

**RESTORATION INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES (FUDS)
PROJECT FACT SHEET
ORIGINAL DATE: 5 MARCH 1996
TAG REVIEW DATE: 4 FEBRUARY 1997**

1. SITE NAME: Roswell Army Air Field
Practice Bombing Range No. 10

SITE NUMBER: K06NM051300

LOCATION:

CITY: Roswell
COUNTY: Chaves
STATE: New Mexico

PROJECT NUMBER: K06NM051301

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. 10 was one of more than 30 PBRs located in Chaves County. It is 18 miles north of Roswell, New Mexico. The exact location is the

center of Section 19, Township 7 south, and Range 24 east.

b. PBR No. 10 consisted of 774.32 acres of range land. The land was and is used for ranching and is owned by the State of New Mexico, 694.32 acres, and Ruth Corn Inc., 80.0 acres.

4. SITE HISTORY:

a. With the construction of Roswell Army Air Base in Roswell, New Mexico, the War Department determined on 10 May 1942, that there was a military necessity for land for PBRs in the Roswell area. Roswell PBR No. 10 was laid out on 774.32 acres of what was and still is range land.

b. 694.32 acres of the site were owned by the State of New Mexico, and obtained by agreement with the State. The other 80 acres was public land and was withdrawn from public use in July 1942, for use as a practice bombing range.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 day/night combat type target with one pyramid marking the center. A ring made of caliche was laid out with a radius of approximately 500 feet and four legs of 500 feet each radiated from the center to the north, south, east, and west, giving the target a cross hair effect. A small appendage was made at a 90 degree angle to each leg about halfway down in a counterclockwise direction to give the appearance of a reverse swastika. As a combat type target, it also had silhouettes of a battleship to the south of the 500 foot ring and a ship dock to the east of the 500 foot ring. The target was enclosed with a circular fence with a radius of approximately 1,000 feet, and was supposed to have three triangulation towers.

d. On 18 June 1945, the PBR was declared surplus, and Public Land Order No. 9 of 3 July 1942 which withdrew the land, was revoked on 3 October 1947.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 774.32 acres are still used as range land, with the State of New Mexico still in control of 694.32 acres and Ruth Corn Ranch owning the remaining 80 acres. There is an oil and gas lease on the land, No. 66907, but no pumps or wells are visible in the area.

5. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Area A:	Size, Acres:	141.0
	Former Usage:	Target area
	Present Usage:	Range land (grazing)
	Probable End Usage:	Same as Present Use
	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 Present Use
Ordnance Presence: Potential
Type: Same as Area A

Area C: Size, Acres: 514.32
Former Usage: All other lands
Present Usage: Range land (grazing)
Probable End Usage: Same as Present Use
Ordnance Presence: None

6. CURRENT STATUS:

The Archives Search Report (ASR) for Roswell Army Air Field Practice Bombing Range No. 10 was completed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District, in March 1996.

7. STRATEGY:

Area A: EE/CA
Area B: EE/CA
Area C: No Further action

8. ISSUES AND CONCERNS:

a. The Technical Advisory Group (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. 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