

Fort Wingate Depot Activity -Base Realignment and Closure Cleanup Team Meeting Minutes- Fort Wingate Depot Activity

May 13, 2010

The Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) cleanup team meeting for the Fort Wingate Depot Activity (FWDA) began at 10:10 (Mountain Time) at the Red Rock State Park, Round Room, Gallup New Mexico. The agenda included the following topics in order:

- Introductions – Mark Patterson, FWDA Base Environmental Coordinator (BEC)
- BRAC Status of Wingate Property- Steve Smith, USACE & Mark Patterson
- Geophysical Findings- Mike Powers, USGS
- Parcel 22 Groundwater Well Installation Project – Dave Henry, USACE Alb. District
- Project Update – Steve Smith, Dave Henry & Eric Kirwan, USACE

Lunch

- Groundwater Monitoring – Transferred Parcels
- Cultural Resources
- Open Discussion

The meeting was called to order and facilitated by Mark Patterson, FWDA BEC. Introductions followed by all the attendees (Please see attached sign in sheet).

BRAC Status of Wingate Property- Steve Smith & Mark Patterson

Mark Patterson discussed the 30 April 2010 letter to The Honorable Larry EchoHawk, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs from Joseph Calcara Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army. At this time the Army is awaiting response.

Parcels 4b,5b,8 & 25, are ready to transfer.

Chuck Hendrickson asked what will happen after these parcels are transferred. Mark Patterson said that at that time it is out of the Army's hand and with BIA.

Parcel 10A- being reviewed by New Mexico Environmental Department (NMED).

Tammy added there is a future site visit planned.

Parcels 12 & 14- The Release Assessment Report was submitted to the state so we are hoping to transfer by the end of 2010. Class 3 permit modification will take additional time.

Geophysical Findings- Mike Powers, USGS

Mike gave a detailed presentation on the Geophysical findings regarding electrode measuring. To get a copy of the electronic presentation please contact Christy Esler at 330-358-7311 or Christy.esler@us.army.mil.

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Parcel 22 Groundwater Well Installation Project- Dave Henry USACE, Albuquerque District

Mark Patterson asked Dave if the wells were fully characterized and did this also include TNT and per chlorates? Dave Henry- Yes

Project Update- Steve Smith, USACE

Demolition of building workshop - 528, 522, 542 complexes will start August and go thru approximately November.

Tammy Diaz NMED-asked if sampling of the soils were taking place after demolition.

Steve- yes, in some cases before demolition on particular buildings.

Eric Kirwan- added that the loading structure in 10A will also be part of the demolition.

Parcel 3 (Big Dig) - Work Plan being developed.

Official closure will wait until explosive Hazardous Waste Management unit debris is removed.

NMED is currently reviewing Class 3 permit mod

Sharlene Begay Platero (Navajo Nation) -The master schedule does not indicate when the tribes will receive the plans. Will this be updated?

Steve apologized and said that the master schedule has been updated recently on line and the reference is on line 273 of the schedule.

Eric- RFI WP, requesting to pick up RFI later in the project. Eric is writing the letter for submission to the state cc: tribes (7-10 yr. time frame)

South Parcel 3 & East Parcel 3

Replacement of existing fence, use the same chain link as on the West side.

Sharlene Begay Platero (Navajo Nation) asked when this will be done.

Steve- hoping next year (2011)

Johnny Henry Jr. (Churchrock Chapter) - informed everyone that he lives close and rides horses in the area; he has seen munitions in the trees along the area.

Steve Carpenter, Steve Smith & Mark Patterson asked Mr. Henry if they could discuss the areas specifically after today's meeting. Mark asked him to please call 911 if any ammunition is located and then contact Richard Cruz (FWDA Caretaker) at 505-905-6109.

Parcel 21

Report submission is delayed due to lab

Parcel 22

Field work in process and well being installed

Parcel 6

Revised Final to NMED for review, and field work will begin next Spring (2011)

Parcel 23- Under review by NMED

Igloo A, C and D- drain outfalls were sampled and lead was a issue.

Tammy Diaz (NMED) - asked where the lead was coming from.

Steve Smith- from the fluorescent x-ray machine that was used to look for metals in foil.

Parcel 10b- Work Plan on schedule for June 30 submission

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Parcel 16- This will be the next project to start.

No further questions

Groundwater Monitoring – Transferred Parcels

Transferred parcels notice is in the Federal Register. If Army needs to go back in the parcels for additional environmental work then the Army would notify BIA and of course notify the BCT members.

Dave Henry- We are a little behind regarding laboratory reports, there is actually a lawsuit with the lab in order to get laboratory data results.

Johnny- the Master schedule indicates most land has been turned to the BIA.

Mark Patterson- Parcels 1, 15 & 17 – little over 5000 acres have been transferred.

Johnny asked about the different Parcels and who will they ultimately go to and also who he contacts regarding the need for a Power line thru Parcel 10A.

Mark suggested calling White Sands, Sam Vasquez.

Cultural Resources

Kurt Dongoske (Pueblo of Zuni) - Discussed the lack of Army leadership and expressed concern. Kurt also would like to see a meeting of the RA Signatories set.

Sharlene Begay Platero (Navajo Nation) - also expressed concern and asked who else could be assigned.

Mark Patterson addressed the issue and told the BCT members that he takes these concerns very seriously and will have a resolution immediately.

Kurt also conveyed that the Compliance Process for the Eligibility of Properties is not clearly defined.

Mark Patterson requested additional conversation time with Kurt to discuss this in greater length.

Meeting adjourned at 12:40

Respectfully submitted-

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