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FYI

I am a cartographer at the USGS Mid-Continent Mapping Center, and formerly I worked at the Rocky Mountain Mapping Center. While I was at Rocky I was involved in a mapping project in and around the Nellis Bombing Range. I compiled the Groom Lake Quads (it's on more than one 1:24,000 quad map. The photos that I compiled the map from had been screened by the Air Force before we received them. The AF had scraped the emulsion off (not satisfied with just inking over) the photos for certain areas in that vicinity. That partially explains the blank spots on the maps, another explanation is that there aren't many mappable features out in that region anyway. What was funny is that there would be miles of dirt road, then it would change to paved road, then you'd hit the scraped off emulsion. There were several areas scaped off but the areas that I saw were less than about 300 acres each. Not much of a base can fit in an area that size.

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+ Origin: Usenet:home (1:363/1572.1)

... "It's not the years, it's the mileage." - Indiana Jones

\* Origin: A bad day at the beach beats a good day at work (1:3618/2)

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