

# AIR FORCE HOMES GROUP #1

201 DULL KNIFE DRIVE,  
LAME DEER, MT



Before



After

## Site Background

The Air Force Homes included sixteen (16) homes located in Lame Deer, Montana that were acquired from the Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls, Montana. Historical records showed that the homes were constructed in the 1960's and transported to Lame Deer between 1996 and 2004. The homes have been used as tribal housing since that time. However, some of the homes have fallen into a state of disrepair and others have caught fire. Given the age of the homes, asbestos-containing building materials (ACBMs) and lead-based paint (LBP) were identified as potential environmental concerns.

In 2019, a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) was completed at three of the homes, as well as a burned home and a foundation of another. Although 11 of the 16 homes were occupied at the time of the Phase II ESA and were not inspected, all homes were constructed using similar building materials, similar color schemes, and identical floor plans. As such, ACBMs and LBP were identified in the Air Force Homes that were inspected, are assumed to be present in the remaining homes.

## Cleanup Actions

In 2023, the Northern Cheyenne Tribe decided to demolish four homes, identified as Group #1, that were vacant and/or abandoned. The Group # 1 structures included:

- Air Force Home #1 - Burned
- Air Force Home #6 - Foundation only
- Air Force Home #10 - Burned
- Air Force Home #15 - Abandoned

In the Fall of 2023, the Air Force Homes Group #1 were successfully abated of all asbestos and lead-based paint through asbestos- and lead-safe demolition practices. After demolition, final visual inspections, perimeter air sampling, and lead-in-soil samples were collected to confirm no asbestos or lead remained onsite. All sample results were below current standards, and the properties were deemed ready for redevelopment and re-occupancy.

## Redevelopment Plans

The Air Force Homes Group #1 properties have been successfully abated and are now primed for redevelopment. The Northern Cheyenne Tribe plans construct new housing on these vacant lots, recognizing the critical importance of providing accommodation for families in need within their community.

