

# Army/USDA Forest Service Partnership

USDA Forest Service  
Northeastern Area  
State and Private Forestry

*Military readiness through forest stewardship*



**Description:** The Military Services manage 25 million acres of diverse landscapes for training and testing. Managing the natural resources on these lands is critical to the military's mission and important to maintaining the trust and support of the American people.

The USDA Forest Service Northeastern Area has an Interagency Agreement with the US Army Environmental Center to help the Army and the other Military Services enhance training, mission readiness, and natural resources through forest stewardship.

## Key Natural Resources and Military Issues:

- Military lands must be managed sustainably to provide realistic training and to conserve ecosystems.
- Military training lands become islands of habitat for threatened and endangered species as development increases around installations. The Army protects 170 listed species on 94 installations.
- The USDA Forest Service National Forest System provides important military training lands. As military training needs change, this relationship will continue to evolve.
- Adequate forest resource information and analysis are needed to manage and sustain training lands.

## Accomplishments:

Through this initiative, approximately 150 Forest Service experts have assisted on more than 60 installations. The Army and other military services fund these activities on a reimbursable basis.

- Enhanced Army Special Forces training at Fort Bragg, NC, through cooperation with private forest landowners, The Nature Conservancy, and US Fish and Wildlife Service.
- Developed a management plan for Avon Park Bombing Range, Florida, that sustains the natural resources and military training.
- Provided wildland fire policy guidance to the Army that is consistent with USDA Forest Service and National Wildfire Coordinating Group policies.
- Implemented natural and cultural resources projects for Army, Army National Guard, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps installations.
- Provided wildland and prescribed fire training for the US Army in Korea.
- Developed prescribed fire plans and conducted burns at the Navy's Rodman Range, Florida, Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas, and Fort Drum, New York.
- Worked with Marine Corps Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, to develop a beach management plan that supports military training, endangered species habitat, and recreational uses.
- Placed monitoring stations at Marine Corps Camp Butler, Okinawa, Japan to provide quantitative data on the effects of military training on water quality.

## Future Direction:

- Support the Army and other Military Services in meeting military readiness challenges.
- Provide assistance to the military in wildland and prescribed fire management.
- Facilitate cooperation on USDA Forest Service lands used for military training.
- Continue natural and cultural resources assistance to military installations.



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