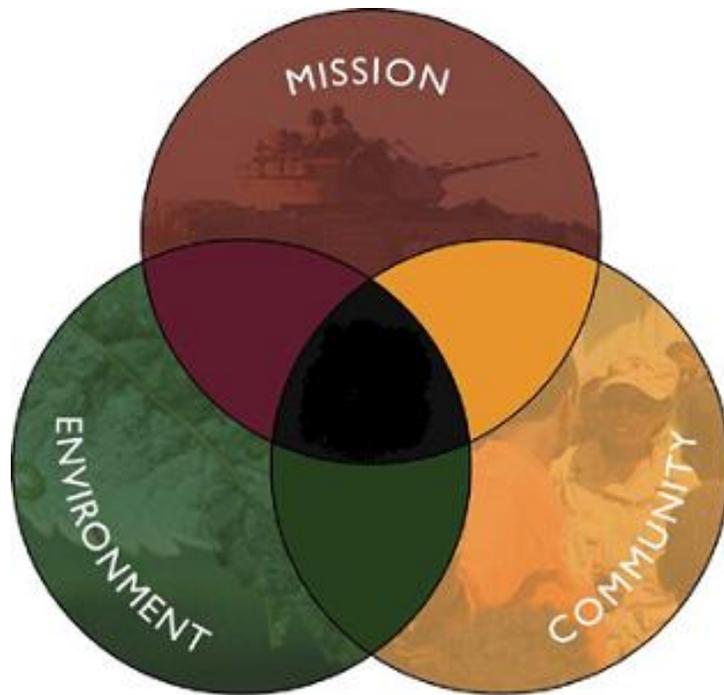


# Army Compatible Use Buffer Program



## Year End Summary

### FY08



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# Executive Summary

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2008 completes the first five years of the Army Compatible Use Buffer (ACUB) program, established by the May 2003 guidance memorandum "Range and Training Land Acquisitions and Army Compatible Use Buffers". Over this short time period, countless dedicated professionals in our partner organizations and across the Army have secured permanent protection for private lands and endangered species habitat which has increased capability, capacity and accessibility for training and testing.

The opportunity is immediate and fleeting. As land uses are converted, habitats fragmented and the built environment constructed, our opportunities to implement partnerships working with willing landowners in order to protect compatible land uses are diminished.

Each participating installation has an approved ACUB proposal that describes the training or testing mission, identifies the encroachment challenges to the mission, delineates the buffer focus areas, and identifies potential partners with whom the Army fosters long-term and formal association. Our partners work with willing landowners to protect private lands with associated natural resources to sustain our mission, and in a few short years, the ACUB program has already supported lasting impacts and permanent success. With 26 approved proposals at the end of FY08, objectives are complete at two locations. Approximately \$135,000,000 in military funds from both Army funds and the Department of Defense Readiness and Environmental Protection Initiative (REPI) program have leveraged more than \$149,000,000 in partner contributions to protect almost 96,000 acres of land in private or state ownership near our installations.

This year-end summary describes FY08 ACUB program actions and accomplishments with data compiled from annual reports submitted by participating installations and partners. It is a comprehensive document that identifies the current status of the program with thorough information regarding funding, completed actions and transactions in progress. Each installation summary includes FY08 with prior year information and a map showing focus areas and protected parcels. A legislative summary describes the authority's history and amendments that define our ability to use partnerships to protect our Soldiers' ability to use installation land for realistic training and testing.

FY09 will support several demonstrations of new innovations in the ACUB program, to include wetland mitigation on ACUB parcels, BRAC exchange and excess exchange. Each of these innovations are expected to multiple ACUB program benefits that will support the Army mission, our partners, and the community.

The ACUB program uses partnerships for protection to sustain military training and testing capabilities. Our most important measure of success is unrestricted access to state-of-the-art training and testing facilities so that our Soldiers can train as they fight.

"The ACUB program has been beneficial for everyone involved, and it has been a great success here in Hawai'i." said Col. Matthew T. Margotta, Commander, USAG-HI.



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# ACUB PATHWAY

## The Army Compatible Use Buffer Program

A Path to Securing Our Future

### Mission

The Army Compatible Use Buffer (ACUB) program maximizes military readiness while efficiently conserving valuable ecosystems. Through the process of defining problems, confirming goals, and setting targets, the program has established the rationale and justification for supporting our Soldiers in the most effective manner to secure our mission into the future.

### Sustainability

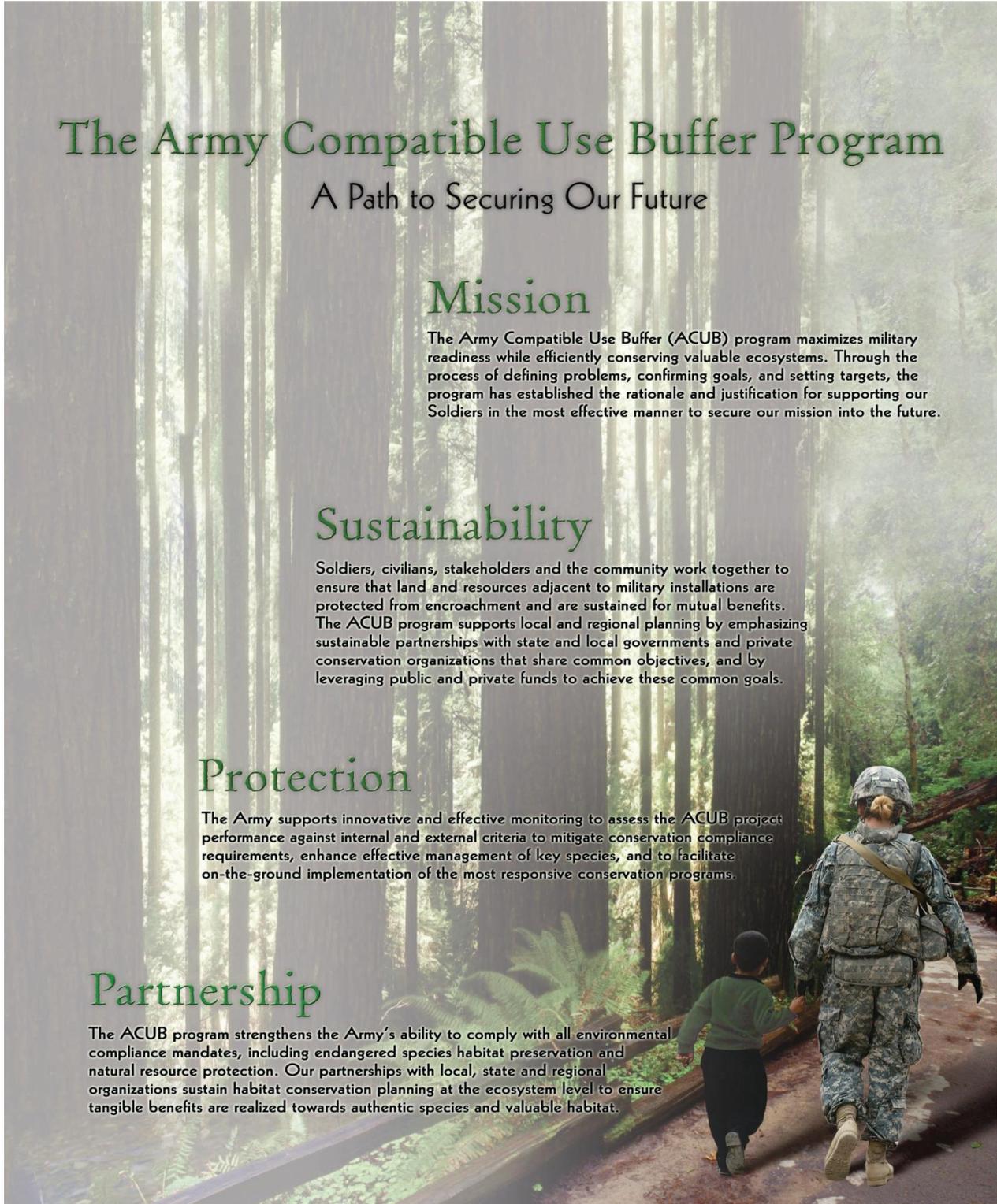
Soldiers, civilians, stakeholders and the community work together to ensure that land and resources adjacent to military installations are protected from encroachment and are sustained for mutual benefits. The ACUB program supports local and regional planning by emphasizing sustainable partnerships with state and local governments and private conservation organizations that share common objectives, and by leveraging public and private funds to achieve these common goals.

### Protection

The Army supports innovative and effective monitoring to assess the ACUB project performance against internal and external criteria to mitigate conservation compliance requirements, enhance effective management of key species, and to facilitate on-the-ground implementation of the most responsive conservation programs.

### Partnership

The ACUB program strengthens the Army's ability to comply with all environmental compliance mandates, including endangered species habitat preservation and natural resource protection. Our partnerships with local, state and regional organizations sustain habitat conservation planning at the ecosystem level to ensure tangible benefits are realized towards authentic species and valuable habitat.



# Introduction

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The Army Compatible Use Buffer (ACUB) program is a tool to support Soldier training by protecting an installation's accessibility, availability, and capability for training, testing, and operations by sustaining natural habitats, open space, working lands, and communities. It is an integral component of the Army's triple bottom line: mission, environment, and community. The ACUB program achieves conservation objectives, and supports the Soldiers' "boots on the ground" training through partnerships with public and private organizations and willing landowners. Title 10 of the United States Code (USC), Section 2684a, Agreements to Limit Encroachments and Other Constraints on Military Training, Testing, and Operations, authorizes the Secretary of the Army to enter into agreements with private and state organizations to address encroachment threats to training, testing, and operations. The Army implements this authority through the ACUB program, which is jointly managed at Army Headquarters by the Offices of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management (ACSIM) and the Director of Training.

Through the ACUB program, an installation collaborates with the partner(s) to identify mutual objectives of land conservation. The program allows the Army to contribute funds to the partners' purchase of easements or properties from willing landowners. The partner, not the Army, receives the deeded interest in the property and provides for long-term habitat management. These partnerships conserve high-value habitat and limit incompatible land use in the vicinity of Army installations.

ACUB partnerships are formalized through cooperative agreements, a type of public assistance agreement. This enables the Army to obligate funds to an existing multi-year cooperative agreement that supports the goals and objectives agreed upon by the Army and its partner(s). The Army's partners, with local Army installation coordination and approval, can then proceed with negotiations with private landowners.

The cooperative agreement approach is particularly useful for complex proposals involving multiple parcels over a distant planning horizon for the comprehensive protection of an installation. This provides the Army and its conservation partners the flexibility necessary to adjust the timing and phasing of parcels identified for conservation. Working with private landowners takes time to establish relationships of trust, understand the landowner's needs, and structure a transaction involving multiple sources of funding that is suitable to the Army, partner, and landowner. The conservation partners have the primary responsibility for appraising, negotiating, purchasing, and managing the parcels that will protect habitat or buffer our installations from incompatible land uses.

The Army includes requirements in each cooperative agreement to ensure that its ability to conduct mission activities is protected over the long term. While the Army avoids being co-grantee of the real estate interest, it is granted property rights in the deed of transfer necessary to implement the terms of the cooperative agreement. In certain

transactions, the Army also receives a deeded right of access for monitoring and management of natural resources.

The ACUB process involves many stakeholders including federal, state, and local governments and non-governmental agencies and communities. These stakeholders bring together additional expertise and financial resources that support shared objectives of landscape level conservation planning. Through collaboration, funding, and in-kind services from the installation, partners, and other stakeholders, the Army avoids incompatible land use in the vicinity of its borders and reduces the likelihood of becoming a refuge for endangered or other sensitive species. Partners meet their organizational objectives, such as natural resource conservation, hunting, agriculture, public recreation, cultural preservation, and other compatible land uses, while the Army secures its training and testing missions.



# Legislative Summary



## Legislative History and Summary for the Army Compatible Use Buffer (ACUB) Program

This section of the ACUB Annual Report provides a brief summary and discussion of the federal legislation authorizing and governing the ACUB program.

### **The Sikes Act, 16 U.S.C. 670, 670c-1**

The concept for the ACUB program finds its roots in the innovative Private Lands Initiative (PLI), a landscape-level cooperative conservation project established at Fort Bragg in the Sandhills region of North Carolina in 1995. At the time, Fort Bragg had the daunting challenge of training important combat units, such as the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division, while conserving a recovery population of the Red-Cockaded Woodpecker (RCW), a species determined to be endangered by the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). 16 U.S.C. §§1531-1544. Soldier training requirements and RCW habitat needs competed for limited land within the exterior boundaries of Fort Bragg. This competition inevitably resulted in conflict and ultimately the imposition of cumbersome restrictions on Fort Bragg's ability to properly train Soldiers. To avert this conflict Fort Bragg, the US Army Environmental Center (USAEC) and The Nature Conservancy (TNC) agreed to enter into a cooperative partnership focused on perpetuity protection of RCW habitat on private lands within the region with the dual objectives of recovering the RCW population over a broad landscape while alleviating training restrictions on Fort Bragg.

The three parties sealed the partnership by signing a Cooperative Agreement (CA) assigning respective roles and responsibilities. The parties agreed to work together to identify parcels of property of mutual interest. TNC would then take the lead in negotiating with landowners for the purchase of either a conservation easement or fee title. The Army committed to contribute appropriated funds to assist in purchases. TNC, in addition to providing matching funds, would also provide in-kind services to develop and close each transaction, hold title to any real property acquired under PLI, and provide for post-acquisition stewardship. Transactions were limited to acquisition from willing landowners, a critical condition to the success of the project.

The Constitutional authority to acquire real property on behalf of the United States is vested in Congress. Congress also appropriates and authorizes the expenditure of funds for activities necessary for Operation and Maintenance of the Army (Army O&M). The Army has neither general statutory authority to acquire real property nor express authority to spend O&M funds on real property transactions. The PLI, therefore, was not designed or intended to serve as an Army land acquisition program. In order to carry out the initiative, the Army relied on the Sikes Act, the fundamental statute directing the Secretary of Defense to provide for the conservation and rehabilitation of natural resources on all military lands. 16 U.S.C. §§670a-670f.

A specific provision within the statute authorizes “[t]he Secretary of a military

department ... [to] enter into Cooperative Agreements with States, local governments, non-governmental organizations, and individuals to provide for the maintenance and improvement of natural resources on, or to benefit natural and historic research on Department of Defense installations.” *Id* at §670c-1. The CA enabling the PLI relied on this authority to demonstrate that conservation of RCW habitat off the installation would benefit the RCW population on Fort Bragg. The Sikes Act remains an authority available to support off-post conservation benefiting Army managed natural resources. It is important to note that the Sikes Act imposes no partner cost-share or cost-match requirement. Nor does it relate contribution of Army resources to the fair market value (FMV) of real property interests acquired pursuant to a Sikes Act CA. While the statute offers great flexibility, Sikes Act CAs may only be used for the benefit of natural resources.

**“Agreements to limit encroachments and other constraints on military training, testing and operations,” 10 USC §2684a<sup>1</sup>**

By calendar year 2000, it became clear that all branches of the military were faced with the challenge of avoiding limitations on military training, testing and operations as a result of the larger issue of “encroachment.” The term was broadly understood to mean any limitation on the ability of a military installation to conduct its mission due to conflicts resulting from the development of lands for incompatible land use in close proximity to the installation. While the Sikes Act had proven effective at addressing encroachment concerns related to the loss of habitat or other sensitive natural resources, it was not intended or designed to deal with land use in communities surrounding military installations.

As a result Congress provided comprehensive authority to address encroachment in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2003 (NDAA FY03). Section 2811(a) of that Act, entitled *Agreements to limit encroachments and other constraints on military training, testing and operations*, now codified at 10 U.S.C. §2684a, empowered each military department to enter into agreements with eligible entities to work with landowners in the vicinity of a military installation to avoid incompatible development of their lands or avoid the loss or degradation of sensitive natural resources. Eligible entities (hereinafter referred to as “partners”) include state and local governments as well as any private non-governmental organization established for the conservation of land and natural resources (e.g., land trusts). The statute expressly authorized the acquisition of interests in real property, the expenditure of operational funds such as Army O&M, and the acceptance of a partner’s real estate transactional work if it met standards and practices substantially similar to those employed by the federal government.

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<sup>1</sup> This part of the summary refers to 10 U.S.C. §2684a as originally enacted in 2002. See Pub L. No. 107-314, § 2811(a), 116 Stat. 2705. Congress has subsequently amended this section with the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006, Pub. L. No. 109-163, §2822, 119 Stat. 2705; the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007, Pub. L. No. 109-364, § 2811(g), 120 Stat. 2473; and, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008, Pub.L. No.110-180, §2825.

The statute also imposed important limitations. Real property acquisitions, whether a restrictive easement or fee title, were to be acquired through our partners, not directly by the Army, and only from willing sellers. In order to protect the military's investment in each acquisition, the statute required each agreement to reserve the right for the Secretary of the military department to demand the transfer of "all or a portion of the interest acquired under the agreement, or a lesser interest therein." The Secretary would only exercise this protective right to ensure that the property at issue was not developed for incompatible purposes. The transfer would be limited to the minimal real property interest necessary to achieve that goal, in most cases a restrictive easement. Additionally, the Secretary was authorized to accept the transferred real property interest on behalf of the United States. The statute, however, authorized but did not mandate partner cost-share.

The Army has implemented the authority provided by 10 U.S.C. §2684a through the negotiation and execution of multiple year CAs by warranted Grants Officers with selected partners. Each CA sets forth, among other things, the purpose of the partnership, the roles and responsibilities of each party, the potential interests to be acquired in prioritized areas, the relative contribution of funds and services, and the process for negotiating and closing real property transactions. In addition, each CA requires our partners to include in every recorded deed of transfer the ability of the Army to demand the transfer of a protective interest in specified circumstances.

Congress has amended 10 U.S.C. 2684a through three subsequent National Defense Authorization Acts. The specific citations are provided in footnote 1. The remainder of this summary will discuss each amendment and its impact on the ACUB program.

#### **The National Defense Authorization Acts for Fiscal Years 2006 and 2007 (NDAA FY06 and FY07)**

The NDAA FY06 and NDAA FY07 included amendments to 10 U.S.C. 2684a, some of which resulted in significant implications for management of the ACUB program.<sup>2</sup> Initially, the amendments imposed mandatory requirements for agreements to provide for the acquisition of interests in real property and the sharing of acquisition costs between the Army and its partner. Partners were permitted to meet cost-share requirements by contributing funds, in-kind services or interests in real property. The amendments did not impose a specific cost-share ratio, leaving it to the Secretary of each military to negotiate relative contributions on an agreement-by-agreement basis. Funds obtained from other federal assistance programs outside of the Department of Defense could be attributed to a partner's cost-share.

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<sup>2</sup> Congress included a minor provision expanding the scope of lands subject to the statutory authority to include those ecologically related to a military installation or military airspace. This provision provided greater flexibility to address parcels of land that might not be within the immediate vicinity of the military installation for "buffer" purposes but were important due to the occurrence of important natural resources ecologically related to military lands.

The provision with the greatest impact on ACUB program management limited the amount of funds the Army could contribute towards acquisition costs. In a somewhat awkward approach, the amendments limited Army contributions towards the cost of acquiring an interest in real property to the fair market value (FMV) of the protective interest the Secretary could demand in transfer in a specific transaction. As noted above, the Army's protective interest in most transactions will be a restrictive conservation easement. This provision, therefore, had the effect of limiting the Army's maximum contribution in most cases to the FMV of a conservation easement over the parcel of property encumbered or acquired through an ACUB transaction.

In a companion provision, Congress provided new authority for the Army to transfer either property on an installation scheduled for closure under a Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) law property determined excess to the Army's needs at an active installation to support a 10 U.S.C. 2684a agreement. See 10 U.S.C. §2869, *Conveyance of property at military installations to support construction or limit encroachment*. The value of property transferred under this authority may serve as the Army's mandatory contribution under a 10 U.S.C. 2684a transaction. See 10 U.S.C. §2684a(d)(3)(B). Prior to using this authority, the Secretary of the Army must provide notice with specified content to Congress and await the expiration of a twenty one day period for hard copy notification or fourteen day period for electronic notification transmitted in accordance with 10 U.S.C. §480. See 10 U.S.C. §2869(d)(3). Put simply this authority empowers the Army to utilize the value of excess and appropriate BRAC properties as Army consideration for ACUB agreements.

### **The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (NDAA FY08)**

Two issues remaining after enactment of the original authorizing legislation and its amendments were whether there were any circumstances in which the Army could exceed the FMV limitation in a specific transaction and whether it could use appropriated funds to pay for the management of natural resources on lands protected under the ACUB program (ACUB parcels). Congress addressed both issues in the NDAA FY08. With respect to the latter issue, Congress amended 10 U.S.C. §2684a(d) to authorize expressly the Army to pay "all or a portion" of the costs of natural resource management on ACUB parcels if the Army demonstrates a need to preserve or restore habitat to avoid or limit the adverse impacts of encroachment to an installation's military mission. Pub.L. No.110-180, §2825(a). This authority makes clear that natural resource management costs are not to be considered "acquisition costs" and be included in the calculation of the Army's contribution towards such costs.

With respect to the limitation on contribution towards acquisition costs, the NDAA FY08 amendments provide flexibility to deviate from the FMV limitation on a transaction-by-transaction basis. If the Army enters into multiple-year CAs, which is its standard practice, it now has authority to meet the FMV limitation by aggregating the total contributions and the value of all protective interests across the life of the CA. In other words, the amendment allows the Army to exceed the FMV of its protective interest in an individual transaction as long as the total Army contribution towards acquisition costs

over the course of the CA does not exceed the cumulative FMV of all protective interests to which the Army is entitled upon expiration of the CA. Id.

In the alternative, Congress provided authority to exceed the FMV limitation applicable to an individual transaction if the Secretary of the Army provides prior notification to Congress. The Secretary must provide written notice to both the House Armed Services Committee and the Senate Armed Services Committee certifying that the military value of the interest in property to be acquired justifies payment exceeding the FMV of the interest with description of the military value to be obtained by the acquisition. Id. The transaction may not proceed until either a fourteen day or ten day period has expired after receipt of the notice through traditional or electronic means respectively. Id.; 10 U.S.C. §480.

Another need identified by the Army was the authority to expand the ACUB program to allow military installations to engage in off-site mitigation for potential adverse impacts to cultural resources associated with military construction, testing and training activities. In the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1997, Public Law 104-201, §2682(a) (Sept. 23 1996), Congress authorized “[C]ooperative Agreements for management of cultural resources.” 10 U.S.C. §2684. This enabled the Secretary of the Army to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with "State or local government[s] or other entit[ies]" for management and preservation of cultural resources. Cultural resources include, historic properties<sup>3</sup>, cultural items<sup>4</sup>, archeological resources<sup>5</sup>, and collections and associated records of archeological collections.<sup>6</sup> That authority was limited, however, to cultural resources located "on military installations." The NDAA FY08, Section 2824 expressly expands the authority to address cultural resources " ... on a site outside of a military installation ... if the Cooperative Agreement will directly relieve or eliminate current or anticipated restrictions that would or might restrict, impede, or otherwise interfere, whether directly or indirectly, with current or anticipated military training, testing, or operations on a military installation." It is important to note that this provision is independent of and does not amend or alter any authorities or requirements under 10 U.S.C. §2684a. However, the Army will develop guidance and procedures to utilize both off-site authorities in concert to maximize the effectiveness of the ACUB program. Together, these authorities offer the opportunity to identify parcels of land containing combinations of buffer, natural and cultural resource values which can be protected and conserved under a single conservation easement with willing landowners.

We anticipate requesting through the DoD additional amendments as we implement the ACUB program and learn additional lessons.

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<sup>3</sup> Historic properties are buildings, sites, structures, districts and objects eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), 16 U.S.C. §470 et. seq.

<sup>4</sup> Cultural items are American Indian human remains and other burial and sacred objects governed by the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), 25 U.S.C. §3001 et. seq.

<sup>5</sup> Archeological resources are defined by the Archeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA), 16 U.S.C. §470aa et. seq, as material remains of past human life or activities that are of archaeological interest.

<sup>6</sup> These are collections and records which must be curated in accordance with 36 C.F.R. Part 79.

# Summary of Obligated Funding

Installation	State	ACUB Approval Date	Installation Size (acres)	Military funds obligated in FY08 (\$M)	Total Military funds obligated through FY08 (\$M)
Aberdeen Proving Ground	MD	23 Feb 2006	72,500	0	.750
Camp Blanding	FL	23 Sep 2003	73,335	.500	2.2
Camp Rilea	OR	20 Mar 2008	1,750	1.0	1.0
Camp Ripley	MN	03 May 2004	52,435	3.576	10.732
Camp San Luis Obispo	CA	01 Mar 2006	5,612	.350	1.05
Camp Shelby	MS	26 Dec 2006	136,000	0	1.0
Fort A.P. Hill	VA	05 Aug 2005	74,077	1.02	10.188
Fort Benning	GA	23 Feb 2006	182,000	10.059	13.915
Fort Bliss	TX	21 Aug 2007	1,120,000	.786	1.176
Fort Bragg*	NC	05 Aug 2005	154,056	1.0	14.051
Fort Bragg-USASOC	NC	31 Jul 2008	20,000**	1.2	1.2
Fort Campbell	KY	23 Feb 2006	103,854	2.22	4.457
Fort Carson	CO	03 Aug 2004	137,460	4.08	27.261
Fort Custer	MI	01 Mar 2006	7,570	0	1.0
Fort Drum	NY	21 Aug 2007	107,265	1.393	1.393
Fort Hood	TX	27 Jun 2007	217,337	.735	.735
Fort Huachuca	AZ	14 May 2007	70,000	1.0	3.833
Fort Knox	KY	26 Dec 2006	109,000	0	1.0
Fort Lewis	WA	21 Oct 2005	87,000	.520	1.52
Fort Pickett	VA	10 Dec 2007	45,160	.750	.750
Fort Polk	LA	14 Jun 2006	100,009	.680	2.729
Fort Riley	KS	15 Jun 2006	100,656	.890	3.114
Fort Sill	OK	14 Mar 2005	93,279	1.25	4.25
Fort Stewart	GA	14 Mar 2005	278,374	3.342	12.556
Midlands Area Joint Installation Consortium	SC	01 Jul 2008	70,545***	1.43	1.43
U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii	HI	14 Mar 2005	161,786	1.49	11.968
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>39.271</b>	<b>135.258</b>

\*Includes activities from Private Lands Initiative

\*\* Consists of private lands outside of Fort Bragg that are currently utilized by the Special Operations Command to conduct Field Training Exercises.

\*\*\* The sum of the land at each of the five installations involved in the Midlands Area Joint Installation Consortium: Ft. Jackson/McCrady Training Center (52,301 acres), Shaw Air Force Base (3,500 acres), Poinsett Range (12,400 acres), and McEntire Joint National Guard Base (2,344 acres).

# Summary of Executed Funding

Installation	State	Funds executed in FY08 (\$M)		Acres protected in FY08	Total funds executed through FY08 (\$M)		Total acres protected through FY08
		Military	Partner		Military	Partner	
Aberdeen Proving Ground	MD	0	0	0	.75	.73	162
Camp Blanding	FL	0	0	0	1.5	46.13	14,941
Camp Rilea	OR	1.0	.46	109	1.0	.46	109
Camp Ripley	MN	1.73	1.85	1,733	4.29	40.65	21,063
Camp San Luis Obispo	CA	0	0	0	.350	.14	313
Camp Shelby	MS	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fort A.P. Hill	VA	1.42	1.86	2,237	3.77	2.12	3,557
Fort Benning	GA	2.85	2.02	2,554	2.85	2.62	3,346
Fort Bliss	TX	.79	0	3,213	1.17	.08	5,169
Fort Bragg*	NC	3.66	0	1,230	13.23	22.87	13,758
Fort Bragg-USASOC	NC	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fort Campbell	KY	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fort Carson	CO	1.49	.02	776	21.07	.94	15,679
Fort Custer	MI	0	0	0	1.0	1.09	326
Fort Drum	NY	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fort Hood	TX	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fort Huachuca	AZ	0	.79	122	2.83	3.56	1,570
Fort Knox	KY	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fort Lewis	WA	0	0	0	.32	4.49	4,212
Fort Pickett	VA	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fort Polk	LA	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fort Riley	KS	.16	.55	912	.33	1.24	1,795
Fort Sill	OK	.99	.29	365	3.55	1.64	1,525
Fort Stewart	GA	4.43	.68	1,426	5.3	.68	2,030
MAJIC	SC	0	0	0	0	0	0
U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii	HI	0	0	0	7.74	19.71	6,720
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>18.523</b>	<b>8.526</b>	<b>14,667</b>	<b>70.950</b>	<b>149.144</b>	<b>96,275</b>

\* Includes activities from Private Lands Initiative

# ACUB Locations

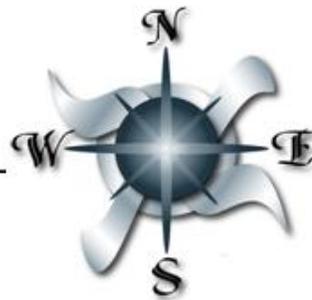


The figure below illustrates the location of all ACSIM-approved ACUB projects from the beginning of the ACUB program through the end of fiscal year 2008.



## Fiscal Year of ACUB proposal approval

- Pre-2008
- 2008





# Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland



**ACUB Approval Date:** 23 February 2006

**Installation Description:** Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG) houses the most diverse testing facility within the Department of Defense (DoD) - The Aberdeen Test Center (ATC). The ATC is the leading center for automotive testing, including both manned and unmanned ground vehicles, guns and munitions analysis, as well as live fire vulnerability/lethality assessment. As a multi-purpose proving ground with the advantage of a temperate climate, Aberdeen’s one-stop test center efficiently meets the overarching needs of the DoD acquisition community. All Army tactical vehicles require rigorous testing prior to use in combat. ATC’s automotive test courses at Munson, Perryman, and Churchville analyze a vehicle’s agility, mobility, and reliability at wartime levels. These world-renowned tracks are irreplaceable and critical to Army vehicle testing.

**Challenge:** The Churchville Test Area (CTA), part of the ATC, is located approximately 10 miles northwest of APG main post. The track is designed to simulate extremely hilly and cross-country terrain for wheeled and tracked vehicle endurance and reliability testing. CTA is located in a section of Harford County that was once an isolated agricultural area, but has been experiencing recent accelerated population growth and housing development. Most of the existing land adjacent to the test area is protected through state and county land preservation programs. However, a 162-acre parcel of land adjacent to the northern boundary of the CTA remained vulnerable to potential residential land use. Development on this land would have likely resulted in restrictions on the CTA due to the generation of dust, noise, and vibration.

**ACUB Objective:** In early 2007, Harford Land Trust purchased an easement on the 162-acre parcel of land adjacent to CTA’s northern boundary with the assistance of military funds. Harford Land Trust leveraged military funds against the county’s Agricultural Preservation Program to create a win-win-win solution for the Army, the land trust, and the landowner. The one-time, one-parcel ACUB project at Aberdeen Proving Ground’s CTA proactively addressed the growing concern that an incompatible land use could impact the future viability of the military test track.

**Cooperative Agreement Partner:** Harford Land Trust

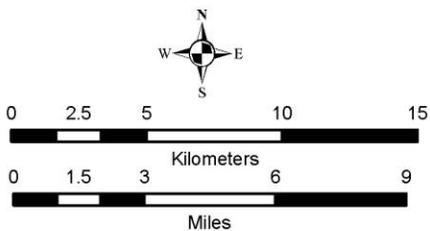
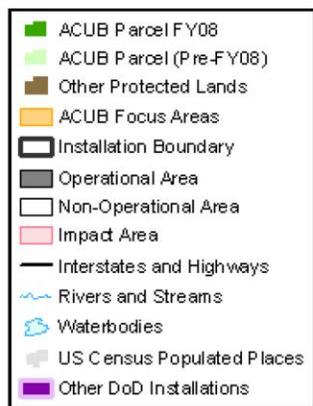
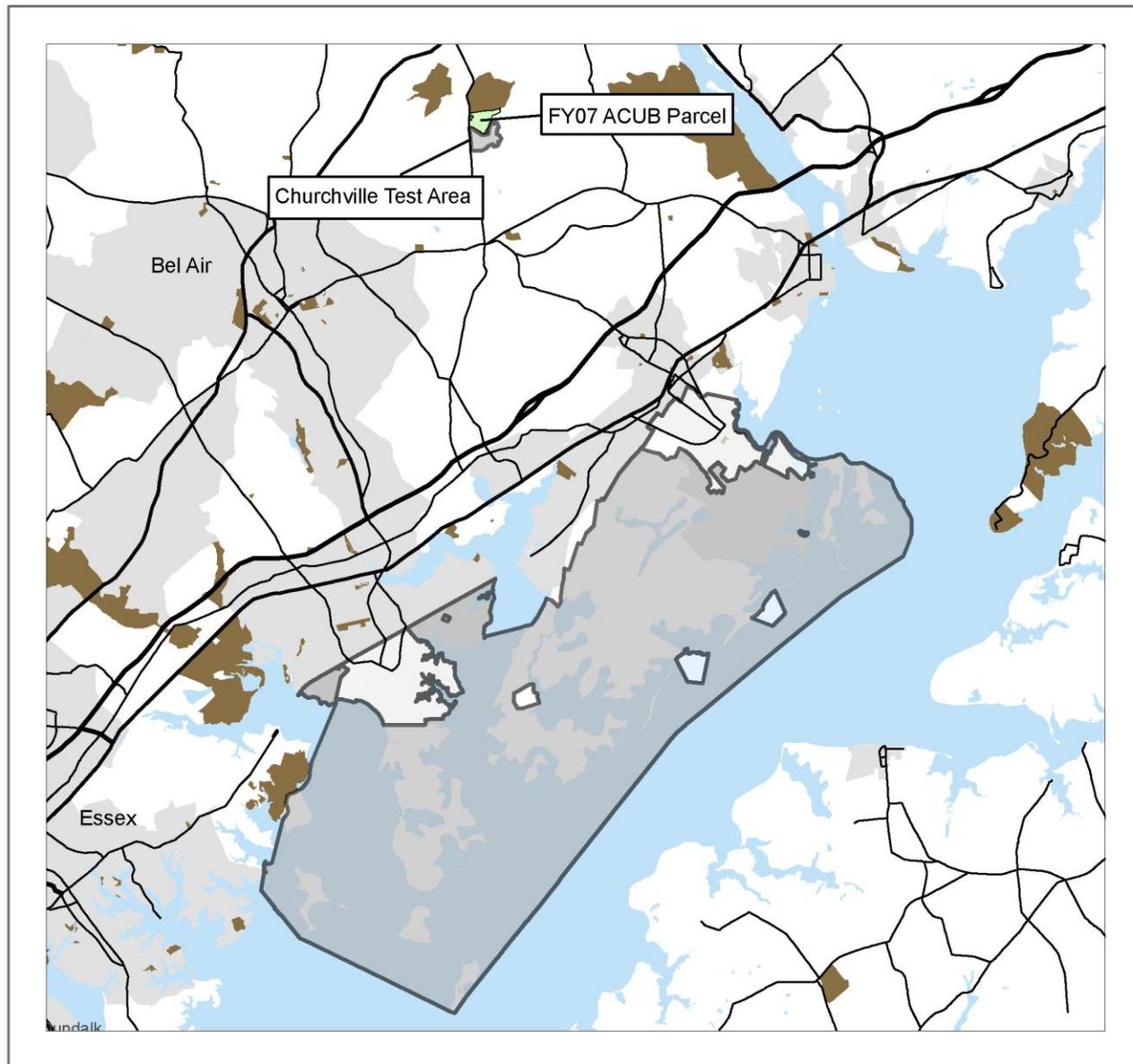
**Partner Mission:** Harford Land Trust is Harford County’s first and only county-wide land trust. Their mission is to protect tracts of agricultural and natural landscapes that provide significant benefits to the citizens of Harford County, Maryland.

Transaction History					
Parcel	Closing Date	Acres	Military Funds	Partner Funds	Total Cost
Priestford Farm	19-Jan-07	162	\$750,000	\$731,994	\$1,481,994
<b>Total</b>		<b>162</b>	<b>\$750,000</b>	<b>\$731,994</b>	<b>\$1,481,994</b>

Funding Obligation History	
FY Obligated	Military Funds
Through FY07	\$750,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$750,000</b>

MARYLAND

# ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND ACUB



# Camp Blanding, Florida



**ACUB Approval Date:** 23 September 2003

**Installation Description:** Camp Blanding is the primary training area for the Florida Army National Guard. The installation works year round to meet the training requirements of tens of thousands of National Guardsman, as well as Active Army and Reserves from all over the United States. The 159<sup>th</sup> Weather Readiness Training Center and Weather Flight Schools located at Camp Blanding are prepared to station and train Air National Guard members as well as active duty airmen in the career field of weather predictions. Also housed on the installation is the 202<sup>nd</sup> Red Horse Civil Engineering Squadron (RHS), providing a rapidly deployable, highly trained force to complete damage repairs to runways, facilities, and utilities of the Air Force world-wide.

**Challenge:** Due to a substantial increase in residential development in close proximity to Camp Blanding, the installation has become a refuge for at least 60 rare species. Federally listed species found in and around the installation include the Florida Scrub Jay (*Aphelocoma coerulescens*), eastern indigo snake (*Drymarchon corais couperi*), Wood Stork (*Mycteria americana*), Chapman’s rhododendron (*Rhododendron chapmanii*), and the Red-cockaded Woodpecker (*Picoides borealis*). In addition to the pressure on Camp Blanding to manage listed species, local development is impacting the Guard’s ability to train realistically due to training related complaints of noise, dust, and smoke. Growing amounts of ambient light pollution from nearby communities is also presenting a challenge to Camp Blanding’s night training operations.

**ACUB Objective:** The ACUB objective at Camp Blanding is to protect the installation from incompatible land uses along its boundaries, primary to the north and the east of the installation. Protection of parcels within the targeted buffer area will deter future training related complaints, reduce the potential for additional training restrictions due to light pollution, and provide off-post habitat for federally listed and other rare species.

**Cooperative Agreement Partner:** Florida Department of Environmental Protection

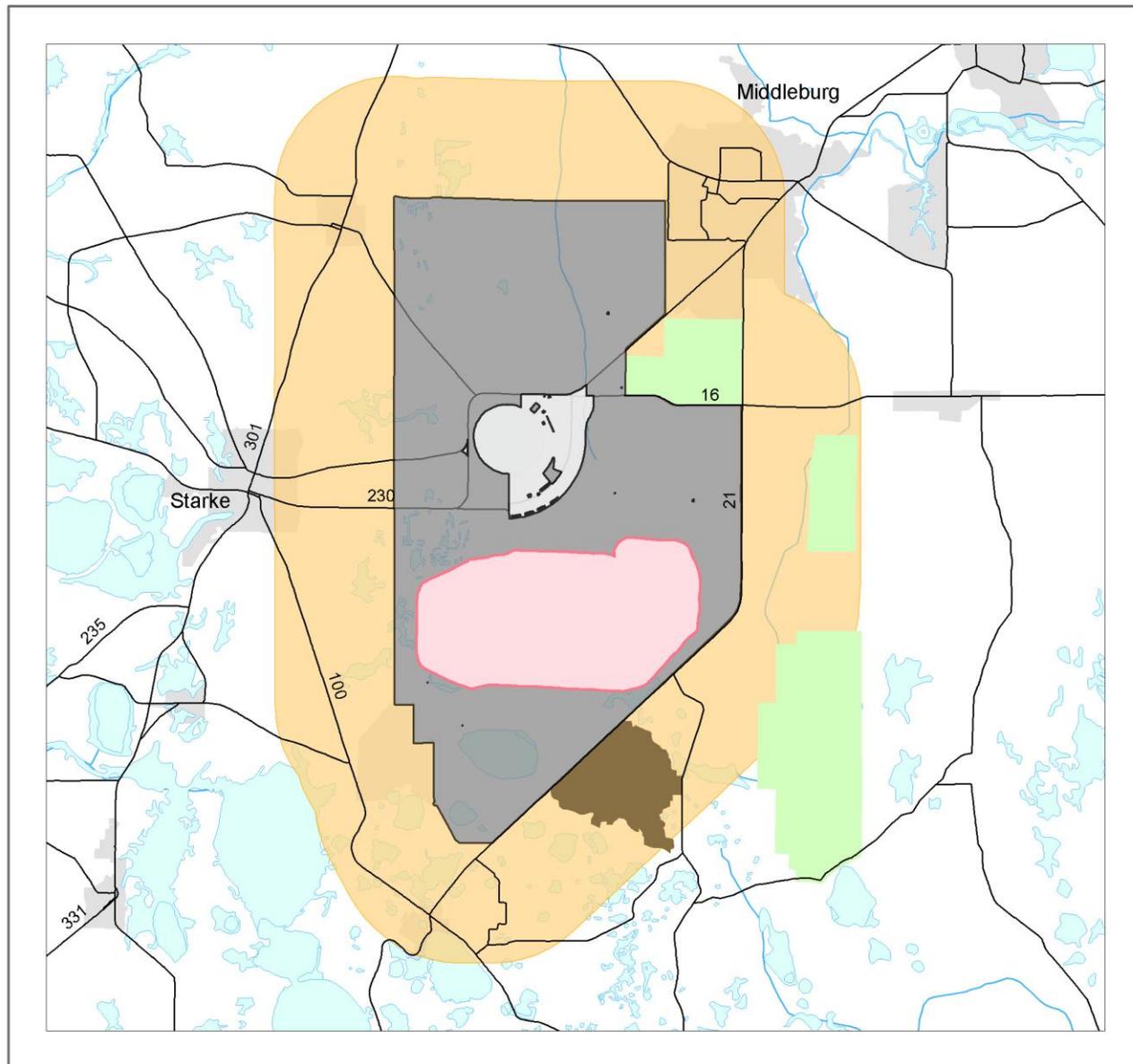
**Partner Mission:** The Florida Department of Environmental Protection is the lead agency in Florida state government for environmental management and stewardship. Their mission is to provide a high quality of life for Florida residents through the protection and enhancement of a healthy environment.

Transaction History					
Parcel	Closing Date	Acres	Military Funds	Partner Funds	Total Cost
Through FY07	-	14,941	\$1,500,000	\$46,134,790	\$47,634,790
FY08	-	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>14,941</b>	<b>\$1,500,000</b>	<b>\$46,134,790</b>	<b>\$47,634,790</b>

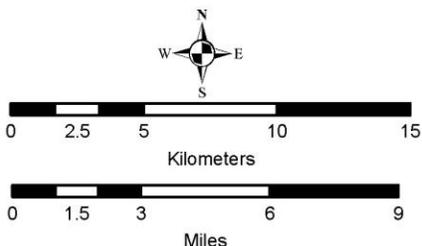
Funding Obligation History	
FY Obligated	Military Funds
Through FY07	\$1,700,000
FY08	\$500,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,200,000</b>

FLORIDA

# CAMP BLANDING ACUB



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# Camp Rilea, Oregon



**ACUB Approval Date:** 20 March 2008

**Installation Description:** Located on 1,750 acres in the Clatsop Plains of the Oregon coast, Camp Rilea is a Major Training Center Light (MTCL) sustaining an average of 140,000 days of training each year. The location of the installation allows troops to train in diverse geographies ranging from Pacific beach, to coastal plain, to Pacific coastal mountains. Training activities include small arms live fire ranges, simulation facilities, multiple integrated laser engagement system ranges, aerial and amphibious assault areas, and engineer/transportation training areas.

**Challenge:** Camp Rilea is home to the federally listed Oregon Silverspot Butterfly (OSB). The OSB has been essentially eliminated from its historic range due to coastal development, fire control, and the introduction of exotic species. In 1998, the installation was required to manage 68 acres of OSB habitat in accordance with a “Habitat Management Plan” approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). Habitat management requirements prohibited military training and facility development within the designated OSB habitat.

**ACUB Objective:** The Camp Rilea ACUB program was a one parcel, one time purchase. In September 2008, the ACUB partner purchased a fee simple interest on the 109 acre parcel called “Reed Ranch” with assistance of ACUB funding. Reed Ranch is the last large tract of meadow habitat that has not been developed on the Clatsop Plains. The ACUB partners and the USFWS consider this parcel crucial to the off-post recovery of the OSB. The initiation of this process convinced USFWS to lift training restrictions from Camp Rilea’s previously designated 68 acres of OSB habitat. Removal of restrictions allows for expanded military training opportunities, as well as promotes more efficient infrastructure development and use. Implementation of this project also prevents incompatible development on the Reed Ranch parcel, located just 1.3 miles from the Camp. The ACUB partner will manage the land for OSB habitat.

**Cooperative Agreement Partners:** The North Coast Land Conservancy

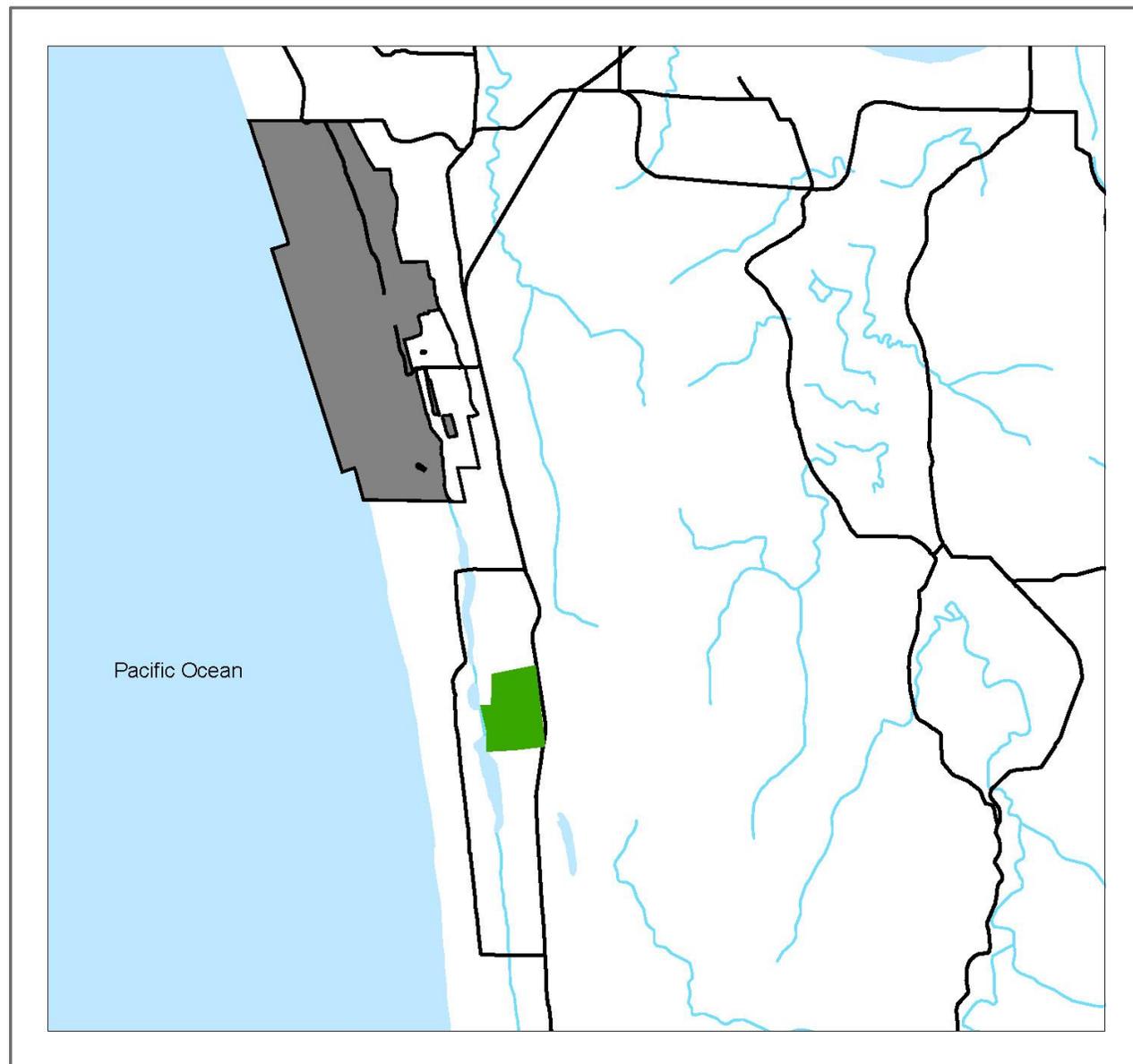
**Partner Mission:** The North Coast Land Conservancy serves as a resource for Northwest Oregon coastal communities and landowners to conserve and protect land in perpetuity for its ecological and cultural resources.

Transaction History					
Parcel	Closing Date	Acres	Military Funds	Partner Funds	Total Cost
Reed Ranch	17-Sep-08	109	\$1,000,000	\$459,700	\$1,459,700
<b>Total</b>		<b>109</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>\$459,700</b>	<b>\$1,459,700</b>

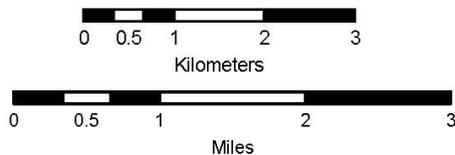
Funding Obligation History	
FY Obligated	Military Funds
FY08	\$1,000,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>

OREGON

# CAMP RILEA ACUB



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# Camp Ripley, Minnesota



**ACUB Approval Date:** 3 May 2004

**Installation Description:** Camp Ripley, home of the Minnesota Army National Guard, is a multi-faceted, state-of-the-art training center that balances the needs of the military, state agencies, and communities statewide. Designated as the primary winter training site in the United States, Camp Ripley conducts an extensive Winter Warfare Training Program available to all units. Numerous small arms and tank ranges are in use to maintain unit training requirements, as well as state of the art specialized training facilities including maneuver training areas capable of supporting a heavy brigade.

**Challenge:** Populations of gray wolves (*Canis lupus*), Bald Eagles (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*), and a variety of other state sensitive species currently coexist with the Army National Guard’s military training at Camp Ripley. Residential development on lands adjacent to Camp Ripley will ultimately force all remaining local species onto installation lands, consequently leading to training restrictions in an attempt to protect their populations.

**ACUB Objective:** The ACUB objective at Camp Ripley is to maximize the compatibility of land use adjacent to the installation and thereby sustain the military mission as well as the natural environment. All property within a three mile radius of the installation is within the first two priority areas of the program, and is further prioritized by factors such as proximity to Camp Ripley, parcel size, noise impacts, presence of sensitive species, and its potential for development.

**Cooperative Agreement Partners:** The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources

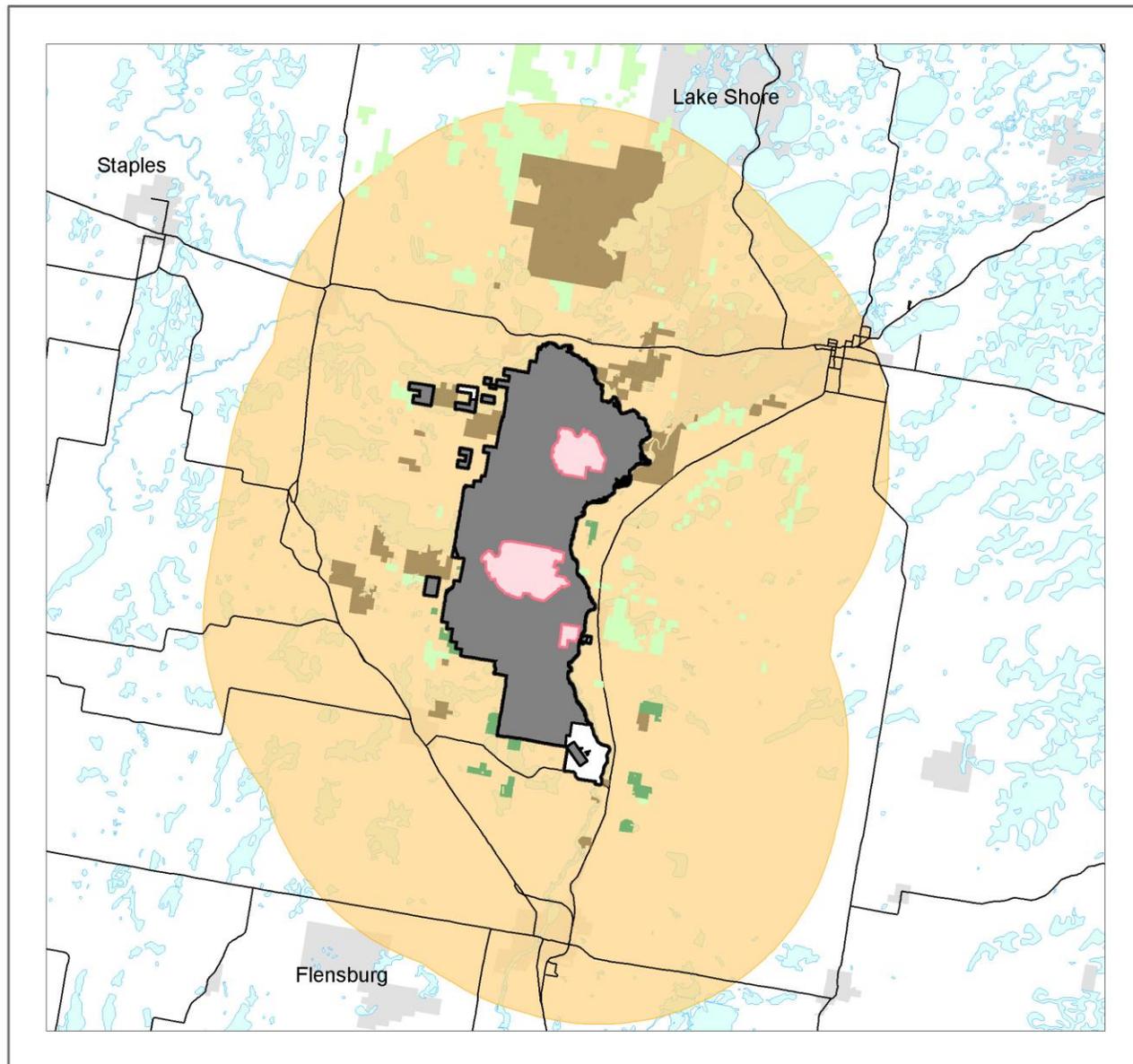
**Partner Mission:** The mission of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is to work with citizens to conserve and manage the state’s natural resources, to provide outdoor recreation activities, and to provide for commercial uses of natural resources in a way that creates a sustainable way of life. The mission of the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources is to assist local governments to manage and conserve their irreplaceable water and soil resources.

Transaction History					
Parcel	Closing Date	Acres	Military Funds	Partner Funds	Total Cost
Through FY07		19,330	\$2,559,532	\$38,798,963	\$41,358,495
Nelson	24-Oct-07	383	\$338,502	\$344,270	\$682,772
Turner	22-Dec-07	228	\$200,875	\$211,967	\$412,842
Wenzel	31-Dec-07	40	\$33,278	\$46,355	\$79,633
Ledin	14-Mar-08	176	\$166,603	\$177,380	\$343,983
Roach	26-Mar-08	145	\$128,458	\$152,535	\$280,993
J Knopik	5-May-08	318	\$342,243	\$348,445	\$690,688
Prozinski	16-Jun-08	40	\$34,078	\$48,205	\$82,283
Brenner	28-Jul-08	20	\$22,288	\$33,802	\$56,090
D Brutscher	30-Jul-08	151	\$138,481	\$152,150	\$290,631
K Doucette	4-Aug-08	232	\$327,264	\$337,867	\$665,131
<b>Total</b>		<b>21,063</b>	<b>4,291,602</b>	<b>40,651,939</b>	<b>44,943,541</b>

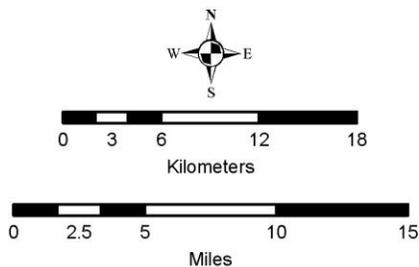
Funding Obligation History	
FY Obligated	Military Funds
Through FY07	\$7,156,000
FY08	\$3,575,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,731,500</b>

MINNESOTA

# CAMP RIPLEY ACUB



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# Camp San Luis Obispo, California



**ACUB Approval Date:** 1 March 2006

**Installation Description:** Camp San Luis Obispo (CSLO) provides military support for civil authority, counter drug, air assault, small arms training, basic rifle marksmanship, orienteering, combat medic, noncommissioned officer leadership training, officer candidate school, counter-terrorism training, common task training, MOSQ schools, non-prior-service training, and pre-command courses. CSLO tenants include California Air National Guard units as well as several state and civilian organizations.

**Challenge:** Much of the land surrounding CSLO currently exists in the form of private ranch lands. Development has been limited to some degree by the availability of potable water and traditional land use controls. However, when the infrastructure to deliver potable water is developed, residential “ranchette” development will follow. This has already been the case on numerous properties in the vicinity of CSLO. The training on CSLO is beginning to encounter restrictions due to physical proximity of housing as well as potential limits regarding utilization of water. Federally listed species located on and around CSLO include the California red-legged frog (*Rana aurora draytonii*) and the Chorro Creek bog thistle (*Cirsium fontinale var. obispoense*). Other species such as the Southern steelhead trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss irideus*) are showing a recent decline in numbers.

**ACUB Objective:** The primary objective of the ACUB program at CSLO is to use conservation easements to create a one-mile buffer on the installation’s east, south, and northwestern boundaries. Additionally, the ACUB program proposes conserving up to 1,500 acres of land on 72 separate tracts within three miles of CSLO’s boundary. Establishing buffers will help the community manage development adjacent to CSLO, ensure continued training opportunities, secure upland habitat, and limit the demand on water resources.

**Cooperative Agreement Partner:** Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo

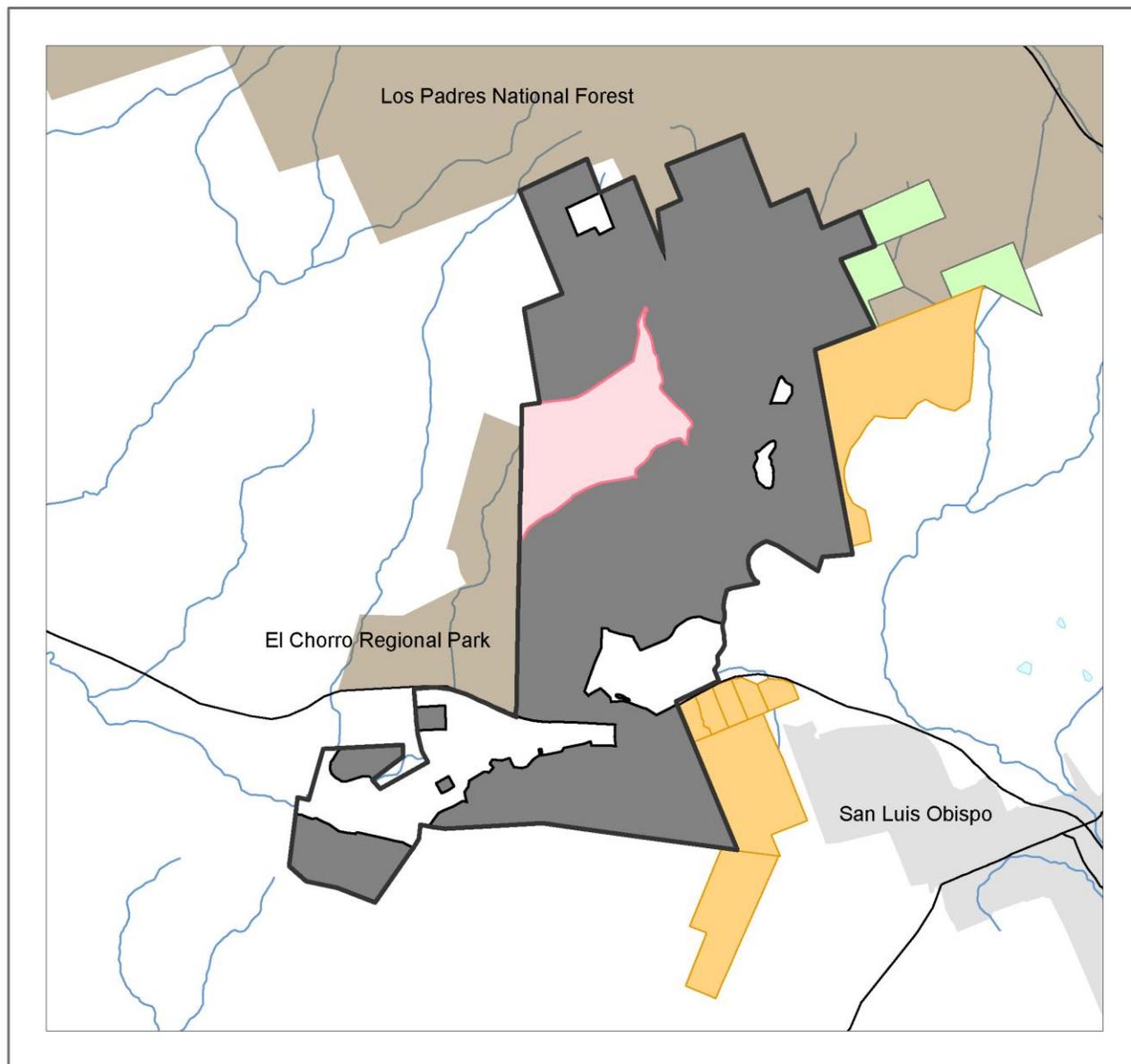
**Partner Mission:** The mission of the Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo is to permanently protect and enhance lands having scenic, agricultural, habitat, and cultural values in San Luis Obispo County through voluntary and collaborative measures.

Transaction History					
Parcel	Closing Date	Acres	Military Funds	Partner Funds	Total Cost
Through FY07		313	\$350,000	\$141,600	\$491,601
FY08	-	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total		313	\$350,000	\$141,600	\$491,601

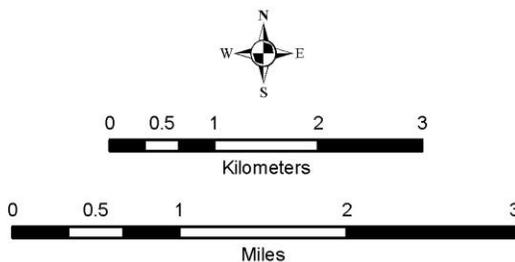
Funding Obligation History	
FY Obligated	Military Funds
Through FY07	\$700,000
FY08	\$350,000
Total	\$1,050,000

CALIFORNIA

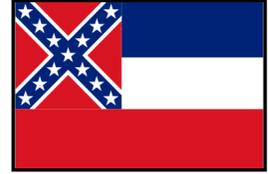
# CAMP SAN LUIS OBISPO ACUB



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# Camp Shelby, Mississippi



**ACUB Approval Date:** 26 December 2006

**Installation Description:** Camp Shelby is one of the largest state-owned training sites in the nation. Covering 136,000 acres, Camp Shelby Training Site hosts up to battalion level maneuver training, Gunnery Table 8-12, excellent FA Firing Points and a wide range of support facilities. The installation is the standard annual training location for National Guard and Reserve units located in Mississippi, Alabama, and Tennessee. Units from across the country depend on the facility and its excellence to complete a variety of missions. The 2<sup>nd</sup> BN, 114<sup>th</sup> FA conducts its gunnery training and has the bulk of its combat equipment stored in the Mobilization and Annual Equipment Site (MATES) on Camp Shelby.

**Challenge:** The primary challenge to Camp Shelby is incompatible land use adjacent to the installation’s boundaries. Prior to Hurricane Katrina, residential development was increasing from the Mississippi Gulf Coast. As a result of the hurricane’s devastation to Louisiana and the surrounding areas, growth estimates in Mississippi have significantly escalated as the area accommodates an influx of displaced coastal residents. Continued residential development on lands adjacent to Camp Shelby will likely lead to restrictions on the future use of the installation’s training and range lands.

**ACUB Objective:** The objective of the ACUB program at Camp Shelby is to sustain the military mission by ensuring that open lands surrounding the installation are protected from incompatible land uses that could limit or disrupt operational readiness and training activities. Additionally, the ACUB program protects key natural habitats and the associated flora and fauna; thereby maintaining the integrity of the region’s natural resources. Portions of the buffers may be used as future wetland banks.

**Cooperative Agreement Partner:** The Nature Conservancy

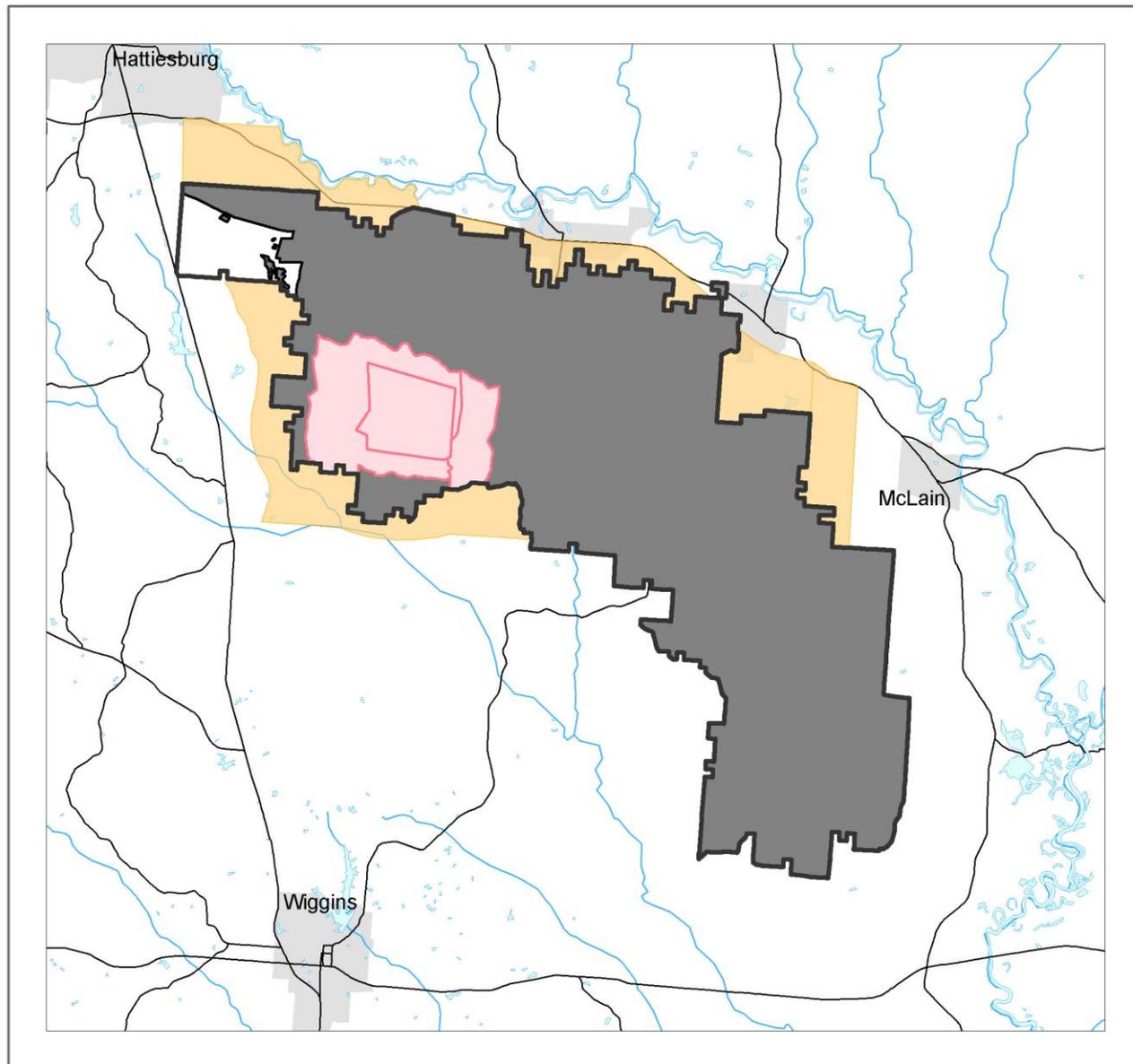
**Partner Mission:** The mission of the Nature Conservancy (TNC) is to preserve the plants, animals and natural communities that represent the diversity of life on Earth by protecting the lands and waters they need to survive. TNC is dedicated to providing long-term incompatible land use prevention as well as sustainment of Camp Shelby and associated communities with natural resource value, economic sustainability, and biodiversity.

Transaction History					
Parcel	Closing Date	Acres	Military Funds	Partner Funds	Total Cost
Through FY07	-	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FY08	-	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

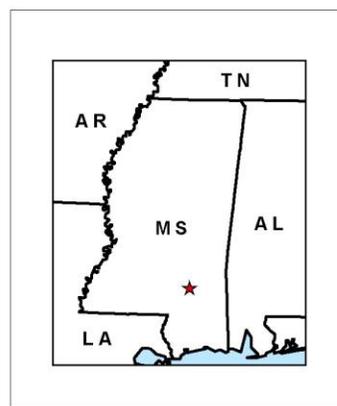
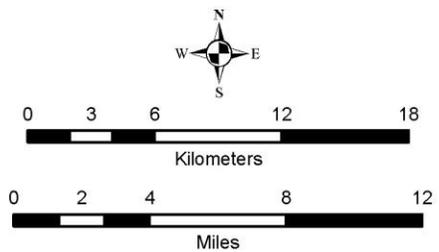
Funding Obligation History	
FY Obligated	Military Funds
Through FY07	\$1,000,000
FY08	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>

MISSISSIPPI

# CAMP SHELBY ACUB



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# Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia



**ACUB Approval Date:** 5 August 2005

**Installation Description:** Fort A.P. Hill is a world-class training location committed to providing the highest quality training lands, state of the art live fire ranges, as well as modern training facilities and camp sites. Encompassing 76,000 acres of land, FAPH is one of the largest military installations on the east coast and is the closest training center to the National Capital Region. 30 training and maneuver areas which total 44,000 acres of land are available for quality year-round use by all services, Active Duty, National Guard, and Reserve units, as well as non-DoD and civilian organizations. 111 acres of property on the Rappahannock River is leased by the installation for float bridge construction exercises and river access. The large size of Fort A.P. Hill allows space for two infantry brigades and large-scale combat service support exercises, providing an ideal location to prepare for a Joint Readiness Training Center rotation.

**Challenge:** For most of its history, Fort A.P. Hill has been surrounded by rural land. However, in recent years counties adjoining the installation have been experiencing significant growth in close proximity to FAPH. Continued incompatible land use close to the installation could lead to restrictions on the future use of range and training lands.

**ACUB Objective:** The Fort A.P. Hill ACUB program sustains the military mission by ensuring that open lands surrounding the installation remain in their current/natural state in order to protect operational readiness and on post training activities. The ACUB program protects key natural habitats and the associated flora and fauna, while supporting regional objectives to protect remaining farming and forestry land uses.

**Cooperative Agreement Partners:** The Trust for Public Land, The Nature Conservancy, and The Conservation Fund

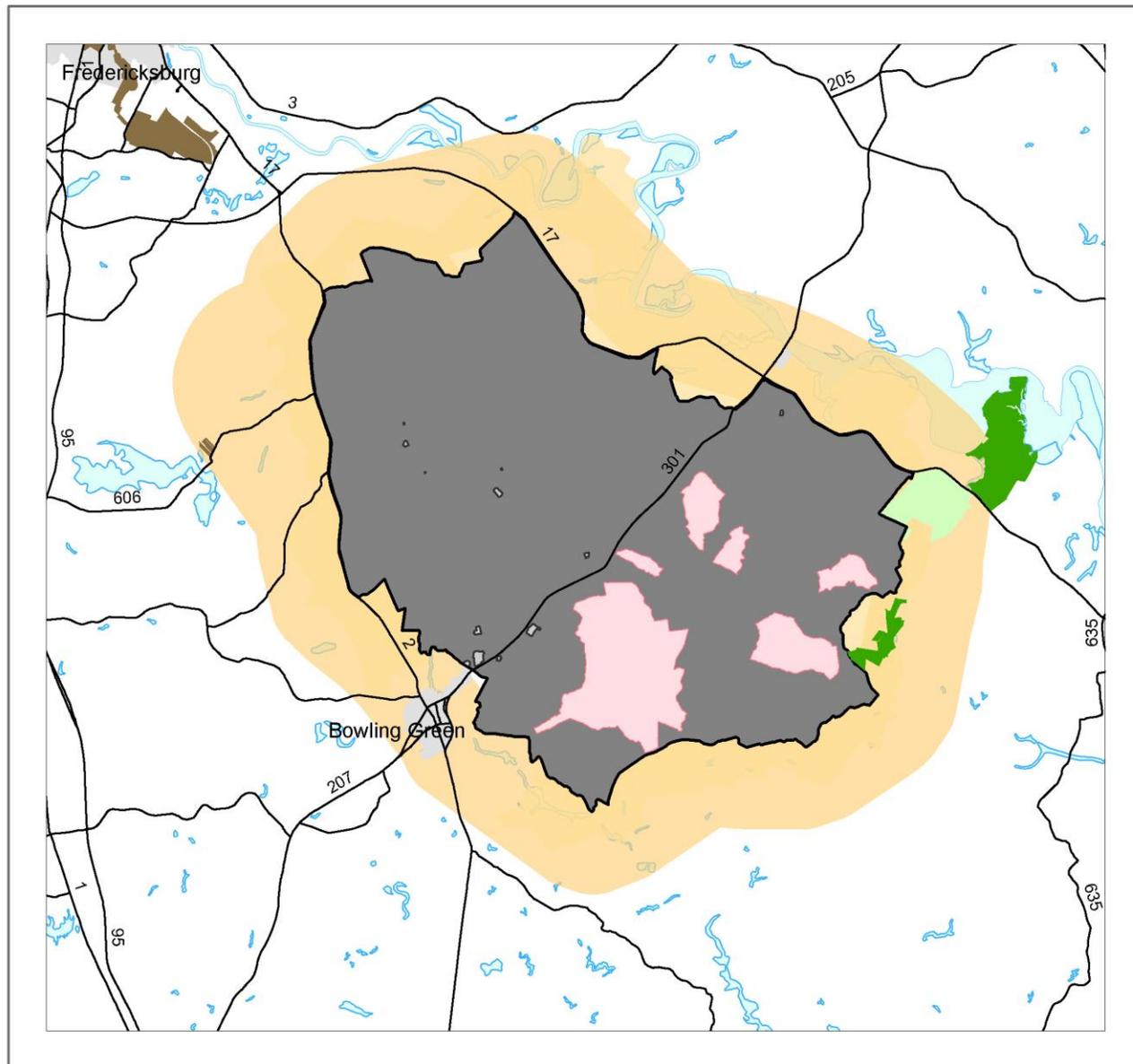
**Partner Mission:** The Trust for Public Land conserves land for people to enjoy as parks, community gardens, historic sites, rural lands, and other natural places, ensuring livable communities for generations to come. The Nature Conservancy preserves the plants, animals and natural communities that represent the diversity of life on Earth by protecting the lands and waters they need to survive. The Conservation Fund pioneers a balanced, non-advocacy, non-membership approach to conservation, one that blends environmental and economic goals and objectives.

Transaction History					
Parcel	Closing Date	Acres	Military Funds	Partner Funds	Total Cost
Through FY07		1,320	\$2,344,100	\$252,700	\$2,596,800
Baylor	18-Jul-08	1805	\$677,000	\$1,833,000	\$2,510,000
Pine Hill	31-Jul-08	432	\$745,355	\$30,200	\$775,555
<b>Total</b>		<b>3,557</b>	<b>3,766,455</b>	<b>2,115,900</b>	<b>5,882,355</b>

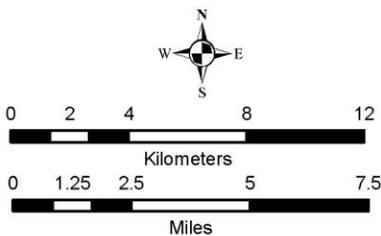
Funding Obligation History	
FY Obligated	Military Funds
Through FY07	\$9,168,460
FY08	\$1,020,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,188,460</b>

VIRGINIA

# FORT AP HILL ACUB



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# Fort Benning, Georgia



**ACUB Approval Date:** 23 February 2006

**Installation Description:** Located on 182,000 contiguous acres in Georgia and Alabama, Fort Benning is a self-sufficient military community providing support to more than 100,000 military, family members, reserve component Soldiers, retirees, and civilian employees on a daily basis. The installation is a power projection platform with the capability to deploy combat-ready forces by air, rail, and highway. Fort Benning is home of the United States Army Infantry School, the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, the headquarters of the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment along with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade, 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division (Mechanized), the 14<sup>th</sup> Combat Support Hospital, as well as many additional tenant units.

**Challenge:** Development adjacent to Fort Benning impacts both the military’s training mission as well as the unique habitat that exists around the installation. Land nearby Fort Benning provides critical habitat for the continued existence of the endangered Red-cockaded Woodpecker (*Picoides borealis*), the threatened gopher tortoise (*Gopherus polyphemus*), as well as several plant species including the endangered relict trillium (*Trillium reliquum*). Training restrictions due to encroachment have been manageable in the past, although increased growth and development are presenting new land use challenges to the installation.

**ACUB Objective:** The primary objective of the ACUB program is to maintain rural and other conservation-friendly land uses on property adjacent to Fort Benning that will sustain the installations ability to fulfill both its military and stewardship missions. The ACUB program creates buffers around Fort Benning with land uses that are compatible with both military training and regional conservation efforts.

**Cooperative Agreement Partner:** The Nature Conservancy

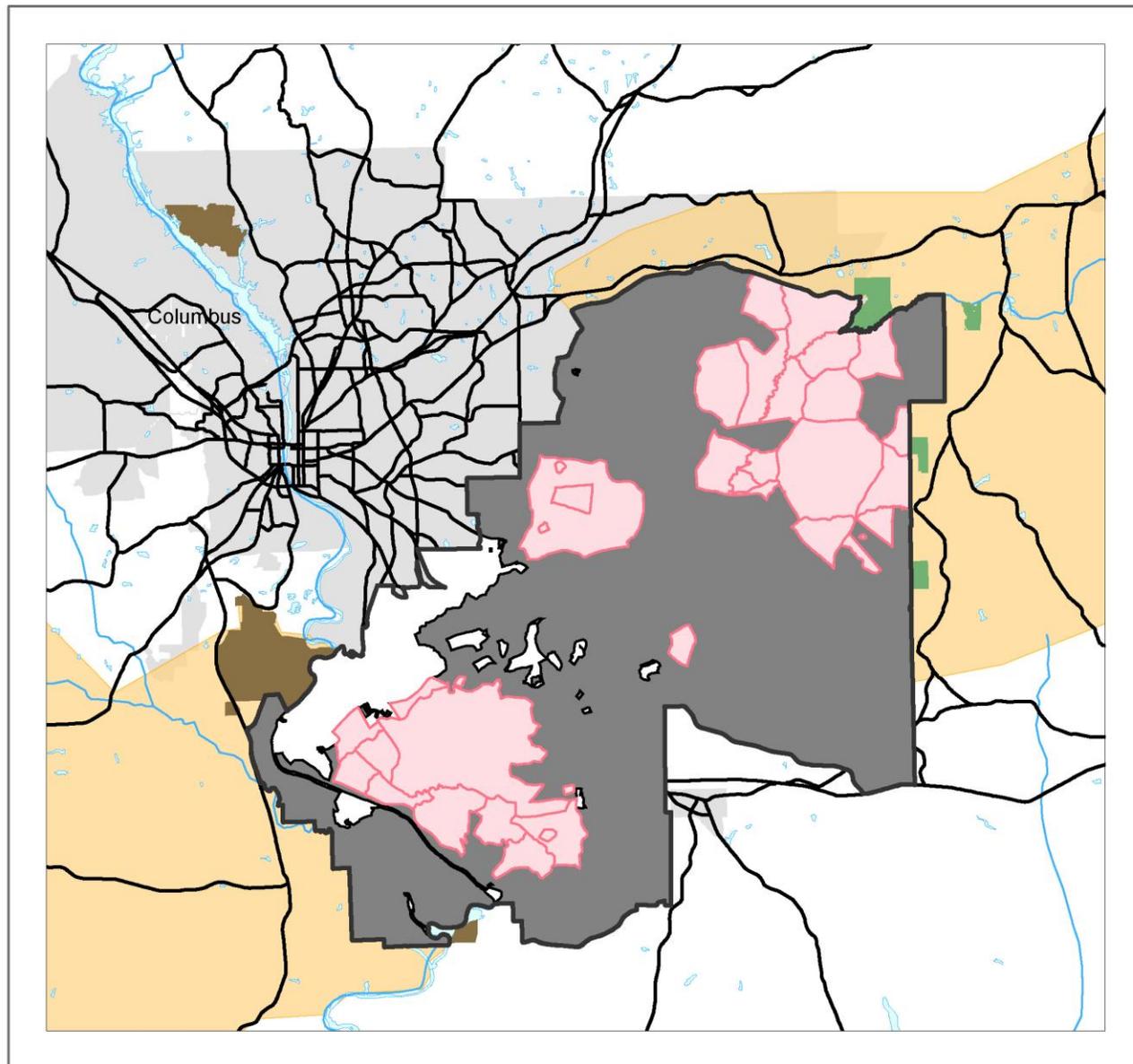
**Partner Mission:** The mission of the Nature Conservancy is to preserve the plants, animals, and natural communities that represent the diversity of life on Earth by protecting the lands and waters they need to survive. Emphasis is placed on maintaining the natural communities that represent the vast diversity of the Chattahoochee Fall Line region. With the assistance and support of Fort Benning and the ACUB program, TNC is working with private landowners adjacent to the installation to sustain rural and conservation-friendly land uses.

Transaction History					
Parcel	Closing Date	Acres	Military Funds	Partner Funds	Total Cost
Through FY07		792	\$0	\$600,000	\$600,000
31069a	10-Oct-07	267	\$1,718,000	\$0	\$1,718,000
31070b		307			
23066b		299			
Prevatt	26-Dec-07	1101	\$23,286	\$2,016,500	\$2,039,786
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,766</b>	<b>\$1,741,286</b>	<b>\$2,616,500</b>	<b>\$4,357,786</b>

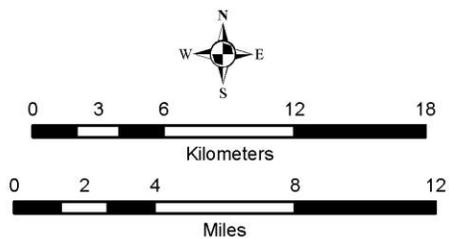
Funding Obligation History	
FY Obligated	Military Funds
Through FY07	\$2,856,390
FY08	\$11,059,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,915,390</b>

GEORGIA

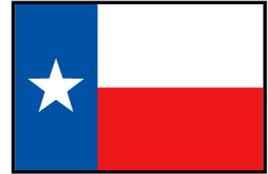
# FORT BENNING ACUB



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# Fort Bliss, Texas



**ACUB Approval Date:** 21 August 2007

**Installation Description:** Fort Bliss is a multi-mission installation that functions as a power generation platform for rapid deployment of military power. Covering nearly 1.12 million acres, Fort Bliss is the Army’s largest maneuver area and provides the largest contiguous tract of virtually unrestricted airspace in the continental United States. Army Transformation and realignments have changed the primary mission of Fort Bliss to supporting a heavy mechanized division (1<sup>st</sup> AD). This includes a complex of facilities, training areas, and ranges which are located in three separate sub areas including McGregor Range (in the Tularosa Basin), Doña Ana (west near the Organ Mountains), and Orogrande (northern central part of the installation).

**Challenge:** Fort Bliss operations frequently generate high noise levels. The results of a noise analysis conducted by the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine (USACHPPM) projected that four Heavy Brigade Combat Teams using the gunnery ranges and artillery impact areas on the Doña Ana Range Complex would result in noise impacts off the installation in the vicinity of Chaparral, New Mexico. Residential development in this area would likely result in restrictions on the time and type of future operations conducted at the Doña Ana range complex. In addition to noise complaints, ambient light pollution resulting from development could seriously impact the use of night vision systems. The Orogrande and McGregor Range areas are also at risk for restrictions from noise traveling off post and other incompatibilities with residential land uses.

**ACUB Objective:** The objective of the ACUB program at Fort Bliss is to protect sections of state trust lands, Bureau of Land Management lands and other private lands in New Mexico near Chaparral and Orogrande, and in Texas near the McGregor Range.

**Cooperative Agreement Partner:** New Mexico State Land Office

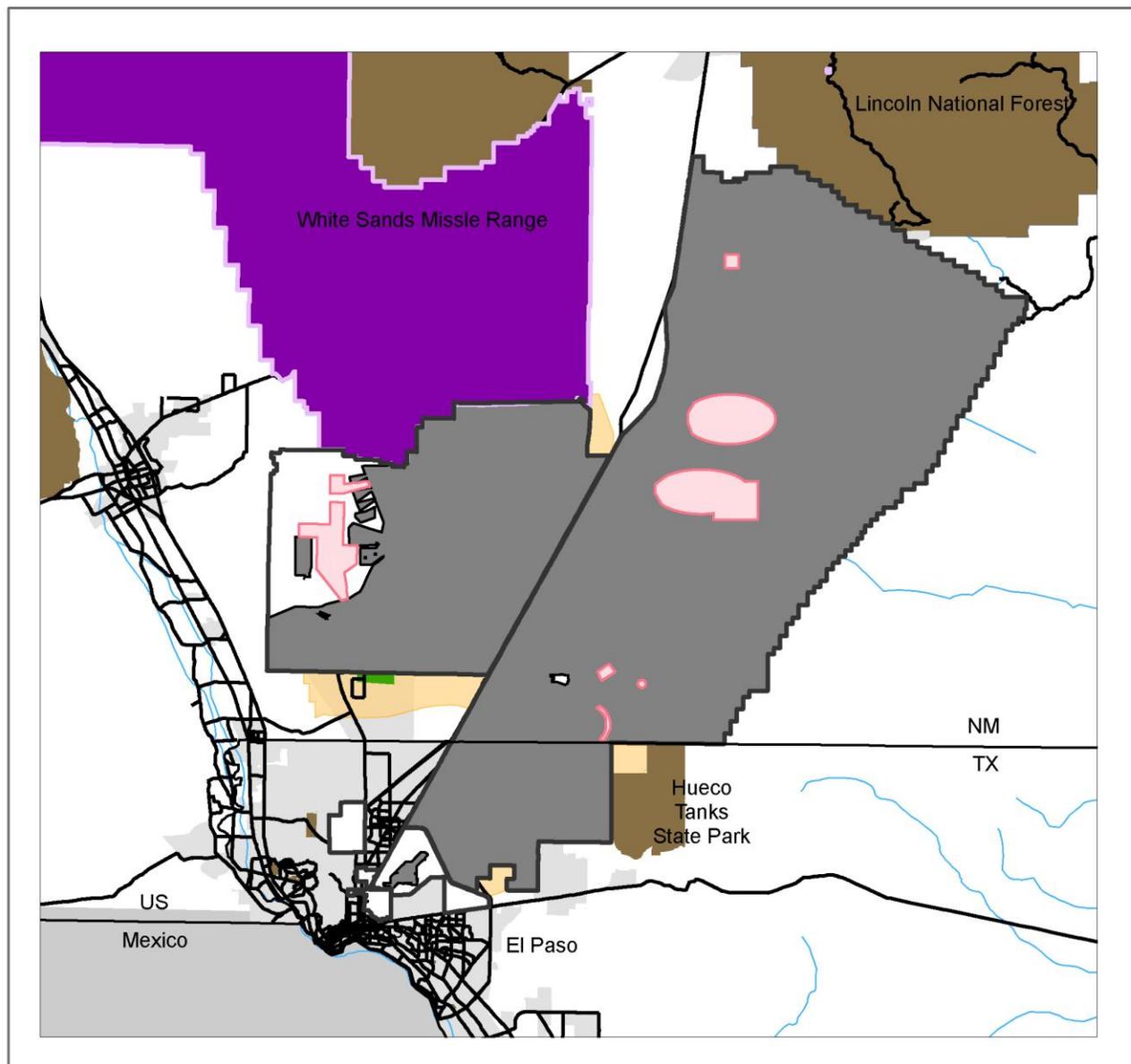
**Partner Mission:** The New Mexico State Land Office manages 13 million acres of state trust lands to ensure that children can attend schools of excellence. More than 150 years ago Congress gave the lands “in trust” to support education. Today, revenues earned from energy production, agriculture, and economic development on trust lands pay teachers, build buildings, and buy books.

Transaction History					
Parcel	Closing Date	Acres	Military Funds	Partner Funds	Total Cost
Through FY07		1956	\$389,820	\$80,012	\$469,832
NMSLO Part 2	7-Apr-08	3,213	\$784,540	\$0	\$784,540
<b>Total</b>		<b>5,169</b>	<b>1,174,360</b>	<b>80,012</b>	<b>1,254,372</b>

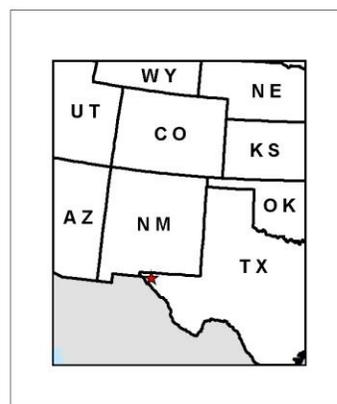
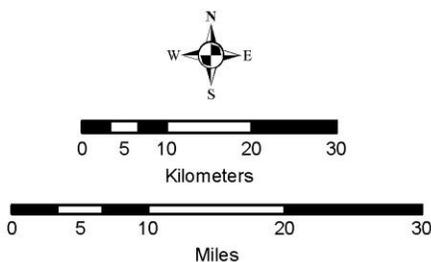
Funding Obligation History	
FY Obligated	Military Funds
Through FY07	\$389,820
FY08	\$785,805
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,175,625</b>

TEXAS  
NEW MEXICO

# FORT BLISS ACUB



- ACUB Parcel FY08
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# Fort Bragg, North Carolina



**ACUB Approval Date:** 5 August 2005

**Installation Description:** Known as the “Home of the Airborne and Special Operations Forces”, Fort Bragg is the Army’s premier power projection platform. The XVIII Airborne Corps and the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division are housed on the installation, as well as The U.S. Army Special Operations Command and the U.S. Army Parachute Team (the Golden Knights). The primary mission at Fort Bragg is to maintain the XVIII Airborne Corps as a strategic crisis response force, manned and trained to rapidly deploy anywhere in the world by air, sea, and land.

**Challenge:** Fort Bragg is located in the Sandhills region of North Carolina, which is recognized as one of the last remaining strongholds of longleaf pine in the southeast. The endangered Red-cockaded Woodpecker (RCW) lives primarily in longleaf pine habitat. Due to development, rotation forestry, and related fire suppression, only five percent of this historic habitat remains functional today. Fort Bragg has been forced to implement restrictions on training lands in the past in an effort to protect the RCW and its habitat. Preservation and management of the longleaf pine and wiregrass ecosystem is essential to protecting the RCW as well as the military mission at Fort Bragg.

**ACUB Objective:** The primary objective of the ACUB program at Fort Bragg is to restore and protect RCW habitat in the Sandhills region of North Carolina. The North Carolina Sandhills Conservation Partnership was formed by Fort Bragg and its ACUB partners, which initiated the first ACUB program. Over 12,000 acres of longleaf pine habitat have been preserved through the Fort Bragg Sandhill’s Partnership, with efforts underway to acquire additional conservation easements to form a cohesive ecosystem in the Sandhill’s area. The ACUB program at Fort Bragg has reduced training restrictions, protected critical areas on the installation’s southern boundary, enhanced connectivity in the northeast training area, and buffered a new special forces training facility on Camp Mackall.

**Cooperative Agreement Partner:** The Nature Conservancy

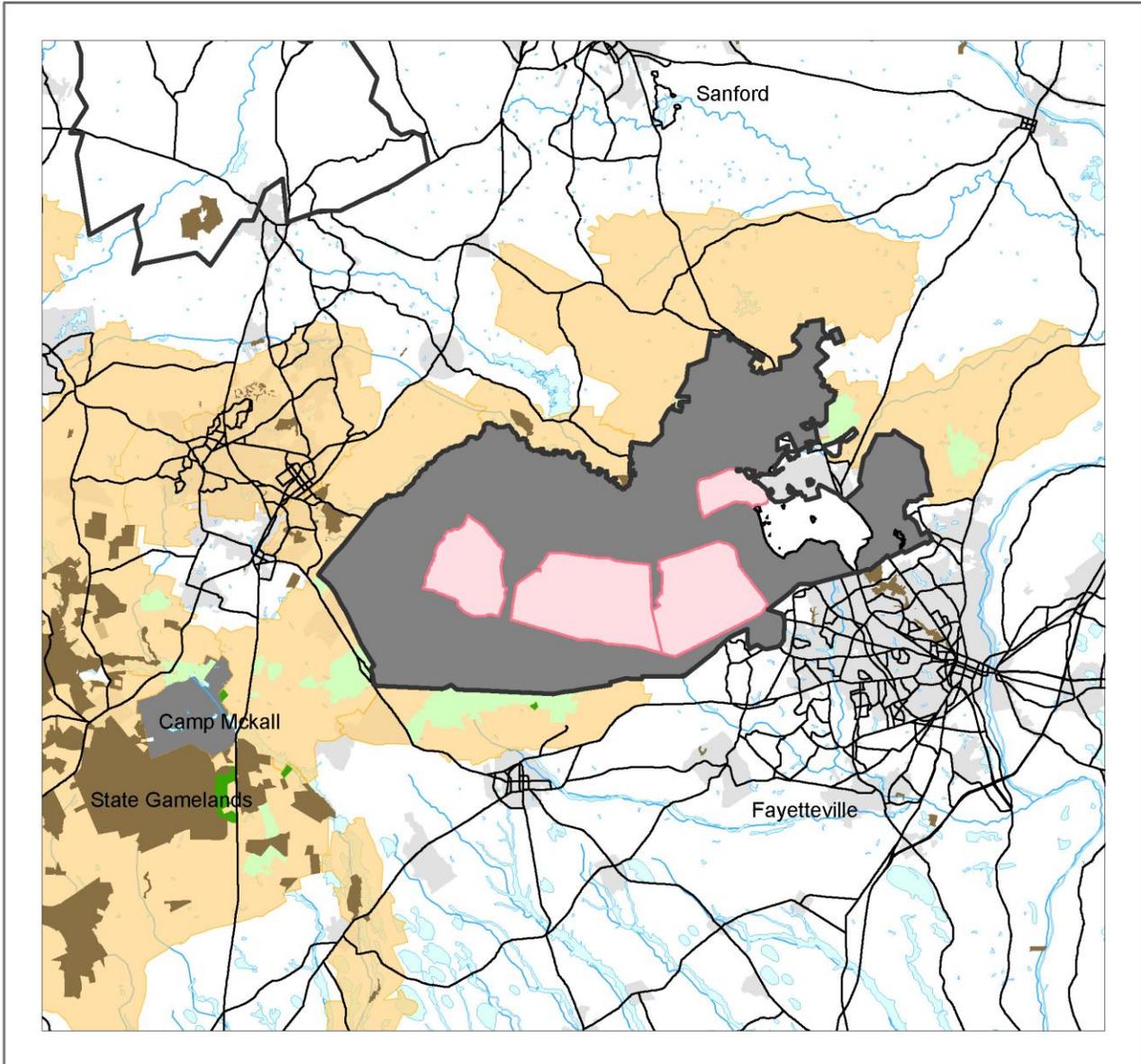
**Partner Mission:** The mission of The Nature Conservancy is to preserve the plants, animals and natural communities that represent the diversity of life on Earth by protecting the lands and waters they need to survive.

Transaction History					
Parcel	Closing Date	Acres	Military Funds	Partner Funds	Total Cost
Through FY07		12,528	\$9,575,437	\$22,869,242	\$32,444,677
Wright	15-Nov-07	168	\$650,000	\$0	\$650,000
Wilkes	10-Mar-08	105	\$202,200	\$0	\$202,200
Bennie	29-Apr-08	16	\$81,000	\$0	\$81,000
McPhaul	8-Jul-08	58	\$163,500	\$0	\$163,500
Smith	22-Jul-08	247	\$740,010	\$0	\$740,010
Haskell	11-Aug-08	636	\$1,818,491	\$0	\$1,818,491
<b>Total</b>		<b>13,758</b>	<b>13,230,638</b>	<b>22,869,242</b>	<b>36,099,878</b>

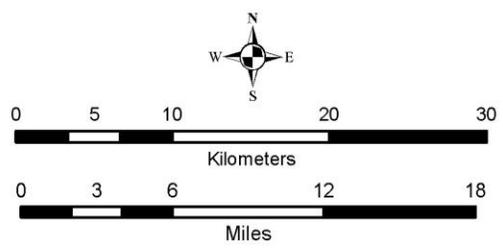
Funding Obligation History	
FY Obligated	Military Funds
Through FY07	\$13,051,196
FY08	\$1,000,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14,051,196</b>

NORTH CAROLINA

# FORT BRAGG ACUB



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# Fort Bragg-USASOC, North Carolina



**ACUB Approval Date:** 1 August 2008

**Installation Description:** The 1<sup>st</sup> Special Warfare Training Group (A), of the U.S. Army Special Operations Command (USASOC), Fort Bragg, North Carolina trains Soldiers to survive in today’s asymmetrical battlefield. The Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape (SERE) course trains Soldiers in survival fieldcraft, evasion and escape techniques, and resistance to interrogation. The course is taught 25 miles southwest of Fort Bragg at Camp Mackall, with the final phase being a 4-day field training exercise (FTX). The ability to realistically apply the skills taught in the SERE’s course is an essential link in the Soldier’s complete understanding of the fundamentals of successful survival and evasion.

The SERE FTX is conducted through maneuver agreements on private lands in the Carthage area of North Carolina through informal land use agreements. These lands are some of the most pristine in the state of North Carolina; with clean water and an environment essential to teaching students to forage off the land. Although located in a transitional zone representing both Piedmont and Sandhills types of ecosystems, the lands currently utilized for the FTX’s are outside of the endangered Red-cockaded Woodpecker habitat for which Fort Bragg is a critical land manager.

**Challenge:** The lands which have historically served as a location for the SERE FTX are facing an imminent risk of land use conversion and clear cutting, which threatens the training realism required for the FTX.

**ACUB Objective:** Fort Bragg and USASOC are implementing a comprehensive ACUB program to protect the natural landscape in the region which supports FTX’s. The objective of the program is to obtain 13,443 acres through both acquisition and conservation easements where the landowner is a willing participant.

**Cooperative Agreement Partner:** Sandhills Area Land Trust

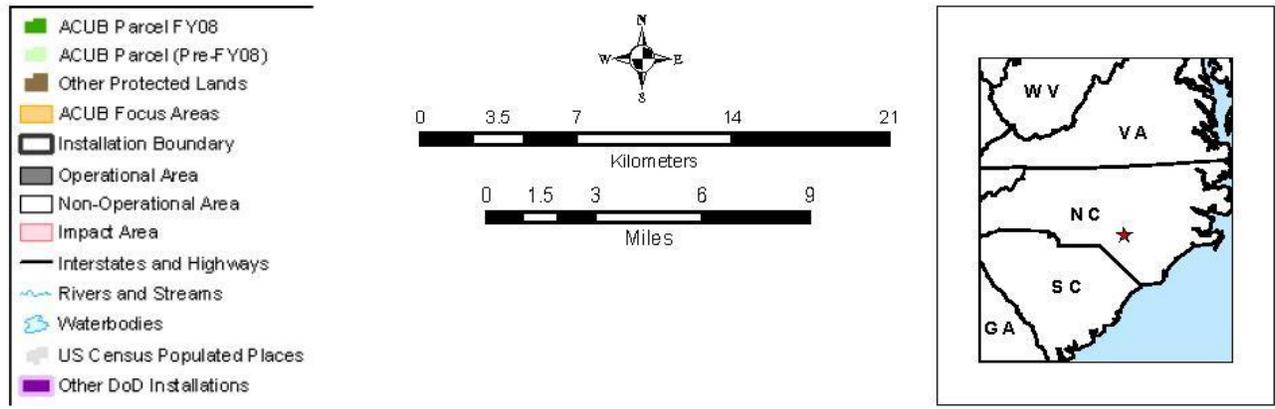
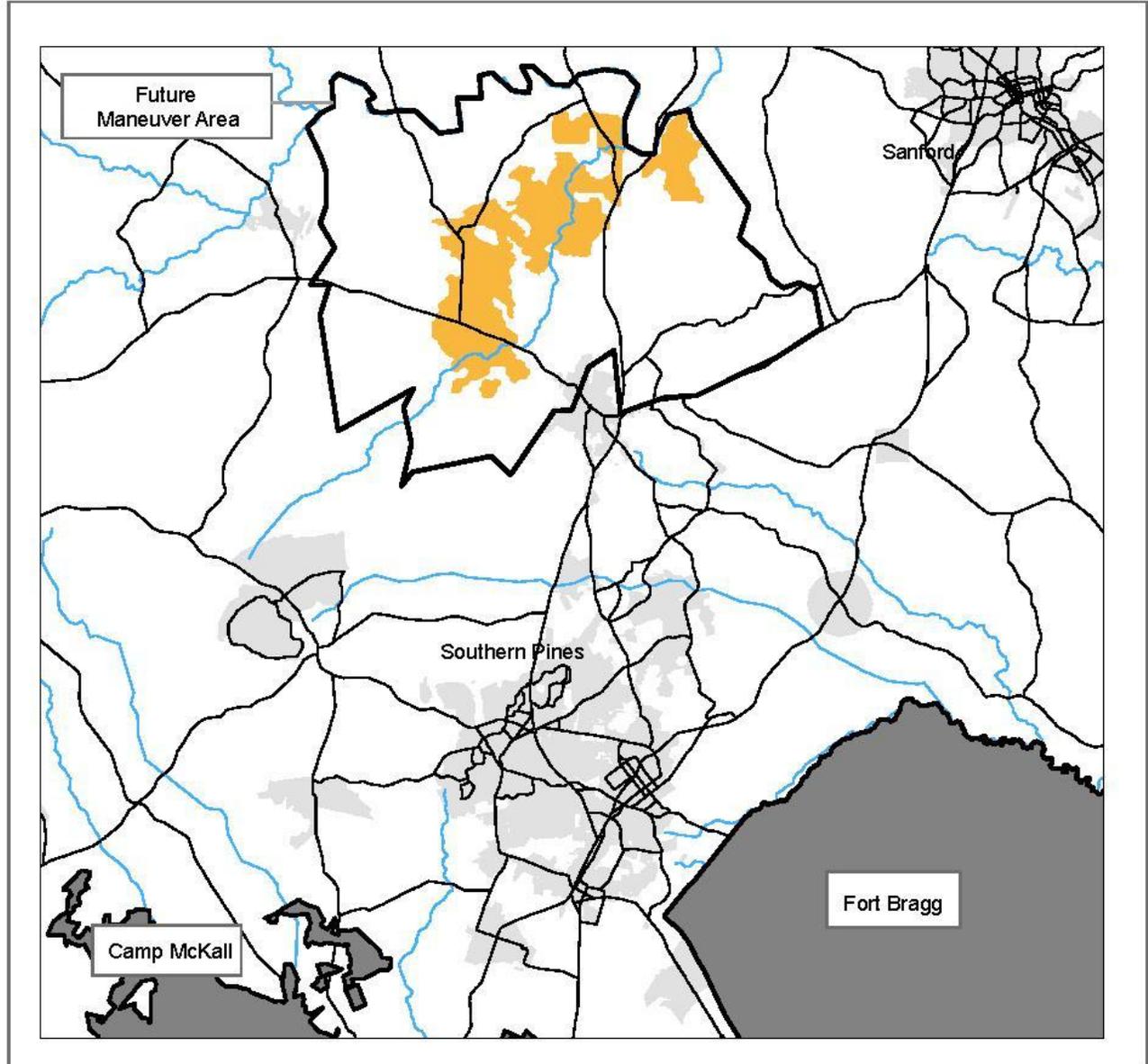
**Partner Mission:** The Sandhills Area Land Trust (SALT) is a community-based non-profit organization that offers assistance and education to help the public and landowners find ways to protect their lands and natural resources in the face of ever-growing development pressures. As a partner in the ACUB program, the objective of SALT is to secure key properties that will allow for continued SERE training and the conservation of valuable watersheds and wildlife habitat.

Transaction History					
Parcel	Closing Date	Acres	Military Funds	Partner Funds	Total Cost
FY08	-	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Funding Obligation History	
FY Obligated	Military Funds
FY08	\$1,200,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,200,000</b>

NORTH CAROLINA

# Fort Bragg USASOC ACUB



# Fort Campbell, Kentucky



**ACUB Approval Date:** 23 February 2006

**Installation Description:** The primary mission at Fort Campbell is to advance the combat readiness of the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division (Air Assault) and the non-divisional units posted at the installation through training, mobilization, and deployment. To fulfill its mission, the installation houses 48 live fire ranges, three high impact areas, 51 training areas, five drop zones, 200 artillery firing points, 51 maneuver areas, a special operations training center, and two airfields. Spanning over 2,500 acres, Fort Campbell contains the Army’s largest airfield (Campbell Army Airfield) and serves as a secondary landing site for the National Aeronautics & Space Administration and the space shuttle.

**Challenge:** Privately owned lands adjacent to Fort Campbell have historically served as over-flight areas and noise buffers for on-post training activities. Recent development in the region is beginning to fragment these open spaces, and a significant amount of ambient light pollution could impact Fort Campbell’s critical night operations training. Also, Fort Campbell is home to two endangered species: the gray bat (*Myotis grisescens*) and the Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*). Loss of habitat outside the fence line could result in additional training restrictions on post. Continued development along installation boundaries will ultimately result in the degradation of Fort Campbell’s military training and deployment capabilities.

**ACUB Objective:** The ACUB objective at Fort Campbell is to establish protective buffers around the installation in order to reduce future encroachment impacts such as ambient light pollution and habitat destruction. Over a ten year period, the Fort Campbell ACUB goal is to protect approximately 80,000 acres of land in areas of Kentucky and Tennessee. Initial efforts are focused on acquiring buffer lands immediately surrounding Fort Campbell’s primary Night-Vision Device Airfield, Sabre Army Heliport.

**Cooperative Agreement Partners:** The Land Trust for Tennessee and the Kentucky Department of Agriculture

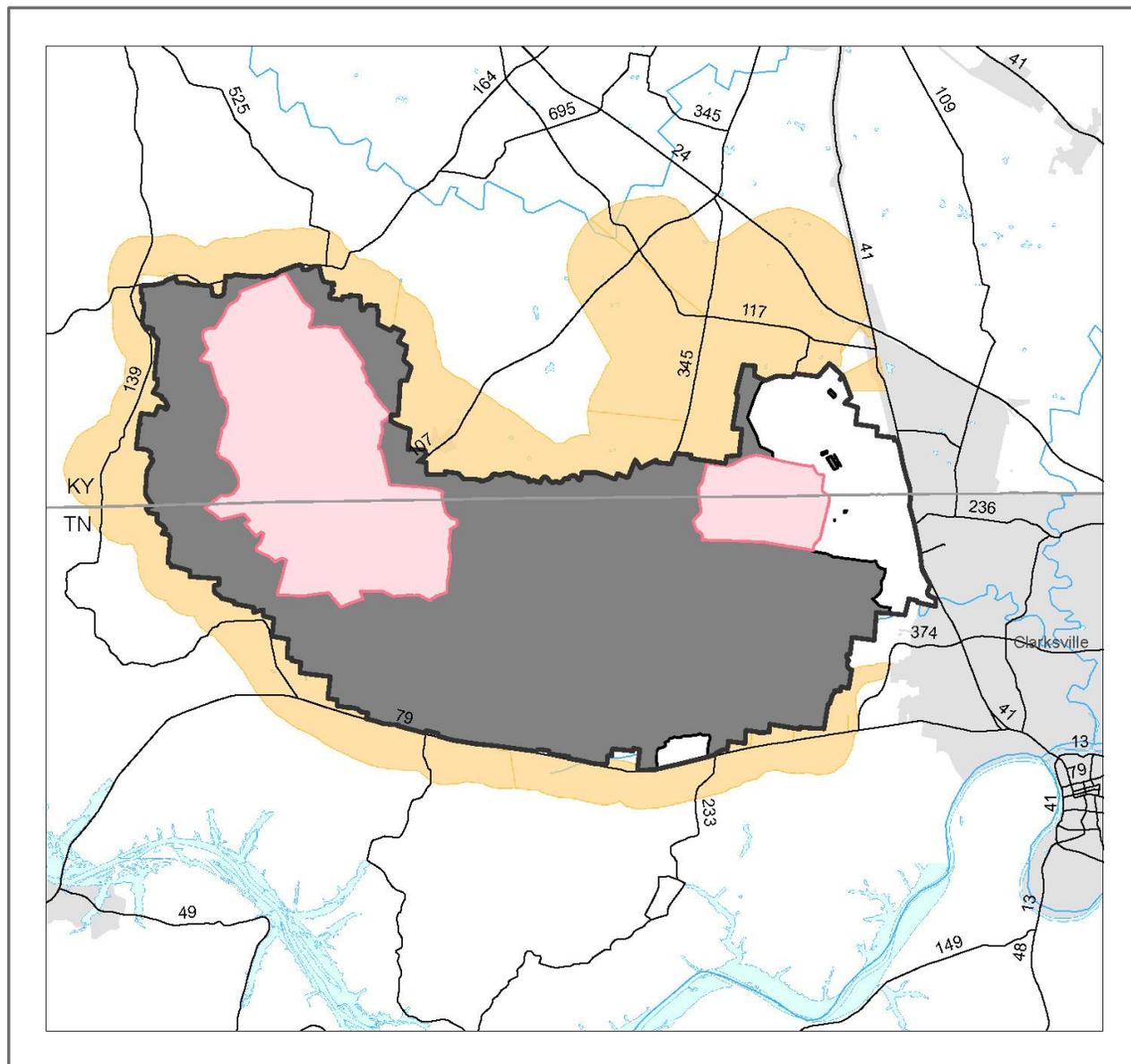
**Partner Mission:** The Land Trust for Tennessee works exclusively with willing landowners to find ways to preserve forever the scenic and natural values of their land. The Kentucky Department of Agriculture has a primary objective to preserve, protect and enhance land in its natural, scenic, agricultural, forested, and/or open space condition.

Transaction History					
Parcel	Closing Date	Acres	Military Funds	Partner Funds	Total Cost
Through FY07	-	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FY08	-	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

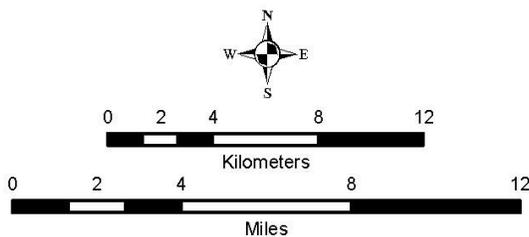
Funding Obligation History	
FY Obligated	Military Funds
Through FY07	\$2,236,691
FY08	\$1,110,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,346,691</b>

KENTUCKY

# FORT CAMPBELL ACUB



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# Fort Carson, Colorado



**ACUB Approval Date:** 3 August 2004

**Installation Description:** Fort Carson trains, mobilizes, deploys, and sustains combat-ready forces. The 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade, 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, 43<sup>rd</sup> Area Support Group, and 10<sup>th</sup> Special Forces are housed at Fort Carson. Numerous vehicle maintenance facilities and a complete tank engine depot maintenance and dynamometer testing facility are used to support the installation’s demanding training mission. The Butts Army Airfield is an active runway and hanger facility used primarily by Army rotary-wing aircraft.

**Challenge:** An increase in suburban sprawl in close proximity to Fort Carson could cause limitations on the installation’s ability to effectively train Soldiers in the future. Located adjacent to the eastern foothills of the Rocky Mountains, south of Colorado Springs and north of Pueblo, Fort Carson hosts a valuable “view shed” that is attracting development to its borders. As local residential housing increases and habitat decreases, species are forced to seek refuge on Fort Carson. The installation contains habitat suitable for the federally listed Mexican Spotted Owl (*Strix occidentalis lucida*) and greenback cutthroat trout (*Oncorhynchus clarki stomias*). The Mountain Plover (*Charadrius montanus*) and the black-tailed prairie dog (*Cynomys ludovicianus*) are previously listed species that remain vulnerable to re-listing. In addition to potential protected species restrictions, the installation must address dust and noise impacts to neighboring communities, as well as the affects of ambient light pollution on Soldier training.

**ACUB Objective:** The objective of the ACUB program at Fort Carson is to support Soldier training through the purchase of conservation easements and land from willing sellers adjacent to the installation. Protection of lands adjacent to Fort Carson is concurrently preserving critical habitat for protected species as well as buffering the installation from training generated noise and dust impacts to the surrounding communities. Restricting incompatible development is also mitigating the impacts of ambient light pollution on the training mission. The ACUB program at Fort Carson is securing the installation’s mission of training Soldiers in realistic environments to effectively prepare for battle.

**Cooperative Agreement Partners:** The Nature Conservancy and El Paso County

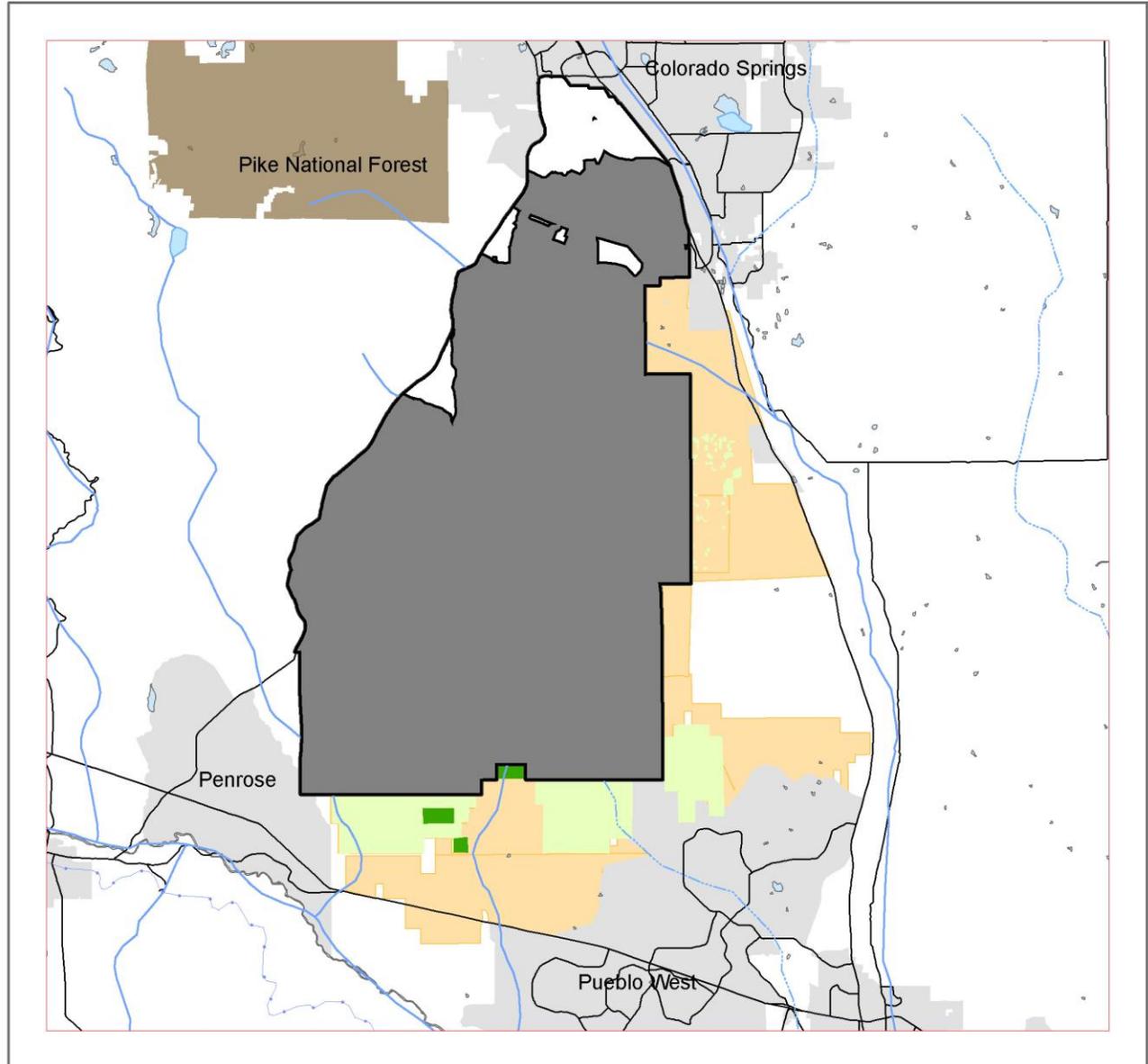
**Partner Mission:** The mission of The Nature Conservancy is to preserve the plants, animals and natural communities that represent the diversity of life on Earth by protecting the lands and waters they need to survive. The objective of El Paso County is to support Fort Carson’s mission by reducing or eliminating the development or use of property adjacent to or near Fort Carson.

Transaction History					
Parcel	Closing Date	Acres	Military Funds	Partner Funds	Total Cost
Through FY07	-	14,903	\$19,580,570	\$917,013	\$20,497,583
Phase 1 Part 4	19-Jun-08	776	\$1,490,000	\$18,663	\$1,495,190
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>15,679</b>	<b>21,070,570</b>	<b>935,676</b>	<b>21,992,773</b>

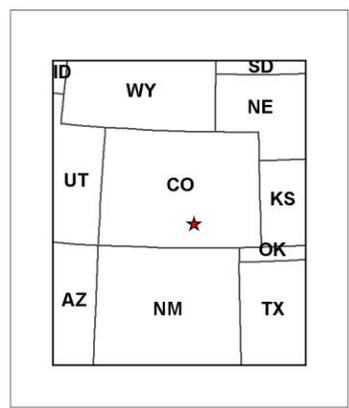
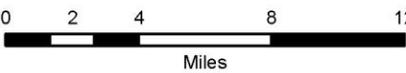
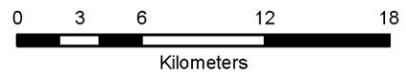
Funding Obligation History	
FY Obligated	Military Funds
Through FY07	\$23,180,962
FY08	\$4,080,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$27,260,962</b>

COLORADO

# FORT CARSON ACUB



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# Fort Custer, Michigan



**ACUB Approval Date:** 1 March 2006

**Installation Description:** Fort Custer is home to the 177<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Regional Training Institute, Regional Maintenance Training Site, as well as the new Augusta Armory. Fort Custer Training Center (FCTC) serves as the training site for the Michigan Army National Guard with a primary mission of small arms and light maneuver training for both reserve component and active forces. Many Reserve Officer Training Corps students from colleges in Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, and Indiana also train at the FCTC, as well as the FBI, Michigan State Police, and various other law enforcement agencies.

**Challenge:** Located on 7,570 acres of Fort Custer, Fort Custer Training Center contains some of the most pristine habitat in southwest Michigan. Over 500 acres of high quality natural communities exist on post, harboring many threatened, endangered, and special concern species. The Hart’s Lake tract, approximately 418 acres, is the only property bordering FCTC that could be developed with an incompatible use which would limit the operations of current range and training lands. The upland woods along the lake hold the greatest potential for future incompatible development. The Hart’s Lake parcel is directly adjacent to FCTC and is a high noise area and also serves as a valuable natural resource in a quickly urbanizing area.

**ACUB Objective:** In August 2007, The Fort Custer ACUB partner acquired 326 acres of the Hart’s Lake property, with an easement and option to buy on an additional 118 acres. The ACUB program maintains mission preparedness and preserves an ecologically valuable property with a broad constituency of land managers. The land is available for recreation for Soldiers, as well for use and enjoyment by the general public.

**Cooperative Agreement Partner:** Calhoun Conservation District

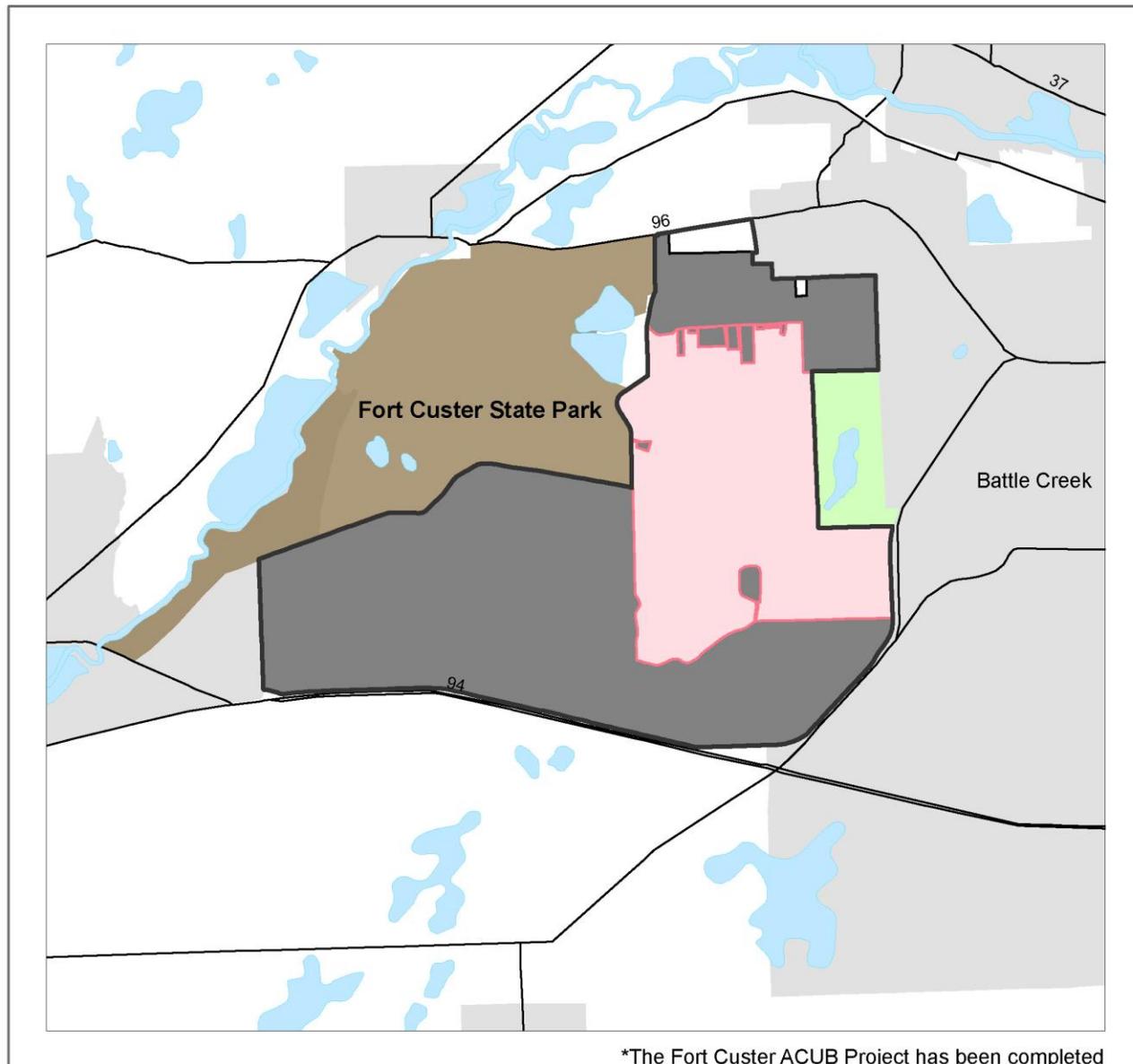
**Partner Mission:** The Calhoun Conservation District is a locally controlled subdivision of state government, created by concerned landowners, and administered by a publicly elected board of directors to promote the wise use and management of natural resources. The CCD’s objective at Fort Custer is to preserve property with ecological importance in order to conserve the county’s natural resources as well as prevent land uses which are incompatible with FCTC training.

Transaction History					
Parcel	Closing Date	Acres	Military Funds	Partner Funds	Total Cost
Through FY07	-	326	\$1,000,000	\$1,092,100	\$2,092,100
FY08	-	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>326</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>\$1,092,100</b>	<b>\$2,092,100</b>

Funding Obligation History	
FY Obligated	Military Funds
Through FY07	\$1,000,000
FY08	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>

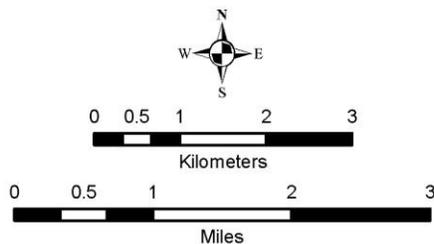
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# FORT CUSTER ACUB



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# Fort Drum, New York



**ACUB Approval Date:** 21 August 2007

**Installation Description:** Fort Drum consists of 107, 265 acres located in the northern region of New York State. The mission at Fort Drum includes commanding active component units assigned to the installation, providing administrative and logistical support to tenant units, support to active and reserve units from all services in training at Fort Drum, as well as planning and support for the mobilization and training of almost 80,000 troops annually. The 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division is currently based at Fort Drum. Designed for rapid deployment anywhere in the world, the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division is a light infantry division of the U.S. Army serving under the XVIII Airborne Corps. The unit’s specialty involves fighting efficiently in harsh conditions.

**Challenge:** Fort Drum’s ranges, training areas and facilities are essential to the New York Army National Guard to meet readiness objectives and federal training requirements. The properties that neighbor Fort Drum have historically served as noise and over-flight buffer zones for the installation. Fort Drum and the surrounding areas also contain an abundance of wetlands and grasslands which provide valuable habitat to a wide range of wildlife, including several species of waterfowl. In recent years these lands which were once characterized as rural are showing potential for a high acceleration in development due to increased use of Fort Drum. Additionally, range expansion on the installation provides a greater need for the protection of ecosystem functions off post to ensure wetlands are maintained and species have the land they need to survive. It is essential that Fort Drum retain their existing inventory of training and maneuver lands so that present and future training requirements are supported.

**ACUB Objective:** The primary objective of the ACUB program at Fort Drum is to preserve the current character around the installation in order to avoid development that is incompatible with the installations mission and training activities. Ducks Unlimited and the Army have agreed to work together to fulfill the goals and objectives of the ACUB program by cooperatively protecting, restoring, and enhancing land adjacent to Fort Drum including wetlands, uplands and waterfowl habitat. Through the utilization of conservation easements and the acquisition of development rights from willing landowners, the ACUB program at Fort Drum will prevent incompatible changes in land use and protect the wildlife habitat adjacent to the installation on a permanent or long-term basis.

**Cooperative Agreement Partner:** Ducks Unlimited

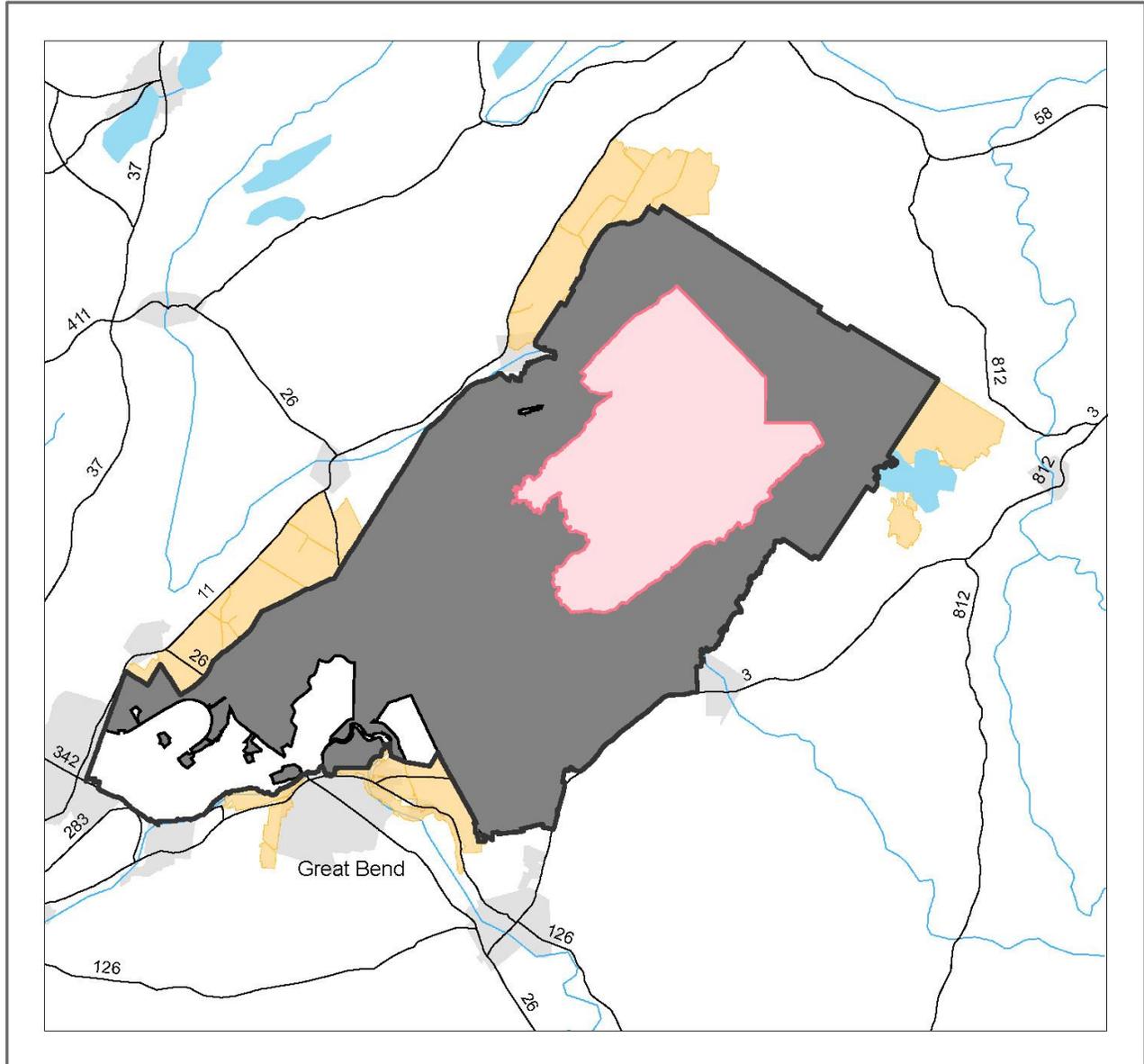
**Partner Mission:** The mission of Ducks Unlimited is to conserve, restore, and manage wetlands and associated habitats for North America’s waterfowl and other wildlife species. This includes facilitating the preservation of open land to prevent its development.

Transaction History					
Parcel	Closing Date	Acres	Military Funds	Partner Funds	Total Cost
Through FY07	-	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FY08	-	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

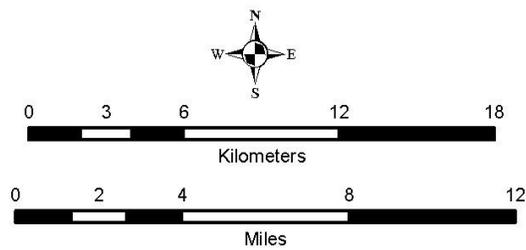
Funding Obligation History	
FY Obligated	Military Funds
Through FY07	\$0
FY08	\$1,392,696
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,392,696</b>

NEW YORK

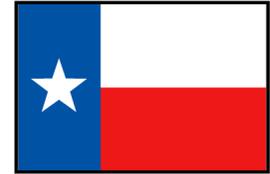
# FORT DRUM ACUB



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# Fort Hood, Texas



**ACUB Approval Date:** 27 June 2007

**Installation Description:** Located on 217,337 acres, Fort Hood is the largest active duty armored installation in the United States, and is the only installation in the U.S. capable of supporting two full armored divisions. Training activities include weapons qualifications, training conducted on ranges designed for specific weapons, and field training appropriate to the mission of the training unit. In addition to the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division and the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Fort Hood is also home to the Headquarters Command III Corps, 3<sup>rd</sup> Personnel Group, 3<sup>rd</sup> Signal Brigade, 13<sup>th</sup> Corps Support Command (COSCOM), 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Group, 89<sup>th</sup> Military Police Brigade, 504<sup>th</sup> Military Intelligence Brigade, the 21<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Brigade (Air Combat), the Dental Activity (DENTAC), the Medical Support Activity (MEDDAC), Army Operational Test Command (AOTC), as well as various other units and tenant organizations.

**Challenge:** The nearby cities of Killeen, Copperas Cove, and Gatesville are experiencing substantial increases in population growth, which are unregulated by zoning or other comprehensive planning. Residential development adjacent to the installation could result in the closure or reduced use of maneuver areas near Fort Hood boundaries. Maximum utilization of the available land on Fort Hood is necessary in order to conduct the training activities required by doctrine. Training restrictions due to noise (ground maneuver, aviation, and live-fire training) and air quality degradation (training smoke, pyrotechnics, and maneuver generated dust) would likely result from development along installation boundaries, particularly along the western boundary which is adjacent to the installation’s primary maneuver range.

**ACUB Objective:** The primary objective of the ACUB program at Fort Hood is to maintain compatible land uses through the implementation of conservation easements with willing landowners. Maintaining the current rural and agricultural land uses adjacent to the installation will prevent potential conflicts from arising with future training exercises conducted on Fort Hood.

**Cooperative Agreement Partner:** American Farmland Trust

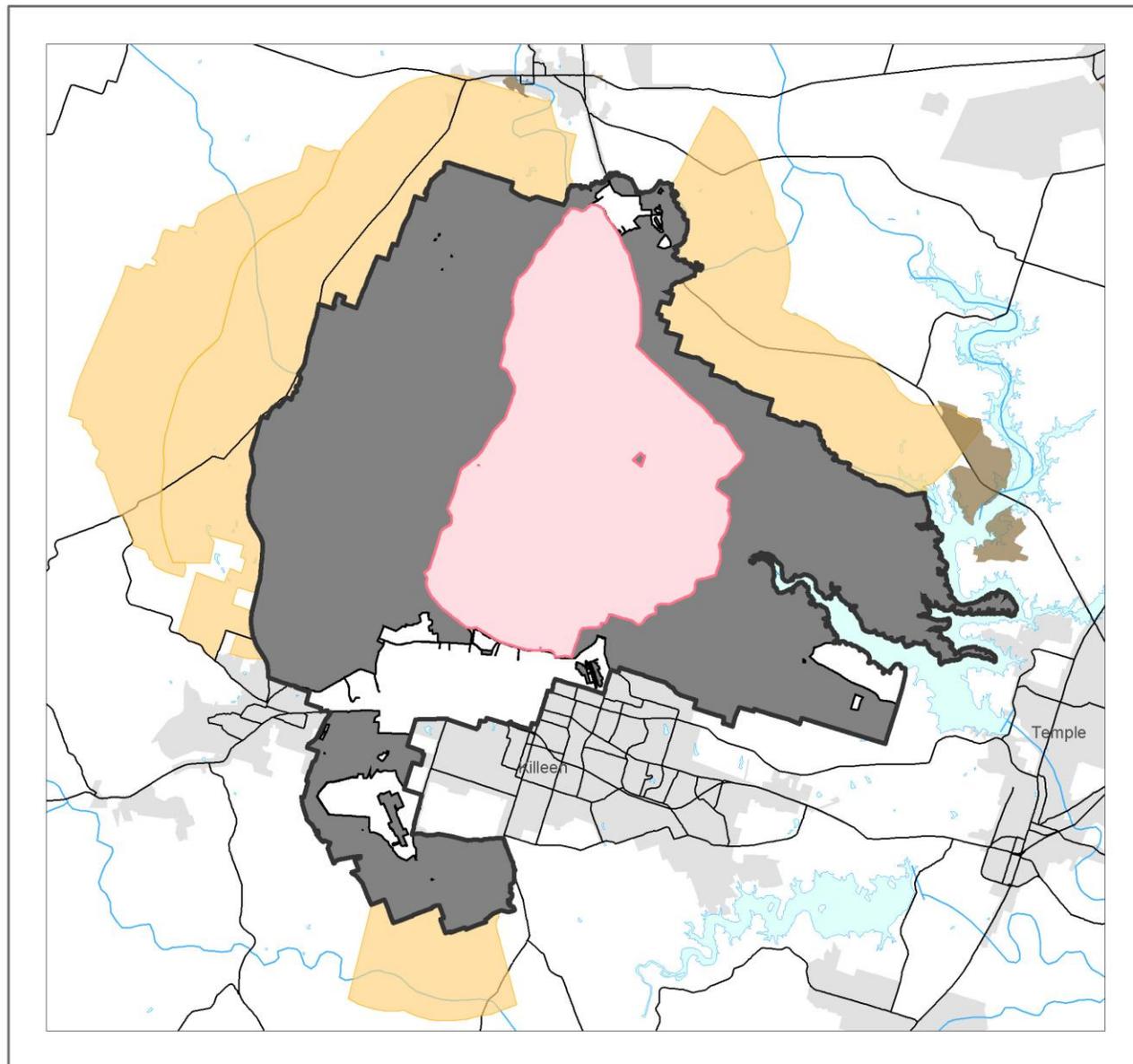
**Partner Mission:** American Farmland Trust is a non-profit organization that works nationwide with partner organizations, state and local governments, federal agencies and individuals to protect productive lands and plan for the future of agriculture.

Transaction History					
Parcel	Closing Date	Acres	Military Funds	Partner Funds	Total Cost
Through FY07	-	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FY08	-	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

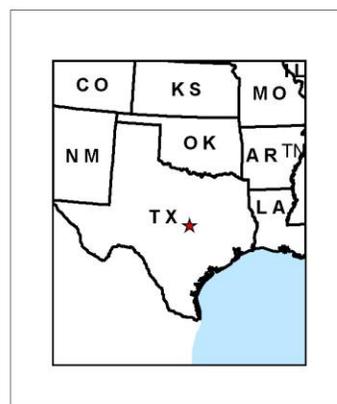
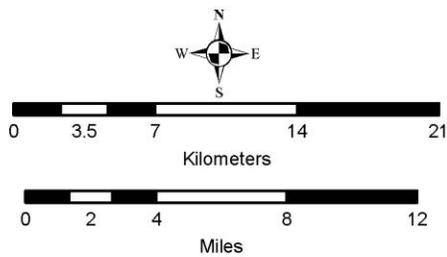
Funding Obligation History	
FY Obligated	Military Funds
Through FY07	\$0
FY08	\$735,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$735,000</b>

TEXAS

# FORT HOOD ACUB



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# Fort Huachuca, Arizona



**ACUB Approval Date:** 14 May 2007

**Installation Description:** Located approximately 60 miles southeast of Tucson, Arizona, Fort Huachuca is nestled between the ridges of the Huachuca Mountains and the valley of the Upper San Pedro River. The primary missions at Fort Huachuca include intelligence and unmanned aviation training, Army global network management, mission-ready forces deployment and redeployment, Army and Air Force manned aircraft training and operational missions, and testing of command, control, communications, computer, intelligence, surveillance & reconnaissance systems. These training and testing missions take advantage of the extremely quiet Radio Frequency (RF) environment and frequency authorizations assigned to Fort Huachuca. Over 15,000 military personnel train annually at Fort Huachuca in various military intelligence and aviation disciplines.

**Challenge:** Current training restrictions on Fort Huachuca are due to federally listed species. Physical encroachment by rapidly increasing residential growth throughout the region could further limit the use of installation airfields and training lands. Maintaining low levels of electronic interference and lines of sight in the immediate vicinity of Fort Huachuca is critical to preserving the installation's complex training and testing missions. The ability to test systems and equipment over large landscapes in real-world conditions is critical to fielding the best equipment for our Soldiers. As urban growth continues adjacent to Fort Huachuca, encroachment impacts on airspace, water, and the electromagnetic spectrum will ultimately result in the degradation of military training and deployment capabilities.

**ACUB Objective:** The primary objectives of the Fort Huachuca ACUB program are to: 1) Secure Soldier training by reducing protected species restrictions on the training and testing mission; 2) Protect land adjacent to the installation from incompatible development; 3) Aggressively manage the regional water table adjacent to the San Pedro Riparian Area and its associated critical habitat for the endangered Huachuca water umbel (*Lilaeopsis schaffneriana* var. *recurva*); and 4) Minimize the expansion of electromagnetic background noise that could adversely impact the installation's capability to conduct realistic electromagnetic training and testing.

**Cooperative Agreement Partner:** The Nature Conservancy

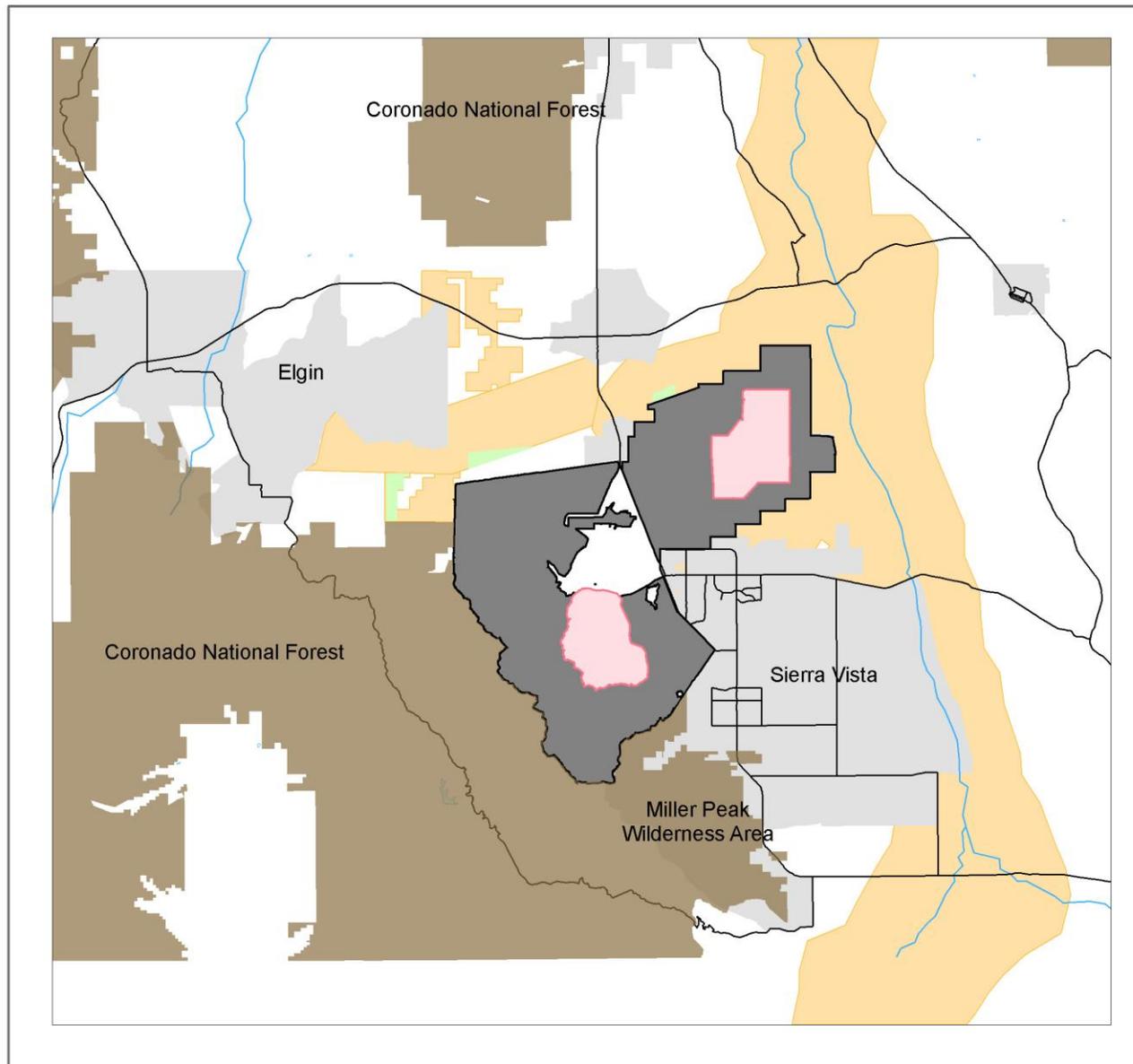
**Partner Mission:** The mission of The Nature Conservancy is to preserve the plants, animals and natural communities that represent the diversity of life on Earth by protecting the lands and waters they need to survive.

Transaction History					
Parcel	Closing Date	Acres	Military Funds	Partner Funds	Total Cost
Through FY07	-	1,448	\$2,832,939	\$2,766,000	\$5,598,939
Yarbrough	14-Jul-08	122	\$0	\$794,000	\$794,000
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>1,570</b>	<b>\$2,832,939</b>	<b>\$3,560,000</b>	<b>\$6,392,939</b>

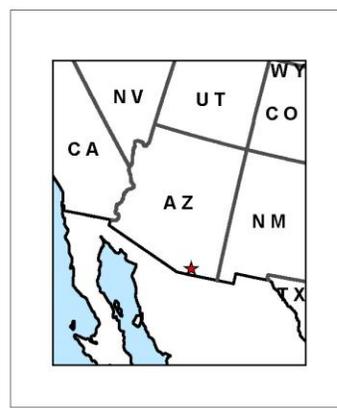
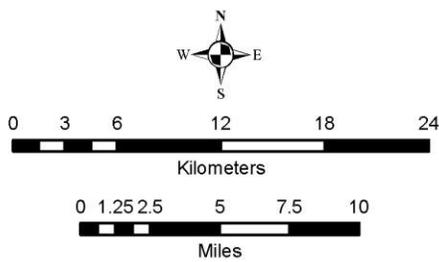
Funding Obligation History	
FY Obligated	Military Funds
Through FY07	\$2,832,939
FY08	\$1,000,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,832,939</b>

ARIZONA

# FORT HUACHUCA ACUB



- ACUB Parcel FY08
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# Fort Knox, Kentucky



**ACUB Approval Date:** 26 December 2006

**Installation Description:** The primary mission at Fort Knox is to forge the Army’s mounted combat force. Activities include basic combat training, heavy force training and maneuver, as well as aerial gunnery and amphibious operations. The training complex and eastern corridor battle space provide accommodation for much of this training, and the facilities operate 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The facilities support multiple exercises involving Soldiers assigned to Fort Knox as well as active component Army units from other installations and U.S. Army Reserve, National Guard, U.S. Air Force, and U.S. Navy and Marine units.

**Challenge:** The 2005 Base Realignment and Closure and the Integrated Global Presence Basing Strategy requires Fort Knox to support new and challenging training requirements including hosting units from Europe and Korea, an Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Army Cadet Command, and the combined Human Resources Command. These new training requirements, combined with previous activities, generate considerable operational noise and vibrations that travel outside the installation boundaries onto surrounding land. Off post lighting, residential development in areas susceptible to high noise levels, as well as habitat destruction are impacts of encroachment that present challenges to the future training operations at Fort Knox.

**ACUB Objective:** The primary ACUB focus at Fort Knox is on properties adjoining the installations Eastern Corridor Battle Space. Implementing a buffer along the installations eastern and southern perimeters will prevent restrictions from impacting training, maneuvering, and deployment capabilities carried out by the battle space. The buffers will benefit the installation by restricting off post ambient lighting and other obstructions that could interfere with night training operations, limiting residential development within noise contour areas, and protecting key natural habitats and the associated flora and fauna.

**Cooperative Agreement Partner:** Lincoln Trail Area Development District

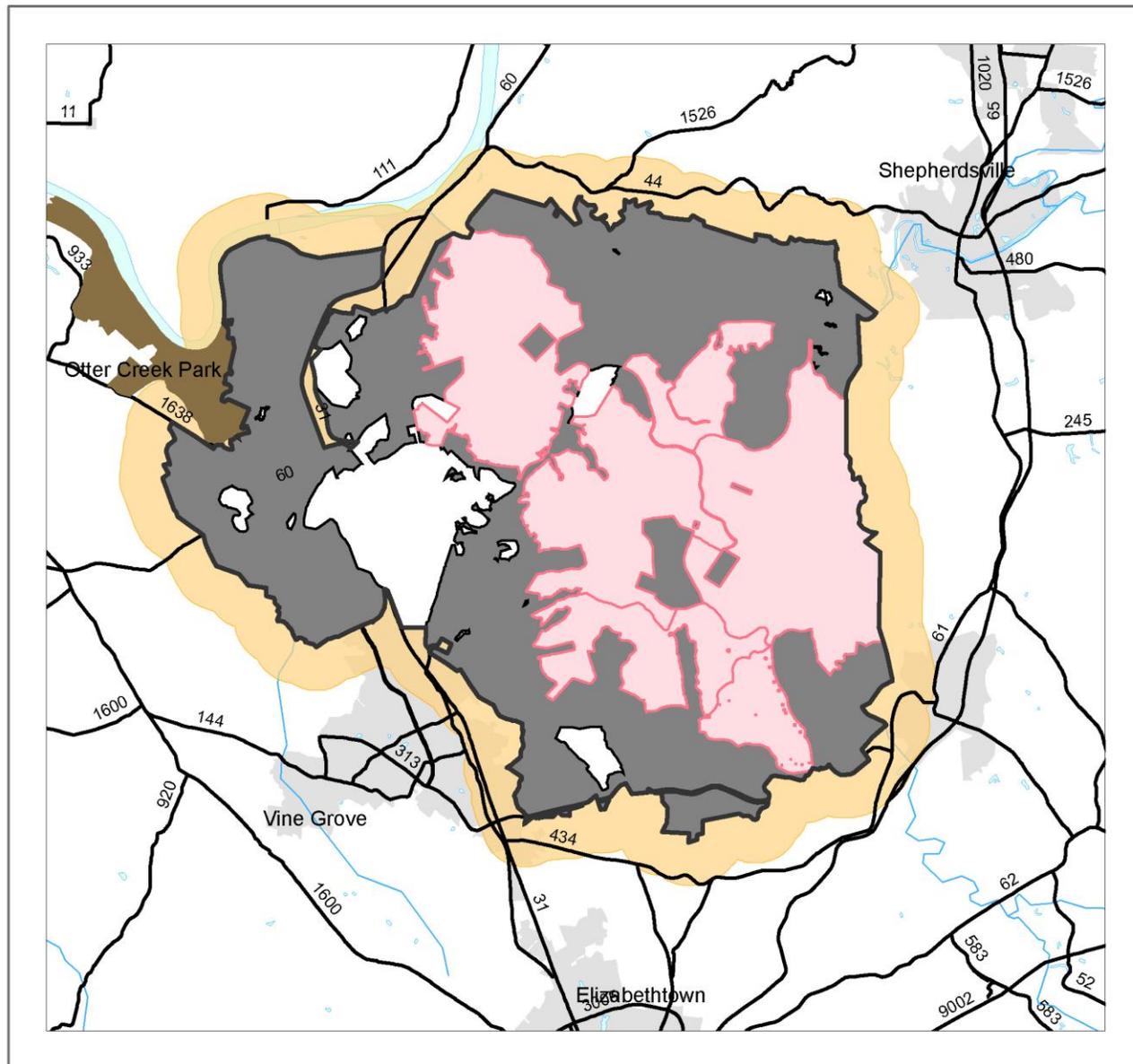
**Partner Mission:** The mission of the Lincoln Trail Area Development District includes facilitating the development rights of open land to prevent its development and showing private landowners how to utilize the various local and state programs for selling or donating development rights in exchange for conservation easements.

Transaction History					
Parcel	Closing Date	Acres	Military Funds	Partner Funds	Total Cost
Through FY07	-	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FY08	-	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

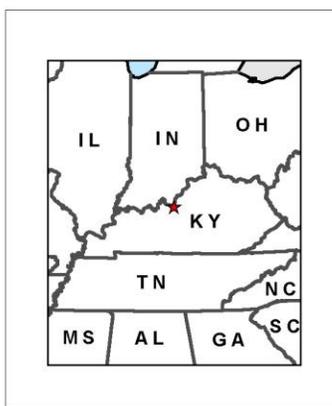
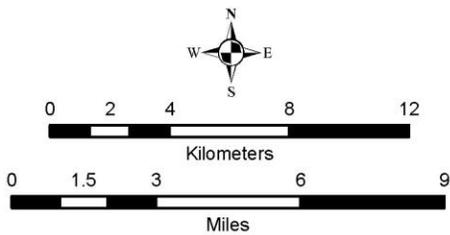
Funding Obligation History	
FY Obligated	Military Funds
Through FY07	\$1,000,000
FY08	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>

KENTUCKY

# FORT KNOX ACUB



- ACUB Parcel FY08
- ACUB Parcel (Pre-FY08)
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# Fort Lewis, Washington



**ACUB Approval Date:** 21 October 2005

**Installation Description:** Live fire exercises and maneuver training events are conducted by units stationed at Fort Lewis, as well as by units mobilizing or deploying from the installation. Fort Lewis currently supports live fire events up to the platoon level for Stryker units, as well as combat support and combat service support units. Maneuver is routinely conducted up to Stryker battalion and occasionally brigade-level. Units also conduct parachute operations and field operations for logistical, engineering, transportation, medical, and military police training.

**Challenge:** The most imminent and severe challenge to Fort Lewis training is the presence of four species which face high potential for future listing under the Endangered Species Act. Species include the Mardon skipper butterfly (*Polites mardon*), Taylor’s checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha taylori*), Streaked Horned Lark (*Eremophila alpestris*), and Mazama pocket gopher (*Thomomys mazama*). Each of these species inhabits the unique prairie ecosystem found in and around the installation. Listing of any or all of these species would impose considerable military training restrictions on the installation.

**ACUB Objective:** The primary objective of the Fort Lewis ACUB program is to preserve some of the last remaining prairies in the Puget Lowlands. Only 20,000 acres remain today in comparison to 150,000 in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century, with about two-thirds of the remaining lands within the installation boundaries. The goal is to prevent future military restrictions on Fort Lewis by taking proactive, regional conservation actions for this diminishing land and its species at risk. The prairie preservation will act as a conservation safety net for the prairie and associated species while deterring incompatible development and preventing future training restrictions on Fort Lewis.

**Cooperative Agreement Partner:** The Nature Conservancy

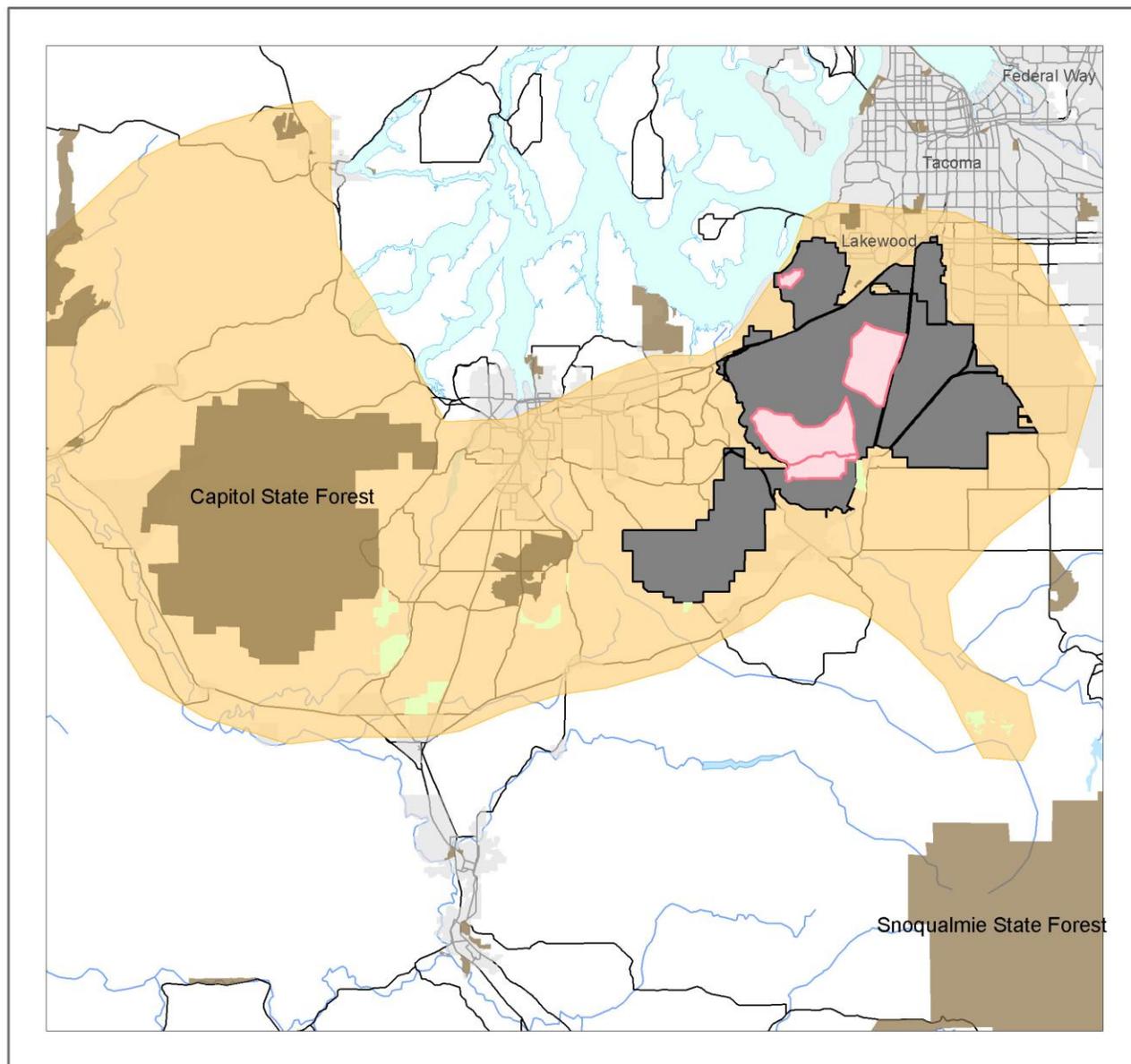
**Partner Mission:** The mission of The Nature Conservancy is to preserve the plants, animals and natural communities that represent the diversity of life on Earth by protecting the lands and waters they need to survive. With support from the ACUB program, The Nature Conservancy plans to purchase several parcels from willing landowners in the southern Puget Lowlands, and will manage the lands for recovery of the prairie species.

Transaction History					
Parcel	Closing Date	Acres	Military Funds	Partner Funds	Total Cost
Through FY07	-	4,212	\$0	\$4,934,000	\$4,934,000
FY08	-	0	\$576,937	\$613,704	\$1,190,641
Total	-	4,212	\$576,937	\$5,547,704	\$6,124,641

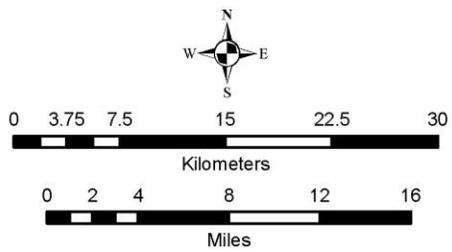
Funding Obligation History	
FY Obligated	Military Funds
Through FY07	\$1,000,000
FY08	\$0
Total	\$1,000,000

WASHINGTON

# FORT LEWIS ACUB



- ACUB Parcel FY08
- ACUB Parcel (Pre-FY08)
- Other Protected Lands
- ACUB Focus Areas
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# Fort Pickett, Virginia



**ACUB Approval Date:** 3 December 2007

**Installation Description:** Fort Pickett is located on 45,160 contiguous acres in the lower piedmont of southeastern Virginia near the town of Blackstone. The primary mission at Fort Pickett is to provide a training site capable of handling up to brigade-size elements in the conduct of live fire and maneuver training for reserve and active components of the U.S. Army. The main uses of the installation include live fire and maneuver training by combat, combat support, and combat service support units from all uniformed services. Fort Pickett is heavily utilized regionally as well, being especially important to the Virginia State Police, other federal and local law enforcement agencies, and to Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) programs in the region.

**Challenge:** The residential population adjacent to Fort Pickett is increasing as nearby forests and farmlands are being transformed into suburban housing areas. The longstanding local community has been very supportive toward installation activities in the past; however the population is changing with the influx of new residents. Complaints of noise and smoke from new neighbors could lead to training restrictions on the installation. Fort Pickett also faces potential restrictions from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service due to its large population of Michaux’s sumac, a federally endangered shrub.

**ACUB Objective:** The ACUB program at Fort Pickett is designed to protect vital habitat off-post, as well as support the increase in military training that is resulting from range modernization, higher operations tempo, and amplified utilization from other services. The program priority areas are adjacent to the northeastern and southwestern sectors of Fort Pickett. Protecting and managing these lands with prescribed fire will enhance and sustain the ability for the Michaux sumac to thrive off-post, while providing buffer areas between the installation and residential communities. Additionally, the ACUB goals for Fort Pickett are in conjunction with the State of Virginia’s mission to preserve 400,000 acres by 2010.

**Cooperative Agreement Partner:** The Ward Burton Wildlife Foundation

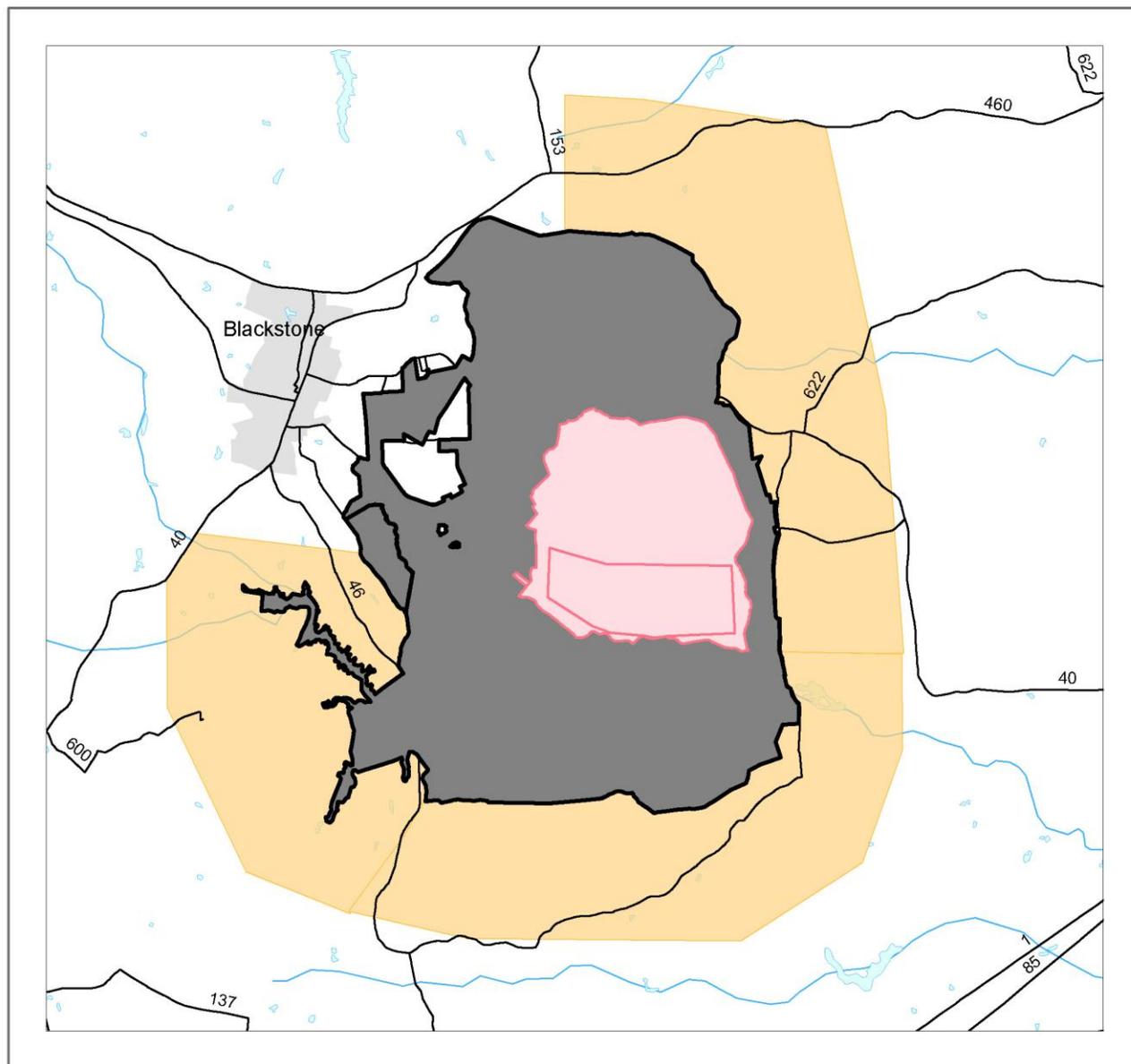
**Partner Mission:** The mission of the Ward Burton Wildlife Foundation (WBWF) is to conserve America’s land and wildlife through wise stewardship while educating children and adults about the natural resources that will shape America’s future. The WBWF is creating and leading a local community advisory board, providing public outreach, assisting local governments in zoning, planning, and development requirements, helping enact the existing state compatible land use legislation, and providing required long-term monitoring of easements.

Transaction History					
Parcel	Closing Date	Acres	Military Funds	Partner Funds	Total Cost
FY08	-	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

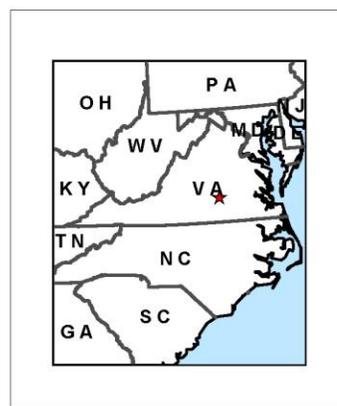
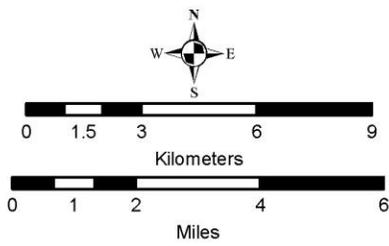
Funding Obligation History	
FY Obligated	Military Funds
FY08	\$750,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$750,000</b>

VIRGINIA

# FORT PICKETT ACUB



- ACUB Parcel FY08
- ACUB Parcel (Pre-FY08)
- Other Protected Lands
- ACUB Focus Areas
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- ☪ Waterbodies
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# Fort Polk, Louisiana



**ACUB Approval Date:** 14 June 2006

**Installation Description:** Fort Polk serves as the Army’s premier training center for contingency forces with a mission to train and deploy combat and combat support units. The Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC) is located at Fort Polk and focuses on improving unit readiness by providing realistic, stressful, joint and combined arms training across the full spectrum of conflict. The JRTC is one of the Army’s three “Dirt” Combat Training Centers used to train infantry brigade task forces and their subordinate elements in the Joint Contemporary Operation Environment. With a strong emphasis on realism, the JRTC provides rotational units with the opportunity to conduct joint operations that emphasize contingency force missions.

**Challenge:** Range and training lands at Fort Polk provide essential habitat for many species, including the Red-cockaded Woodpecker (*Picoides borealis*) (RCW) and the Louisiana Pine Snake (*Pituophis ruthveni*) (LPS). The RCW is currently protected under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), and the LPS is a candidate species for listing. Use and development of Fort Polk range and training lands is presently constrained by RCW habitat and population recovery requirements. If the LPS were to become listed under the ESA as well, additional restrictions on land use and off-road vehicle movement will likely be imposed to protect the species and associated habitat.

**ACUB Objective:** The primary objective of Fort Polk’s ACUB program is to support Soldier training by maintaining flexibility for use and development of Army land inside the installation boundaries by protecting key ESA listed and candidate species habitat on lands outside the installation. Target lands for RCW habitat protection are industrial timberlands located in Vernon Parish, south of the installation. By managing these lands for the RCW, Fort Polk will increase flexibility for Soldier’s land use needed to support key training activities. Lands targeted for protection of the LPS habitat are industrial timberlands located in Bienville Parish, approximately 65 miles from the installation. Protecting this area, which contains the highest known density of LPS, will improve the likelihood of survival of the species and reduce the need to list it under the ESA, thereby avoiding training restrictions at Fort Polk.

**Cooperative Agreement Partner:** The Nature Conservancy

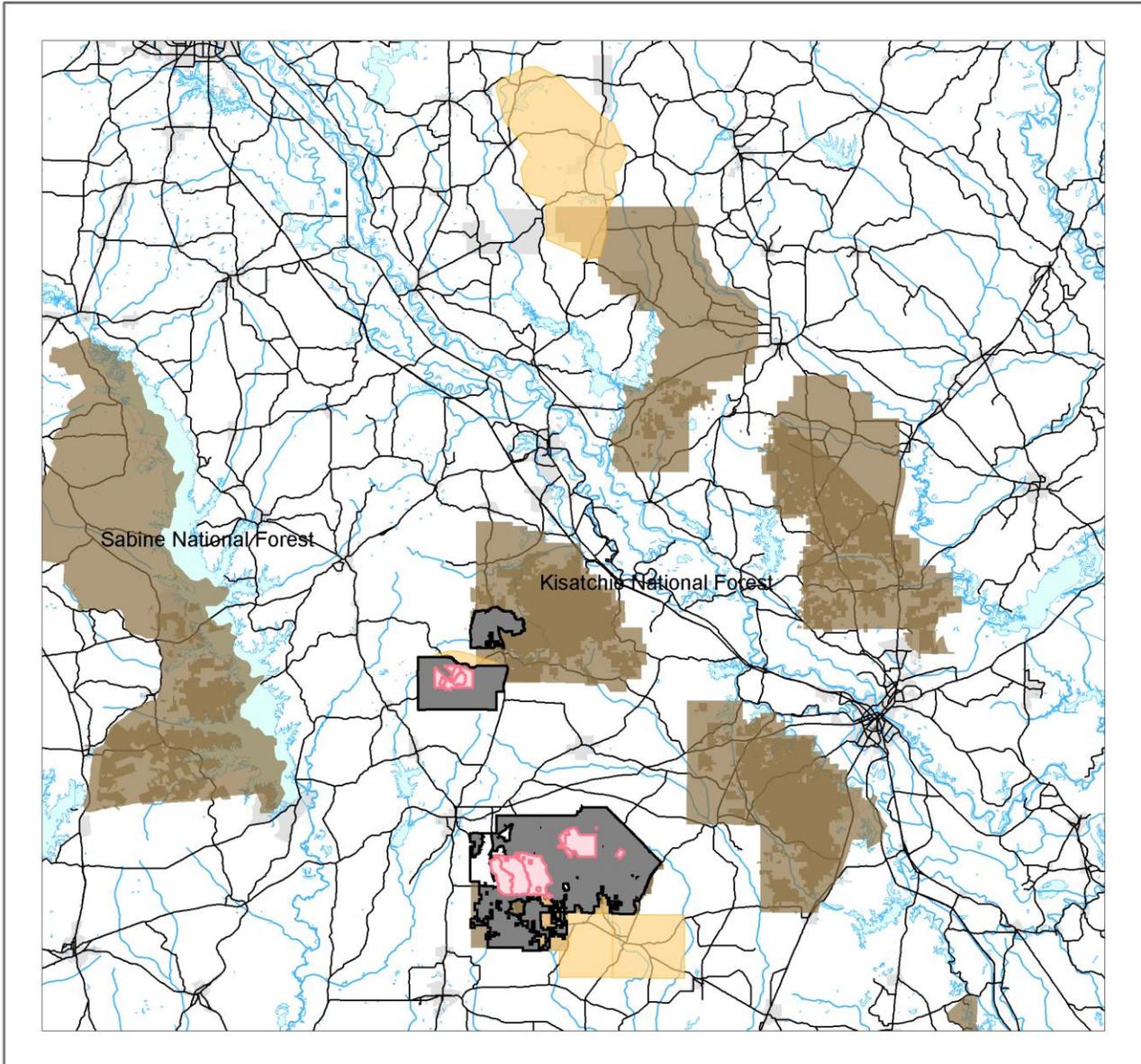
**Partner Mission:** The mission of The Nature Conservancy is to preserve the plants, animals and natural communities that represent the diversity of life on Earth by protecting the lands and waters they need to survive. The Nature Conservancy plans to acquire conservation easements on land in the vicinity of Fort Polk that is suitable habitat for the RCW and/or the LPS, and manage it in perpetuity for the sustainment of these species.

Transaction History					
Parcel	Closing Date	Acres	Military Funds	Partner Funds	Total Cost
Through FY07	-	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FY08	-	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

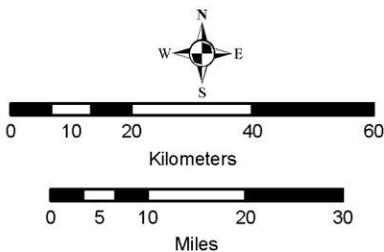
Funding Obligation History	
FY Obligated	Military Funds
Through FY07	\$2,049,100
FY08	\$680,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,729,100</b>

LOUISIANA

# FORT POLK ACUB



- ACUB Parcel FY08
- ACUB Parcel (Pre-FY08)
- Other Protected Lands
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# Fort Riley, Kansas



**ACUB Approval Date:** 15 June 2006

**Installation Description:** The mission at Fort Riley is to provide support to Soldiers and their families through the availability of well-being services, infrastructure, environmental and fiscal stewardship, and other services to enhance the War fighters’ ability to accomplish their mission. The installation provides training assistance to more than 30,000 Reserve Component Soldiers including the Army National Guard, U.S. Army Reserves, Navy Reserves, Marine Reserves, Reserve Officer Training Corps, Air Guard, and those conducting individual training or attending schools. Fort Riley has the capability to host live fire exercises, maneuver training for mechanized/armored vehicles, attack helicopter gunnery, small arms firing, artillery and tank firing exercises, as well as engineer obstacles.

**Challenge:** Smoke and noise resulting from heavy weapon fire, demolitions, and rotary-winged aircraft operation are the primary impacts to the nearby off-post commercial airport and residential areas. Additionally, federally listed species relying on habitat in and around the installation include the topeka shiner (*Notropis topeka*) and the Greater Prairie Chicken (*Tympanuchus cupido*). Candidate species for future listing also found on Fort Riley include the regal fritillary (*Speyeria idalia*) and the Henslow’s Sparrow (*Ammodramus henslowii*). Potential restrictions on training could result from these species seeking primary refuge on the installation when adjacent lands are incompatibly developed.

**ACUB Objective:** The primary objective of the Fort Riley ACUB program is to eliminate or significantly reduce the potential for training restrictions by avoiding land use conflicts and degradation of natural resources. The program is also working to conserve the natural ecosystems, farm and ranch lands, scenic open spaces, and the historic uses of land by encouraging conservation of natural resources on private property in the vicinity of Fort Riley.

**Cooperative Agreement Partner:** Kansas Land Trust

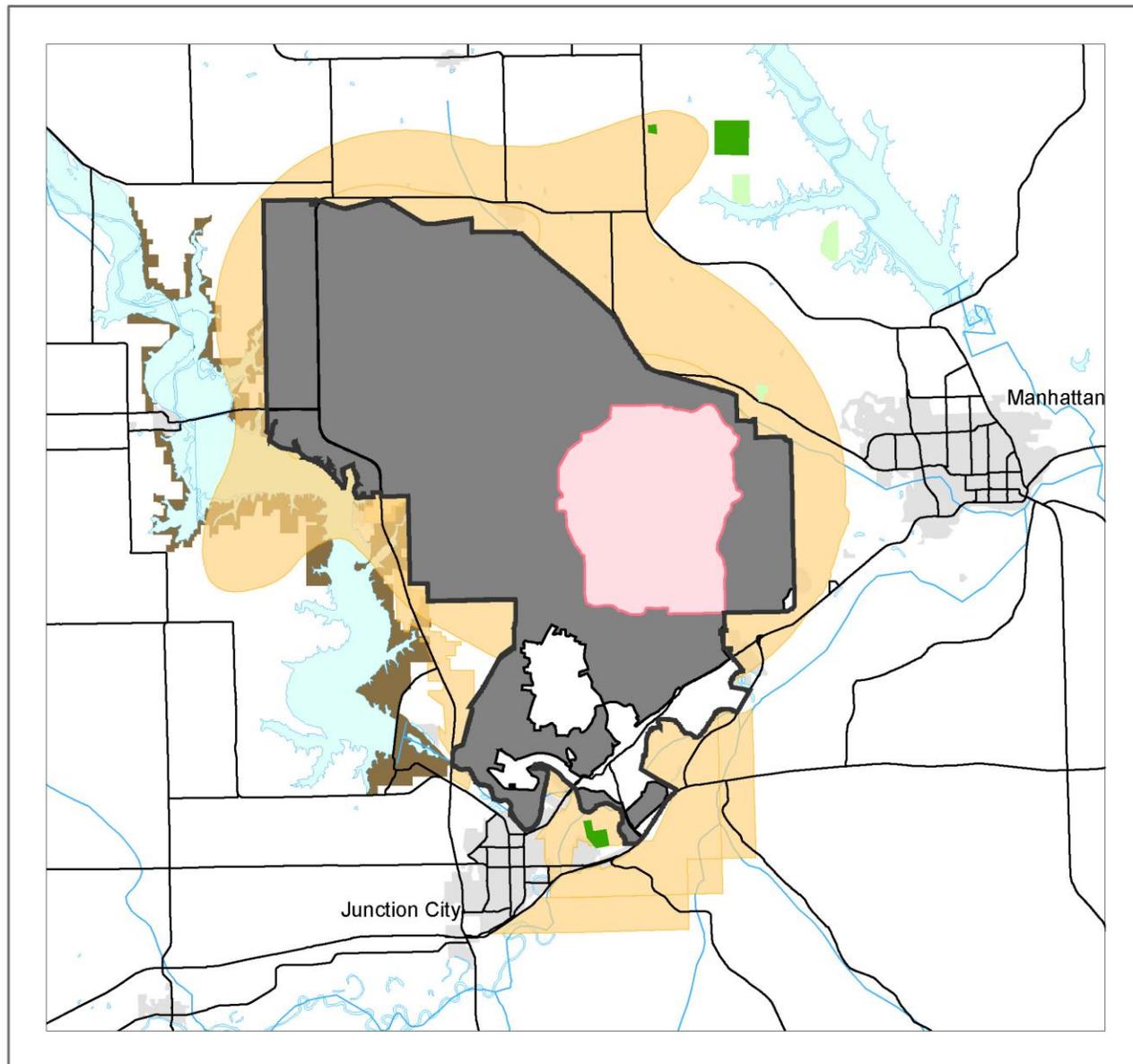
**Partner Mission:** The mission of the Kansas Land Trust is to protect and preserve lands of ecological, scenic, historic, agricultural and recreational significance in Kansas. The areas that connect grasslands off of Fort Riley with the grasslands on the installation are targeted for protection through the ACUB program. These lands are owned by many private land owners, and are currently dominated by open space land uses.

Transaction History					
Parcel	Closing Date	Acres	Military Funds	Partner Funds	Total Cost
Through FY07	-	883	\$175,030	\$697,456	\$872,486
Dibben	1-Oct-07	207	\$32,529	\$98,000	\$130,529
Kunze	15-Oct-07	630	\$123,937	\$370,000	\$493,937
Garzio	2-Nov-07	75	\$2,274	\$78,000	\$80,274
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>1,795</b>	<b>\$333,770</b>	<b>\$1,243,456</b>	<b>\$1,577,226</b>

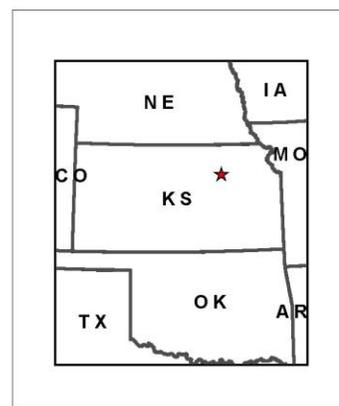
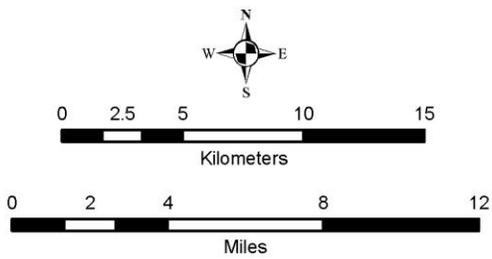
Funding Obligation History	
FY Obligated	Military Funds
Through FY07	\$2,224,158
FY08	\$890,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,114,158</b>

KANSAS

# FORT RILEY ACUB



- ACUB Parcel FY08
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# Fort Sill, Oklahoma



**ACUB Approval Date:** 14 March 2005

**Installation Description:** The Army Field Artillery School and Field Artillery Training Center are housed on Fort Sill and are responsible for training artillerymen for the Army, Marine Corps, and Air Force. Four artillery brigades stationed at Fort Sill compose the firepower of the III Corps Artillery, America’s largest artillery unit. Along with activated guardsmen and reservists, these combat-ready forces can be deployed around the world from the installation’s state-of-the-art power projection platform. Jet trainers from Sheppard Air Force Base, as well as military transport aircraft from Altus Air Force Base, participate in daily training missions over Fort Sill. In addition, tactical fighter and bomber aircraft from both active and reserve Air Force units use Fort Sill’s ranges for bombing and strafing exercises.

**Challenge:** Urban development along the southern, eastern, and northern boundaries of Fort Sill are creating encroachment issues for the installation. Fort Sill training and power projection missions generate high levels of noise which result in complaints from these adjacent communities. In addition to addressing urban sprawl, Fort Sill provides critical habitat for several federally listed species such as the endangered Black-Capped Vireo (*Vireo atricapilla*). The continued incompatible development of lands neighboring Fort Sill may produce significant challenges to future use of range and training lands.

**ACUB Objective:** The primary objective of the ACUB program at Fort Sill is to protect the installation from urban sprawl encroachment issues and habitat destruction by establishing a buffer around critical ranges and training lands. The ACUB program will use real estate provisions to protect incompatible land use in the targeted buffer areas. Land Legacy will purchase property along the installation’s border from willing sellers to reduce encroachment in order to accommodate current as well as future training missions at Fort Sill.

**Cooperative Agreement Partner:** Land Legacy, Inc.

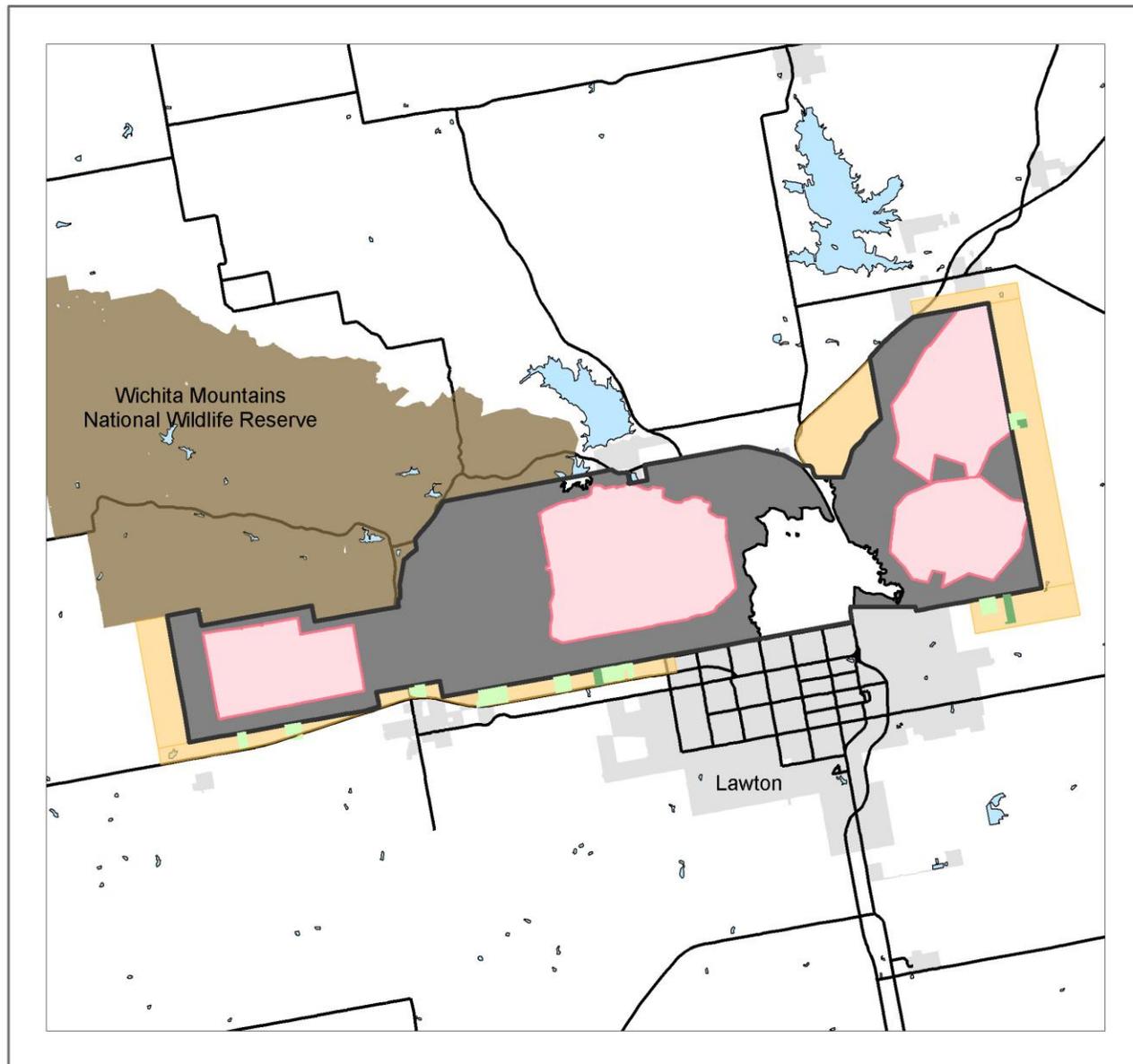
**Partner Mission:** The primary objective of Land Legacy is to conserve and enhance urban and rural landscapes, thereby improving the quality of life. Working with the Army, Land Legacy is protecting large tracts of privately owned land on the southern, eastern, and northern boundaries of Fort Sill from development that is incompatible with the military mission.

Transaction History					
Parcel	Closing Date	Acres	Military Funds	Partner Funds	Total Cost
Through FY07	-	1160	\$2,549,240	\$1,340,780	\$3,890,020
Ballou	19-Dec-07	150	\$291,500	\$241,000	\$532,500
Adair	15-Mar-08	35	\$64,800	\$50,500	\$115,300
Gray	15-May-08	80	\$320,100	\$1,700	\$321,800
Enis	15-Jul-08	35	\$135,300	\$300	\$135,600
Hutchins	15-Sep-08	65	\$187,700	\$400	\$188,100
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>1525</b>	<b>\$3,548,640</b>	<b>\$1,634,680</b>	<b>\$5,183,320</b>

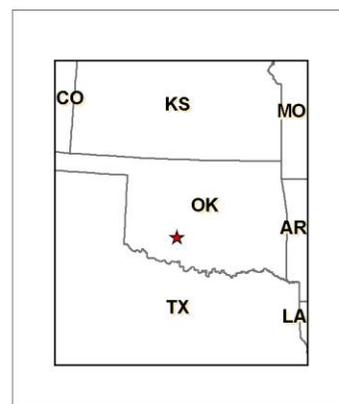
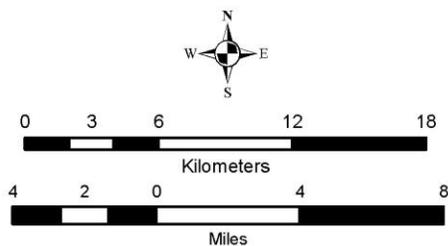
Funding Obligation History	
FY Obligated	Military Funds
Through FY07	\$3,000,000
FY08	\$1,250,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,250,000</b>

OKLAHOMA

# FORT SILL ACUB



- ACUB Parcel FY08
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# Fort Stewart, Georgia



**ACUB Approval Date:** 14 March 2005

**Installation Description:** Fort Stewart and Hunter Airfield are home of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division, and combine to be the Army’s Premier Power Projection Platform on the Atlantic Coast. The installation covers 280,000 acres in southeast Georgia, and is the largest, most effective and efficient armor training base east of the Mississippi. Hunter Army Airfield houses the Army’s longest runway on the East Coast (11,375 feet) as well as the Truscott Air Deployment Terminal. Together these assets are capable of deploying units such as the heavy, armored forces of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division or the elite light fighters of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment.

**Challenge:** The land in and around Fort Stewart provides vital natural habitat for six federally listed species and twenty state listed or federal species of concern. As these species are further impacted by incompatible development, restrictions on installation training will likely be increased in an effort to protect on-post habitat. The population of Coastal Georgia is expected to double over the next 25 years, which provides a significant challenge to conservation efforts. Without the implementation of an ACUB program, virtually all of the non-wetland acreage, as well as some of the wetland acreage within the targeted buffer area would be developed within 20-25 years.

**ACUB Objective:** The primary objective of the Fort Stewart ACUB program is to protect key lands adjacent to the installation with conservation easements to limit incompatible development and concurrently protect sensitive habitat that supports Soldier training. A few examples of species targeted for protection through the ACUB program include the striped newt (*Notophthalmus perstriatus*), gopher frog (*Rana captio*), Bachman’s Sparrow (*Aimophila aestivalis*), Red-cockaded Woodpecker (*Picoides borealis*), gopher tortoise (*Gopherus polyphemus*), eastern indigo snake (*Drymarchon corias couperi*), Florida pine snake (*Pituophis melanoleucus mugitus*), and the purple honeycomb head (*Balduina atropurpurea*).

**Cooperative Agreement Partner:** The Georgia Land Trust

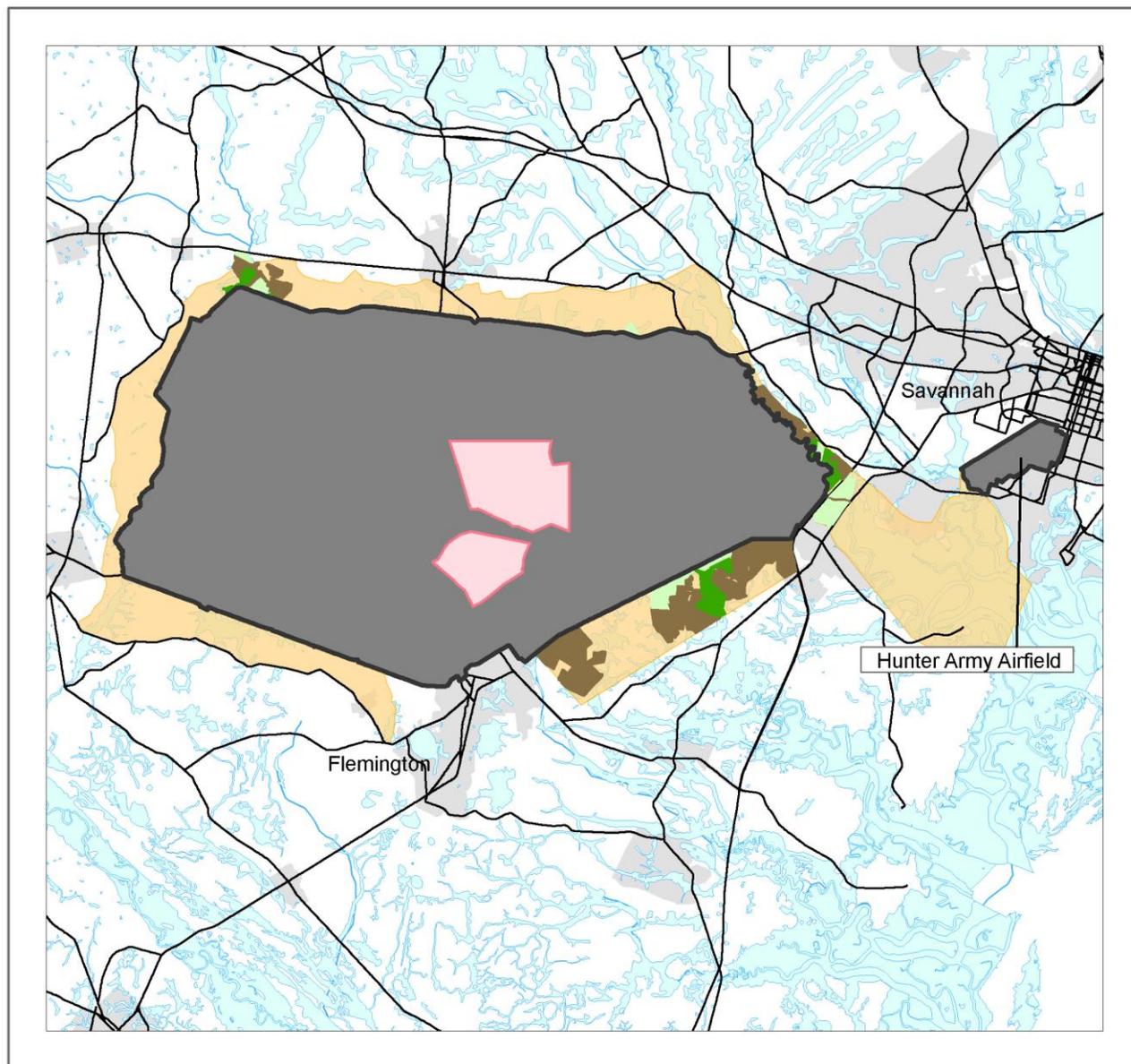
**Partner Mission:** The mission of the Georgia Land Trust (GLT) is to preserve and protect land for future generations. The GLT is affiliated with the Alabama Land Trust, the Chattahoochee Valley Land Trust, Saving Places for Atlanta’s Community Environment, the Lula Lake Land Trust, the Land Trust of East Alabama, and the Coastal Georgia Land Trust, which was merged in the GLT in 2003. Through these various regional offices, the GLT has put in place over 180 conservation easements with over 60,000 acres protected.

Transaction History					
Parcel	Closing Date	Acres	Military Funds	Partner Funds	Total Cost
Through FY07	-	604	\$865,378	IKS	\$865,378
Buie	3-Oct-07	150	\$338,944	IKS	\$338,944
Collins	5-Oct-07	826	\$2,616,585	IKS	\$2,616,585
Mo Gill Phase 1	22-Jul-08	250	\$1,106,766	IKS	\$1,106,766
Plum Creek	20-Aug-08	200	\$367,524	\$680,000	\$1,047,524
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>2,030</b>	<b>\$5,295,197</b>	<b>\$680,000</b>	<b>\$5,975,197</b>

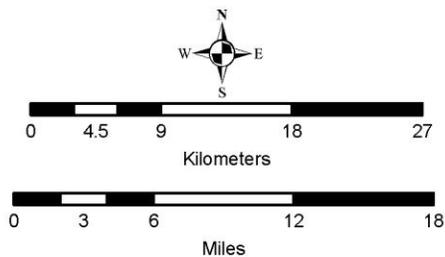
Funding Obligation History	
FY Obligated	Military Funds
Through FY07	\$9,213,494
FY08	\$3,342,422
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,555,916</b>

GEORGIA

# FORT STEWART ACUB



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# Midlands Area Joint Installation Consortium (MAJIC), South Carolina



**ACUB Approval Date:** 1 July 2008

**Installation Description:** The central midlands of South Carolina houses five military installations totaling 70,650 acres: Fort Jackson, Shaw Air Force Base, McEntire Joint National Guard Station, Poinsett Range, and McCrady Training Center. These installations are utilized by personnel from the Army, Navy, Air force, and Marines, and are important to national defense as well as to the economy of the region.

**Challenge:** The central midlands have experienced unprecedented growth over the past decade, which is expected to increase in upcoming years. Development in the area is currently affecting ground traffic between the installations, and continued growth will likely impact the ability to conduct live fire exercises, tactical maneuvers, as well as flight and range operations.

**ACUB Objective:** In an effort to protect training resources, the five installations joined together with one another as well as with local partners in 2007, to form the Midlands Area Joint Installation Consortium (MAJIC). The purpose of the consortium is to facilitate collaboration on projects including the implementation of the Joint Compatible Use Buffer (JCUB) program, which is intended to reduce future encroachment pressures on the installations. The land between the installations is targeted as the JCUB focus area, and is comprised of 670 square miles. Implementation of the JCUB program will protect the training mission, support the national defense, defend the local economy, and also help conserve South Carolina's natural open spaces and unique heritage.

**Cooperative Agreement Partner:** The Conservation Fund

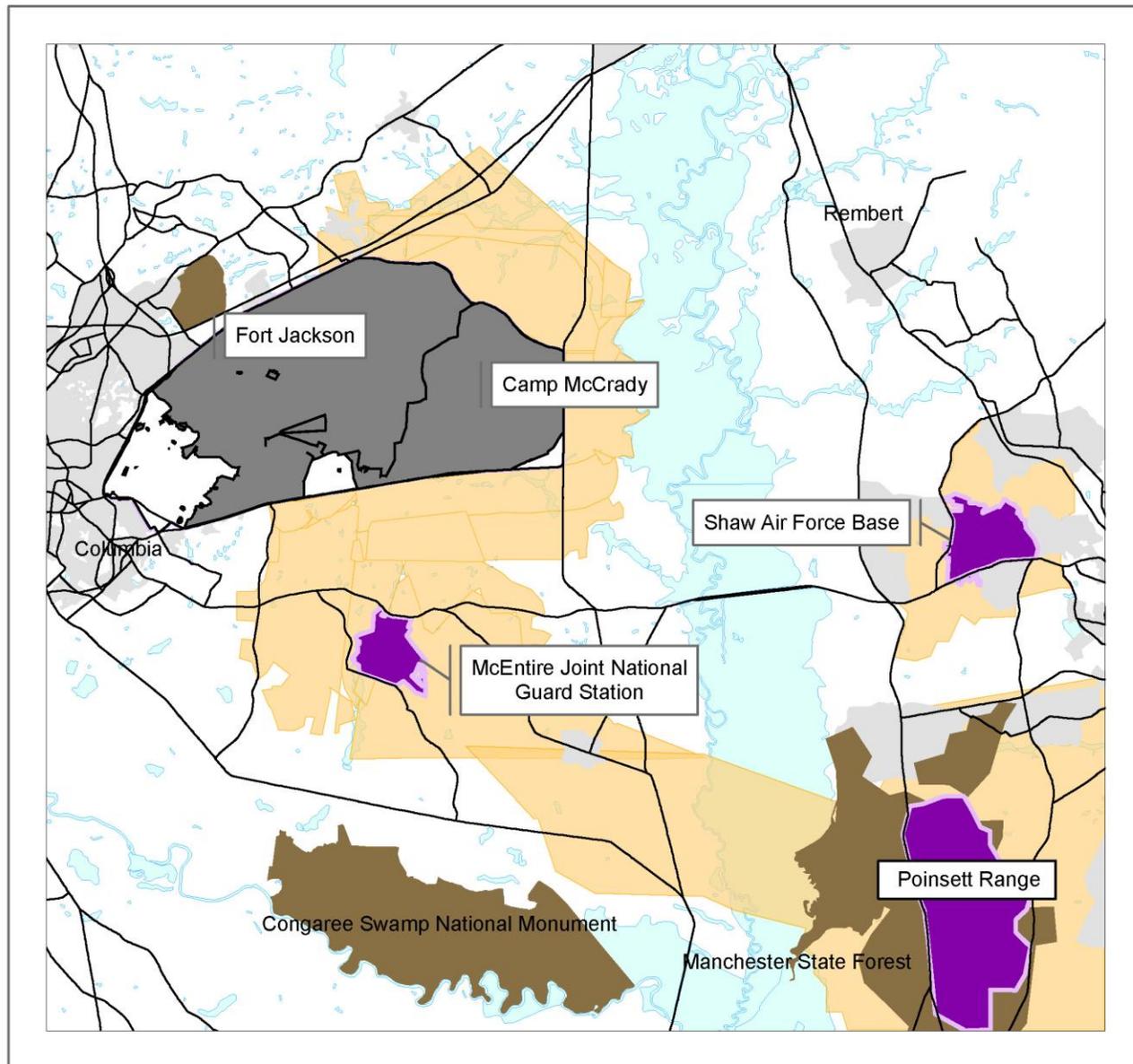
**Partner Mission:** The Conservation Fund is the nation's foremost environmental nonprofit dedicated to protecting America's most important landscapes and waterways for future generations. The Conservation Fund pioneers a balanced, non-advocacy, non-membership approach to conservation, one that blends environmental and economic benefits and objectives.

Transaction History					
Parcel	Closing Date	Acres	Military Funds	Partner Funds	Total Cost
FY08	-	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

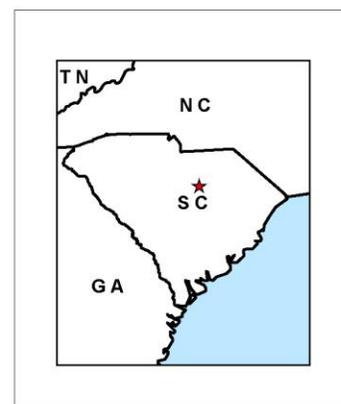
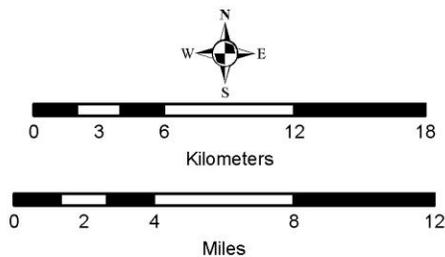
Funding Obligation History	
FY Obligated	Military Funds
FY08	\$1,430,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,430,000</b>

SOUTH CAROLINA

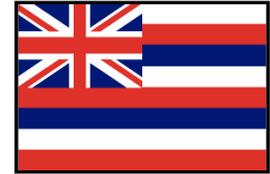
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# U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii



**ACUB Approval Date:** 14 March 2005

**Installation Description:** U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii (USAG-HI) is an essential power projection platform for the Pacific theater due to its ability to very quickly deploy units to the west. USAG-HI sub-installations include the Schofield Barracks and Pohakuloa Training Area training range communities. The installation functions primarily as a training center for Soldiers of the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division (Light), which can mobilize quickly in support of combat operations, disaster relief missions, as well as other operations involving U.S. and foreign armed forces. USAG-HI training areas also support other Army, Army Reserve, Marine Corps, and Hawaii Army National Guard units. Furthermore, other U.S. forces stationed in the Pacific Region utilize USAG-HI training areas on an as-needed basis.

**Challenge:** Multiple species listed under the Endangered Species Act, including the Oahu Elepaio (*Chasiempis sandwichensis ibidis*), three species of tree snail, and more than 20 species of plants, depend on the unique habitat in and around USAG-HI for survival. In order to utilize USAG-HI training lands, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service requires the installation to protect these species on and off post. Additionally, complaints of noise, dust, and over flight helicopter activity from adjacent urban development is a challenge to the installations training capability. Protecting land which directly buffers military roads and firing ranges will promote ideal training scenarios.

**ACUB Objective:** The objective of the ACUB program at USAG-HI is to support and sustain the military training mission by avoiding land use conflicts while protecting and managing critical habitat for threatened and endangered species in the vicinity of the installation. The USAG-HI ACUB program represents the first time that all military services have collaborated to establish buffers. The mission of the partnership is to “Protect the natural areas that nurture Oahu” by purchasing or managing titles or easements to properties of high value to the participants as permanent open space.

**Cooperative Agreement Partner:** The Trust for Public Land

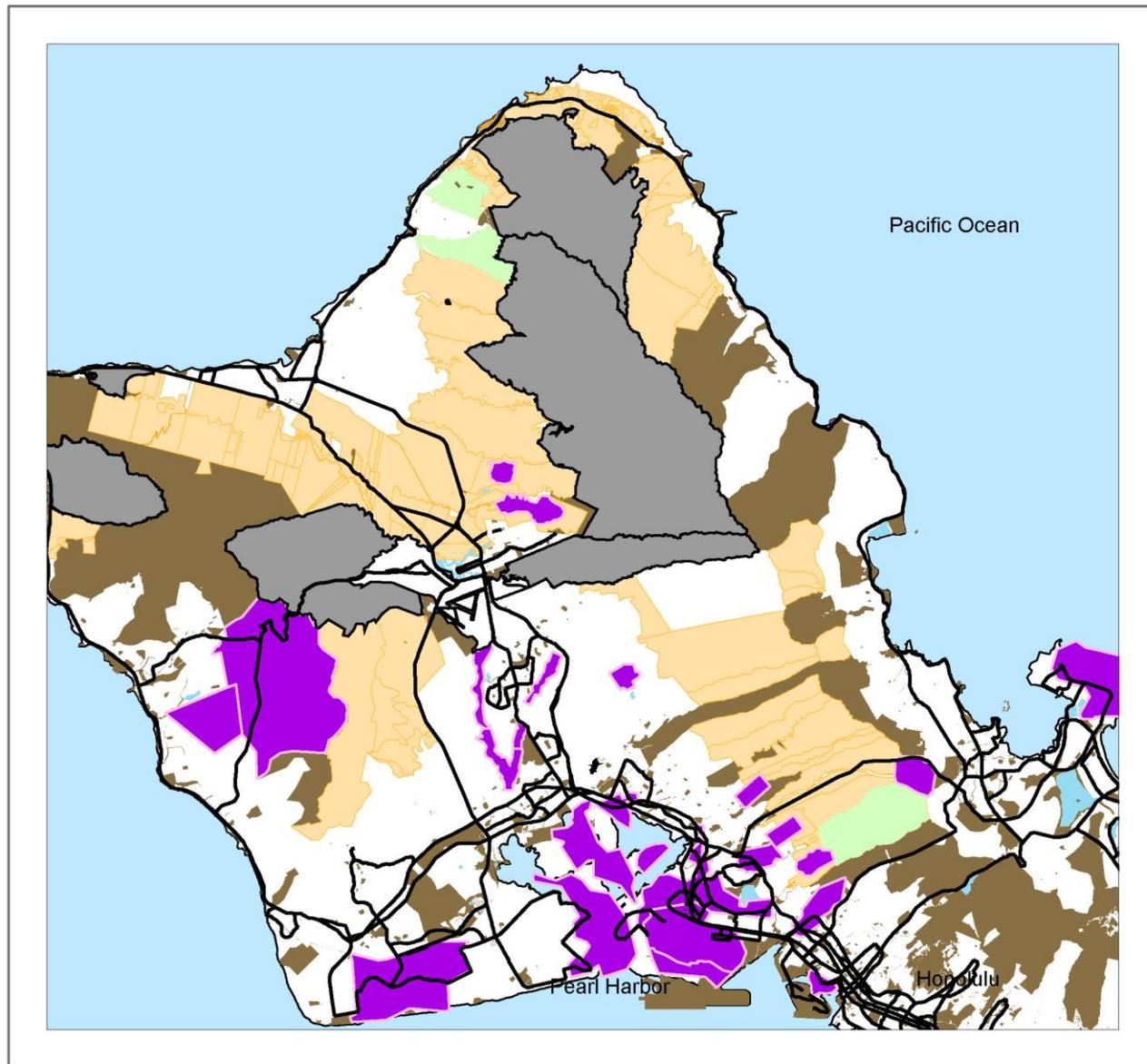
**Partner Mission:** The Trust for Public Land is a national, nonprofit, land conservation organization that conserves land for people to enjoy as parks, community gardens, historic sites, rural lands, and other natural places, ensuring livable communities for generations to come. So far, the Trust for Public Land has led the USAG-HI ACUB partnership to complete protection of parcels at Wiamea, Pupukeya Paumalu, and Moanaloa Valley.

Transaction History					
Parcel	Closing Date	Acres	Military Funds	Partner Funds	Total Cost
Through FY07	-	6,720	\$7,744,445	\$19,705,555	\$27,450,000
FY08	-	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>6,720</b>	<b>\$7,744,445</b>	<b>\$19,705,555</b>	<b>\$27,450,000</b>

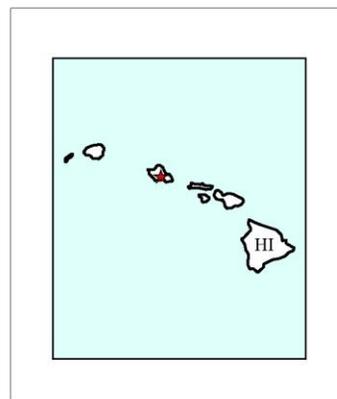
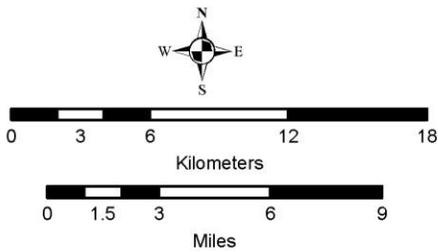
Funding Obligation History	
FY Obligated	Military Funds
Through FY07	\$10,477,585
FY08	\$1,490,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,967,585</b>

HAWAII

# UNITED STATES ARMY GARRISON-HAWAII ACUB



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# Definitions

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## ACUB focus area

Area of land the Army desires to protect through their partner. It has been approved by Army Headquarters through an ACUB proposal. If any property becomes available within the designated area and the installation and the partner agree it is a priority, they will go forward with real estate negotiations pending sufficient funding.

## Conservation Easement

An easement whose purpose is to conserve natural resources. A conservation easement may include positive and/or negative rights requirements. An example of positive rights and requirements include allowing another entity to access the property or requiring the landowner to undertake certain management actions. A negative right restricts the landowner's otherwise legal use of the property such as erecting new structures or cutting trees.

## Cooperative Agreement

The legal instrument used that defines the relationship between the Army and its partners in executing ACUBs and enables the Army to transfer funds to its partners. A Cooperative Agreement is different than a contract or a grant in that it recognizes all of the following: a public purpose, a transfer of something of value, and an expectation of substantial involvement between the eligible entity and the Army.

## Closing date

The date that title or lesser interest, such as an easement, in a particular property transfers from one party to another.

## Easement

A right, privilege, or interest to property afforded to an entity who does not own the land. In this context, easements are recordable interests in land.

## Eligible entity

State or political subdivision of a state or a private entity that has as its stated principal organizational purpose or goal the conservation, restoration, or preservation of land and natural resources, or a similar purpose or goal.

## Encroachment

Cumulative result of any and all outside influences that inhibit normal military training and testing.

## Fiscal Year (FY)

The fiscal calendar begins on October 1 and ends September 30.

FY executed

Fiscal year in which funds, after being fully invoiced, are paid toward a project that is specifically defined and supported by the Cooperative Agreement. The funds execution process involves funds obligated, invoiced, authorized payment, and transferred for payment.

FY obligated

Fiscal year in which funds are designated to an account that can be invoiced by the partner for the purpose of the Cooperative Agreement. Funds obligated to a Cooperative Agreement can only be used for the purposes described in the statement of work of that particular Cooperative Agreement.

Other protected areas

Land that is in permanent conservation such as state parks and federal reserves.

Partner

The eligible entity with which the Army has a signed Cooperative Agreement. This is the only entity to which the Army can directly contribute funds for ACUB purposes.

Partner funds

All resources put toward a property and transaction that are not from the military. This includes the value of donated land, personnel time, and all other in-kind services.

Military funds

The total contributed from the Army which includes funds authorized from the Office of the Secretary of Defense as part of the Range and Environmental Protection Initiative, funds authorized from the office of the ACSIM, funds authorized from the Army Environmental Command, and other installation Operation and Maintenance Army finances.

Stakeholder

A person or organization that has a legitimate interest in a project or entity.

State focus area

Land that a state has identified in its conservation plan.

Total cost

The total cost of completing a real estate transaction to permanently protect a parcel. This includes the actual purchase price of the interest in real property, due diligence, and any management or staff time required to complete the real estate transaction.

# Acronyms

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- ACSIM Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management
- ACUB Army Compatible Use Buffer
- AOTC Army Operational Test Command
- APG Aberdeen Proving Ground
- ARMY O&M Operation and Maintenance of the Army
- ATC Aberdeen Test Center
- BRAC Base Realignment and Closure
- CA Cooperative Agreement
- CCD Calhoun Conservation District
- CSLO Camp San Luis Obispo
- CTA Churchville Test Area
- ESA Endangered Species Act
- FAPH Fort A.P. Hill
- FCTC Fort Custer Training Center
- FMV Fair Market Value
- FY Fiscal Year
- HQDA Headquarters, Department of the Army
- JRTC Joint Readiness Training Center
- LPS Louisiana Pine Snake
- LTADD Lincoln Trail Area Development District
- LTMCP Land Trust for the Mississippi Coastal Plain
- MATES Mobilization and Annual Equipment Site

MDWFP LIP Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks

Landowner Incentive Program

MEDDAC Medical Support Activity

MPRC Multi-Purpose Range Complex

NDAA National Defense Authorization Act

NMSLO New Mexico State Land Office

NRCS Natural Resources Conservation Service

PLI Private Lands Initiative

RCW Red-Cockaded Woodpecker

REPI Readiness and Environmental Protection Initiative

T&E Threatened and Endangered

TNC The Nature Conservancy

USAEC U.S. Army Environmental Command

USAG U.S. Army Garrison

USC United States Code

USDA United States Department of Agriculture

USFWS U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service