



FACT SHEET

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Ordnance Investigation Scheduled for Former Camp Ibis

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has contracted with Parsons, an engineering consulting firm, to perform an Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) study of the former Camp Ibis. This study will help characterize the nature, location and concentration of ordnance and explosives that are potentially present at the Camp. Information from the study will be used evaluate the reasonable risk management alternatives.

Tasks included in the EE/CA process include:

- **Technical Project Planning** to allow coordination between the government and other agencies regarding the project's objectives and constraints.
- An **Institutional Analysis** is conducted to describe site conditions in regard to applicability of ordnance response actions, if warranted, and identify ownership, zoning and future development plans and local and State

participation in planning activities.

- An **Impact Analysis** model will be developed to determine the baseline public exposure and the predicted risk reduction for any proposed remediation areas.

The study is expected to be completed by the end of 2004. The public will be given an opportunity to review the information and make comments on the findings before a final decision is reached.

Camp Ibis was one of the 10 camps that comprised the Defense Training Center that was established to train troops from 1942 to 1944. The main mission of Camp Ibis and the others that comprised the Desert Training Center was to train troops for desert warfare. The other priority of the former Camp Ibis was testing equipment, ammunition, weapon systems and supplies. When the Department of Defense closed the



This plaque was placed on the site of the former Camp Ibis.

training areas, efforts were made to remove as much of the unexploded ordnance (UXO) as possible. However, the limited technology available at the time made locating all UXO impossible.

For more information on the EE/CA study, visit the Camp Ibis website at www.projecthost.com.

Public Meeting to be Held Jan. 15 at Needles High School

The public is invited to attend a meeting to learn about a study of the former Camp Ibis that will be conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Former Camp Ibis, located in eastern Piute Valley and the western Dead Mountains, was a divisional camp associated with the Desert Training Center/California-Arizona Maneuver Area military activities conducted from 1942 to 1944 and was used to conduct a military exercise code named Desert Strike in May 1964. The Camp Ibis study would characterize the type, location and amount of unexploded ordnance (UXO) that may be present at the camp. Results of the study will be used to help officials determine if there are potential hazards, iden-

tify and analyze any possible problems that may be caused by the presence of UXO, and evaluate methods to manage the risks.

Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2003

6 p.m.

Needles High School Auditorium

1600 Washington St., Needles

Obtaining details, offering comments on the Final Work Plan

Details of the Camp Ibis study are presented in the "Final Work Plan: Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis, former Camp Ibis." The California Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) and Bureau of Land Management, Needles Field Office (BLM) have reviewed this plan to determine if the investigation would significantly affect the environment. **Their preliminary findings are available for public review and comment from Jan. 7 through Feb. 6, 2003.**

The DTSC study and findings are pre-

sented in a Draft Negative Declaration. The BLM study and findings are presented in an Environmental Assessment (EA) and Preliminary Finding of No Significant Impact (Preliminary FONSI). Both documents, along with the Corp of Engineers' Final Work Plan, are located at the Needles Public Library, 111 Bailey Ave., Needles, CA. The BLM EA and Preliminary FONSI are also available on the Needles Field Office website at <http://ca.blm.gov/needles>. Hard copies of the BLM documents may be requested by e-mail at ca690@ca.blm.gov or by telephone at (760)326-7000.

Please send written comments on the DTSC Draft Negative Declaration, postmarked or e-mailed by Feb. 6, 2003 to Mr. Omoruyi Patrick, DTSC, 5796 Corporate Ave., Cypress, CA 90630 or by e-mail to opatrick@dtsc.ca.gov. Call (714)484-5452 for more information. Please send written comments on the BLM EA and Preliminary FONSI postmarked or e-mailed by Feb. 6, 2003 to Camp Ibis Project, USDI Bureau of Land Management, Needles Field Office, 101 West Spikes Rd., Needles, CA 92363 or by e-mail to ca690@ca.blm.gov. Call George R. Meckfessel at (760)326-7008 for more information.

Questions? Need more info? Call Project Manger Tawny Tran at 213-452-3991

For more information, visit our website at: www.projecthost.com

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Los Angeles District
911 Wilshire Blvd., #15024
Los Angeles, CA 90017-3401