

## Lewistown Pattern Bombing Range

The Lewistown Pattern Bombing Range (LPBR) was used in 1943 for B17 training. The range was situated on 2,401 acres near Winnett, Montana. The basic mission of LPRB was as a range facility to provide additional bombing training for B17 bomber crews. Practice and incendiary bombs were used on site there but no evidence has been found to indicate the use of High Explosive bombs at this site. The site was placed on inactive status in October 1944 and relinquished in June 1945. An archives research report was conducted by Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) St. Louis District and finalized February 1997.

Currently there is a new emphasis by the Department of Defense (DoD) Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP) under the FUDS program to perform site investigation (SI) at former and abandon military ranges that may have ordnance issues. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) Omaha District has been designated as SI lead district and Shaw Environmental has been awarded a contract to conduct the SI. Seattle District role as geographic district, is responsible for coordination of organizing stake holders, regulators and other interested parties, real estate rights of entries, and scheduling participation in a technical project planning (TPP) meeting and public meeting to discuss the project.

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