Meeting Minutes, Community Interest Group  
Ricochet Area Munitions Response Site in State Game Lands 211, Pennsylvania  
October 27, 2011 ● East Hanover Township Building, Grantville, PA

Community Interest Group Members and Project Staff Attendees

Dennis Coffman    Jim Rice    Jo Anderson, Pennsylvania Army National Guard  
Debra Deis        John Rossey  Scott Bills, Pennsylvania Game Commission  
Larry Herr        Dorman Shaver Kim Harriz, Army National Guard Directorate  
Randall Hurst     Paul Shoop   Emily Schiffmacher, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District  
Donald Kleinfelter Joseph Smith Jr. Major Edward Shank, Pennsylvania Army National Guard  
Mike Kneasel      Ruth Smith   LTC William Yearwood, Pennsylvania Army National Guard  
Joan Renninger    Jo Anderson, Pennsylvania Army National Guard  
Jim Rice          John Rossey  Scott Bills, Pennsylvania Game Commission  
LTC William Yearwood Greg Daloisio, Weston Solutions, Inc.  
                  John Gerhard, Weston Solutions, Inc.  
                  Deb Volkmer, Weston Solutions, Inc.  

Other Attendees

Peter Fisher      Jay Megonnell  
Jan Sieger-Fisher Dreama O’Neal, Pennsylvania Army National Guard  
Sandy Herr        Tom Powers  
David R. Keefer  Shirley Shoop  
Galen D. Kleinfelter Sharon L. Southall, Lebanon Valley Hiking Club  
JoEllen Litz, Lebanon County Commissioner

Handouts from the Meeting

1. Draft Meeting Minutes, Community Interest Group, Ricochet Area Munitions Response Site in State Game Lands 211, PA, June 30, 2011  
2. Fact Sheet October 2011: Final Remedial Investigation Report Summary (Appendix A)  
3. Community Interest Group/Public Meeting Evaluation Form

Welcome

Jo Anderson, Pennsylvania Army National Guard, welcomed the group, introduced the project team. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the June 30, 2011 meeting minutes. Kim Harriz, Army National Guard Directorate, explained the tickets, drawing procedures, and prize ($30 gift certificate to the Appalachian Trail Conservancy store).

Jim Rice asked if the Department of Defense (DoD) provided support to clear munitions when building the fire break on Second Mountain.

LTC William Yearwood affirmed that the 756 Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Unit provided surface clearance prior to construction of the fire break on Second Mountain. And although the EOD Unit did not preclear the subsurface, it did respond to munitions finds that were uncovered as the road was being constructed.

Jim Rice asked for clarification of when the Pennsylvania Army National Guard knew munitions were in the Ricochet Area.

LTC William Yearwood indicated that about six years ago when DoD began its historical records review for the Military Munitions Response Program identified the area and notified the Pennsylvania Army National Guard. What was found during the records review was the fact that the U.S. Army Garrison, in its 1986 edition of its range regulation, identified the portion of State Game Lands 211 under the restricted airspace as a “ricochet area for spent ordnance leave Fort Indiantown Gap.” That, along with
past UXO (unexploded ordnance) finds in the area, prior to the formal investigation, validated that area
now termed the Ricochet Area contained Munitions and Explosives of Concern.

John Rossey asked if in the last 50 years anybody has been hurt by UXO in Stony Creek Valley.

LTC Yearwood responded that he has been at Fort Indiantown Gap since 1998 and there have been no
injuries from UXO in State Game Lands 211 reported to the installation.

Open House

Attendees were invited to visit each display area, review the posters, and visit with project technical staff
about five remedial alternatives. The posters displayed at the open house are provided in Appendix B and
photos of the open house are provided in Appendix C. The Feasibility Study identified and evaluated five
remedial alternatives for the Ricochet Area Munitions Response Site. The following provides a brief
description of each alternative.

- **Alternative 1 – No Action.** A continuation of current site uses. No changes for recreational users
  and Pennsylvania Game Commission personnel and contractors. Responses to future munitions
discoveries handled on a case-by-case basis. No actions taken to locate, remove, or dispose of
munitions items. No implementation of programs to inform the public of potential explosive hazards.

- **Alternative 2 – Containment and Controls.** Explosive risk is managed through public outreach and
  awareness programs. A public awareness campaign may include educational and printed materials,
  signs, notifications with permits and contracts, websites, and safety videos.

- **Alternative 3 – Surface Removal of Munitions with Containment and Controls.** Explosive risk is
  mitigated primarily by removing and disposing of munitions and other metal debris on the surface
  across the entire site acreage.

- **Alternative 4 (Preferred) – Focused Surface and Subsurface Removal of Munitions with
  Containment and Controls.** Explosive risk is mitigated by focused removal and disposal of
  munitions and other metal debris in both surface and subsurface. Surface removal is focused in
  specific areas of munitions density (Greater than 0.5 item per acre) and along trails. Subsurface
  removal is focused in areas where subsurface activities are planned (e.g., wild game food plots) and
  on-site unexploded ordnance construction support during road building for timber harvesting.

- **Alternative 5 – Surface and Subsurface Removal of Munitions with Containment and Controls.**
  Explosive risk is mitigated by removal and disposal of all munitions and other metal debris in both
  the surface and subsurface throughout the site.

Drawing and Adjournment

Attendees placed tickets in corresponding remedial alternative envelopes to indicate their preferred
alternative. The result of the envelope contents was:

- Alternative 1 – 3 votes
- Alternative 2 – 2 votes
- Alternative 3 – 1 vote
- Alternative 4 – 3 votes
- Alternative 5 – 10 votes

Mrs. Ruth Smith was the winner of the drawing

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.
List of Appendices

Appendix A – Fact Sheet October 2011: Final Remedial Investigation Report Summary
Appendix B – Posters
Appendix C – Open House Photographs