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## Corps plans Site Inspection of former Port Angeles combat range

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Seattle, Wash. — 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, the former Port Angeles Combat Range, is located in Clallam County, near Port Angeles, Wash.

The Corps will do the evaluation by conducting a Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP), Site Investigation (SI). The SI will be conducted in the next few months 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 Combat Range. The inspection may also include soil and/or water sampling.

Corps project manager Mike Nelson said, “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 military activities.” The Corps of Engineers inspects and evaluates sites contaminated with hazardous waste and/or ordnance according to federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations.

In order to begin the SI the Corps will be contacting the current property owners of the former Combat Range site and request the owner provide a signed Department of the Army Right of Entry (ROE) for Investigation and Sampling.

Additionally, *a public information meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 14, 2008 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.* in the City Hall Council Chambers, 321 East Fifth Street, Port Angeles, Wash. to provide the public an overview of the MMRP, SI process.

The former combat range, located about seven miles southeast of Port Angeles, consists of about 1,620 acres. The land, leased by the Army in early 1943, was use as a combat training firing range. No buildings or improvements other than temporary spotting towers were constructed. Troops camped at the Port Angeles Fair Ground’s Conservation Corps Camp and traveled to and from the range for training.

More information about Port Angeles Combat Range will be available on Seattle District’s website at <http://www.nws.usace.army.mil/PublicMenu/Menu.cfm?sitename=PMEM&pagename=MMRP>

