

**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. 6

**SITE NUMBER:** K06NM050901

**LOCATION:**

CITY: Roswell  
COUNTY: Chaves  
STATE: New Mexico

**PROJECT NUMBER:** K06NM050901

**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. 6 was one of a total of 34 PBR's, associated with Roswell Army

Airfield, located approximately 45 miles northeast of Roswell, New Mexico. The exact location is half way between Section 8 and section 9, Township 8 south, and Range 31 east.

b. PBR No. 6 consists of 640 acres of range land. The land was and is used for public grazing land, oil leasing. 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 2 May 1942, that there was a military necessity for acquisition of all outstanding rights within the area, of approximately 640 acres of land in the vicinity of Roswell, New Mexico, as a site for PBR, at an estimated cost of \$4500.

b. The land was public land and was withdrawn from public use in January 1943 for use as a practice bombing range.

c. Records indicate that the PBR was to be a daytime type target with one pyramid marking the center. In addition to the center target a field book (#5, The Office of Post Engineer RAAF, Roswell NM) indicate two additional targets were on site, one ship 250 feet north of the center and a tank farm 350 feet east of the center target. A search of the acreage could not verify the additional targets. The center target were rings made of caliche and white wash, were laid out with a radius of approximately 100, 200, 300, and 500 hundred feet.

d. On 18 June 1945, the PBR was declared surplus, and Public Land Order No. 9 of 3 July 1942 which withdrew the land was revoked on 3 October 1947.

e. The site of the former PBR No. 6 is currently owned by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The area is used for grazing of cattle by private citizen.

#### **5. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Area A:	Size, Acres:	72.0
	Former Usage:	Practice Bombing Target
	Present Usage:	Range land (grazing/oil)
	Probable End Usage:	Same as Above
	Ordnance Presence:	Confirmed
	Type:	Bomb, 100 lb. Practice M38A2, w/Spotting Charge, M1A1

Area B:	Size, Acres:	480.0
	Former Usage:	Practice Bomb Target Buffer Zone
	Present Usage:	Range land (grazing/oil)
	Probable End Usage:	Same as Above
	Ordnance Presence:	Potential
	Type:	Yes, Same as Area A
Area C:	Size, Acres:	160.0
	Former Usage:	All remaining lands
	Present Usage:	Range land (grazing/oil)
	Probable End Usage:	Same as Above
	Ordnance Presence:	Uncontaminated

**6. CURRENT STATUS:** The draft Archives Search Report for Roswell Army Air Field Practice Bombing Range No. 6 was completed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District, in January, 1996.

**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 archeological site located in the northeastern portion of this 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