



Program Mandate

The DND UXO and Legacy Sites Program, created in 2005, works to reduce safety risks posed by unexploded explosive ordnance (UXO) at all "legacy sites" across Canada. A legacy site is any property not owned by DND that contains UXO, regardless of its origin. As Canada's population increases, it is expected that people will come into more frequent contact with UXO on properties that were at one time remote, and therefore presented little risk.

The Program identifies and catalogues such sites, assesses risks, and works to reduce UXO risk through property controls, assessment surveys, UXO clearance operations, and public education.

At some sites where the potential risk is great, public safety must be ensured by restricting access to the sites. In other locations where the risk is minimal, signage and information campaigns to alert the public to potential hazards may be the preferred action.

It is important to understand that the limits of existing UXO detection technology means that no UXO legacy site can ever be declared completely hazard-free. Caution is always required when entering UXO legacy sites.

DND UXO Legacy Sites
Program

Website:

<http://www.uxocanada.forces.gc.ca/>

Seeking Military History

DND UXO and Legacy Sites Program

In support of the Department of National Defence Unexploded Explosive Ordnance and Legacy Sites Program

www.uxocanada.forces.gc.ca, a history of Military Activities on the lands of the Okanagan First Nation is being compiled. Anyone with memories you would like to share of military live-firing (shooting) activities in the Madeline Lake and Goose Lake areas please contact Sean Stoyles at sstoyles@cdci.ca, or leave a message at 613 203-4526 by February 10 2010.