

RESTORATION INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM  
FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES (FUDS)  
PROJECT FACT SHEET  
JUNE 1994

HNC REVISION: 20 AUGUST 1997  
TAG REVIEW DATE: 28 JANUARY 1998

1. **SITE NAME:** Sedalia Army Airfield Rifle Range  
**SITE NUMBER:** B07M0027300  
**LOCATION:**  
City: Knob Noster  
County: Johnson  
State: Missouri  
**PROJECT NUMBER:** B07M0027302  
**CATEGORY:** OE  
**INPR RAC:** 2  
**ASR RAC:** 4  
**TAG RAC:** 5

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3. **SITE DESCRIPTION:**

The Former Sedalia Army Airfield Rifle Range consists of 776.83 acres of pasture and woodland located approximately 4 miles southwest of the city of Knob Noster, in Johnson County,

Missouri, and approximately 2 miles west of the airfield (now Whiteman Air Force Base). The range itself was located on bottom land of the Clear Fork of the Blackwater River. A portion of the safety zone is an eroded plateau, with narrow ridge tops rising up to 150 feet above the bottom land. The site has a continental climate characterized by cold winters and long, hot summers. No cultural resources were noted during the archives search or the site inspection.

#### 4. SITE HISTORY:

This site was acquired by the War Department beginning in June 1943, and the 300-meter rifle range was constructed in August 1943. The land for the range was obtained by lease (772.93 acres) and by permit from the U. S. Department of Interior (3.90 acres). Due to safety concerns, the pistol range was moved from the airfield to the vicinity of the rifle range. The site was used to provide some ground combat training to Army Air Force personnel. Practice 2.36-inch rockets were expended on the site. According to records, all practice rockets fired, except for one, were recovered. The archives search turned up no evidence that high explosives were used. A decontamination report, dated 1 August 1947, stated that no evidence of high explosives was found during a thorough search of the entire range, but that several acres had such dense undergrowth that it was impossible to verify that explosives were not present on them. The rifle range was declared surplus on 1 May 1947 and all leases were terminated by 31 December 1947. The 3.90 acres obtained by permit from the Department of Interior was released to the State Park Board on 13 October 1947.

#### 5. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

##### Area A

Size, Acres:	66 (approximate)
Former Use:	Rifle Range
Present Use:	Pasture, woodland
Probable End Use:	Same as Present
Ordnance Presence:	None
Type:	N/A

##### Area B

Size, Acres:	5 (approximate)(not in FDE)
Former Use:	Woodland
Present Use:	Woodland
Probable End Use:	Same as Present
Ordnance Presence:	None
Type:	N/A

**Area C**

Size, Acres:	711 (approximate)
Former Use:	Remaining site acreage
Present Use:	Agriculture, forestry, State Park
Probable End Use:	Same as Present
Ordnance Presence:	None
Type:	N/A

**6. CURRENT STATUS:**

The Draft Archives Search Report (ASR) was completed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District, in June 1994.

**7. STRATEGY:** No Further Action (NOFA)

**8. ISSUES AND CONCERNS:**

The Huntsville Center Technical Advisory Group reviewed this ASR and has made a determination of NOFA for this site. The additional approximate five acres annotated as Area B does not need to be included in the INPR FDE. Attached is a revised Risk Assessment Code (RAC) reflecting a score of 5.

The attached INPR RAC form, Site Survey Summary Sheet, Site Location Map, and 2 INPR transmittal memorandums are missing from the ASR and should be included in the ASR package.

There are known Federally- and State-listed species occurring in the site area, including a liverwort and an orchid. An on-site inspection by the appropriate federal and state personnel may be necessary to verify this presence, absence, or location of listed species, or natural communities.