

**RESTORATION INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES (FUDS)
PROJECT FACT SHEET
ORIGINAL DATE: JUNE 1995
TAG REVIEW DATE: 7 MAY 1997**

1. **SITE NAME:** Scottsbluff High Altitude
Precision Bombing Range

SITE NUMBER: BO7NE006600

LOCATION:

CITY: None
COUNTY: SIOUX
STATE: NEBRASKA

PROJECT NUMBER: BO7NE006601

CATEGORY: OE

INPR RAC: 4

ASR RAC: 4

TAG RAC: 4

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3. **SITE DESCRIPTION:**

The former Scottsbluff High Altitude Precision Bombing Range consisted of 2,468.50 acres of grazing land located about 29 miles north of Scottsbluff, Nebraska, in Sioux County. All of the area remains as grazing land.

4. SITE HISTORY:

The property was leased from five landowners in November 1942 until July 1943 and was used as a precision practice bombing range for the Scottsbluff Army Airfield and other airbases in neighboring states. The only type of ordnance used on this range was the M38A2 100 lb. practice bombs. After a brief period of use, the range was closed due to the unsuitability of the land, and was relocated approximately 10 miles south. The new range name, following relocation, became Casper Precision Bombing Range #5, bearing OE site #BO7NE004100.

5. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Area A:	Size, Acres:	912.25
	Former Usage:	Aerial Bombing Target Zone
	Present Usage:	Cattle Grazing
	Probable End Usage:	Same as above
	Ordnance Presence:	Confirmed
	Type:	Bomb, 100 lb. Practice, M38A2, w/spotting Charge, M1A2
Area B:	Size, Acres:	490.70
	Former Usage:	Buffer Zone
	Present Usage:	Cattle Grazing
	Probable End Usage:	Same as above
	Ordnance Presence:	Potential
	Type:	Same as Area A
Area C:	Size, Acres:	1075.55
	Former Usage:	All Other Lands
	Present Usage:	Cattle Grazing
	Probable End Usage:	Same as above
	Ordnance Presence:	None
Area D:	Size, Acres:	2.50
	Former Usage:	Bomb Scrap Dumpsite
	Present Usage:	Cattle Grazing
	Probable End Usage:	Same
	Ordnance Presence:	Confirmed
	Type:	Same as Area A

6. CURRENT STATUS:

The Archives Search Report for Scottsbluff High Altitude Precision Bombing Range was completed by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District, in June 1995.

7. STRATEGY:

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

8. ISSUES AND CONCERNS:

a. The TAG concurs with the recommendation for an EE/CA in Area A and Area B since there was confirmed/potential debris from M38-series 100 pound practice bombs encountered by the SI Team in these areas. NOFA is recommended for Area C and Area D. Even though there is confirmed residue in Area D, is not eligible for cleanup since the landowner placed it there himself. This decision was made by Ms. Margaret Simmons, CEHNC Office of Council.

b. One Landowner (Mr. Davis) must be handled with sensitivity due to supposed governmental remediation promises not acted upon. He removed OE from Area A to Area D and is likely to continue. Landowners must be made aware of the potential danger they are placing themselves in by removing OE.

c. There is an abundance of rattlesnakes in and around this FUDS. Prairie Grass, which covers a majority of the project area, takes up to 10 years to regrow when disturbed by fire or excavation. The terrain is rough and devoid of improved roads requiring 4 wheel drive access. The dry season prohibits range grass access by vehicles bearing catalytic converters. Numerous cattle fences present a hazard to uncovered human hands. Limited manmade map reference features and an abundance of contour deviations make navigational aids essential for project maneuverability.

d. There are know Federally-and State-listed species occurring in this FUDS. 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