



## Right of Entry Fact Sheet

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### Overview

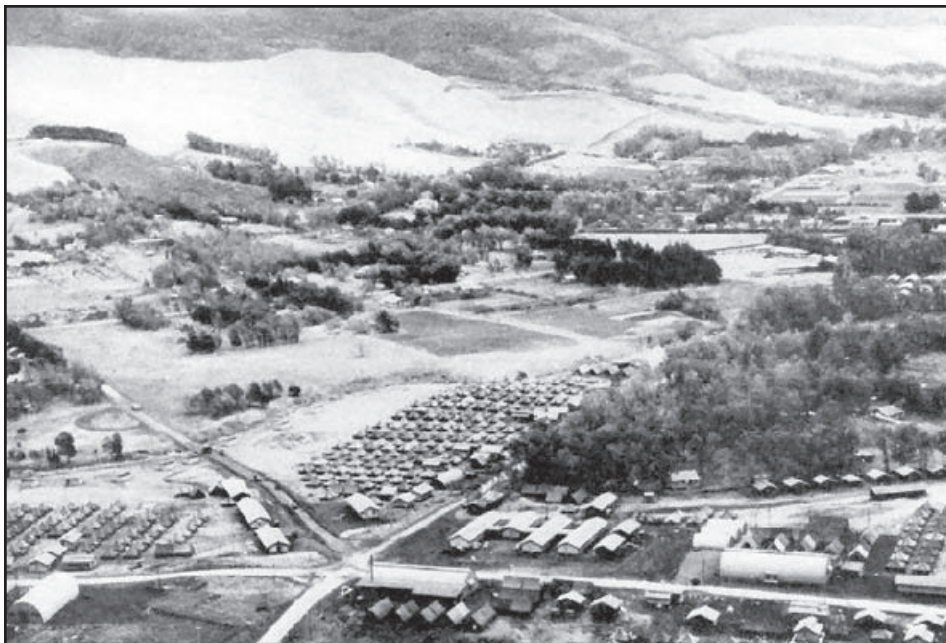
In 1993, the approximately 100,000 acre Waikoloa Maneuver Area (WMA) was designated eligible for the Formerly Used Defense Site (FUDS) Program. Since then, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has conducted numerous investigations and munitions clearance activities throughout South Kohala.

Because these activities are ongoing in and around the area of your property, USACE is seeking rights of entry (ROEs) to allow continued investigations as well as munitions clearance activities, if warranted.

The WMA FUDS is located on the western side of the Big Island of Hawaii in South Kohala. The WMA has been divided into 22 smaller projects. This fact sheet provides information for the overall Former WMA FUDS Property. More specific information is available by visiting [www.fuds.mil](http://www.fuds.mil).

### What is FUDS

FUDS are properties that were formerly owned by, leased to or otherwise possessed by the Department of Defense (DOD) and transferred from DOD control prior to October 17, 1986. USACE is the organization responsible for environmental remediation of these properties.



*Bird's eye view of the former Camp Tarawa.*

*Source: Waimea Gazette*

### History

In 1943, the U.S. Navy acquired property from Parker Ranch to use for various military training activities. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Marine Division used the land for an encampment, artillery firing ranges and troop maneuver areas.

WMA was the largest encampment on the Island of Hawaii and served 50,000 troops between 1943 and 1946. Prior to the departure of the 5<sup>th</sup> Marine Division in 1946, a munitions surface clearance was conducted at WMA. In September 1946, the property was returned to Parker Ranch.

A second munitions surface clearance was conducted in 1954 following an accidental detonation of a munition, and approximately 400 munitions were cleared from WMA.

Since hazards from military munitions may remain at the WMA FUDS, USACE encourages you to follow the **3Rs of Explosives Safety**:

**Recognize** – when you may have come across 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 police of what you saw and where you saw it.

# Right of Entry Frequently Asked Questions

## What is an ROE agreement and why should I sign it?

An ROE is a legal agreement that gives USACE and its contractors permission to go onto your property for a specified amount of time and for specific purposes, such as testing or conducting clean up actions. By signing this agreement, the landowner protects their rights and establishes the limits and responsibilities of USACE.

## What if I already received and signed an ROE?

If you previously received and signed an ROE, the agreement is due to expire or has already expired. USACE would like to obtain ROE for your property to ensure continued access over the next five (5) years.

## What if I don't sign the ROE?

It is the landowner's decision to sign or not sign the ROE. However, if the ROE is not signed, USACE will not be able to determine if there are any

military munitions on the property. USACE will coordinate with the landowner so its work causes as little disruption as possible.

If potential munitions are encountered, please follow the 3Rs of Explosives Safety - Recognize, Retreat, and Report.

## What happens after I sign the ROE?

USACE will schedule a date and time with the landowner to visit the property.

## Can USACE come on my property at any time without notifying me?

USACE will contact the landowner to coordinate access to the property.

## Do I have to be home to let USACE on my property?

Not necessarily. If the work to be performed is in an easily accessible area or if prior arrangements are made, then it would not be necessary for the landowner or resident to be present. However, if you only want

work done when you are present, those arrangements will be made. Sometimes, because of the nature of the work being done and for safety reasons, USACE may require that a landowner or resident not be present.

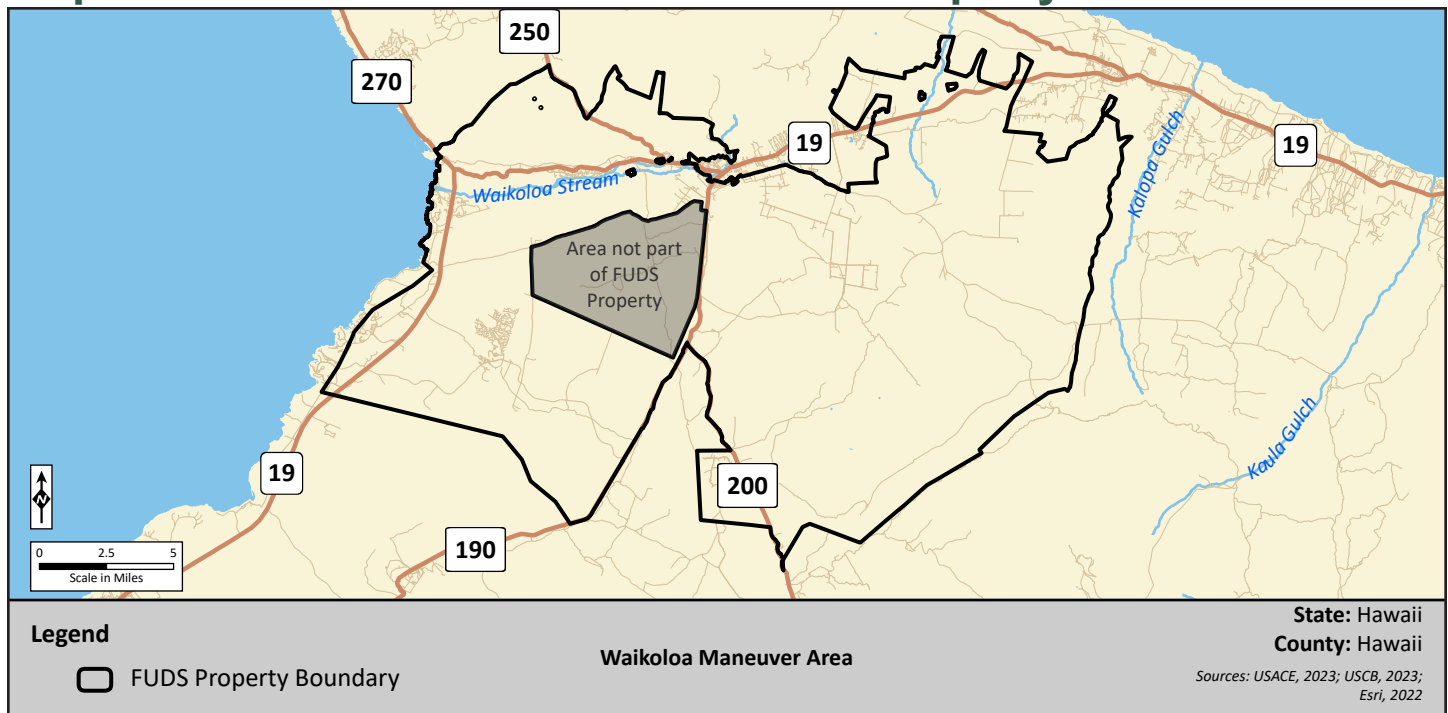
## How long will it take for work to be completed on my property?

The dates and duration can not be predicted because the work is dependent on a number of factors, such as getting the required ROEs in the area, weather, etc.

## What happens if I sign the ROE and then change my mind?

The landowner should contact USACE Honolulu District Environmental Office to verify if an agreement/change can be made. The ROE is a legal agreement upon which USACE and the landowner rely, and it's important that as taxpayer dollars are spent, both parties live up to their agreement. USACE is committed to trying to resolve these types of problems as quickly as possible.

## Map of Waikoloa Maneuver Area FUDS Property



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## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Honolulu District Office at [CEPOH-PA@usace.army.mil](mailto:CEPOH-PA@usace.army.mil).  
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