



Overview

The Baywood Park Training Area Formerly Used Defense Site (FUDS) is located in Los Osos and Morro Bay, California. The 9,145-acre site is publicly and privately owned.

FUDS are properties that were formerly owned by, leased to or otherwise possessed by the Department of Defense and transferred from DOD control prior to 17 October 1986. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is the organization responsible for environmental remediation of these properties.

A remedial action was completed on 1,596 acres of the Baywood Park Training Area FUDS that potentially contained munitions hazards. The Army Corps of Engineers reviews this area every five years to determine if the Remedial Action remains effective.

Since hazards from military munitions may remain at the site, the Army Corps of Engineers encourages you to make safety a priority by following the **3Rs of Explosives Safety**:

Recognize – when you may have encountered a munition, and that munitions are dangerous.

Retreat – do not approach, touch, move or disturb it, but carefully leave the area.

Report – call 911 and advise the police of what you saw and where you saw it.

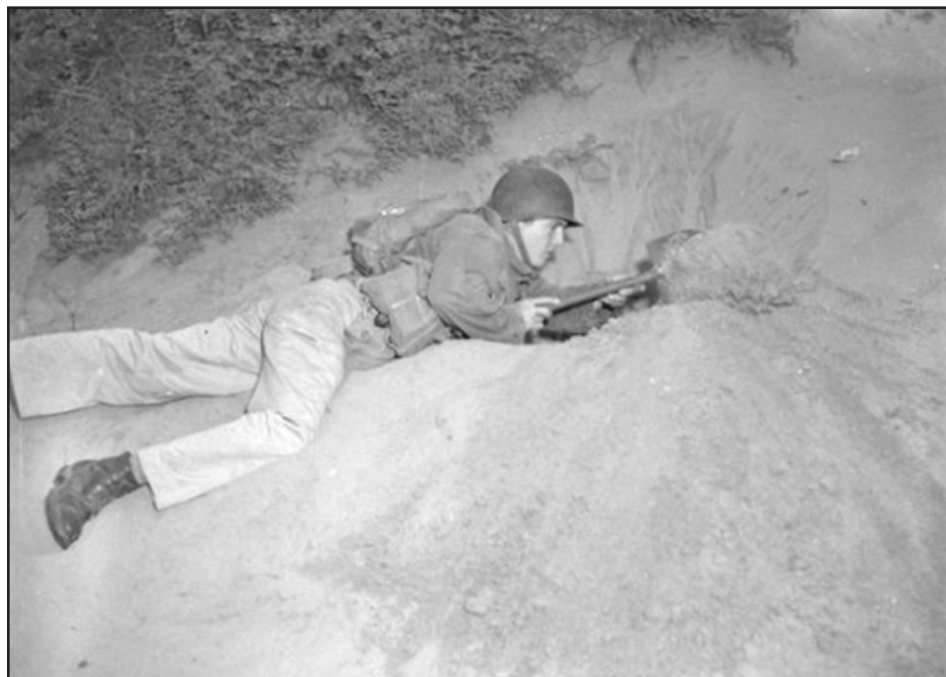
History

The U.S. Army acquired 8,810 acres of land from public and private individuals in July 1943 to establish Baywood Park Training Area. The land was used from 1943 to 1946 as a maneuver area for troops, vehicles and equipment, and as bivouacs (camp sites) by Army troops stationed at Camp San Luis Obispo and the California National Guard.

U.S. Navy and Marine Corps troops from Morro Bay Naval Section Base also used the area to conduct amphibious training, which included ordnance ranges and an impact area.

Following World War II, the Army declared Baywood Park Training Area as excess to the needs of the federal government. Before the training area was closed, a surface clearance sweep for munitions and explosives of concern was performed, and by 1947, the land was returned to the previous owners.

From 1945 to 1962, the military conducted 11 additional clearances for munitions and explosives of concern. Despite numerous clearance operations, munitions may be present on the former training area.



*Training at Morro Bay
Source: California Military Museum*

Site Information

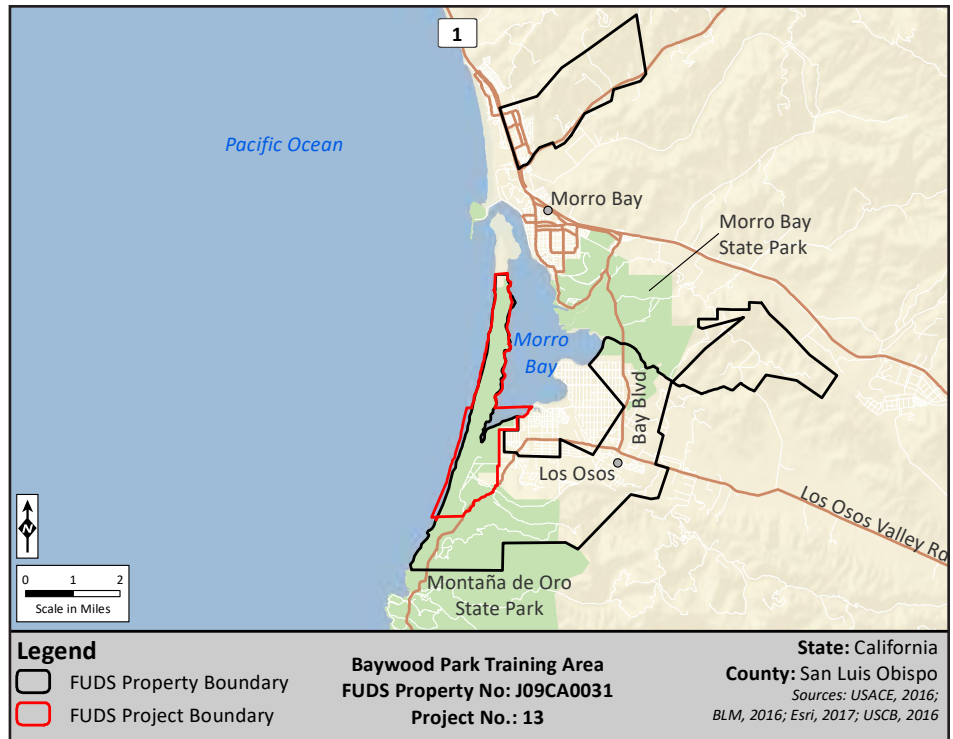
The Army Corps of Engineers began investigating the Baywood Park Training Area FUDS in 1989. Since that time, site visits, investigations, and removal actions were conducted on portions of the FUDS.

Between 2001 and 2004, the Army Corps of Engineers implemented Institutional Controls and Public Safety Education as the Remedial Action for the Baywood Park Training Area FUDS. The Action was designed to use signage, public meetings, training sessions, and educational materials to inform community members and area visitors about munitions hazards and the steps to follow if a munitions item is encountered.

The 5-Year Reviews were completed in 2007 and 2013 to evaluate the ongoing effectiveness of the Remedial Action. No local encounters with military munitions were identified; however, the Army Corps of Engineers determined that ongoing public education efforts are necessary for the Remedial Action to be effective.

The third 5-Year Review of the Baywood Park Training Area is underway. The Army Corps of Engineers is seeking community input to determine if the Remedial Action remains effective. As part of the process, it is reminding the community that historic munitions items may remain above or below ground. If you come across a munitions item, please follow the 3Rs of Explosives Safety to protect yourself, your family and your community.

Map of Baywood Park Training Area



Follow the 3Rs of Explosives Safety

Hazards from military munitions may still remain within the Baywood Park Training Area FUDS. Protect yourself by following the 3Rs of Explosives Safety:

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