

F-100C NMANG crash site on Isleta Pueblo, NM

DATE May 7, 1970

AIRCRAFT F-100C-6-NA, NMANG A/C, SN 54-1801

GENERAL LOCATION South of I-40 on Isleta and, possibly, Laguna Pueblo land

PEOPLE ABOARD Pilot who successfully ejected

REFERENCES Official USAF Accident Report Number 70-5-7-1

HISTORY

This historical information was extracted and summarized from the official USAF accident report. Refer to that document for more details.

At 1750 hours MDT, 7 May 1970, two New Mexico Air National Guard (NMANG) F-100C fighter aircraft departed Kirtland AFB, NM, to practice tactical flight maneuvers within a specified airspace. Within a half-hour, both aircraft were experiencing compressor stalls. One of the two pilots was able to perform an air start, but the other pilot in aircraft S/N 54-1801, was unable to do so. Consequently, at 1820 hours MDT he was forced to eject successfully but the plane crashed. The actual impact location was on Islet Pueblo land, but it was reported that debris during ejection fell on Laguna land. At that point, the other F-100C returned to Kirtland AFB and rescue operations were initiated.

In October, 2013, crash explorers and officials from both Pueblos located and documented the site. All debris was found on Tribal lands and entrance to the area is controlled by the Pueblos involved.



Photo of one of the sister F-100C's in the NMANG squadron