

Former Urban Warfare Training Facility

Munitions Response Site TM001

Bellows Air Force Station

June 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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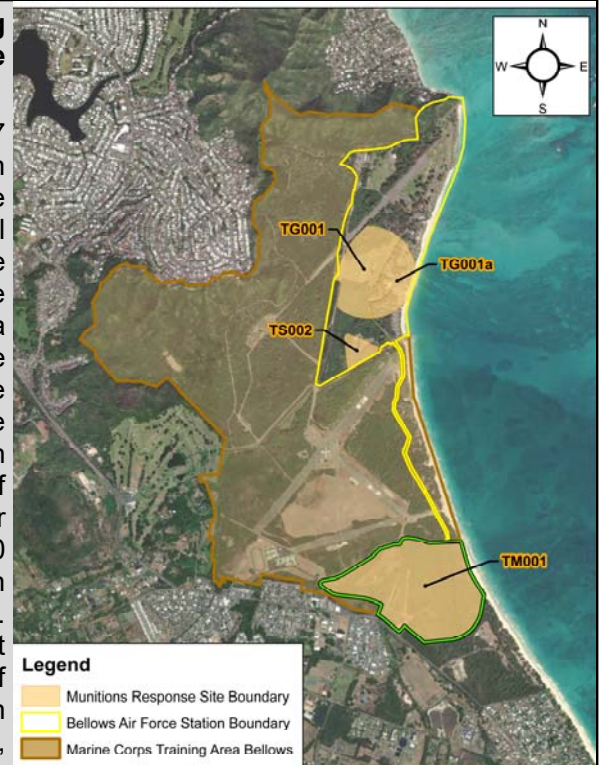
The TM001 site is approximately 138.7 acres and is located in the southern portion of Bellows Air Force Station. The site was historically operated as an aerial gunnery target range in the 1930s. In the early 1940s, the aerial gunnery range was deactivated and redeveloped into a barracks area. The area was a Nike missile facility from the 1960s to the 1970s, and then an urban warfare training facility from the 1970s through 2000. Prior to the establishment of Bellows, the area was utilized as a sugar plantation. Since the late 1960s, over 50 archaeological projects have been conducted at Bellows Air Force Station. These investigations have revealed that much of the Bellows area is composed of pre-Contact cultural deposits that contain remnants of habitation, activity areas, and human burials. The entire Bellows coastal area continues to be used by Native Hawaiians to this day despite historic plantation and military activities impacting portions of the landscape. Archaeological surveys and monitoring continue today to assess, avoid/mitigate and record culturally significant features and properties during investigation activities.

Currently, the US Air Force uses the site for non-munitions-related training exercises, including combat readiness response, all-terrain vehicle operations, crowd-control procedures, robbery intervention, helicopter rescue, and canine training.

Project Status

A proposed plan for remedial action at the TM001 site was released for public review and comment in September 2021. The proposed remedy consisted of land use controls, including fencing and signage. After receiving input from the Community and consulting with the Hawaii Department of Health, the Air Force did not select a remedy at that time, but instead chose to conduct additional site characterization, known as a Remedial Design project, to better identify and define risks that may be present at the site.

The Remedial Design activities, including vegetation removal, geophysical surveys, identification of potential munitions, and investigation of the potential munitions, were conducted in 2022. Vegetation removal was performed to allow access for the geophysical surveys. No large trees were removed. The munitions and explosives of concern uncovered were removed and disposed of. The results of the site characterization activities are shown on the map on the reverse of this page. These results were presented to the Waimānalo Community at a Restoration Advisory Board meeting held in April 2023. The United States Air Force will seek input from the Community regarding the results and potential future activities.



PROJECT STATUS UPDATE

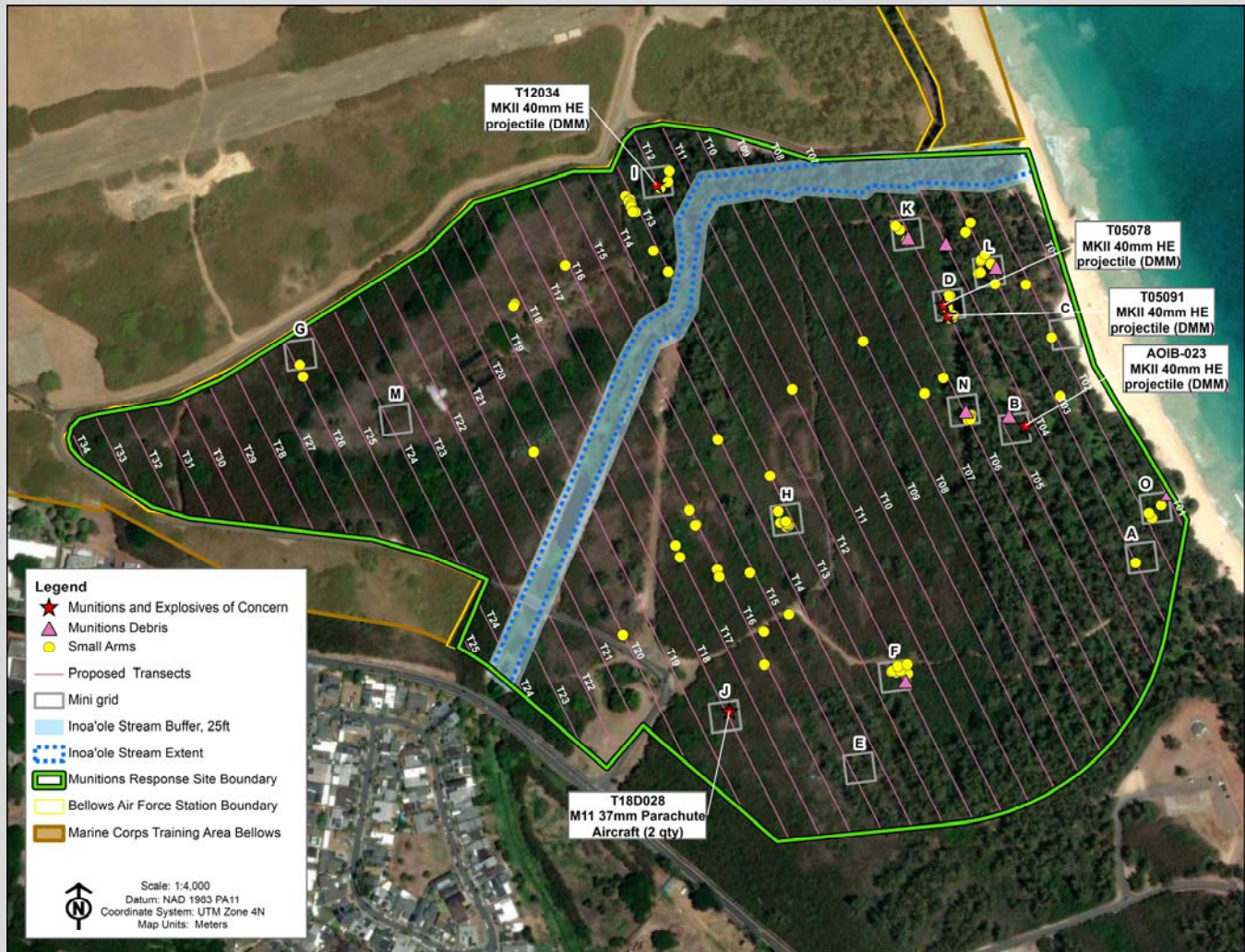
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FACT SHEET

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Remedial Design Investigation Results



Items recovered during the investigation:

- 6 munitions and explosives of concern items
- 12 lbs of Munitions Debris
- 6,570 lbs of Non-Munitions Related Debris
- 108 lbs of Small Arms Ammunitions and Debris
- 194 lbs of Range Related Debris

The intrusive investigation of anomalies mapped during the Remedial Design project was conducted in three phases to minimize impacts to Bellows Air Force Base and to the surrounding community.

Next Steps/Planned Activities: The final report for the Remedial Design investigation is currently being prepared. The results will be used to guide discussion of the future of the site.