

Former Large Bomb Range

Munitions Response Site TG001a

Bellows Air Force Station

May 2023

The U.S. Air Force:

- Is dedicated to protecting human health and the environment
- Is committed to soliciting and receiving input from the Waimānalo Community and utilizing that feedback during decision making
- Will continue outreach to the Waimānalo Community including public meetings, participation in community events, and making project related materials available to the Community

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The TG001a site is approximately 24.53 acres and is located immediately east of the TG001 site in the northeastern portion of Bellows Air Force Station. The TG001a site is comprised of low probability areas. The range was historically operated as an aerial gunnery target range in the 1930s, however no conclusive information on the operational dates or types of munitions used within this site has been found. In the early 1940s, the aerial gunnery range was deactivated and redeveloped into a barracks area by the 1950s. Prior to the establishment of Bellows, the area was utilized by Native Hawaiians for residential, food procurement, and ceremonial activities (burial area). The entire Bellows coastal area continues to be utilized by Native Hawaiians to this day despite historic plantation and military activities impacting portions of the landscape. Archaeological and historic building studies are a routine part of environmental regulation compliance reviews to assess, avoid/mitigate and record culturally significant features and properties during project activities.

Currently, TG001a Munitions Response Site is composed largely of recreational areas and support facilities that include a registration building, two parking lots, tennis courts, frisbee golf course, cabins, trails, and the beach.

Project Status

A Comprehensive Site Evaluation Phase II Supplemental Investigation was performed to collect data to determine if munitions are present within the TG001a site. The fieldwork consisted of digital geophysical mapping and intrusive anomaly investigations on approximately 1.5 acres dispersed throughout the total site acreage. A 100% investigation of the future playground area was completed using analog mapping. All Material Potentially Presenting an Explosive Hazard, Munitions and Explosives of Concern, or munitions debris were properly managed and disposed of.

The results of the investigation are shown as a map on the reverse of this page. These findings were used to determine that a Time-Critical Removal Action was required in order to protect the health and safety of visitors to the site. The field work for this Removal Action is scheduled to commence in July of 2023. Restrictions on ground disturbance are in place at the site until this action is completed.

Results of the Comprehensive Site Evaluation Phase II Supplemental Investigation were presented to the Waimānalo Community at a Restoration Advisory Board meeting held in April 2023. The community is encouraged to attend and participate in deciding the site's future.



PROJECT STATUS UPDATE

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FACT SHEET

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Comprehensive Site Evaluation Phase II Supplemental Investigation Results



Items recovered during the investigation:

- 1 munitions and explosives of concern item
- 42 lbs of Munitions Debris
- 2,194 lbs of Non-Munitions Related Debris
- 8 lbs of Small Arms Ammunitions and Debris
- 16 lbs of Range Related Debris

The discovery of a 25-lb MKIII Cooper Bomb in the area of cabins and a campground during the investigation necessitated that a Time-Critical Removal Action be performed to address explosives safety hazards to Bellows Air Force Base personnel and visitors. The Removal Action is scheduled to commence in July of 2023.