

# 3Rs Safety Guide

## Former Mohave Maneuver Area C

**Arizona**  
**Mohave County**



## Mohave Maneuver Area C



US Army Corps  
of Engineers.

## Introduction

The purpose of this guide is to provide information about the military training activities that took place at the former Mohave Maneuver Area C and to raise awareness of the explosive hazards that may exist at the property.

The former Mohave Maneuver Area C was used for military purposes during three time periods. From 1858 to 1890, the area was part of Fort Mojave and was used for the protection of settlers migrating from the east. During World War II, from 1942 to 1944, the property was part of the California Arizona Maneuver Area, and for two weeks in 1964, it was used for Operation Desert Strike. During World War II and Operation Desert Strike, the military conducted maneuver and river crossing training. An area of the former Mohave Maneuver Area C has been identified through historical research and site visits as having potential explosive hazards. The munitions known or suspected to have been used at the property include pyrotechnics and small arms ammunition.

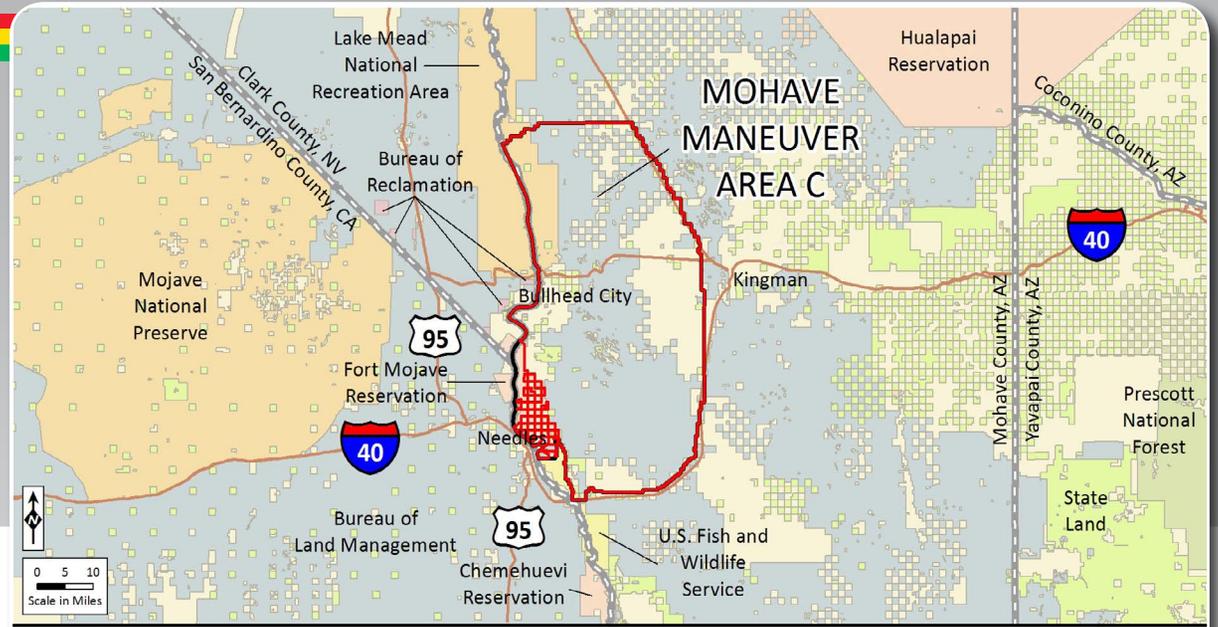
The former Mohave Maneuver Area C is located in Mohave County, Arizona. The property is generally bounded by the Colorado River to the west; Kingman, Arizona, to the east; Topock, Arizona, to the south; and Chloride, Arizona, to the north. The area is publicly and privately owned and is primarily used for recreation and residential purposes.

Because explosive hazards associated with military munitions from past military activities may remain on Mohave Maneuver Area C, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recommends that landowners and visitors follow the **3Rs of Explosives Safety – Recognize, Retreat and Report.**



Source: U.S. Army. Image courtesy of Golden Gate NRA, Park Archives, PAM Prints Collection, COGA-1766

Soldiers from the 16<sup>th</sup> Infantry load a bus bound for Operation Desert Strike exercises



**Legend**

- FUDS Property Boundary
- FUDS Project Boundary

**Mohave Maneuver Area C**  
**FUDS Property No: J09AZ0492**

**State: Arizona**  
**County: Mohave**

Sources: USACE, 2016; BLM, 2016; Esri, 2017; USCB, 2016

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q:** What types of potential hazards exist?

**A:** Military munitions, such as pyrotechnics and small arms ammunition, were potentially used at the former Mohave Maneuver Area C. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is unable to rule out the presence of munitions that may pose an explosive hazard.

**Q:** What do I do if I suspect I may have come across a military munition?

**A:** If you suspect you may have come across a military munition, the best way to ensure your safety is to follow the 3Rs of Explosives Safety: **R**ecognize – when you may have encountered a munition and that munitions are dangerous; **R**etreat – do not approach, touch, move or disturb it, but carefully leave the area; and **R**eport – call **911** and advise the police of what you saw and where you saw it.

**Q:** What are the findings of the work that the government has completed?

**A:** Historical research and site inspections indicate that military munitions were potentially used at this maneuver area, and some munitions may remain on the property. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has

determined that further investigation is required for the former Mohave Maneuver Area C property and project.

**Q:** What will be done next?

**A:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will make explosives safety education material that is based on the 3Rs available to landowners and the community. Additionally, it will coordinate with landowners as it plans required response activities.

**Q:** Where can I get more information?

**A:** For more information, call the Formerly Used Defense Sites Information Center toll-free number 1-855-765-FUDS (3837). Additional information can be found by searching on the property name, Mohave Maneuver Area C, in the Geographic Information System tool on the Formerly Used Defense Sites website at [www.fuds.mil](http://www.fuds.mil).

## Follow 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.



**Small arms ammunition at the former Mohave Maneuver Area C**

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### For More Information



**US Army Corps of Engineers.**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is responsible for identifying, investigating and, when necessary, conducting an appropriate response to address contamination and military munitions resulting from past Department of Defense activities at Formerly Used Defense Sites, also referred to as FUDS.

For information about the former Mohave Maneuver Area C, contact the FUDS Information Center by calling the toll-free number 1-855-765-FUDS (3837). For general information about the FUDS Program, visit [www.fuds.mil](http://www.fuds.mil).

### Follow the 3Rs of Explosives Safety



Visit the U.S. Army's Explosives Safety Education website:  
[3Rs.mil](http://3Rs.mil)