

**RESTORATION INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES
PROJECT FACT SHEET
ORIGINAL DATE: 26 JANUARY 1996
TAG REVIEW DATE: 5 FEBRUARY 1997**

1. SITE NAME: Roswell Army Air Field
Precision Bombing Range (PBR) No. 16

SITE NUMBER: K06NM051800

LOCATION:

City: N/A
County: Roosevelt
State: New Mexico

PROJECT NUMBER: K06NM051801

CATEGORY: OE

INPR RAC: 3

ASR RAC: 4

TAG RAC: 4

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3. SITE DESCRIPTION: The former Roswell PBR No. 16 consists of 640 acres and is located in Roosevelt County, New Mexico,

approximately 56 miles northeast of Roswell. It is further identified as being located at Section 36, Township 06 South, Range 32 East of the New Mexico Principal Meridian. The one square mile tract is gently sloping terrain, with sparse vegetation. It is currently owned by the State of New Mexico and is leased to local ranchers as grazing lands.

4. SITE HISTORY:

a. PBR No. 16 was one of over thirty bombing or gunnery ranges affiliated with Roswell Army Air Field during World War II. The 640 acre bombing range was used to train student bombardiers in day and night tactical bomber training. The bombardiers used M-38 practice bombs which contained 80 pounds of dry sand and a spotting charge. There is no indication in historical documentation or personal interviews that chemicals of any kind were used on the target site.

b. It was used for both day and night target practice. DOD improvements to the 640 acre site included an earthen target in the shape of a swastika, lighting, generator housing, fencing and triangulation towers. The main target consisted of four concentric circles. These were approximately 200', 400', 500', and 1,000' circles. Two straight lines, one aligned with the north and one to the east, crossed through the center of the concentric rings. Off these lines is a reverse swastika. Additional target features included a battleship, and an oil refinery.

c. The bombing range was released by the War Department in June 1945, and the land reverted back to the State of New Mexico. A Certificate of Clearance was issued by the Army Corps of Engineers on 18 June 1958, certifying the site clear of all dangerous or explosive material which might be reasonably detected in a visual inspection. The scrap material recovered from the area comprised parts of two hundred bombs or other missiles. The property is still owned by the state and is leased to local ranchers for sheep and cattle grazing.

5. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Area:	Size, Acres:	640
	Former Use:	Target Area
	Present Use:	Range land (grazing)
	Probable End Use:	Same as Present Use
	Ordnance Presence:	Confirmed
	Type:	Bomb, 100 lb. Practice, M38A2, w/Spotting Charge, M1A1

6. CURRENT STATUS: The Archives Search Report (ASR) for Roswell PBR No. 16 was completed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District, in December 1995.

7. STRATEGY: Target Area: EE/CA

8. ISSUES AND CONCERNS:

a. The Technical Advisory Group (TAG) has determined that an EE/CA will be performed for the entire 640 acre site since there was confirmed debris from M38-series 100 pound practice bombs encountered by the SI Team during their inspection of this site.

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. SCHEDULE SUMMARY: EE/CA

10. FUNDING/BUDGET SUMMARY: For Official Use Only