants, animals and associated flora and fauna in ESCA RP parcels
- Inventory sensitive plant populations and potential California Tiger Salamander (CTS) breeding grounds
- Mitigation checklist helps avoid/minimize impacts
- Recovery and regeneration documented
- Data analysis determines compliance with success criteria









#### Focus Species Monitoring





#### Shrub Monitoring



## Aquatic Feature Monitoring















#### **Habitat Restoration**

- Purpose: applied in areas where soil must be disturbed in order to mitigate impacts
- Passive Restoration:
  - Used in smaller areas
  - Monitor naturally occurring regeneration
  - Apply active restoration if recovery is too slow
- Active Restoration:
  - Used in larger areas
  - Re-contouring and site stabilization
  - planting and seeding, weed/erosion control, recovery monitoring



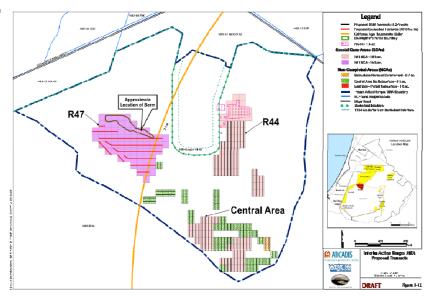






## Interim Action Ranges MRA

- Design Study/Remedial Action under review
- Vegetation removal necessary to:
  - Define MEC removal areas
  - Support completion of remedial action
- MEC removal by:
  - Excavation & sifting in certain areasFollow-up with DGM
  - DGM where excavation & sifting not required











## **Community Involvement 2011**

- 2 Proposed Plan Public Meetings
- 2 ESCA Informal Community Workshops
- **Events:** 
  - Sea Otter Classic Apr 14-15
  - CSUMB Earth Day Apr 22
  - Army Open House & Bus Tour Jun 2
  - Monterey County Fair Sep 3
  - Marina Air Faire Oct 15
  - BLM Make a Difference Day Oct 22
- Outreach to Cities and County
- Fort Ord Users Working Group bi-monthly meetings









### **Community Resources**

- Website: www.fora-esca-rp.com
- > FORA ESCA RP on facebook and twitter
- Quarterly Newsletters
- Technical Fact Sheets
- Weekly Updates: Hotline 831-883-3506
- Maps showing access corridors
- Kiosks at access corridor trailheads
- Email: esca@fora.org
- Address: 100 12<sup>th</sup> Street Bldg 2880, Marina, CA 93933



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