

**FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES (FUDS)
PROJECT FACT SHEET
MAY 1995
TAG REVIEW DATE: 23 JULY 1997**

1. **SITE NAME:** Carlsbad Precision Bombing Range #1

SITE NUMBER: K06NM034600

LOCATION:

City: Carlsbad
County: Eddy
State: New Mexico

PROJECT NUMBER: K06NM034601

CATEGORY:OE

INPR RAC: 4

ASR RAC: 4

TAG RAC: 4

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3. **SITE DESCRIPTION:** The former Carlsbad Precision Bombing Range No. 1 consists of 640 acres located in section 36 Township 19 South Range 25 East, about one mile west of US Highway 285, midway between Carlsbad and Artesia.

4. SITE HISTORY: In 1943, the Department of Defense (DOD), acquired numerous remote parcels of land in southeastern New Mexico for use as practice bombing ranges. The U.S. Army Air Corps used these ranges in connection with training operation at Carlsbad Army Airfield. Improvements added to the site consisted of a fence around the central target (about 85 acres), markings, and a bull's-eye target graded into the soil. A wooden pyramid, known as a "shack", about 20 feet to the side at the base, stood at the center. No documents identifying the types of bombs dropped at this target were found during the research. It is known that 100-lb concrete or sand-filled practice bombs, with flash powder spotting charges, were commonly used on this type of range. Documents did state that high explosive bombs were dropped on some of the Carlsbad Precision Bombing Ranges. However, it is not known if HE bombs were dropped at Carlsbad PBR #1.

During the site visit, only remnants from 100-lb practice sand-filled and concrete-filled bombs were found. These remnants included concrete bombs with the lifting hooks, mechanical fuzes, bomb casings, tail fins, and scrap--all of which were deemed non-hazardous by the St. Louis safety specialist.

5. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Size, Acres:	640
Former Use:	Bombing range
Present Use:	Cattle grazing
Probable End Use:	Cattle grazing
Ordnance Presence:	Confirmed: Site team saw practice bomb remnants Potential: HE bombs

6. CURRENT STATUS: A draft Archive Search Report was completed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District, in May 1995.

7. STRATEGY: RAC 4 EE/CA

8. ISSUES AND CONCERNS:

The site is bordered on the north by a paved road and accessed directly by a track road. These roads appear to be traveled only infrequently. There is a windmill near the site and oil and gas well activity in the vicinity. These facilities also see only occasional activity.

The site is owned by the State of New Mexico and leased to Mr. Ernest McGonagil who uses it for cattle grazing.

There is an extensive number of Federally- and State-listed species which may occur in

the site area. An on-site inspection by appropriate State and Federal personnel may be necessary to verify the presence, absence or location of listed species, or natural communities. See page 4-2 in the Findings for a listing of affected species.

9. SCHEDULE SUMMARY: EE/CA

10. FUNDING/BUDGET SUMMARY: For Official Use Only

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