Background

The former Craig Small Arms Range (SAR) lies on Bureau of Land Management property about six miles northwest of Craig, CO. The Colorado Army National Guard (COARNG) leased this property between 1956 and 1980 and developed it as a military training range. Currently, BLM leases this former military range to the Bear’s Ears Sportsman Club for recreational shooting.

The COARNG used the Craig SAR for training with small arms ammunition, pyrotechnics, and practice grenades. COARNG may have also used some high-explosive munitions (e.g., grenades, rockets) during training. The Army National Guard is conducting a munitions response at Craig SAR to address the military munitions potentially present. Given its past use, military munitions may remain on the property.

Weathering may make munitions, which may be buried, on the surface, or whole or in parts, difficult to recognize. As such, club members and visitors should not touch, move or disturb anything encountered that may be a munition or part of one.

All munitions should be considered dangerous, regardless of how long they have been in the environment. Munitions should never be touched, moved or disturbed. Bears Ears Sportsman Club members can help protect themselves, their families and their neighbors from the potential explosive hazards present by learning and following the 3Rs of Explosive Safety.

Emergency Contact

Call 911

An administrative record containing project related documents has been established at:
Moffat County Public Library
570 Green Street
Craig, Colorado 81625
(970) 824-5116

Contact the Colorado Army National Guard Public Affairs Office at:
(720) 250-1053
ngcopao@ng.army.mil
for additional information.

Learn and follow the 3Rs of explosives safety

Visit the US Army’s Explosive Safety Education website:
https://www.denix.osd.mil/uxosafety
Recognize when you may have encountered a munition.

Recognizing when you may have encountered a munition is the most important step in reducing the risk of injury or death. Munitions may be encountered on land or in the water. They may be easy or hard to identify.

To avoid the risk of injury or death:
- Never move, touch or disturb a munition or suspect munition
- Be aware that munitions do not become safer with age, in fact they may become more dangerous
- Don’t be tempted to take or keep a munition as a souvenir

Munitions come in many sizes, shapes and colors. Some may look like bullets or bombs while others look like pipes, small cans or even a car muffler. Whether whole or in parts, new or old, shiny or rusty, munitions can still explode. The easiest way to avoid injury or death is to stay out of areas marked with warning signs.

Do not touch, move or disturb it, but carefully leave the area.

Avoid death or injury by recognizing that you may have encountered a munition and promptly retreating from the area.

If you encounter what you believe is a munition, do not touch, move or disturb it. Instead, immediately and carefully leave the area by retracing your steps—going out the way you entered. Once safely away from the munition, mark the path (e.g., with a piece of clothing) so response personnel can find the munition.

Immediately notify the police, if on land, or the U.S. Coast Guard, if on navigable waters.

Protect yourself, your family, your friends and your community by immediately reporting munitions or suspected munitions to the police.

Help us by providing as much information as possible about what you saw and where you saw it. This will help the police and military or civilian explosive ordnance disposal personnel find, evaluate and address the situation.

If you believe you may have encountered a munition, call 911 and report:
- The area where you encountered it.
- Its general description. Remember, do not approach touch, move or disturb it.
- When possible, provide:
  - Its estimated size
  - Its shape
  - Any visible markings, including coloring

Follow the 3Rs

Recognize when you may have encountered a munition.
Retreat
Report