

SITE FACT SHEET

Portage Head Ruins *Site 18*



Description: This site consists of an abandoned gravel access road and a concrete bunker at the edge of the bluff on Portage Head. The concrete bunker was constructed as a two-bay fire control observation post for the Cape Flattery Battery. A floor drain is present in the bunker. The U.S. Army started constructing this coastal defense system in the early 1940s but abandoned the project in 1943 before the construction was complete. The U.S. Army’s official name for this site is South Portage Head.

Community Impacts: Abandoned structures; disturbed terrain.

Investigations and Actions to Date: Site inspections were performed by the Makah Environmental Restoration Team in October 2000, December 2002, and August and October 2004. The site was investigated along with 9 other sites during the 2004 limited remedial investigation. During the October 2004 visit, protruding steel rods were cut off flush with the concrete foundations to remove these physical hazards, the concrete-lined floor drain or sump pit was inspected, a test pit was completed near the end of the drainpipe, and a sample of soil was collected for laboratory analysis.

Planned Activities: A No Further Action report has been prepared, recommending that the Makah Tribal Council make and record a No Further Action determination.