

Formerly Used Defense Sites Located In The State of Utah

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Mine Reserve Fact Sheet

Site Description

The center of the site is located approximately one mile east of the site of the old gold rush mining town of Joy, Utah. The area surrounding the site is undeveloped broad flat desert with occasional peaks. The project site is a relatively broad area, gently sloping towards the west, surrounded by large hills on the north, east, and south sides. Vegetation in the area is sparse, limited to natural weeds and grasses with occasional scrub evergreen shrubs/trees.



Site History

According to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Richfield District, Utah, the property at this site was set aside by what was then the War Department of the United States as a withdrawn area for manganese ore stockpiling between 1943 and 1945. Located in the area are twelve mine shafts, five deteriorating wooden shacks, one concrete foundation, several large piles of mining slag, and general wooden and metal debris, scattered over the area from old mining operations. The only known hazards to the public in the area are the twelve mine shafts.

Site Investigation

On April 4, 2004, Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) conducted a site inspection at the Mine Reserve in order to validate the current state and identify any evidence of Department of Defense (DoD) activities or potentially hazardous conditions. The site was inspected on foot in an effort to identify hazards of DoD origin. The twelve open mine shafts are void of protective fencing and the wooden structures (which are considered historic by the BLM) are ready to collapse. Both potentially present a physical safety hazard at the site; however, no overt evidence of hazardous or toxic waste, or waste ordnance was found that could be attributed to DoD. Existing structures and evidence of past mining operations will require additional DoD action at the site.

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