

Camp Bonneville -- Western Slopes Area



Camp Bonneville Military Reservation Site

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November 29 - December 31, 2018

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Proposed Changes to Cleanup at Camp Bonneville

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) invites public comments on the proposed change to the Cleanup Action Plan (CAP) for Remedial Action Unit 3 (RAU) regarding the Western Slopes Area at the Camp Bonneville Military Reservation site (Site).

For cleanup purposes, Camp Bonneville has been divided into five RAUs. These units are primarily grouped by the type of contamination, not by physical boundaries. This fact sheet provides information about the proposed amended CAP for the Western Slopes Area. Information on the other RAUs can be found on the [webpage for the Site](#):
<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=11670>

RAU-3 is the portion of Camp Bonneville that addresses site-wide munitions. The subject of this public notice is the proposed amendment to the 2010 RAU-3 Cleanup Action Plan for the Western Slopes Area (see map). This is the fourth and final phase of RAU-3 to be cleaned up.

We want to hear from you!

Ecology will accept public comments on the proposed amendment to section 5.2.5 of the 2010, RAU-3 Cleanup Action Plan from November 29 to December 31, 2018. The box on the left has details about where to review documents and submit comments. A public meeting will be held if at least 10 people request one during the comment period. Requests can be made to Ecology by contacting the Project Specialist, Ronnie Johnson (see box at left of page).

Cleanup Continues at Camp Bonneville

Camp Bonneville is five miles northeast of the city of Vancouver in Clark County, WA. For more than 80 years, the site was used as a U.S. Army facility. This use resulted in contamination that includes explosives and unexploded ordnance that are collectively referred to as "Munitions of Explosive Concern" (MEC), munitions debris (fragments), soils with lead, and, explosive-related contamination in groundwater.

Investigations and cleanups have been ongoing to assess and remove munitions contamination and other hazardous substances. This cleanup will help to prepare portions of the site for future reuse. In 2012, cleanup management and property ownership of the site was transferred to Clark County through an amended consent decree.

Proposed Changes to the Cleanup Action Plan for RAU-3 Western Slopes

The proposed change to the RAU-3 CAP is within the Western Slopes Area (WSA), which is generally west of Lacamas Creek in Camp Bonneville. The future reuse for the WSA will mainly be hiking trails and environmental preservation. Surface clearance includes using metal detectors to locate and remove MEC. No buildings or other activities will be allowed in this area.

The proposed change to the WSA portion of the CAP redefines the area for surface clearance based on investigations conducted in the area, including a 2017 pilot study. This re-evaluation reduced the cleanup area from 425 acres to 194 acres, and was based on the following cleanup actions and investigations:

Quantity and distribution of MEC. Conceptual site modeling (CSM) indicated that WSA firing points were oriented to fire toward the east. This conclusion was supported by the location and minimal amount of munitions found during previous clearances in the WSA (1997-2017). The revised clearance area will focus on the WSA's eastern portion where MEC is most likely located, based on the CSM.

Overlapping cleanup actions and investigations. The following clearances and investigations have been completed from 1997-2017. Results and observations from these actions support reducing the WSA cleanup area. These studies can be found on the Site webpage, including in the RAU-3 RI/FS report:

- UXB, Site stat grid stat characterization
- Parsons, Reconnaissance phase 1 and 2
- USACOE/Parsons, Site specific fact sheet
- BCRRT, Roads and trails surface clearance
- BCRRT, 2.36 range surface clearance
- BCRRT, Western slopes transects surface clearance study
- Weston, Sub surface clearance of the artillery firing points
- Weston, Western slopes pilot study (2017)

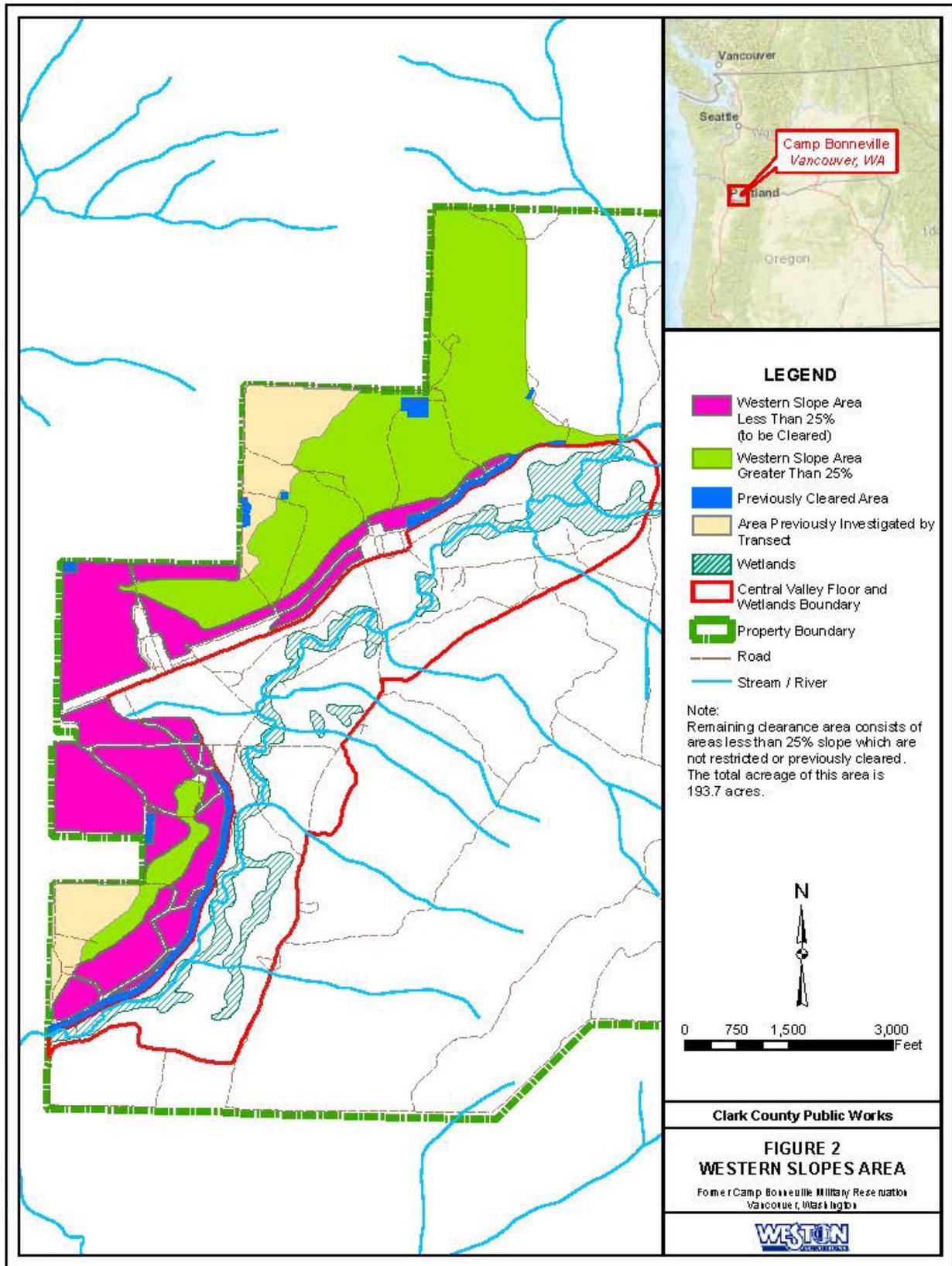
Accessibility. Slope accessibility was evaluated based on types and density of vegetation, locations of the roads and trail networks, and updated CSM. Slope accessibility is a determination of how accessible the area is to people based on terrain steepness and vegetative cover and was used to help determine the potential risk to people.

What Happens Next

Following the public comment period, Ecology will consider and respond to comments received. The draft amended CAP may be modified based on public comments. Ecology will notify the public about future public comment periods. A public notice for the draft Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study and draft Cleanup Action Plan for RAU-2C "site-wide groundwater" is anticipated in early 2019. The [Public Participation Plan](#) for this Site has more information about the cleanup process and how you can get involved.

For information about other Ecology comment periods, meetings and other actions, please visit:

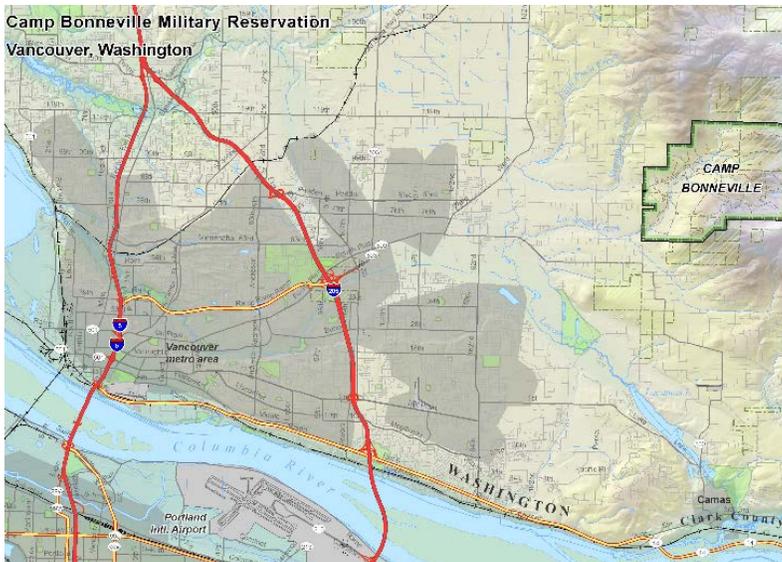
- Ecology public events calendar at: <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publiccalendar/>
- Ecology Site Register at: http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/pub_inv/pub_inv2.html



Map of the Camp Bonneville Western Slopes area within RAU-3

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Camp Bonneville Site – Western Slopes Area



Location of Camp Bonneville Cleanup Site, Clark County

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