

FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES
PROJECT FACT SHEET
ORIGINAL DATE: 31 MAY 1996
TAG REVIEW DATE: 6 MAY 1997

1. SITE NAME: Willcox Air Force Range
SITE NUMBER: J09AZ071100
LOCATION:
City: Willcox
County: Cochise
State: Arizona
PROJECT NUMBER: J09AZ071101
CATEGORY: OE
INPR RAC: 4
ASR RAC: 3
TAG RAC: 3

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3. SITE DESCRIPTION:

This project addresses only the formerly used (FUDS) portions of the Willcox Air Force Range. Most of the range is still an active DOD site used by Fort Huachuca as an electronics proving ground. The range is located approximately 8 miles south of Willcox, AZ in Cochise County. The

range consisted of 30,740 acres. The FUDS are primarily on the east side of the range. There is one FUDS on the west side of the range. The FUDS consist of 1913.1 acres. The FUDS are flat desert land and are primarily being used for crop farming and cattle grazing.

4. SITE HISTORY:

a. The Willcox Air Force Range was acquired in 1943 for use by Davis-Monthan Field for bombing and air to ground gunnery training. Improvements on the range consisted of the construction of buildings, an above ground steel tank, aiming circles, and air to ground targets. Historical documents indicate that remote controlled trucks were also used as bombing targets. Historical documents state that the FUDS were not used, but interviews and the site inspection indicate that air to ground gunnery training occurred on the FUDS. It is unknown if bombing training was conducted on the FUDS, but the remains of HE bombs and practice bombs were found on one of the FUDS. The FUDS were surplused during the period 1948 through 1958.

b. According to the owner of some of the FUDS properties, only the FUDS adjoining the active range contain ordnance. This individual also indicated that there are properties adjoining the active range which were never owned by DOD but do contain ordnance.

c. Two FUDS adjoining the active range were inspected. The north area consisting of approximately 320 acres, contains .50 cal. ammunition debris and target debris along with the remains of AN-M57 Series, 250-pound GP Bombs and M38A2, 100-pound Practice Bombs. There were no bomb craters found in this area.

d. The south area consisting of approximately 320 acres, contains .50 caliber ammunition debris.

e. It is likely that all of the FUDS adjoining the active range has the potential to contain .50 caliber ammunition debris. It is likely that Sections 29 and 31 in R25E, T15S also contain .50 caliber ammunition debris.

f. There is no evidence of Chemical Warfare Materials usage on this site.

5. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

North Area:	Size, Acres:	320
	Former Usage:	Target area
	Present Usage:	Crop Farming/Cattle Grazing
	Probable End Usage:	Same as Above
	Ordnance Presence:	Confirmed
	Type:	Bomb, 250 lb. GP, AN-57Series, Bomb, 100 lb. Practice, M38A2 and

.50 caliber small arms

South Area: Size, Acres: 320
Former Usage: Target Area
Present Usage: Crop Farming/Cattle Grazing
Probable End Usage: Same as Above
Ordnance Presence: Confirmed
Type: .50 caliber small arms

Tracts 5, 7, 8, 9 Size, Acres: Approximately 1273.1
Former Usage: Buffer Zone
Present Usage: Crop Farming/Cattle Grazing
Ordnance Presence: None
Type: N/A

6. CURRENT STATUS:

The Archive Search Report for Willcox Air Force Range was completed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District, in June 1996.

7. STRATEGY:

North Area: EE/CA
South Area: NOFA
Tracts 5, 7, 8, 9: NOFA

8. ISSUES AND CONCERNS:

a. The TAG recommends an EE/CA for Area A since there was confirmed debris from HE bombs encountered by the SI Team during their inspection of this area. NOFA is recommended for the remainder of this FUDS.

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 of listed species or natural communities.

c. A four wheel drive vehicle is recommended for travel to the site.

9. SCHEDULE SUMMARY: EE/CA

10. FUNDING/BUDGET SUMMARY: For Official Use Only