

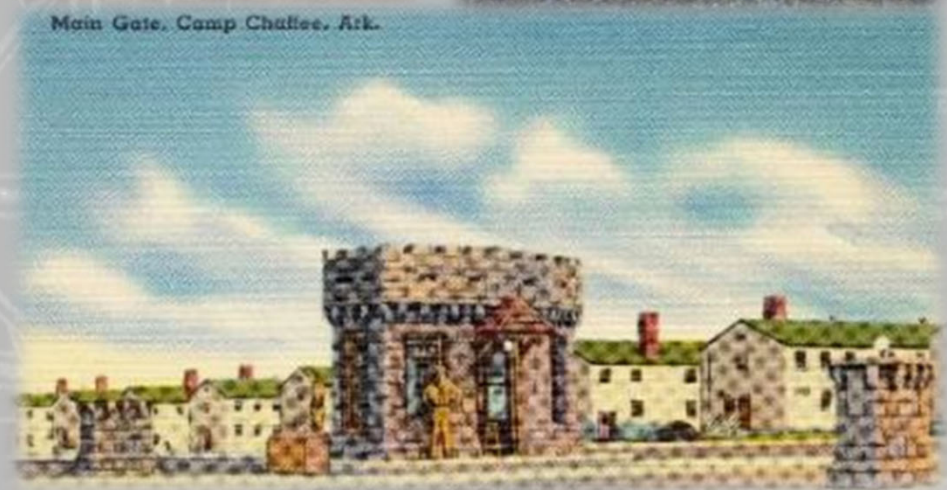
FORMER CAMP CHAFFEE AREA 4 NORTH MUNITIONS RESPONSE SITE

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Purpose of Public Information Session

- To inform the community and first responders of the Former Camp Chaffee – Area 4 North site boundaries and its military training use dating back to 1941.
- To explain the potential risks associated with ordnance items and munitions.
- To promote the use of the 3Rs of Explosives Safety: **Recognize, Retreat, Report.**



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Agenda

- Background Information
 - Formerly Used Defense Sites Program
 - History of Former Camp Chaffee
 - Summary of Remedial Activities
- Ordnance Safety and Awareness
- USACE Contact Information
- Questions/Comments



FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES PROGRAM (FUDS)



- A FUDS is defined as a facility or site (property) that was under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Defense and owned by, leased to, or otherwise possessed by the United States at the time of actions leading to hazardous substances contamination.
- The FUDS Program is limited to those real properties located within the 50 States, District of Columbia, Territories, Commonwealths, and possessions of the United States, and that were transferred from U.S. Department of Defense control prior to 17 October 1986.
- Congress authorized the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), through the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, to analyze, restore, and report on FUDS properties each year.
- Public involvement and community participation are important components of the process. USACE partners with stakeholders throughout the process, including congressional representatives, state and local governments, regulatory and environmental agencies, and affected property owners.



HISTORY OF FORMER CAMP CHAFFEE)



- The former Camp Chaffee is located southeast of the city of Fort Smith and south of the town of Barling in Sebastian and Logan Counties, Arkansas.
- Construction of Camp Chaffee began in 1941 at the site of a Civil War training camp.
- The 6th, 14th, and 16th Armored Combat Divisions trained at Camp Chaffee during World War II using 67 training areas and 153 artillery and mortar positions.
- After World War II, Camp Chaffee was placed on inactive standby status. Area 4 North was declared surplus by 1949, with a Certificate of Clearance noting that there “were no signs of any military activity within the area.”
- Camp Chaffee, renamed Fort Chaffee in 1956, has served as a U.S. Army training facility off and on from 1941 through today.





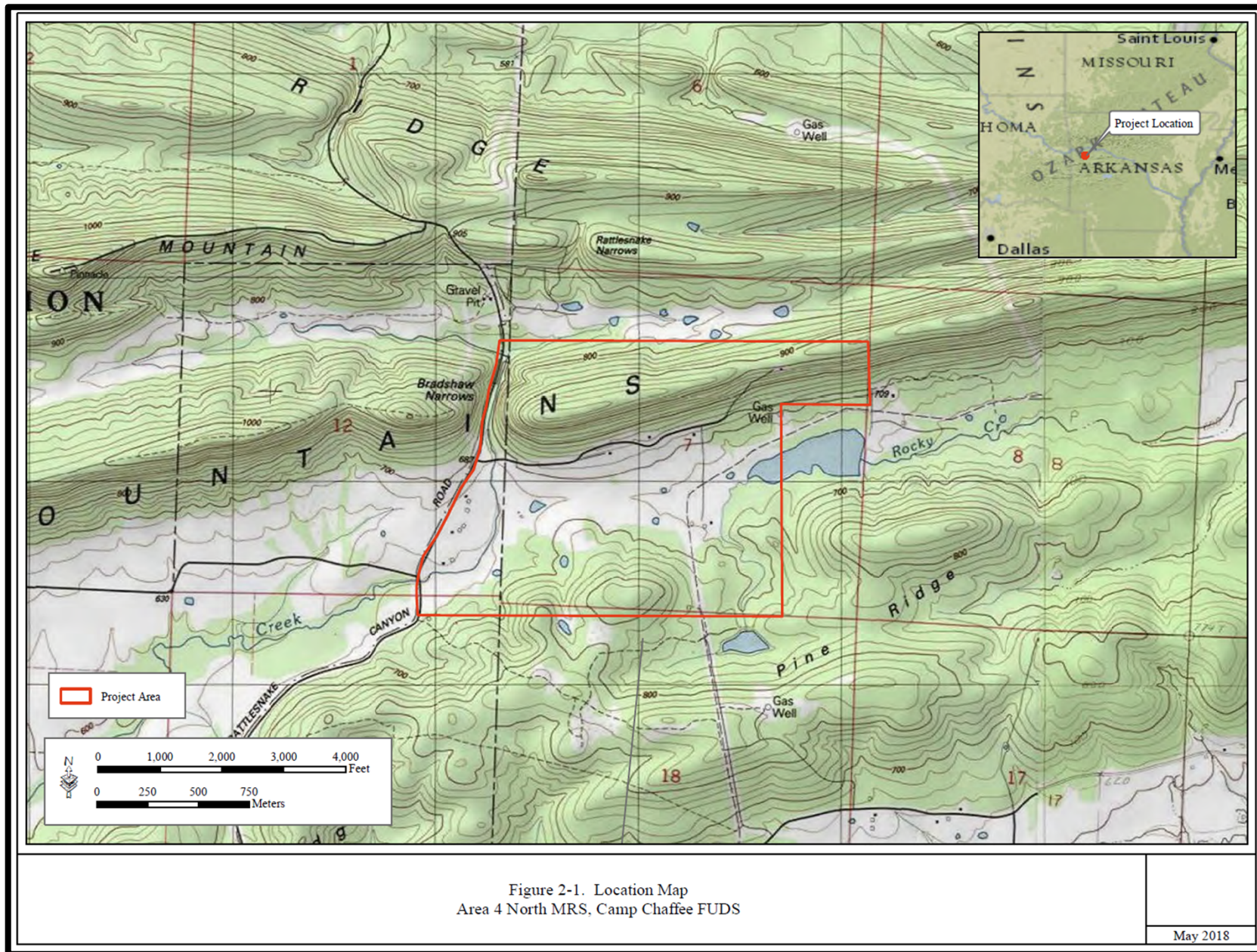
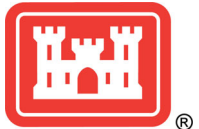
HISTORY OF FORMER CAMP CHAFFEE



- In 1984, Fort Chaffee was designated a semi-active installation supporting active and U.S. Army National Guard units. In 1986, it was selected to host the Joint Readiness Training Center.
- In 1997, the U.S. Army transferred 65,000 acres of Fort Chaffee to the Arkansas Army National Guard. The remaining 7,000 acres were given to local communities for redevelopment, overseen by the Fort Chaffee Redevelopment Authority.
- Currently, the installation is utilized by all military branches for maneuver training, live fire exercises, river crossing operations, and urban combat training.
- Today, Area 4 North consists of approximately 644 acres of rural, privately owned lands used for agricultural and residential purposes.



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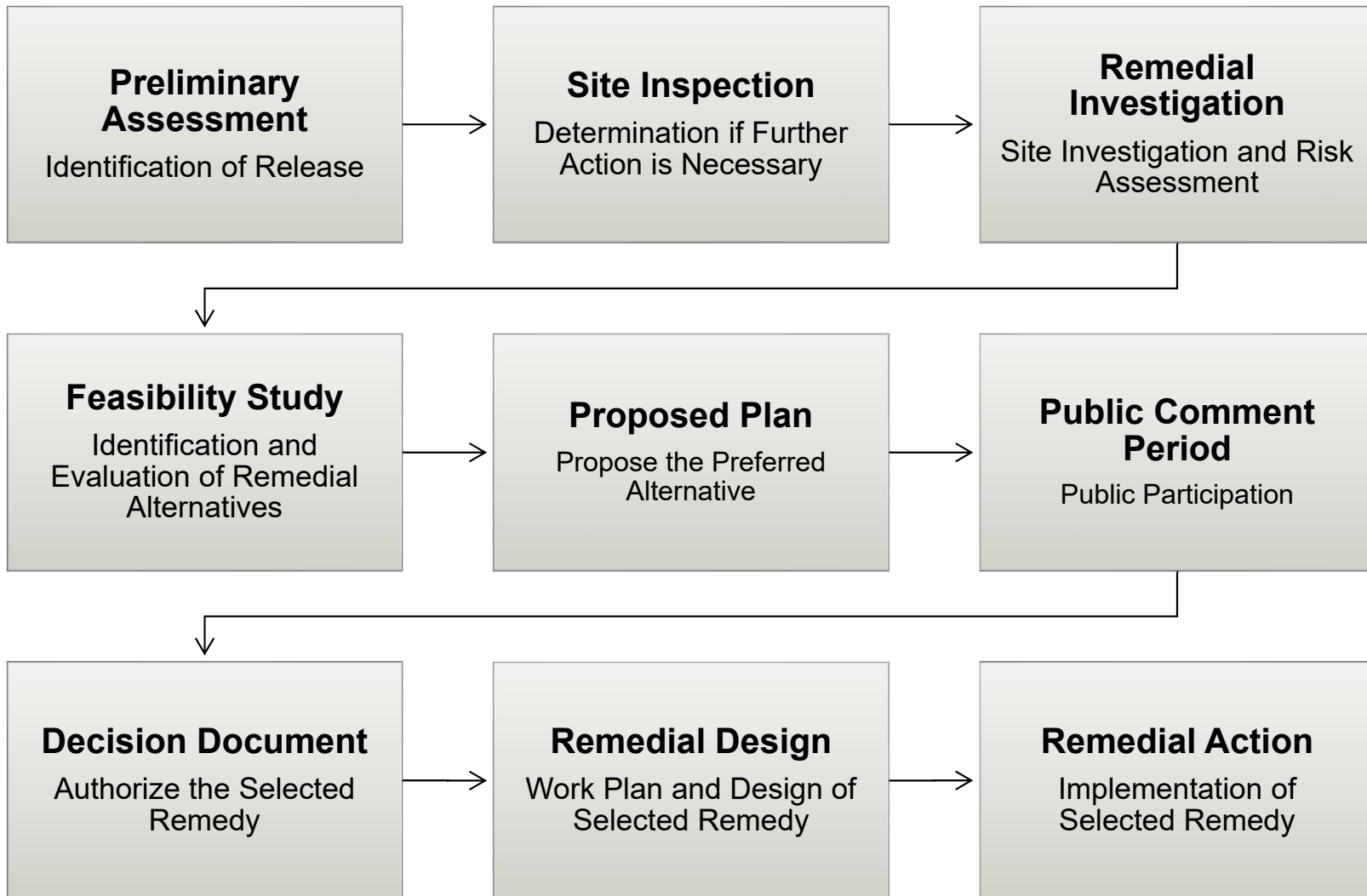




SUMMARY OF REMEDIAL ACTIVITIES



CERCLA Process





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- Investigation, cleanup, and removal activities have occurred at Area 4 North, including:
 - Archive Search Report (ASR): 1997
 - Engineering Evaluation (EE)/Cost Analysis (CA): 2008
 - Remedial Investigation (RI): 2011
- The 1997 ASR documented historical discoveries from the 1980s of four 4.2-inch mortar rounds on private property south of Catfish Road and east of Rattlesnake Canyon Road.
- During the EE/CA, 19 munitions debris items consisting of fragmentation and fuze material were recovered throughout Area 4 North.
- During the RI, 50 munitions debris items were recovered.





SUMMARY OF REMEDIAL ACTIVITIES



- No munitions and explosives of concern were recovered during remedial activities at Area 4 North, and none have been discovered in the area since the early 1980s.
- Although the area is safe, there is still a risk of potential munitions debris that may become exposed through erosion or encountered in the ground during construction activities.
- The selected remedy in the 2016 Decision Document for Area 4 North is to inform the public of these risks and educate them on procedures to avoid and report munitions and munitions debris if they are discovered.
- USACE will review these response actions every 5 years to ensure safety and public health.





ORDNANCE SAFETY AND AWARENESS



Munitions are Dangerous

- Munitions include artillery and mortar rounds, rockets, grenades, bombs, and small arms ammunition.
- Munitions are dangerous regardless of appearance, type, shape, size, or age.
- Munitions vary in appearance and can be hard to identify. Regardless of whether a munition is shiny or rusty, clean or dirty, it is dangerous and may still explode.
- Never touch, move, or disturb a munition. Follow the 3Rs of Explosives Safety: **Recognize**, **Retreat**, **Report**






ORDNANCE SAFETY AND AWARENESS



Follow the 3Rs of Explosives Safety

Be safe, and help keep your family, friends,
and community safe by following the
3Rs of Explosives Safety

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- R**ecognize - when you see a munition and that it is dangerous
 - R**etreat - do not touch it, but carefully leave the area
 - R**eport - call local authorities to report what you saw

If you did not drop it, do not pick it up!



ORDNANCE SAFETY AND AWARENESS



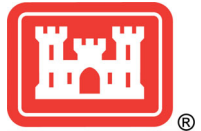
Do Not Trespass

- Pay attention to posted warning signs at the Former Camp Chaffee.
- Trespassing in areas with warning signs that say “Do Not Enter” or “Keep Out:”
 - is hazardous and prohibited by law.
 - may result in substantial fines.
 - may result in injury or death.





USACE – Points of Contact



- FUDS Program Manager – Dennis Myers, 817-609-5014
- Public Affairs – James Woods, 501-324-5551
- FUDS Website:
<https://www.swl.usace.army.mil/Missions/Military-Missions/Formerly-Used-Defense-Sites/>
- 3Rs of Explosives Safety Education Program
Website: <https://www.denix.osd.mil/uxo/home/>





QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS

