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# FACT SHEET

**Dry Canyon Artillery Range**

**FUDS No. J09CA034801**

**Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Los Angeles District (CESPL) has contracted with DAWSON, an engineering consulting firm to perform a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) of the Dry Canyon Artillery Range located in Ventura County, California.

**Site Description** - The Dry Canyon Artillery Range is located in the County of Ventura, approximately 41 miles northwest of Valencia, California. It consists of approximately 3,440 acres located in the Los Padres National Forest approximately 25 miles west of Interstate 5, just north of Lockwood Valley Road. Access to the site is unrestricted and is obtained by a dirt road off Lockwood Valley Road or by foot. The site is primarily used for conservation, recreation and camping. Dome Springs Campground is located within the site and there are no permanent residents.

**Site History** – The Dry Canyon Artillery Range was used as an artillery training range by the Army in the 1940s. It is assumed that the southern entrance to Dry Canyon was used to set up gun emplacements that were then fired north into the canyon. Munitions and explosives of concern (MEC) have been observed at the site. They have included a 37mm base detonating fuze, debris from 37mm Mk1 and 105mm M1 artillery rounds, and a complete 37mm Mk1 round.

**Investigation Summary** – An RI/FS will be conducted at Dry Canyon Artillery Range under the Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP). The MMRP was



**105mm M1 HE projectile**

established by congress, to address sites that may contain Unexploded Ordnance (UXO), Discarded Military Munitions (DMM), or Munitions Constituents (MC). Site Inspection (SI) field activities were conducted at the site in September 2008. SI activities included visual surveys with hand-held electromagnetic metal detectors and collection of soil samples. Based on the SI, further investigation was warranted at the site to determine the nature and extent of MEC and MC contamination.

An RI/FS is performed to gather enough information to determine which remedy for the site would be most effective. RI activities will include incremental sampling for MC contamination and geophysical investigations for MEC. Data collected during the RI will be utilized to characterize the nature and extent of MEC and MC contamination at the site and define if removal actions are required.

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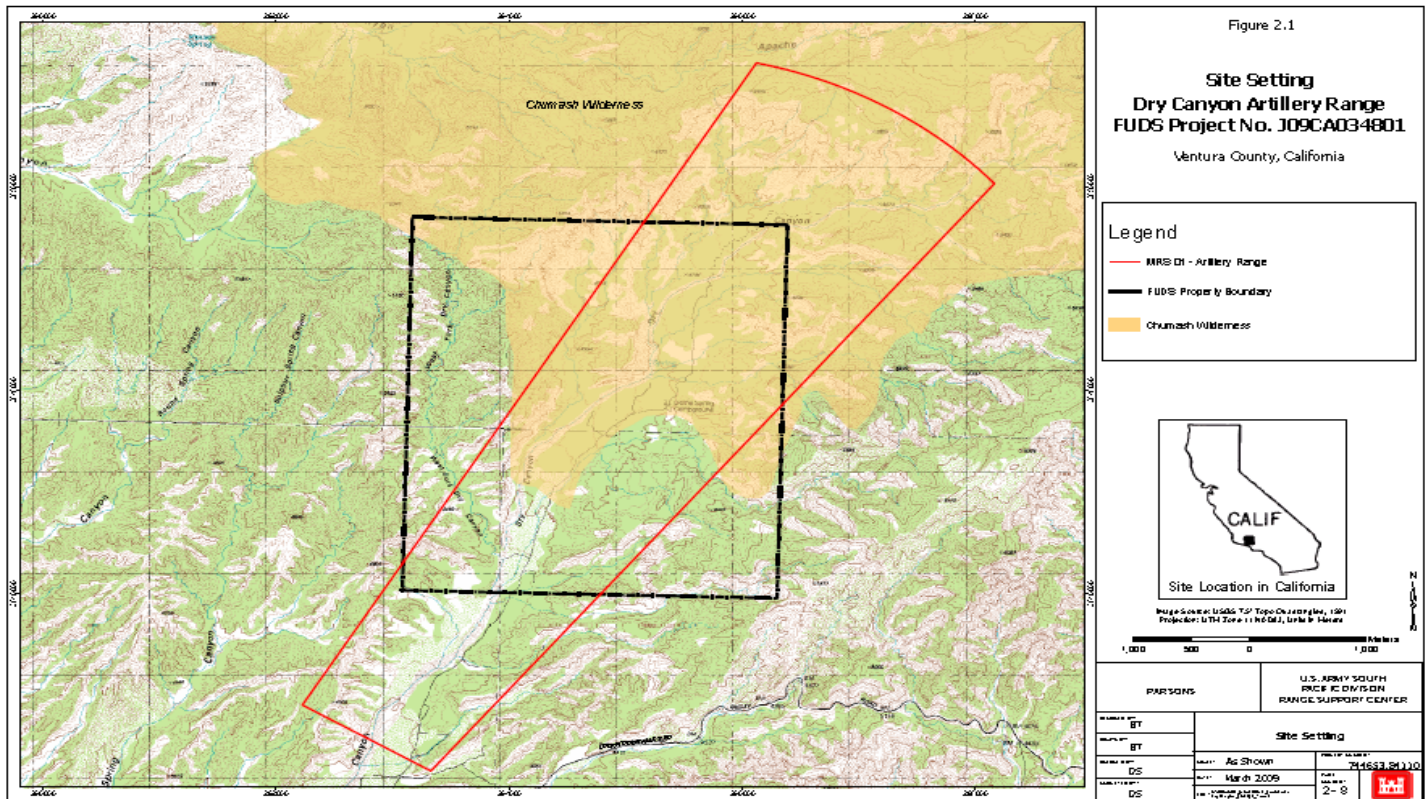
**RI/FS Process** - The RI/FS will include various activities, such as:

- Technical Project Planning;
- A Work Plan for RI Field Activities;
- An RI Report that documents the findings of the RI field activities;
- A FS Report that defines potential alternatives and actions for the site;
- A Proposed Plan that describes the risk reduction alternatives that the Government plans to implement for the site;
- A Decision Document, which details

the actions that will be taken by the Government to reduce the risks at the site;

- Community Relations Support, including the completion of a Public Involvement Plan, and the creation of an Administrative Record; and
- Environmental Sampling and Analysis.

The project is expected to be completed by the end of 2015. For more information regarding the RI/FS, please contact the CESPL Public Affairs Office in Los Angeles, California, at (213) 452-3717.



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