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Corps to present Site Inspection work plan for former Camp Adair - Informational meeting scheduled July 18

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PORTLAND, Ore. — The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is evaluating Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS) that had historically been used for military training. One of these sites is Camp Adair and Adair Air Force Station, located in parts of Polk, Benton and Linn counties, near Corvallis, Ore.

The Corps will be conducting a Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP), Site Inspection (SI), according to Corps project manager Mike Nelson. “The SI will be used to determine what future work the Corps may do to clean-up possible munitions related components and chemical constituents used during combat engineer training.” The Corps of Engineers cleans up sites contaminated with hazardous waste, radioactive waste, and/or ordnance to comply with federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations.

A public informational meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 18, from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Santiam Christian Schools’ choir room, located at 7220 N.E. Arnold Ave., Corvallis, Ore. This meeting will to provide the public an overview of the MMRP, SI process and the current work plan.

“The work plan will allow our stakeholders to see exactly the types of activities and locations where work will be done to complete the SI,” Nelson said. “I encourage the public to attend the meeting at the Santiam Christian Schools where we can answer questions about the work to be performed.”

The SI work will be conducted during August and September by a Corps contractor, Shaw Environmental. The work to be performed will include access to and a visual inspection of property that was part of the former Camp Adair. The inspection may also include soil and or water sampling.

In preparation to begin the SI work the Corps contacted property owners of the former Camp Adair site and obtained signed Department of the Army Right of Entry Environmental Assessment and Response (ROE). “The ROE from a property owner allows the Corps and Corps contractor to perform the required work.” Nelson said. “Also, property owners will be contacted within 48-hours prior to any work being done on their property.”

Camp Adair was constructed in 1942 and served as a training facility for several army divisions. The camp was vacated in 1947. During the short operation of the camp it was the second largest city in Oregon. The Air Force operated Adair Air Force Station in what now is Adair Village during the 1960s.

More information will be available on the former Camp Adair as it comes available on Portland District’s website at <https://www.nwp.usace.army.mil/pa/fuds>.

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