

# Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) Status and Schedule

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## **Habitat Management Plan (HMP)**

- Agreement between Army & USFWS to allow transfer of property
- Established Fort Ord Habitat Reserve System
- Authorized “take” of federally listed species for cleanup
- Signatories agreed to fulfill habitat management of reserves & borderlands

## **Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP)**

- Authorizes “take” of federal and state listed species to non-federal landowners
- Funding to manage habitat reserve system, meeting jurisdictions’ HMP responsibilities
- Incidental take permit streamlines compatible growth and development
- New Joint Powers Authority (JPA) to manage and ensure HCP compliance

# Public Draft Fort Ord HCP



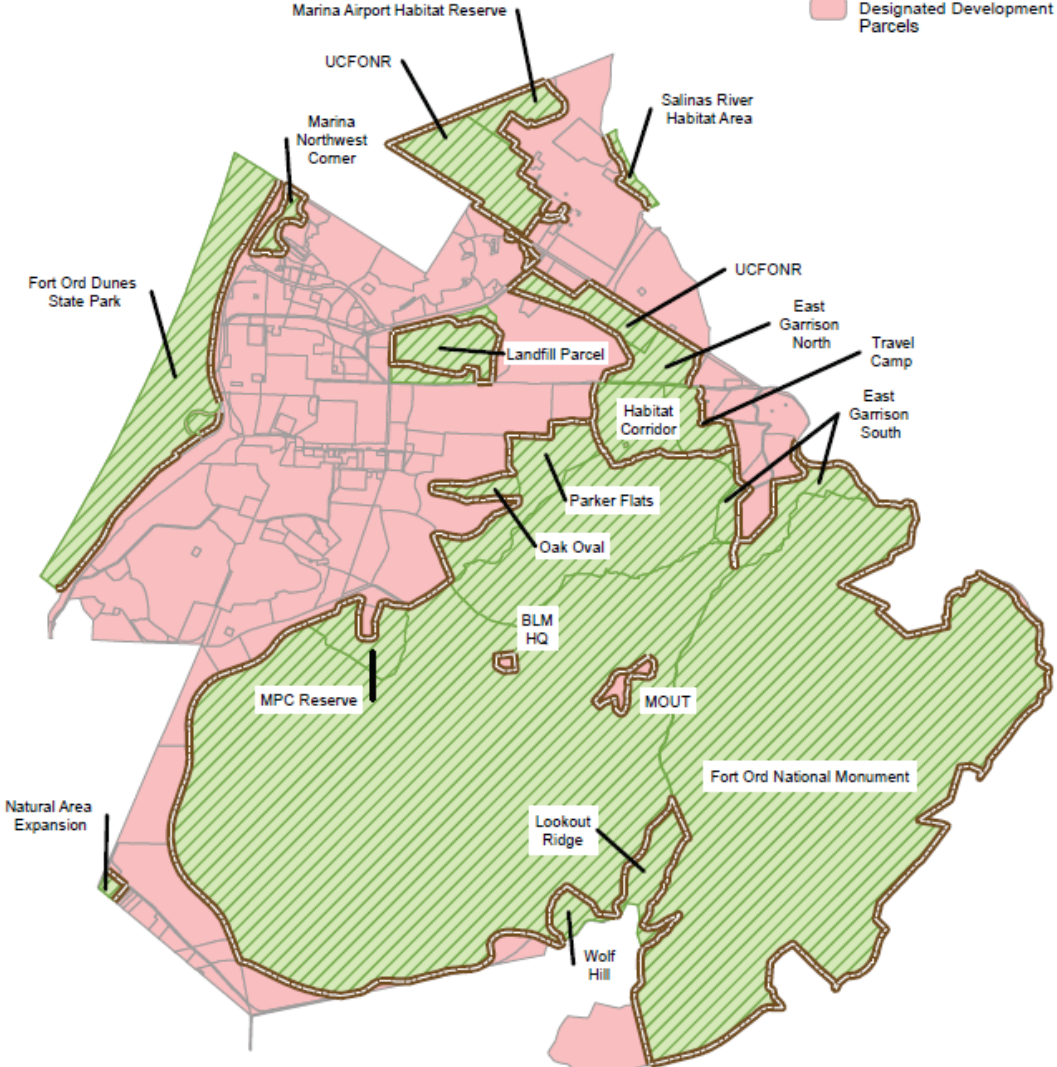
- Covers **8 special-status plant & animal communities**
- Basis for Federal & State **Incidental Take Permit** Issuance by USFWS and CDFW
- Provides coverage for all base reuse activities within Plan Area
  - *Designated Development Areas*
  - *Borderlands*
  - *Habitat Management Areas (HMAs)*



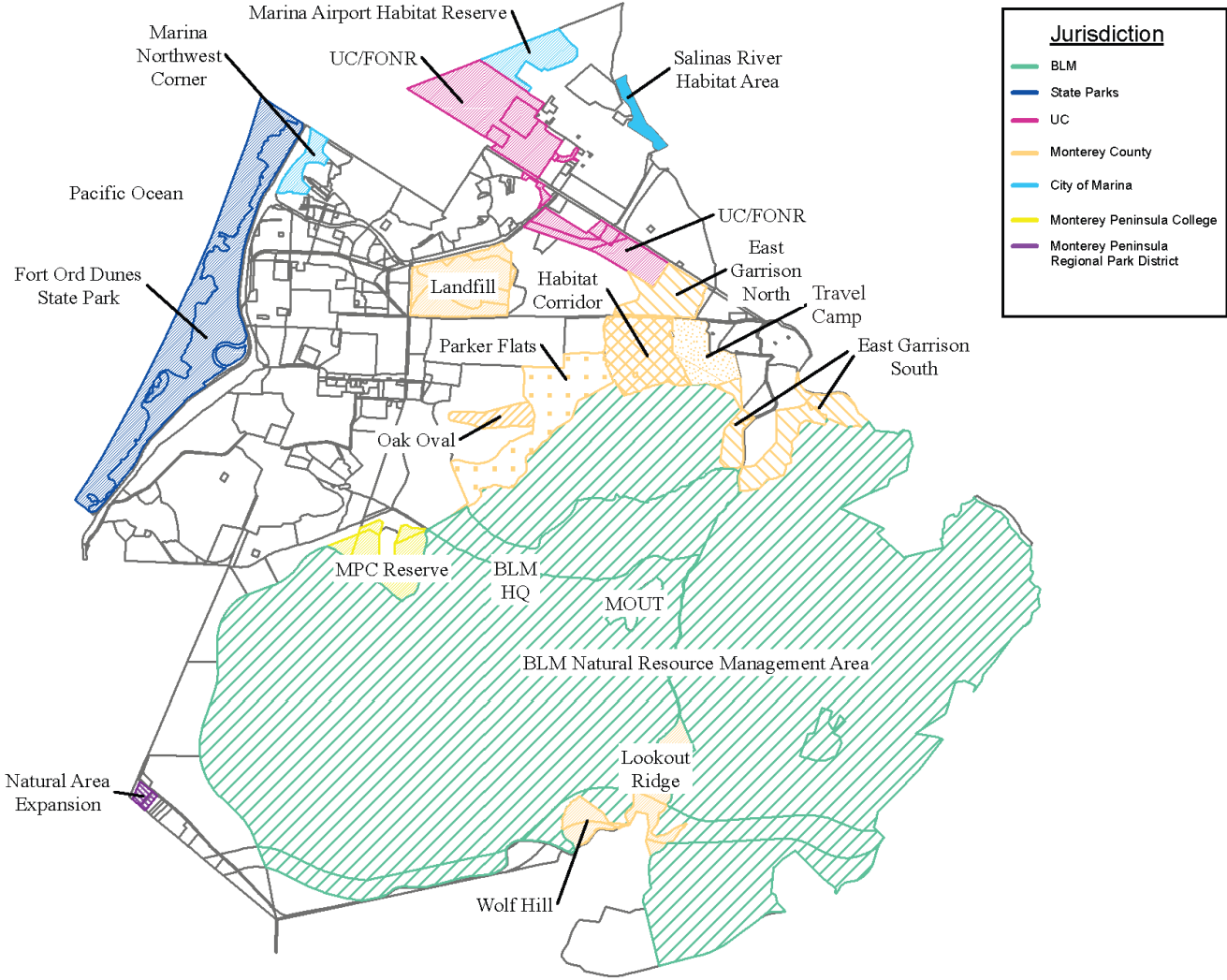
# Plan Area

### Legend

-  Borderlands
-  Habitat Management Areas
-  Designated Development Parcels



# HMA by Jurisdiction



Provides take permits for local control of Endangered Species Act (State & Federal) compliance

- **Provides Certainty & Assurances**
  - Mitigation & funding established for 50 years
  - Take coverage for development & HMP activity
- **Community**
  - Streamlined, reliable, long-term permit process
- **Environment**
  - Coordinated ecosystem management
  - Adaptive management
- **Flexibility**
  - Amendment process
  - Management activities & funding

Federal/State Wildlife Agencies

Issue *Incidental Take Permits (ITPs)*

**Fort Ord Regional Habitat Cooperative**

*Joint Powers Authority (JPA): 12 Federal, State & Local Agencies*

***ITPs issued to Local Agencies and JPA***

Take authorization for covered activities (i.e. Habitat Management, Development)

Issue *Certificates of Inclusion*

Private developers



- **Purpose**
  - Ensure HCP permit compliance
  - Secure, manage & expend funds to implement HCP
  - Oversee, monitor and report on HCP implementation
  - Manage Habitat Reserve System
  - HCP public information & outreach
  - Enforcement & implementation powers
- **Governing Board structure**
  - 14 voting members (local and State entities) and 1 non-voting member (BLM)
  - Seaside, Marina and County each have 2 voting members

- Bureau of Land Management (ex-officio)
- County of Monterey
- City of Marina
- City of Seaside
- City of Del Rey Oaks
- City of Monterey
- California Department of Parks and Recreation
- California State University Board of Trustees
- Monterey Peninsula Community College District
- Monterey Peninsula Regional Parks District
- Marina Coast Water District
- University of California Regents

- **Key functions:**
  - Implementation & management of HCP
  - Shared responsibilities and benefits
  
- **HCP Cooperative:**
  - Oversight, management, monitoring & reporting
  - Single POC for Federal & State agencies
  - Ensure HCP compliance

# HCP & EIS/EIR Schedule

- Oct 17, 2019: **DOI Briefing**
- Nov-Dec 2019: **Public Review of Draft HCP & EIS/EIR**
- Nov 2019: **Public Meeting**
- Nov-Jan 2020: **Response to Comments**
- Jan-Mar 2020: **Finalize HCP & EIS/EIR**
- Jan-Feb 2020: **Community Outreach**
- Mar 2020: **Publish Final HCP & EIS/EIR**
- April 2020: **FORA Board Action – HCP & EIS/EIR**
- May 2020: **Permittee Actions**

- **Oct 2019: Initial Community Meetings - JPA Formation**
- **Nov 20, 2019: All Permittee Meeting**
- **Nov 2019: Public Meeting**
- **Jan 2020: Final Agreement Drafted**
- **Jan-Feb 2020: Outreach to Permittees**
- **Feb 2020: Permittee Actions on JPA Agreement**
- **Mar-April 2020: Begin Early Implementation Processes**
- **May 2020: JPA Assumes HCP Implementation**

# Questions?

