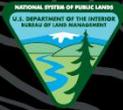


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Scoping workshops planned for pending Fort Ord National Monument Dog Management Plan



Workshop Goals

Currently there is no specific management policy that governs dog use at the Fort Ord National Monument. The BLM intends to develop a long-term dog management policy by end of May 2016 to replace the current “interim” dog leash restriction.

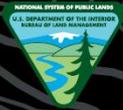
The BLM invites interested citizens to scoping workshops to help generate ideas and stimulate conversation about dog management at the national monument.

Scoping Workshops are planned:

July 28th (6:00 pm - 8:00 pm) Seaside, Oldemeyer Center, 986 Hilby Avenue

July 29th (2:00 pm – 4:00 pm) Marina, Marina Library, 188 Seaside Avenue

August 5th (6:00 pm – 8:00 pm) Salinas, Government Center, 168 W. Alisal St.,
2nd Floor, Monterey Rm.

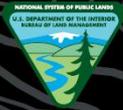


Fort Ord National Monument

MISSION - The Fort Ord National Monument was designated on April 20, 2012 by proclamation 8803 under the authority of the Antiquities Act of 1906 (34 Stat. 225, 16 U.S.C. 431). It is part of the BLM's National Landscape Conservation System that was established by the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (OPLMA). Under OPLMA, the BLM is mandated to manage the monument in a manner that protects the values for which the monument was designated.

Accordingly, the BLM manages the Fort Ord National Monument in a manner that protects natural values, honors the military and cultural heritage of the landscape, and offers high-quality, non-motorized outdoor recreation opportunities.

Prior to being designated a national monument, the BLM managed these lands as an *Area of Critical Environmental Concern* to protect rare maritime chaparral habitat and special status species; to promote scientific research and education; and to avoid public safety hazards from previous military operations, including the presence of munitions and explosives of concern. These lands continue to form the centerpiece of a habitat protection/mitigation strategy identified in the Installation-Wide Multispecies Habitat Management Plan for the Former Fort Ord (1994, as amended).



Dog Management Plan Timeframe

What

Scoping Workshops

Release of Draft Plan

Draft Rule-Making Published in FR

Public Comment on Drafts Plan/Rules

Release Final Plan

Publish Final Rule-Making in FR

When

July and August of 2015

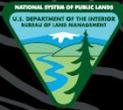
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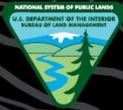
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What are Scoping Workshops?

Scoping workshops are opportunities for citizens and organizations to roll up their sleeves with others and offer ideas on dog-management issues and the range of alternatives before decisions are made.

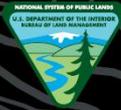


What to Expect at the Workshops?

Participants will be seated at tables together and presented with topics to discuss.

Each group will have a facilitator to keep order and a note-taker to record comments.

After everyone has had an opportunity to provide feedback, each table will share the results of the group discussion with the audience.



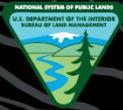
What if I Can't Attend?

No decisions will be made at these scoping workshops. If you can't attend a workshop, you will not lose your opportunity to shape the dog management policy. You can always provide written comments to the BLM. In order to be considered part of the formal planning record, we ask that you submit your comments on the Workshop Topics prior to the end of August, 2015.

Mail comment letter to:
Fort Ord National Monument Manager
20 Hamilton Court
Hollister, CA 95023

Email: emorgan@blm.gov

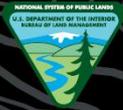
Once a Draft Dog Management Plan is released, there will be additional opportunities to provide comments and feedback before the plan is finalized.



Workshop Topic 1

The Fort Ord National Monument has some great trails for hiking, biking and equestrian use. There are many different factors that are important to visitors on what defines a quality trail experience and visit.

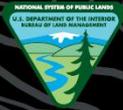
AT YOUR TABLE, STRIVE TO DEVELOP A LIST OF ATTRIBUTES THAT ARE IMPORTANT FOR AN ENJOYABLE TRAIL EXPERIENCE AND VISIT TO FORT ORD NATIONAL MONUMENT.



Workshop Topic 2

Since enacting a temporary monument-wide dog leash restriction, people have contacted the BLM with suggestions on what BLM should consider as long-term dog management policies. These suggestions could be considered as potential prescriptions and include: a) Designate “leash-requirement” areas; b) Designate “dog-prohibited” areas; c) Designate “leash-your-dog-around-others” areas; d) Designate/develop “pet play (i.e. dog-park)” areas; e) Designate “leash-or-voice-control” areas; f) Designate “season-of-use-off-leash” areas; g) Designate “time-of-day-off-leash” areas; h) Designate “day-of-week-off-leash” areas; i) Develop “off-leash-pet-certification” program.

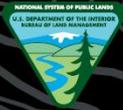
AT YOUR TABLE, IDENTIFY THE OPTIONS THAT YOU THINK ARE MOST REASONABLE FOR CONSIDERATION AND IDENTIFY OTHER OPTIONS THAT ARE NOT LISTED - USE MAPS TO SKETCH IDEAS



Workshop Topic 3

The BLM must consider and disclose the direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts that various dog-management strategies would likely cause. These impacts can be both positive and negative.

**AT YOUR TABLE, DEVELOP A LIST OF TOPICS THAT YOU THINK
COULD BE AFFECTED POSITIVELY OR NEGATIVELY BY VARIOUS
DOG MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES.**



Workshop Topic 4

Some people have suggested that dogs should be allowed off-leash in some areas at Fort Ord National Monument if under “voice control” by the handler. Skeptics have suggested that there is no way to define or enforce such a policy, and feel that “voice control” is too subjective to be clearly understood or enforced.

**AT YOUR TABLE, STRIVE TO DEVELOP A WORKING DEFINITION OF
“VOICE CONTROL”.**