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Tactical Training Base site closing in May to focus on future warfare

DEVENS RESERVE FORCES TRAINING AREA, Massachusetts – This Spring, Tactical Training Base will no longer be available for use.

The Tactical Training Base, which opened in 2011, is a ten-acre site simulating a forward operating base (FOB) for units to train for overseas missions and serves as a laboratory for the Army to determine Soldiers' requirements (e.g. water utilization). The TTB can support about 300 personnel to train, sleep, be fed, shower and use laundry facilities. It includes several security towers and entry control points within the wall surrounding the facility.

The TTB and the FOB concept is no longer relevant as doctrine and tactics are evolving to meet modern warfare and operational requirements, such as large-scale combat operations.

Units will continue to train and request use in the TTB until it is scheduled to close May 19. This will not affect the other sites and ranges found throughout the nearly 5,000-acre training area on South Post. No jobs will be lost due of the closing TTB.

The equipment – tents, towers, gates and hard structures – and Hesco barriers, which are filled with dirt, will be removed and the site will be returned to its former use as a dirt and grass field with gravel.

Devens RFTA provides training support, base operations and other missions as directed for the Joint Force and law enforcement agencies to meet current and emerging requirements

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