

Adventure at Mescal Springs

The Wyatt Earp/Curly Bill Gunfight



- Investigating to establish the exact location of this infamous gunfight
- There are many concepts but nobody knows the location for sure
- We pretty much know where it happened and we are going there to prove it

Be part of the investigation team on this adventurous project. The investigation is both exciting and challenging. What makes it adventurous is the location of the gunfight is four miles into the Whetstone Mountains, which is Cartel Country. Mescal Springs, which is the believed location of the gunfight, is literally part of a drug smuggling corridor used by the Cartel. We had a very near Contact with Cartel personnel on our first trip out there. An actual Contact will most likely result in a modern-day gunfight, which makes this an Adventure.

We will conduct this as an Operation because of the Cartel threat. We are planning "Operation Wagon Wheel" now. A team of four skilled and experienced Operators will get the Investigation Team to Mescal Springs and secure the Investigators throughout the day. We will Exfil before dark. It is too dangerous to be at Mescal Springs after dark.

Wyatt Earp/Curly Bill Gunfight Information

- William "Curly Bill" Brocius- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Brocius
- **Video: How Wyatt Earp Murdered Curly Bill:** Note: We located and were at the exact location within this video. Though this video is very compelling that the gunfight happened there, I don't think so. We found nothing there to substantiate the fight. Also, the location does not fit with the map that Wyatt Earp drew of the gunfight. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Byk58QOwwck>
- The Vendetta Ride- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Earp_Vendetta_Ride

Potential Persons/Activities in Target Area

Cartel Activities

- **Cartel Over-Watch Scouts:** Usually operate in two-man teams. They will be up in the high ground where they can over-watch moving groups and guide them to avoid any encounters with anyone else.
- **Moving Groups:** Moving groups will either be guiding humans or moving product north. Cartel personnel will be armed, probably with Assault Rifles. They will avoid contact. If a by-chance contact occurs they will yell threats to people they encounter to stay away. They also have been known to point their weapons at people encountered as well.
- **Ground Support:** Cartel personnel on the USA side support moving groups by bringing food, water and supplies to link-up or drop-off points.
- **Returning Cartel Members:** After making delivery in the north Cartel members return south to the Mex/USA border.

Rip Crews

- **Cartel Rip Crews:** Cartels have Rip Crews operating in competitive Cartel's movement corridors to steal product, money and weapons. These guys would be very dangerous for us if we should run into them.
- **USA Civilian Rip Crews:** There are civilians who have organized to operate in areas where they can find moving groups to steal product, money and weapons. They are largely former military. They probably would not be as dangerous to us as the Cartel Rip Crews.

Militias

- There are Militias, both local and from other parts of the States, that come to the border to do "Their Part" to stop the illegal flow of product and people going north. These people are in over their head and don't realize it. They are unpredictable and unstable in my opinion.

Civilians

- There are civilians that we could encounter in the target area. People who live near the area, adventurist tourists, hunters and historians who want to see the infamous springs.

Itinerary

We have not selected the date(s) for the Operation as of yet. The itinerary below is given in a general sense for now.

1. Spin-up training day for non-Raven One-Five personnel
2. Operation Order briefing and Operation rehearsals
3. Operation launch

Inclusions

- Classroom and training area for the day of training, briefing and rehearsals
- Weapons, ammunition and targets for training
- Administrative costs to include the range fees
- Four-wheel drive vehicles for the Operation
- Four-man security team
- Land Navigation equipment
- Cameras, metal detectors, etc
- Snake leggings

Packing List

This will be a two to four-mile round trip walk, depending on how close we can get with our vehicles. The degree of difficulty is Moderate.

- 3-Day size backpack
- Minimum of 3 canteens or a Camel Back to carry water
- A good quality rain coat
- Sturdy boots that provide ankle support
- Cap or jungle hat
- Military fatigue type clothing that is NOT camouflage. (We do not want to be seen as a Militia or a Rip Crew)
- A warm jacket
- Sunscreen