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**Army Seeks Public Comment on Resolving Adverse Effects to Historic Properties at Fort Wingate Depot Activity**

The Department of the Army (Army) is responsible for implementation of applicable provisions of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act (BRAC) of 1988 and is proceeding with the closure of Fort Wingate Depot Activity (FWDA), New Mexico. Disposal of property is occurring by parcel upon the completion of environmental cleanup activities prior to transfer to the Department of the Interior. The Army is currently in consultation with the Navajo, Zuni of Pueblo, the New Mexico State Historic Preservation Office and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation to resolve adverse effects on historic properties and is seeking public comment on ways to mitigate the adverse effect under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. More about the Section 106 process and public input can be found at <https://www.achp.gov/protecting-historic-properties/section-106-process/introduction-section-106>.

The buildings of FWDA constitute a National Register of Historic Places district with a period of significance from its initial construction in 1945 to the end of the Vietnam War in 1975, storing ammunition in 732 earthen-covered igloos in New Mexico. The majority of structures built 1941-1975 are contributing and are considered historic. Over the quarter-century since the BRAC closure, the reduced maintenance mandated under BRAC has cumulatively resulted in deterioration that has rendered the buildings and structures in the administration area uninhabitable due to safety issues and requires the demolition of select structures.

The Army is proposing a Historic American Landscape Survey of the installation and a popular report as mitigation for the adverse effect as outlined in the draft Memorandum of Agreement. Public input on the adverse effect and the Army's proposed mitigation is a key part of the Section 106 process. Please review the linked documents below and direct any cultural resource questions or concerns to Joseph Murphey at [joseph.s.murphey@usace.army.mil](mailto:joseph.s.murphey@usace.army.mil) or by phone (817) 229-1956 or Mark Patterson by phone at 505-721-9770 or [mark.c.patterson.civ@mail.mil](mailto:mark.c.patterson.civ@mail.mil).

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**Linked Documents:**

[FWDA Proposed Demolition Map](#)

[1984 Historic Property Report](#)

[Select Buildings Proposed for Demolition](#)

[Advisory Council e106 Submission](#)

[Adverse Effect Letter to New Mexico  
State Historic Preservation Office](#)

[New Mexico State Historic Preservation Office Response](#)

[Invitation to Pueblo of Zuni to Consult](#)

[Invitation to Navajo to Consult](#)

[FWDA Draft MOA](#)