

Welcome to the Central Oregon Gunnery Range (COGR) Formerly Used Defense Site (FUDS) web site we have established to keep you informed about the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' efforts to conduct the Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP), Site Investigation (SI).

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is evaluating FUDS that had historically been used for military training. One of these sites is the Central Oregon Gunnery Range, located in Lake County, near Lakeview, Ore.

In 1942, the U.S. Army acquired about 797,000 acres of land for use as an aerial gunnery range. The COGR was "designated as an urgent national defense need" (Burns Times Herald 1942). The former range is situated 48 miles southwest of Burns and 35 miles north of Lakeview, Ore. It is bounded by Highway 395 on the east, State Highway 31 on the south and west, and a Lake County road on the north. The site served as an aerial gunnery range to include air to air training, air to ground practice, and it is possible that it may have been utilized to some extent for air-to-ground practice bombing training. A portion of the former COGR occupies the dry bed of Alkali Lake. The Army declared the property surplus in June of 1947.

The SI will be used to determine what future work the Corps may do to clean-up of possible munitions related components and constituents used during training. The Corps of Engineers investigates and evaluates sites contaminated with hazardous waste, radioactive waste, and/or ordnance according to federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations.

In order to begin the SI the Corps will be contacting property owners of the Former (COGR) site and request the owner to provide a signed Department of the Army Right of Entry (ROE) for Investigation and Sampling.

If you have ideas that would make this web site more useful to you, please let us know.