

SUSTAINABLE RANGES INITIATIVE



Sustaining DoD's Testing and Training Capability

Ensuring that our military continues to effectively train and test now and into the future through lasting win-win partnerships that maintain military readiness and sustain the environment



COLLABORATIVE PARTNERING IS KEY



DoD is an enduring partner

- Military Services recognize that they must look “outside the fence” and work with their neighbors to promote mutually beneficial strategies to foster compatible land uses.
- Compatible land use outside the fence line is critical to military transformation and overall range sustainment and readiness.
- DoD requirements and actions to sustain training and testing missions are very compatible with partner missions (e.g., open space, recreation, preserving working lands, endangered species management).
- DoD engagement promotes the power of innovative partnerships.

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Key SRI Components:

- Readiness and Environmental Protection Initiative (REPI)
- Education and Engagement
- Regional Partnering
 - Southeast Regional Partnership for Planning and Sustainability (SERPPAS)
 - Western Regional Partnership (WRP)

READINESS AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION INITIATIVE (REPI)



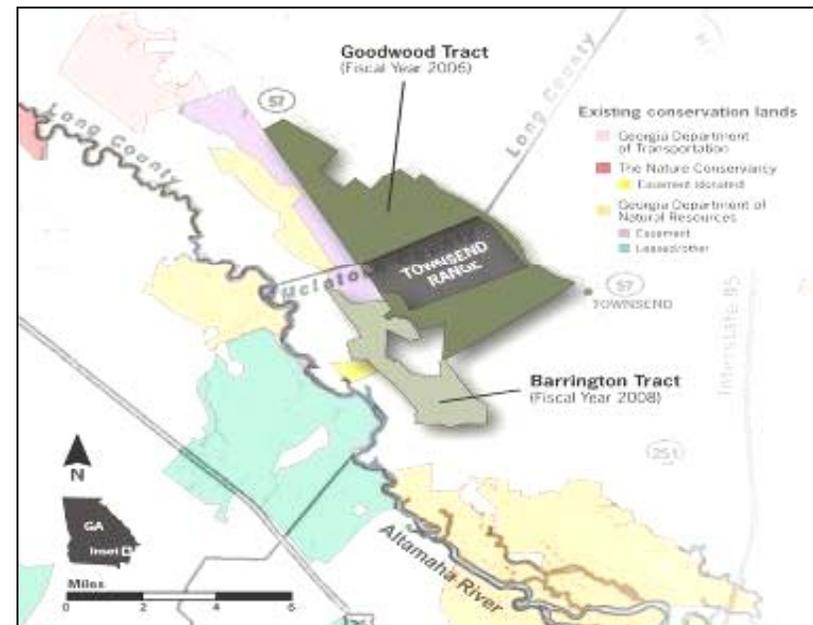
REPI – A Key Tool

- Promotes military training and testing readiness and sound conservation stewardship
- Supports cooperative agreements with Govt and NGO partners to acquire key conservation easements from willing sellers
- Limits incompatible development and preserves high-value habitat

REPI has protected over 76,000 acres near 53 installations/ranges in 23 states with a 2-to-1 partner contribution ratio.

Service REPI Needs, President's Budget Request, and Actual Appropriations

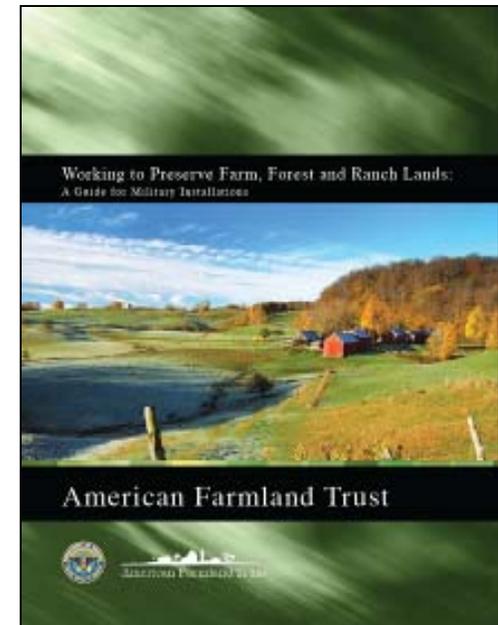
Fiscal Year	Service Need	President's Budget	Appropriation
FY05	\$9 million	\$20 million	\$12.5 million
FY06	\$48.3 million	\$20 million	\$37 million
FY07	\$123.9 million	\$30 million	\$40 million
FY08	\$78.1 million	\$30 million	\$46 million
FY09	\$122.6 million	\$40 million	\$56 million



EDUCATION AND ENGAGEMENT



- Enhance public engagement and improve mutual understanding and collaboration
- Engage with key national and state opinion leaders who drive influential federal, state, and regional policies/legislation/regulations
 - Western Governors' Association, National Conference of State Legislatures, Environmental Council of States, Endangered Species Coalition, Land Trust Alliance, National Association of Counties, American Farmland Trust
- Outcome: Working together for policies, actions, and legislation that promote military readiness and stakeholder mission objectives



"Range Tours allow the two communities to see the same ground through the lens of the other...provides a forum for talking to each other and working towards mutual goals."

-Sierra Club Lands Director

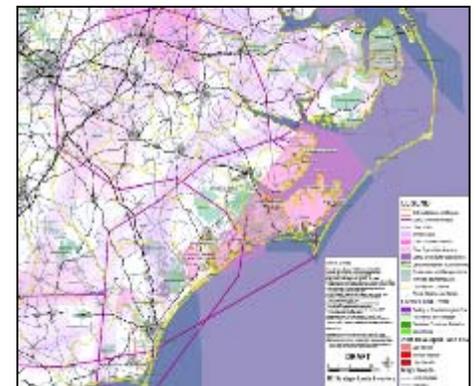
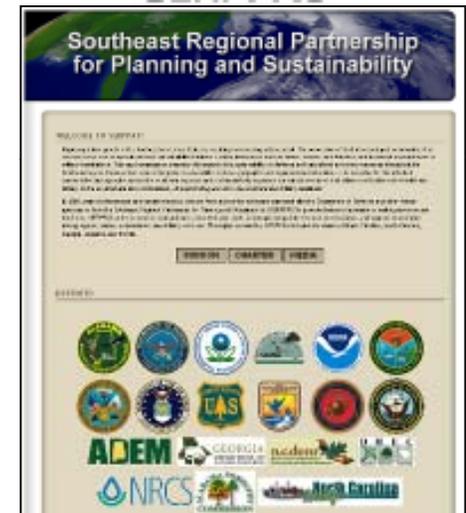


REGIONAL PARTNERING



Southeast Regional Partnership for Planning and Sustainability (SERPPAS)

- Partnership of state environmental and natural resource officials, DoD, EPA, NOAA, USFWS, USDA/Forest Service, and USDA/NRCS to promote better collaboration in making regional resource-use decisions
- SERPPAS works to encourage compatible resource-use decisions, prevent encroachment around military lands, and improve coordination among regions, states, communities, military Services and other federal agencies
- Includes the states of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, and Florida

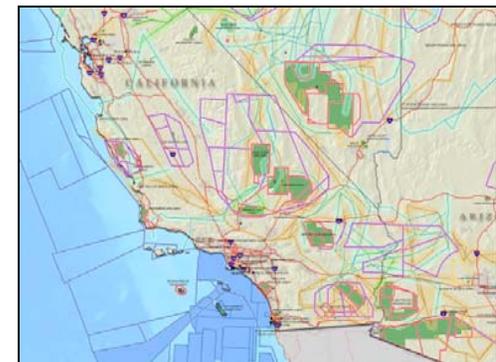


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Western Regional Partnership (WRP)

- Partnership among state and tribal leadership from Arizona, California, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, DoD, and other federal agencies
- WRP works to eliminate redundancies in resource management, address issues of regional significance, and develop solutions for the five-state region
- Western Governors' Association (WGA) affirmed the Governors' support of the military mission and their desire to work with DoD and other federal agencies on the development of regional policies and projects



Multiple Mission Benefits



DoD working with partners at local, regional, and national levels to achieve multiple benefits

- Many partners share mutual mission challenges (e.g., encroachment/compatible land use, competition for limited and dwindling resources, energy/climate change)
- Recognition that previous ways of doing business no longer work
- Broad effects of current/future land use challenges require landscape-scale regional coordination in addition to local efforts
- Intersection of mission interests provides opportunities for collective action and multiple and mutual benefits

RESULTS RECOGNIZED

Program's Multiple Benefits and Effective Partnerships Applauded



➤ USA Today

- --“Military bases are reaching out to local communities and environmentalists to become better neighbors ...”
- --“The Defense Department ... announced a national partnership with the Agriculture Department to ... promote land conservation near bases.”

➤ The Wall Street Journal

- --“... the Pentagon works with environmentalists and other local groups to achieve land conservation deals around military bases across the country.”

➤ The Washington Post

- --“The Army will not have to worry about urban encroachment disrupting training and testing.”

➤ The Denver Post

- --“Great strides have been made to create a buffer zone around Fort Carson that will protect ... this classic land ‘where the antelope roam.’”

➤ The San Diego Union-Tribune

- --“... the latest success story for an unusual nationwide alliance between environmentalists and the Pentagon ...”