

U.S. Air Force

## **TONOPAH TEST RANGE : NEVADA**

The Tonopah Test Range (TTR) is located high in the Great Basin Desert, nestled within the Kawich and Cactus Mountains, approximately halfway between Reno and Las Vegas, Nevada.

Historically, the range had been used for weapons reliability



testing, including fusing, firing, and delivery systems.

The Department of Energy (DoE) and Sandia National Laboratories own and operate TTR under a permit from the National Nuclear Security Administration.

The Nevada Test and Training Range office at Nellis Air Force Base co-manages the range.

TTR provides research and development test support for the Department of Energy's weapon

programs. The range also offers a unique test environment for other Government agencies and their contractors.

Team Nellis, which includes Nellis AFB, Creech AFB, the Nevada Test and Training Range, and the Tonopah Test Range, had an estimated economic impact of more than \$5 billion in fiscal year 2014.

### **FAST FACTS**

- » Location: **Nye County, NV**
- » Land Area: **280 miles<sup>2</sup>**

For more information, please see < <http://www.nellis.af.mil>; <http://ttr.sandia.gov/r-customer.htm> >



**Above:** A U.S. Army Chinook helicopter picks up aircrew “survivors” during a combat search and rescue training exercise at the Tonopah Test Range. (U.S. Army Photo)

**Left:** TTR’s desert landscape. (DoE photo)

### **MISSION**

Provides Stockpile Evaluation and Research and Development test support for the Department of Energy/National Nuclear Security Administration funded weapon projects as well as other Government agencies and their contractors.

### **UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS**

- » Operated under a host-tenant relationship between the U.S. Air Force, Sandia National Laboratories, and the Department of Energy
- » Makes up the northern part of Nellis Air Force Range
- » Location of Tonopah Test Range airfield
- » Range is further divided into the Tonopah Electronic Combat Range and the Tolicha Peak Electronic Combat Range.

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