

**RESTORATION INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES (FUDS)
PROJECT FACT SHEET
ORIGINAL DATE: 27 SEPTEMBER 1995
TAG REVIEW DATE: 4 FEBRUARY 1997**

1. **SITE NAME:** Roswell Army Air Field
Practice Bombing Range No. 4

SITE NUMBER: K06NM050701

LOCATION:

CITY: Roswell
COUNTY: Chaves
STATE: New Mexico

PROJECT NUMBER: K06NM050701

CATEGORY: OE

INPR RAC: 4

ASR RAC: 4

TAG RAC: 4

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3. **SITE DESCRIPTION:**

a. Roswell Army Air Field Practice Bombing Range No. 4 was one of more than 30 PBRs located in Chaves County. It is

35 miles east-northeast of Roswell, New Mexico. The exact location is the center of Section 5, Township 10 south, and Range 30 east. Another PBR, No. 5, is directly below it in section 8.

b. PBR No. 4 consisted of 640.7 acres of range land. The land was and is used for ranching and is controlled by the Bureau of Land Management.

4. SITE HISTORY:

a. With the construction of Roswell Army Air Base in Roswell, New Mexico, the War Department determined on 11 May 1942, that there was a military necessity to acquire land for PBRs in the Roswell area. Roswell PBR No. 4 was laid out on 640.7 acres of what was and still is range land.

b. The land was public land and was withdrawn from public use in July 1942, for use as a practice bombing range.

c. Records indicate that the PBR was to be a daytime combat type target with one pyramid marking the center. The target had a circular fence with a radius of approximately 1,400 feet, and three triangulation towers. Rings made of caliche were laid out with a radius of approximately 100, 200, 300, and 500 hundred feet. As a combat type target it also had silhouettes of a battleship to the north of the 500 foot ring, and a ship dock to the east of the 500 foot ring.

d. On 18 June 1945, the PBR was declared surplus. Public Land Order No. 9, dated 3 July 1942, which had originally withdraw the land, was revoked on 3 October 1947.

e. The site of the former PBR No. 4 is currently owned by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The area is used for grazing by the Sand Ranch, Inc. which is located southeast of the site.

5. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Area A:	Size, Acres:	141.0
	Former Usage:	Target area
	Present Usage:	Range land (grazing)
	Probable End Usage:	Same as Above
	Ordnance Presence:	Confirmed
	Type:	Bomb, 100 lb practice, M38A2, w/spotting Charge, M1A1
Area B:	Size, Acres:	119.0
	Former Usage:	Safety zone
	Present Usage:	Range land (grazing)

Probable End Usage: Same as Above
Ordnance Presence: Potential
Type: Same as Area A

Area C: Size, Acres: 380.7
Former Usage: All other lands
Present Usage: Range land (grazing)
Probable End Usage: Same as Above
Ordnance Presence: None

6. CURRENT STATUS:

The draft Archives Search Report for Roswell Army Air Field Practice Bombing Range No. 4 was completed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District, in September 1995.

7. STRATEGY:

Area A: EE/CA
Area B: EE/CA
Area C: NOFA

8. ISSUES AND CONCERNS:

a. The TAG has determined that an EE/CA will be performed in Area A and Area B since there was confirmed/potential debris from M38-series 100 pound practice bombs encountered by the SI Team during their inspection of these areas. NOFA is required for Area C.

b. Care must be taken not to disturb the historical site located in the northwest corner of the target site.

c. There are known Federally-and State listed species occurring 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.

9. SCHEDULED SUMMARY: EE/CA

10. FUNDING/BUDGET SUMMARY: For Official Use Only