

Fort Ord Environmental Justice Network Community Perspectives on the Fort Ord Cleanup

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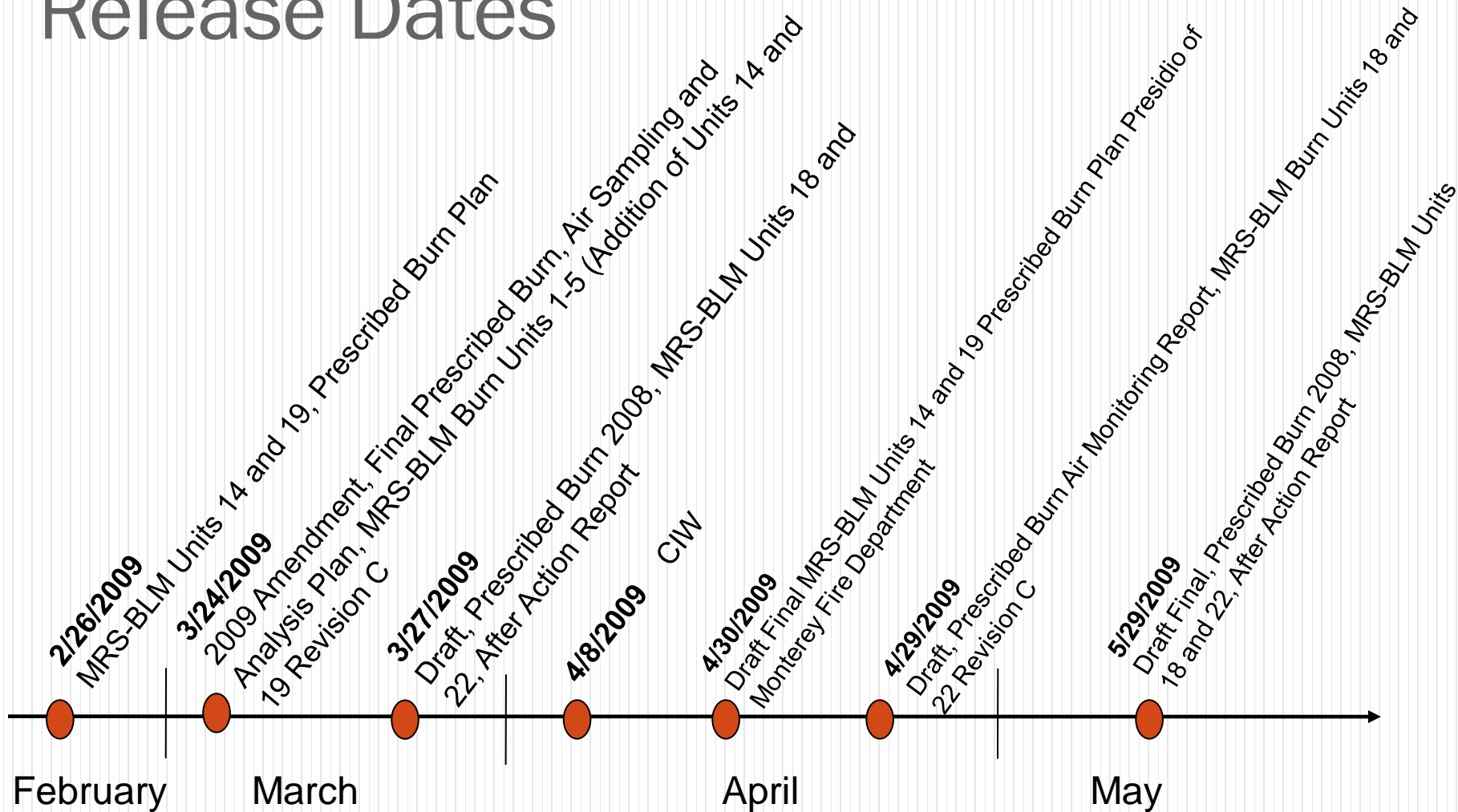
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Increasing community concerns are not being addressed

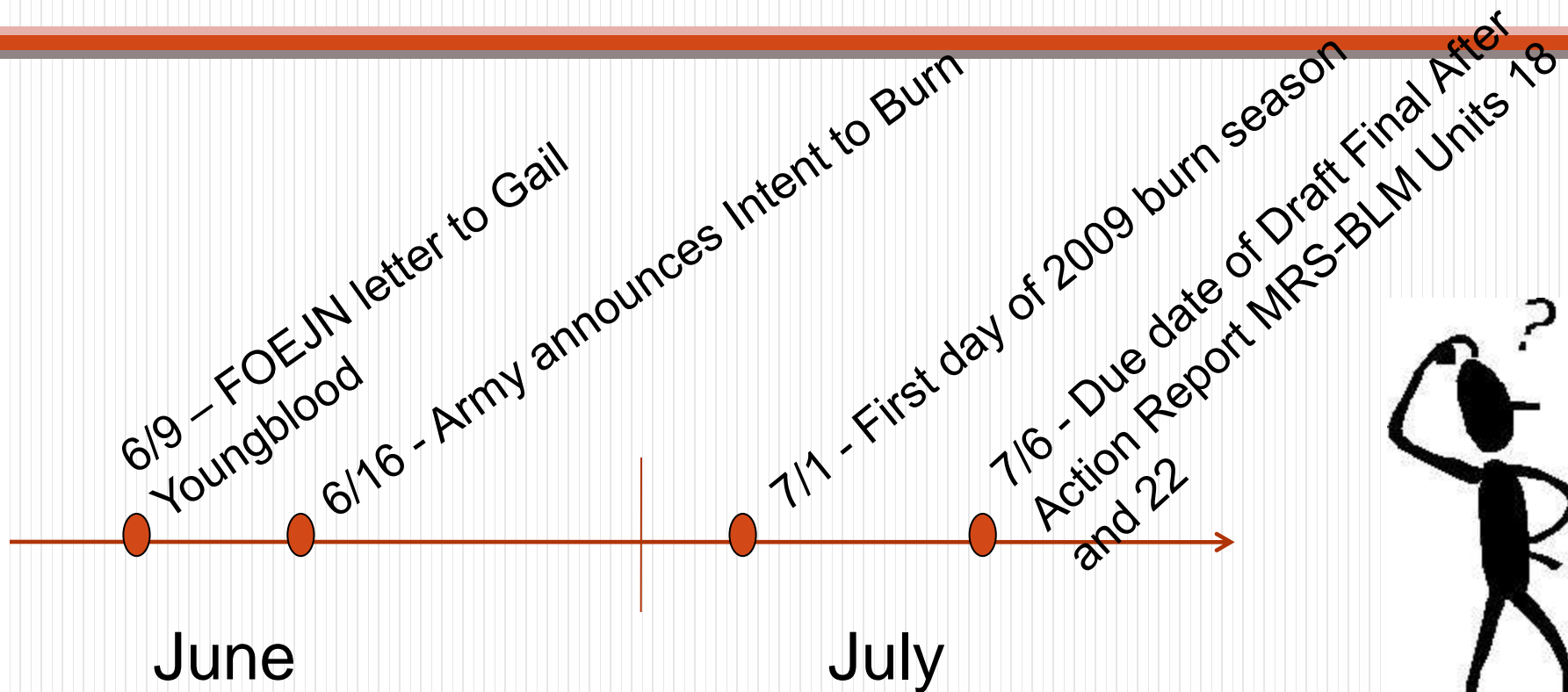


- The sequence of prescribed burning documents
- Health effects from burning
- Lack of reliable water resources during burns
- OU2 landfill
- Unexcavated burial pits at MRS-16

Timeline of Burn-Related Document Release Dates



Burn document sequence reflects flaws



Objectives of 2008 burn season were not met

- No voluntary relocation plan for last year or proposed for 2009.
- Air quality standards (PM10) were exceeded at Marshall Park Elementary School
- Report fails to accept that objectives were *not* met
- Burn occurred on a week day during hours of normal day-to-day activities
- Impossible to go about your daily activities and avoid impacted air quality



Status of water resources for 2009 burn?



- Multiple water containers burst during December 2008 burn of MRS-BLM Units 18 and 22
- Cannot initiate a fire without adequate water
- How is the Army preparing to meet the water requirement in order to contain an escape during the 2009 burn season?

Waiting on landfill response for 12 months

- Illegal to open a closed landfill
- Landfill leachate already contributing to groundwater plumes being treated at OU2 and Sites 2/12
- Engineering will not properly contain added material
- CA Integrated Waste Management Board disagreed with Army's plan





Buried munitions are being ignored

- Cleanup is continuing while both the Army and the EPA are aware that munitions pits are buried and unremediated at MRS-16
- Both the Draft Final and the Army's response to comments indicate that no MEC were associated with the pit excavations.
 - 2.36-inch rockets are MEC. The report categorizes them as such (page 2 of Appendix A, Draft Final Report...).
 - Agencies responsible for cleanup are legally obligated to remove MEC.
 - Standard procedure at other former defense sites across the country; *Ft. Ord is not an exception.*

Community Requests

1. Munitions pits need to be completely excavated
2. OU2 landfill needs to remain closed
3. Citizens want to discuss alternatives to burning
4. Agencies need to provide timely responses

Resolutions

How are the Army and the EPA going to address these legitimate concerns?

Comments and further discussion

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