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Sandia Canyon

Clearing for Future Public Road, Picnic Area.

Yesterday, April 19, 1948, the last excavation for possible contaminated articles was completed at Sandia Canyon. It can therefore be safely stated that all sources of contamination which were evident and those not so evident were removed and that present and future generations may safely eat their picnic lunch from the floor of Sandia Canyon without fear excepting the red ants. The following work was done in accomplishing the above.

Two hot huts(called the cut-off shack) and entire contents were removed to the contaminated dump. All property with property numbers were cleared through both offices concerned and GMR-12 who disposed of the trash. The ground checked negative after removal.

One hot house (so called) and contents were removed to the contaminated dump. Ground checked negative.

One cage excavated. Danger signs removed and interior checked negative after clearing.

Seven shot areas excavated. Ground checked negative after removal.

Three Burial grounds excavated. Ground checked negative after removal.

One suspicious looking hole covered with boards and a five ton boulder excavated. No activity found before or after.

One half deteriorated RaLa source found under an old pine tree removed.

The east dumbo was found contaminated. Protective clothing was recommended for riggers removing it to one of the sites. Mr. Westcott removed the contaminated lids, covers and rings for the dumbos.

Many odd and end contaminated items were picked up by our section. Former canyon occupants threw "hot" items to the four winds. This included rubber gloves and even a wool shirt found fifty feet from the cut-off shack under a snow bank. Protective clothing was worn by all personnel involved including plumbers, carpenters, tinsmith, electricians, riggers, and laborers. Their tools checked negative except

one pick and a few items belonging to the tinsmith. These were either decontaminated or destroyed.

One classified shape was found out in the open. After being observed by every Tom, Dick and Russian spy, it was removed by security. End of story!

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