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DEPOT PLANNING AUTHORITY SEEKING PUBLIC COMMENT

Open Public Comment June 01, 2010 - June 30, 2010 – The DMST is seeking Public Comment on the Draft Redevelopment Plan and Implementation Strategy pertaining to the redevelopment of the property at the Umatilla Chemical Depot. The UMADRA will be reviewing these documents concurrently through the Public Comment period and has not formally approved any of these Drafts.

The Public Comment period will begin June 1. There will be 3 Parts of the Plan posted:

- I. Draft Redevelopment Plan and Implementation Strategy: To include Overview and Recommendation of the Redevelopment Plan, A specific Land-Use Plan, and Implementation/Action Plan. All required draft assessment reports have been available for review since completion. (Social and Economic, Facility, Land, Market, Ecosystem, and Environmental)
- II. Homeless Assistance Plan: Is the document required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to be completed with the BRAC Closure Redevelopment Plan. This document provides the plan of the UMADRA to support the Homeless Service Providers in the immediate vicinity of the UMCD based on the assessed needs, requirements, and requests of the Providers.
- III. Public Outreach Segment: Provides highlights and summary of the Public Outreach the UMADRA performed to allow the local communities to be involved in the planning of the property. Outreach includes workshops, media, public comment periods, and focus groups throughout the planning period. (*results of this public comment period will be included in the final report*)

Public Comment Forms will be also posted at www.missionumatilla.com or you can contact Kim Swentik for the documents. A **Public Information Forum** is scheduled for **June 17 at the Umatilla Electric Co-op: 750 W. Elm Street in Hermiston, Oregon from 10:00 am until Noon**. There are five ways to submit your comments:

1. Complete the Public Comment Electronic Form available on the website and email to ks@missionumatilla.com
2. Download and Print the Public Comment To Print Form available on the website and mail to the address listed on the form
3. Attend the Public Information Forum and complete the available documents and turn in or mail to sited address
4. Record your verbal comments at the Public Information Forum
5. Contact Kim Swentik at ks@missionumatilla.com to request forms be delivered to your email or sent to you via standard mail. Complete the forms and return to address sited on form.

The purpose of the Public Information Forum and the Public Comment Period is to allow the community a voice in the planning of the nearly 20,000 acres currently owned by the US Army. To help alleviate the adverse effects of base closure to the local community, the Army established and funded the UMADRA, composed of representatives of Umatilla and Morrow Counties and Ports and the Confederated Tribe of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. **The UMADRA will take into consideration all comments, concerns, and suggestions received through June 30.** Changes to the final plan document will be incorporated and a final Redevelopment Plan and submittal documents will be reviewed by the UMADRA in July. It is anticipated the UMADRA will make their final vote on the Full Submittal Package on July 29. The Redevelopment Plan and all coordinating documents are estimated to be submitted on August 06, 2010 to the Department of Defense and the Department of Housing and Urban Development.