

**SITE SURVEY SUMMARY SHEET  
FOR  
DERP-FUDS SITE NO. J08UT0020  
HILL MILITARY AIR FIELD  
OGDEN, UTAH**

**SITE NAME(S):** The site was most recently known as Hill Air Force Base. Prior to that the site was known as Hill Military Air Field. The site consists of three individual properties that are peripheral to the main portion of the Air Force Base, which is still an active facility. These properties will be discussed as Parcels 1, 2, and 3. Parcel 1 is currently known as the Weber Basin Job Corps Center and is owned by the Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation and the Department of Labor. Parcel 2 is also owned by the Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation. Parcel 3 is owned by the City of Riverdale and is used as a reservoir.

**LOCATION:** Hill Air Force Base (AFB) is located approximately 10 miles south of Ogden, Utah in Davis and Weber Counties. The Base is 25 miles north of Salt Lake City along I-15 and is situated along the foothills of the Wasatch Range. The center of the Air Force Base is at approximately 111° 59' longitude and 41° 6' latitude.

a. Parcel 1 which contains 771.49 acres, is located south of Interstate 84 and east of Highway 89 (CE0660). The property is located in Section 31, Township 5 North, Range 1 East, and Section 36, Township 5 North, Range 1 West, in Davis County. Parcel 1 is located on Davis County Assessor Maps 13-039 and 13-040 (CR0003, CR0004). The eastern portion of this property is undeveloped and is not included on any of the Assessor Maps.

b. Parcel 2 is located at the extreme eastern tip of Hill Air Force Base in Section 34, Township 5 North, Range 1 West in Davis County and consists of 1.65 acres. This property is a portion of Parcel 5 on Davis County Assessor Map 13-031 (CR0216).

c. Parcel 3 is located in Weber County along the Davis-Weber Canal. The property consists of 0.46 acres, more or less, and is a portion of the ~~northeast~~<sup>south</sup> quarter of Section 13, Township 5 North, Range 2 West (CE0660). Parcel 3 is located on Weber County Assessor Map Book 9, Page 140 (CR0215).

**SITE HISTORY:** Hill Field was activated on November 7, 1940 and was operated by Ogden Air Depot as a maintenance and supply depot. Four 7,500-foot runways were completed in September 1941 and by 1943 construction of the base was nearly complete. Aircraft maintenance and depot supply began in mid-1941 and overhaul of B-17s in April 1942; in February 1943 a B-24 assembly line was opened. Hill Field was renamed Hill Air Force Base on February 5, 1948. In 1957, a new 13,500-foot runway was completed (<http://eddy.media.utah.edu/medsol/UCME/h/HILLAIRFORCE.html>).

a. Parcel 1 was acquired from the Department of the Army by transfer from Ogden Ordnance Plant by letter dated September 1, 1955. The transfer was effective April 1, 1955 (CE0657). This property was reported excess to GSA on November 17, 1970 who transferred

771.49 acres fee and 9.03 acres easement to the Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation by letter dated May 28, 1971 (CE0657). According to the Real Estate office at Hill Air Force Base this property was utilized to provide water to the base. Several springs were located on the property. No construction other than the water system ever took place on the property (L. Johnson, July 1999).

b. Parcel 2 which contained 1.65 acres, more or less, was acquired from Chloe Harris by Declaration of Taking Civil No. C-28-53 filed February 26, 1953. Portions of this property were previously held under Lease W2972-eng-937, W04-203-eng-3350, and W04-193-eng-2552 (CE0657). Copies of these Leases were unavailable. This property was transferred to the Bureau of Reclamation on May 7, 1962 and was exchanged for an adjacent property of the same size (CE0657). According to the Real Estate office at Hill Air Force Base, this property contained a gas beacon light for the runways. Nothing else was located on the site and the beacon was relocated when the property was transferred (L. Johnson, July 1999).

c. Parcel 3 was acquired from the Department of the Army by transfer from Ogden Ordnance Plant by letter dated September 1, 1955. The transfer was effective April 1, 1955 (CE0657). This property containing 0.457 acres, more or less, was conveyed to the City of Riverdale by Quitclaim Deed dated January 30, 1964, and recorded on March 30, 1964 in Book 769, Page 674 (CR0214). It appears that this property may have been used by the City of Riverdale for a reservoir (CE1292). According to the Real Estate office at Hill Air Force Base this property was acquired as a buffer zone for buildings on adjacent property which contained ordnance (L. Johnson, July 1999).

**SITE VISIT:** Gene Barber and Gary Walvatne of TechLaw conducted a site visit for Parcel 1 on June 17, 1999. Gary Walvatne conducted a follow-up site visit for Parcels 2 and 3 during the week of July 5, 1999. The primary objectives of the site visits were to confirm evidence of DoD operations at the site and to document the current conditions of the site.

a. After visiting the Davis County Recorder and confirming the exact location of Parcel 1 the project team attempted to visit the site and determined that it was operated by the Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, and the Department of Labor as the Weber Basin Job Corps (Photograph Nos. 1 through 4). Due to the time of day that this site was visited direct access to the property was prohibited. The project team was able to view the majority of the property from the road and was able to determine that the property consisted of six to eight fairly new buildings that are apparently used as class rooms. The area behind the Job Corps facility consists of very steep, rugged foothills which are completely undeveloped (Photograph Nos. 1 and 2). The northern portion of the property is separated from the Weber River by a private road. A wooden aqueduct runs along the hillside on the northern portion of this property and it appears to traverse the west-facing hill (Photograph No. 1). There was no evidence of DoD operations on the site.

b. The area around Parcel 2 consists of rolling hills and agricultural land. The land in this area is primarily undeveloped (Photograph No. 5). The Davis County Solid Waste Management and Energy Recovery Special Service District maintains a landfill operation on the property adjacent to the site property (Photograph No. 6). The runway beacons are visible on the property received in the exchange of lands with the Bureau of Reclamation (Photograph No. 6). No evidence of DoD operations was visible on the property.

c. The area that contains Parcel 3 consists mostly of scrub and grass, and houses two large water tanks. The Davis-Weber Canal is visible in the foreground (Photograph No. 7).

No additional buildings were located on the site. The hillside containing the water tanks is bordered by residential housing (Photograph Nos. 8 and 9). There is no evidence of DoD activity on the property.

**CATEGORY OF HAZARD:** None

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** No projects are recommended for this site. This site is a NDAI.

**AVAILABLE STUDIES AND REPORTS:**

Historical documents were obtained from several sources. A list of these documents is attached.

**POC:** Bill Mullery, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District, (916) 557-6944

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**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Hill Military Air Field was activated on November 7, 1940 and was operated by Ogden Air Depot as a maintenance and supply depot. Although Hill Air Force Base is still an active facility it has been determined that three peripheral properties have been excessed.

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According to information obtained from the Real Estate office at Hill Air Force Base the following operations took place on the three parcels of land:

a. Parcel 1 was acquired to provide water to the base. Several springs were located on the property and water was piped to the base. Nothing else was constructed on this property.

b. Parcel 2 contained a gas beacon light for the runway. Nothing else was located on this property.

c. Parcel 3 was acquired as a buffer zone for buildings located on adjacent property which contained ordnance. Nothing was ever constructed on this property.

3. a. Parcel 1 was reported excess to GSA on November 17, 1970 who transferred 771.49 acres fee and 9.03 acres easement to the Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation by letter dated May 28, 1971.

b. Parcel 2, which contained approximately 1.65 acres, was transferred to the Bureau of Reclamation on May 7, 1962. This property was exchanged for an adjacent property of the same size. The gas beacon light was relocated when the property was transferred.

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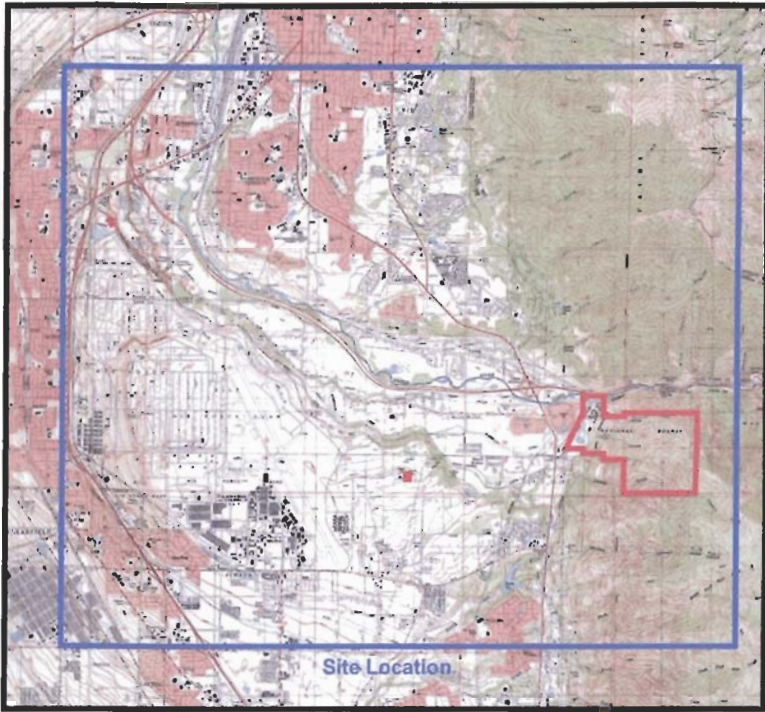
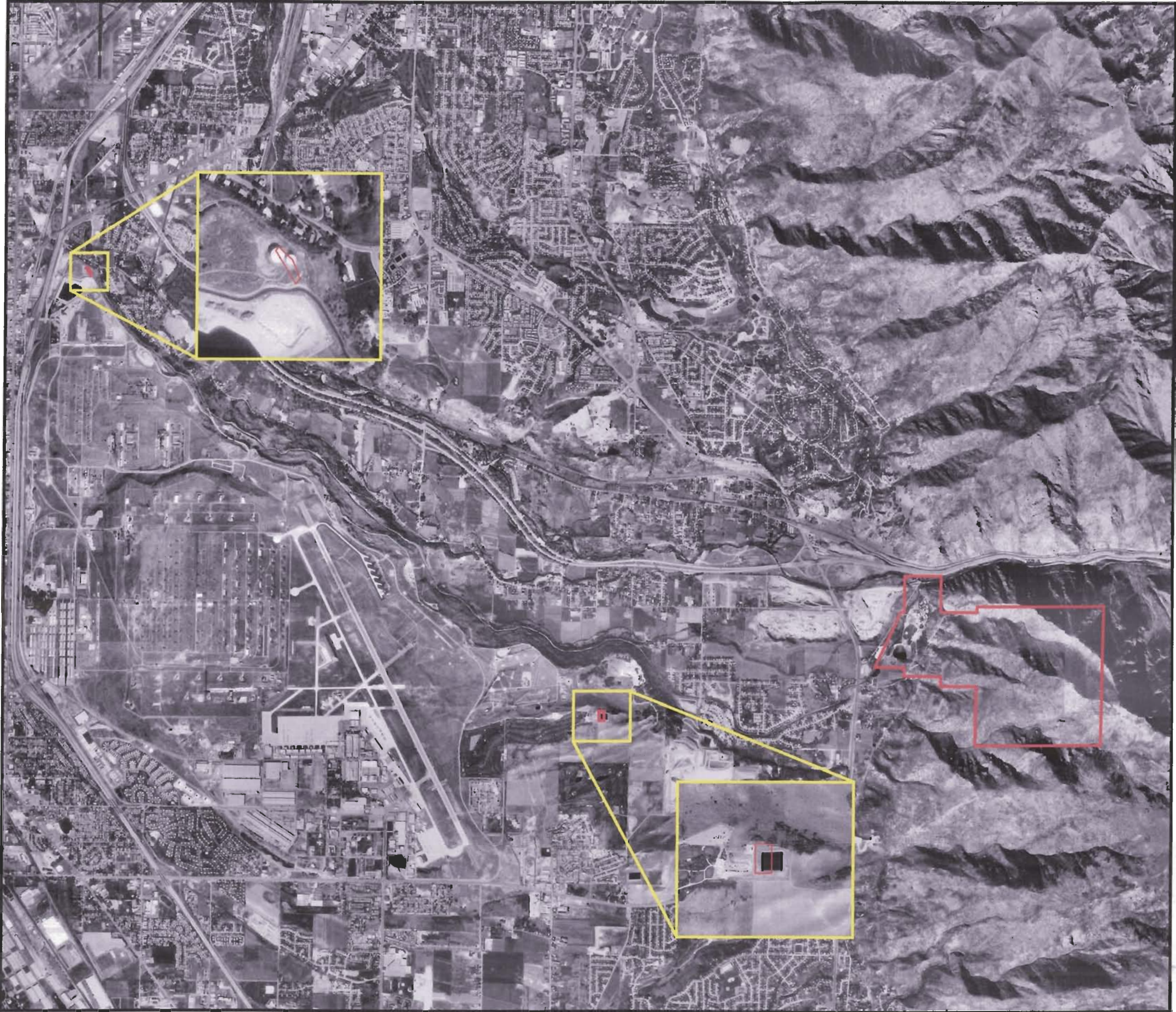
**DETERMINATION**

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, this site has been determined to be formerly used by DoD. It is therefore eligible for the Defense Environmental Restoration Program – Formerly Used Defense Sites established under 10 USC 2701 et seq.

Date

27 Sep 99

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USGS 7.5 Minute Quads: Clearfield, Kaysville, Ogden, Peterson, Roy, and Snow Basin, Utah.

# Hill Military Airfield

## Legend

 **Site Area**

Aerial Photo Taken 1997



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