

**U.S. Army Garrison Yuma Proving Ground
Programmatic Agreement
FY24 Annual Report and Review
(Public Release Version)**



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INTRODUCTION

Per the *Programmatic Agreement Among the United States Army Garrison, Yuma Proving Ground, the Arizona State Historic Preservation Officer, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Regarding the Operations, Maintenance, and Development of Yuma Proving Ground, Arizona (November 2014)* (PA) the United States Army Garrison (USAG YPG) is to prepare an annual report and distribute it to each Consulting Party, except the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), within 75 days of each new fiscal year, beginning in Fiscal Year 2016. This report provides the following information per Stipulation VIII of the PA, current as of October 1, 2024:

- A list of negative survey reports produced;
- A list of surveys with identified cultural resources;
- A list of newly identified historic properties (updated Attachment B);
- A list of undertakings that were reviewed but had no effect on historic properties;
- A list of undertakings that were reviewed but had no adverse effect on historic properties;
- A list of undertakings that had an adverse effect on historic properties along with their mitigation;
- A list of all inadvertent discoveries;
- Proposed USAG YPG cultural resources program activities or changes;
- A list of any newly proposed undertakings; and
- Any changes USAG YPG might consider toward improvement in implementation of any stipulations.

Negative Survey Reports Produced

Reference	Author and Year	Report Title
YPG-R-325	McDonald (2024)	Class III Cultural Resources Survey of 16.5 Acres for Proposed Counter-small Unmanned Aircraft Systems, Kofa Range, U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground, Yuma County, Arizona

Surveys with Identified Cultural Resources

Reference	Author and Year	Report Title
N/A	N/A	No surveys with identified cultural resources

Newly Identified Historic Properties (Updated Attachment B)

Site Number	Reference	Site Description	Eligibility Determination	SHPO Concur
N/A		No newly identified historic properties		

Reviewed Undertakings with No Effect on Historic Properties

Reference	Author and Year	Report Title
N/A	N/A	No reviewed undertakings with no effect on historic properties

Reviewed Undertakings with No Adverse Effect on Historic Properties

Reference	Author and Year	Report Title
YPG-R-328	Walter & McDonald (2024)	Class III Cultural Resources Survey of 26 Acres for Long-Range Temporary Gun Position Area, U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground, Yuma County, Arizona
YPG-R-329	USAG YPG Cultural Resources Staff (2024)	Archaeological Survey of 83 Acres for Proposed Improvements to Imperial Dam Road, U.S. Army Garrison Yuma Proving Ground, Yuma County, Arizona

Undertakings with an Adverse Effect on Historic Properties and Proposed Mitigation

No projects initiated during FY24 resulted in an adverse effect finding, however, USAG YPG is continuing consultation regarding the proposed Trigo North Impact Area (IA) in the Cibola Range and the proposed Free Maneuver Area (FMA) in the Kofa Range. The Trigo North IA includes starting a previously proposed Traditional Cultural Places (TCP) study which is intended to determine if TCPs are present within the installation and evaluate their eligibility for listing on the NRHP in consultation with the Tribes.

Inadvertent Discoveries

There were no inadvertent discoveries during FY24.

Proposed USAG YPG Cultural Resources Program Activities or Changes

Meg McDonald remains the Cultural Resources Manager and Brandon Walter (Archaeologist) was hired in March 2024. The Garrison is in the process of hiring an additional staff archaeologist who is expected to start in 2025.

USAG YPG proposed by letter dated June 28, 2023 an amendment to extend the current PA until November 16, 2026. The amendment was executed November 1, 2024.

Updated versions of PA Attachment B (additional determinations of eligibility that have been completed since the PA was executed in 2014) and G (additional survey areas where consultation has been completed since the PA was executed in 2014) are included with this report.

Newly Proposed or Potential Undertakings

This list is not intended to be exhaustive and additional projects will be presented throughout FY25 in accordance with the Programmatic Agreement.

Undertaking	Stage of Development
Proposed Free Maneuver Area (continuing consultation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-survey consultation and fieldwork for remaining survey area completed FY23. • Final survey report received September 2024; consultation materials are in preparation.

Changes USAG YPG Might Consider Towards Improvement in Implementation of Any Stipulations

USAG YPG has previously suggested changing Stipulation II.B.3.a to re-define negative surveys to align with the current SHPO definition, based on SHPO Guidance Point 10 and SHPO Survey Report Standards, January 2016 revisions. USAG YPG has previously proposed revisions to the current PA in the FY15 and FY20 annual reports; these previous revisions will be reviewed as the extension amendment is drafted.

USAG YPG also intends (see letter dated June 28, 2023) to make the following updates to the PA attachments to facilitate future consultation:

- a. Update attachments A and D to include additional survey areas where consultation has been completed since the PA was executed in 2014.
- b. Update attachments C, D, and G to provide current knowledge regarding contaminated areas since the PA was executed in 2014.

Projects Exempt per Attachment H and Projects Previously Surveyed

Projects were reviewed through submittals of service/work orders, Records of Environmental Consideration, dig permits, and other requests; these were reviewed in accordance with the PA exemptions and stipulations. A total of 373 reviews were conducted on 332 projects. One item not considered an undertaking and 22 proposed future projects were also reviewed for applicability of the PA. These have been aggregated into the summary table below.

Type of Project	No. of Reviews
New construction	
Continued from prior years	2
Associated with land use change	7
Facilities	2
Infrastructure	13
Utilities	4
Total new construction	28

Type of Project	No. of Reviews
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Repairs, Maintenance, & Renovation	
Facilities	84
Infrastructure	15
Utilities	67
Total repairs, maintenance, renovation	166
Mission	
Military testing	144
Military training	8
Total Mission	152
Other	
Contaminant testing/removal	3
Landscaping	6
Recreation	1
Research study	3
Siting request (associated w/ a project)	14
Total other	27
Total reviews, all classes	373