



Brooksville, Florida

FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES BROOKSVILLE TURRET GUNNERY RANGE

Removal Action Update

July 2008

The Site

The Brooksville Turret Gunnery Range, located 3.6 miles west of Brooksville, Fla., consisted of approximately 10,200 acres of land. The site was used by the Department of Defense for infantry and turret gunnery training, and was officially closed at the end of World War II. Since then the property has been heavily developed for residential, commercial and agricultural use. In some places munitions and explosives of concern remain buried. Although most of the recovered items are inert, many items may still contain explosives and are dangerous.

What We Are Doing

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers manages the Formerly Used Defense Sites Program to remediate properties once used for Department of Defense activities. The Corps investigates to determine if munitions or contamination is present, and prioritizes work based on the potential risk to public safety. Each project is unique, with most taking several years to complete.

Investigations to Date

Phase I was completed in 2006. Under Phase I, the project site was divided into two areas totaling 188 acres (Area D1 and Area D3). Over 5,500 anomalies, or irregularities, were investigated and removed. Of these, 313 were inert munitions and 54 contained high explosives. Approximately 284 rockets and over 12,000 pieces of scrap were removed.

Phase II was a continuation of the previous work and was just completed. The work covered approximately 53 acres and resulted in the removal of 2 rockets containing high explosives and munitions debris.



2.36" Rocket found at Brooksville TGR

Future Investigations

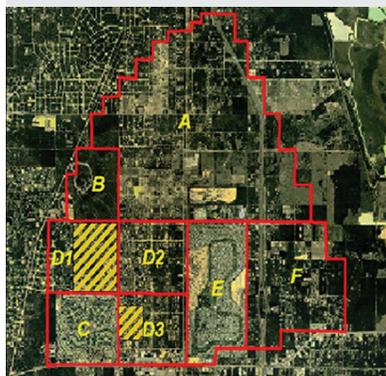
The areas of highest concern have been investigated, but additional investigations may be undertaken in Areas D1 and D3 as shown in the map above. Rights-of-entry will be requested from the owner if a property needs to be investigated.

Safety First!

Remembering three simple rules, the **3 Rs**, can prevent injury or death.



First, **Recognize** that what you may have found is munitions and don't touch it. Munitions can injure or kill. Don't take any chances. **Retreat** (move away) and take note of where the item is. Finally, **Report** what you have found by calling 911 immediately. Your local law enforcement officials will know the appropriate action to take to safely recover and dispose of the munitions.



Map of Brooksville TGR.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Documents are located in the Information Repository:

Hernando County Public Library

238 Howell Avenue
Brooksville, FL 34601
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Public involvement is an important component of the Formerly Used Defense Site program.

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