



The **Readiness and Environmental Protection Initiative** (REPI) ensures that our military can conduct effective and realistic training and testing now and into the future.

**BOTTOM LINE** REPI funds innovative partnerships between Military Service departments and state and local governments or private conservation organizations to leverage public and private funds to preserve critical buffer areas and landscapes. This accomplishes multiple benefits:

## MISSION

**Protects accessibility, availability and capability of training and testing assets.** Specifically, sustains operational capability and maximizes use of available land while minimizing environmental or other constraints.

## COMMUNITY

**Enhances quality of life** by supporting regional planning and community growth management efforts; preserves working lands that can benefit the economy while mitigating the effects of climate change; promotes understanding of the military mission.

## ENVIRONMENT

**Conserves and protects ecological integrity, critical habitat, and endangered species** through conservation stewardship; enhances water quality; provides for recreation and open space; and maintains biodiversity.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE

- More than **76,000 acres** of non-military public and private property conserved and protected
- Essential **training and testing capabilities preserved** (e.g. live-fire, maneuver, aviation, night training) at dozens of installations
- **Key habitat preserved** for numerous threatened, endangered, and at-risk species (e.g. Bald Eagle, Gray Wolf, Indiana Bat, Gopher Tortoise, and Red-Cockaded Woodpecker)
- **Partner contributions leverage** REPI funds on a 2-to-1 basis.
- Annual REPI **Reports to Congress** on program accomplishments
- **Increased Congressional funding** each year
- Continued **strengthening of program** through clarifying legislative provisions

## OTHER BENEFITS

- Continued strong linkages with and support of DoD's **Sustainable Ranges Initiative** and other complementary Service efforts
- Spurs **joint projects** among the Services
- **Regional partnerships** to support and link community and other efforts, share mapping and decision tools, and promote the protection of rural landscapes and working lands
  - **2005:** Southeast Regional Partnership for Planning and Sustainability (SERPPAS)
  - **2007:** Western Regional Partnership (WRP)
- 12 high-quality **primers** for education and engagement
- 40+ **workshops** for more than 600 opinion leaders and 25+ **range tours** for more than 350 opinion leaders to understand the military mission

## REPI IS GROWING:

Congressional  
**Funding —**  
(in millions)

and # of  
**Projects ■**



FY = Fiscal Year

## REPI GETS PEOPLE TALKING

“Military bases are reaching out to local communities and environmentalists to become better neighbors ...” — **USA Today**

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

— **The Wall Street Journal**

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

— **The Washington Post**

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

— **The Denver Post**

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

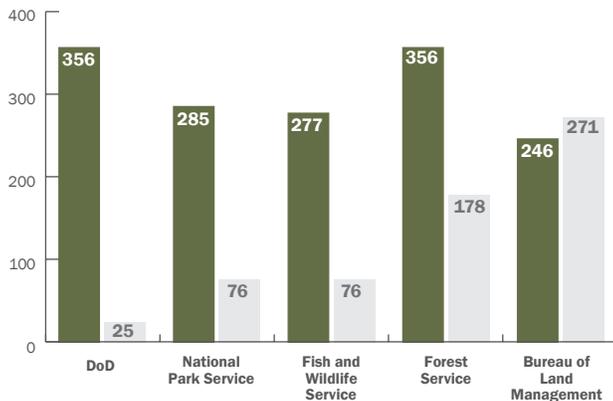
— **The San Diego Union-Tribune**

“... buffering projects have provided many other benefits to communities, including economic ones ...”

— **RAND Corporation**

## REPI PROTECTS SENSITIVE LAND

■ Federally listed species  
■ Millions of managed acres



The **Department of Defense (DoD)** manages land that affects as many federally listed (threatened and endangered) species as the **Forest Service** on two-thirds of the acres managed by the **National Park Service**

more than

**76,000** acres conserved  
with REPI dollars  
since program inception

Total conserved: 76,225 acres = 119.1 square miles

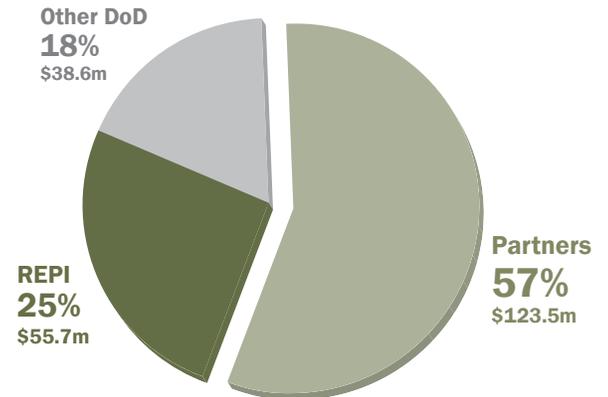
at **53** installations in **23** states

## REPI BENEFITS EVERY BRANCH OF THE MILITARY:

Each Military Service has received **x** amount of funding at **y** number of installations nationwide, conserving habitat and working lands while protecting testing and training capability.

	x	y
<b>Army</b>	<b>\$78.8m</b>	26
<b>Navy</b>	<b>\$31.7m</b>	11
<b>Marine Corps</b>	<b>\$29.9m</b>	6
<b>Air Force</b>	<b>\$11m</b>	10

## REPI LEVERAGES PARTNER CONTRIBUTIONS:



REPI funds comprise **\$731** of every acre preserved under the program; partner funds comprise nearly **\$1620** — a better than 2-to-1 match. Partners have included:

- The Nature Conservancy
- The Conservation Fund
- U.S. Dept. of Agriculture (including Forest Service and Natural Resources Conservation Service)
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) (including Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program)
- State and local governments
- Regional land trusts