



The United States Air Force
at the Former Coos Head Air National Guard Station, Oregon



Invites Public Comment

ON THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENT CONCERNING FORMER COOS HEAD AIR NATIONAL GUARD STATION, OREGON

Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis for Comprehensive Site Evaluation Phase II and Soil Removal Action at the Former Coos Head Air National Guard Station, Oregon

PURPOSE:

To invite public comment concerning the *Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) for Comprehensive Site Evaluation Phase II and Soil Removal Action at the Former Coos Head Air National Guard Station, (ANGS) Oregon.*

BACKGROUND:

The Former Coos Head ANGS, located near the City of Charleston, had a long history of military use beginning with the Army in 1875, then the Navy in 1957, and finally by the Oregon Air National Guard in 1987. In 2005, the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians (CTCLUSI), a federally recognized Indian tribe, acquired the station lands under a provision of the Indian Self Determination and Education Act. The Tribes plan to use the property for purposes consistent with Public Law 93-638 including, but not limited to, a center for tribal government, offices to provide community services for tribal members, a police station, a cultural learning and activities center, housing, and other tribal programs to support the activities of tribal government. A CSE Phase I investigation conducted at the station in 2007 identified two Munitions Response Areas (MRAs) and two potential MRAs associated with two small arms ranges, a skeet range and a small arms magazine. No munitions and explosives of concern (MEC) were found at the site.

The purpose of this EE/CA is to evaluate alternatives and associated costs to evaluate and mitigate, if necessary, potential health and environmental hazards associated with munitions constituents (MC) from discarded small arms munitions and clay target debris at the site. Areas where no health or environmental hazards exist or areas where the hazards have been appropriately mitigated will be documented for a No Further Action decision. The EE/CA describes the proposed investigation and remedial action for the MRAs and summarizes information that can be found in greater detail in the *Coos Head ANGS, Oregon Comprehensive Site Evaluation Phase II Work Plan, August 2008.*

SUMMARY

The U.S. Air Force, in consultation with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ), invites public comment on the above referenced document for the Coos Head ANGS, Oregon. Before finalizing the Action Memorandum for the site, the U.S. Air Force will consider all written comments received during the public comment period.

THE 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD IS FROM: Friday JANUARY 2, 2009 to Sunday FEBRUARY 1, 2009

The U.S. Air Force accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by the U.S. Air Force within the comment period.

WRITTEN COMMENTS MAY BE SUBMITTED TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

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PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE FOR MUNITIONS CONSTITUENTS AT THE COOS HEAD ANGS, OREGON:

Three alternatives were evaluated in the EE/CA to address potential health and environmental hazards at the Coos Head ANGS, Oregon. The following potential alternatives are as follows:

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| Alternative 1: | No Further Action; |
| Alternative 2: | Institutional Controls; and |
| Alternative 3: | MC Removal. |

A Comprehensive Site Evaluation (CSE) Phase II investigation will precede any mitigation actions. Based on a detailed evaluation provided in the EE/CA the preferred action in areas where MC is found to pose a risk to human health and the environment is *Alternative 3 -MC Removal*, where MC is found to exceed screening criteria. In areas where the data does not indicate a risk to human health and the environment, the preferred action is *Alternative 1 -No Further Action*.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

You may review the *Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis* and the *Comprehensive Site Evaluation Phase II Work Plan* at the following Information Repositories:

Bay West, Inc. Website
<http://www.baywest.com>

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