



MISSION SUSTAINMENT MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

News You Can Use from the DoD Range Sustainment Initiative

June 2007

The Department of Defense *Sustainable Ranges Initiative* (SRI) ensures the long-term viability and continuity of military training and testing areas while providing good stewardship for the land. Through a framework of continuing cooperative and coordinated efforts within government, and partnerships with groups beyond installation boundaries, DoD's Sustainable Ranges Initiative is helping to safeguard America and sustain our lands and resources for years to come.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:



SUSTAINING MILITARY READINESS CONFERENCE: The Annual Conference of the Mission Sustainment Initiative

July 30-August 3, 2007

Orlando, FL

**To learn more or to register to attend, visit:
www.sustainingmilitaryreadiness2007.com**

“The Sustaining Military Readiness Conference presents a unique effort to bring together sustainability stakeholders in a collaborative and educational forum. The conference will be a unique gathering of partners with expertise in sustaining military readiness through conservation, compatible land use planning, and encroachment mitigation.”

Paul W. Mayberry, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Readiness)
Philip W. Grone, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Installations & Environment)
David W. Duma, Principal Deputy Director, Operational Test and Evaluation

Join DoD personnel and non-DoD partners engaged in integrating military readiness needs, natural and cultural resources management and compatible land use at the 2007 Sustaining Military Readiness Conference.

Featured panelists will include:

- Paul W. Mayberry, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Readiness)
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Attendees will include DoD professionals from the operational, conservation, and planning communities, in addition to non-DoD partners from other government and non-governmental agencies and organizations. Sustaining Military Readiness 2007 will enable attendees to participate in training opportunities, discuss projects and programs, share lessons learned, and build new relationships.

FREE REGISTRATION: To emphasize the importance of this conference and their commitment to its success, the hosts are eliminating the need for any registration fees.

FEATURED WORKSHOPS INCLUDE:

- National Environmental Policy Act Overview Training
- Readiness and Environmental Protection Initiative Workshop
- Air Installation Compatible Use Zones (AICUZ) Executive Seminar
- Marine Corps Encroachment Program Day
- Risk Communications Training
- Outreach: What commanders and their staff need to know when working with the community
- Multi-Party Negotiation and Conflict Management: Sustainable ranges require sustainable relationships
- Defense Readiness Reporting System Working Group
- Range GIS Workshop

Visit www.sustainingmilitaryreadiness2007.com for complete details.

July 29, 2007, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

"Sustaining Mission Capability" Training Workshop

ADC 2007 - Association of Defense Communities National Conference

Miami Beach, FL

To learn more or to register to attend, visit:

<http://www.defensecommunities.org/AnnualConference/index.html>.

At ADC2007, the DoD Sustainable Ranges Initiative will host a training workshop on innovations in community-military partnerships that help maintain the long-term sustainability of military and testing ranges while providing good stewardship for the land. This workshop will focus on mitigating encroachment through compatible land use by discussing several innovative models of state and regional partnering and engagement efforts, with particular focus on efforts in Florida.

August 27-30, 2007

**UXO/Countermine/Range Forum 2007 - Countering Explosive Threats
Orlando, FL**

To learn more or to register to attend, visit: www.theforum2007.com

The UXO/Countermine/Range Forum 2007™ assembles the best researchers, developers, policy-makers, and program planners from industry, government, and contractors to showcase cutting-edge technologies, ideas, programs and partnerships. The most difficult challenges in countering explosive threats will be addressed in technical presentations, exhibits, speeches, and networking events at The Forum.

An exceptional program is planned to showcase the latest technologies, products, and services in the UXO, countermine, and range areas. More than 150 technical papers will be presented by military, government and contractor personnel. More than 100 exhibitors from industry and government agencies world wide will present the latest products and services.

FEATURES:

INSTALLATION SUSTAINABILITY SUCCESSES, CHALLENGES HIGHLIGHTED IN WASHINGTON STATE

Northwestern state and local elected officials and members of planning and economic development offices were given a hands-on look at the relationship between military installations and surrounding communities. The "Strengthening Military and Community Partnerships Workshop," in Tacoma, Washington, on April 26-27, featured a day-long tour of three military installations and a separate half-day work shop.



Jointly sponsored by the National Conference of State Legislatures, International City/County Management Association, and the DoD Sustainable Ranges Initiative, the workshop welcomed participants from Washington state, Alaska, California, Idaho, and Texas.

On Thursday, April 26, approximately 30 participants traveled via bus to Naval Base Kitsap, the Army's Fort Lewis, and McChord Air Force Base where base officials hosted tours that highlighted the relationships among military training, natural resource protection and urban development in surrounding communities. On Friday, April 27, approximately 50 participants, including many from the previous day, attended a half-day seminar featuring interactive discussions led by military representatives, elected officials, and experts in planning and natural resource protection.



States and military installations have unique opportunities to work together to develop and implement proactive strategies to meet future challenges and strengthen installation/community relationships. The workshop allowed state legislators to view first-hand military base operations and learn more about states' roles in:

- Compatible land use near military bases;
- Clean energy and environmental practices; and
- Development of installation/community partnerships for planning and cost-sharing.

Range tours and workshops are offered by the DoD Sustainable Ranges Initiative to help build partnerships between the military installations and surrounding communities on issues of common interest and importance. For additional information and power point presentations from the "Strengthening Military and Community Partnerships Workshop," please visit the Sustainable Ranges Initiative website.

RANGE SUSTAINMENT INITIATIVE RELEASES "COMMANDER'S GUIDE TO COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT," AT JSEM 2007

The Mission Sustainment Initiative unveiled it's latest publication, "Commander's Guide to Community Involvement," at the Joint Services Environmental Mangement (JSEM) Conference, in Columbus, Ohio, on May 21-24, 2007. The Commanders' Guide was formally presented during a featured panel session, "Maintaining Mission Capability: A View from the Warfighters."

Sponsored by the Sustainable Ranges Initiative, the panel session featured commanders who have found solutions that balance military test and training requirements with natural resource protection concerns. The featured commanders were: Colonel Louis H. Jordan, Jr., Brigade Commander, Western Army Aviation Training Site; Colonel Stewart Navarre, Chief of Staff, Marine Corps Installation West; Captain Mark Storch, Vice Commander, Naval Air Warfare Center- Weapons Division. Sustainability professionals were also on hand to discuss innovative ways they have maintained mission capability on ranges.

Featured panel discussions included:

- Overview of the OSD Initiative for Sustaining Mission Capability
- Sustaining Military Capability from the Operator Perspective
- Commander's Guide to Outreach: What Every New Commander & His Staff Should Know
- Innovative Ways to Maintain Mission Capability on Ranges

"The Commander's Guide to Outreach," was written for commanders, by commanders, through the leadership of the Range Commanders Council Sustainability Group. The guide addresses tools for commanders and their staffs to proactively build working

relationships with local communities. Obtain copies of the new Commanders' Guide by contacting the Range Sustainment Initiative, or by visiting our website at www.denix.osd.mil/SustainableRanges.

GOPHER TORTOISE PROJECT DEVELOPS DRAFT CANDIDATE CONSERVATION AGREEMENT

The SERPPAS Gopher Tortoise project held its second workshop in downtown Atlanta on April 26, 2007. Attendees came together to discuss and revise sections of the newly completed draft Candidate Conservation Agreement (CCA), consolidate information from various management plans, and discuss the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) review of a petition to list the eastern population of the species. When finalized, the CCA will provide a plan for stabilizing and maintaining the Gopher Tortoise (GT) population in the Southeast that all stakeholders can adhere to.

The GT project brings together partners from the Army, Air Force, Marine Corps, USFWS, state natural resource agencies, industry, and NGOs to address concerns related to the decline of the eastern Gopher Tortoise population. If the species becomes federally listed, it could provide challenges for the way in

which training lands can be used on installations in the Southeast.

The multi-organizational GT team hopes to prevent federal listing of the gopher tortoise by implementing successful management practices that result in citizens, military installations, and the tortoise co-existing in a beneficial manner.

**NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF
STATE LEGISLATURES (NCSL)
HOSTS SPRING FORUM IN
WASHINGTON, DC, APRIL 19-21,
2007**



Mr. Alex Beehler, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense, Environment, Safety and Occupational Health, addressed the NCSL Agriculture, Environment, and Energy Committee, Business Meeting on Friday, April 20. NCSL is a bipartisan organization that serves state legislators and their staff by providing research, technical assistance, and opportunities for policymakers to exchange ideas on the most pressing state issues.

Mr. Beehler thanked NCSL for its continued partnership with DoD to address sustainability and environment challenges facing installations and neighboring communities. He also acknowledged that such partnerships played an important role in 20 states' enactment of compatible land use legislation addressing encroachment challenges. DoD has been working closely with NCSL since 2003 on a number of sustainability projects including:

- ✓ Committee presentations on encroachment at NCSL annual meetings, 2003–2005.
- ✓ NCSL-hosted tour of Fort Carson in 2005 and Northwest bases in 2007.
- ✓ Partnering with NCSL to publish primers:
 - *Working with State Legislators: A Guide for Military Installations* (2006)
 - *Strengthening Military-Community Partnerships: Land Use, Clean Energy and Mission Change* (March 2007)

Mr. Beehler briefly touched upon some of the work that NCSL, in cooperation with DoD, has recently accomplished, for example, the March 2007 publication of *Strengthening Military-Community Partnerships: Land Use, Clean Energy and Mission Change*. This report informs military and state personnel about state legislative sustainability practices and highlights strategies

for dealing with base and community growth through encroachment prevention, resource conservation, joint planning, and cost-sharing for future mission changes. The report provides policy options to the Department, its military branch personnel, and state legislators for sustaining a military installation's operation through changing times.

In addition, NCSL and DoD co-sponsored a Northwest Bases Tour and Workshop, April 26-27, 2007, attended by state legislators and local government officials. The tour included site visits to Naval Base Kitsap, McChord Air Force Base, and Fort Lewis. The tour/workshop allowed state legislators a first-hand view of military base operations and to learn more about the state's role in (1) compatible land use near military bases, (2) clean energy and environmental practices, and (3) development of installation/community partnerships for planning and cost-sharing. The Workshop highlighted unique opportunities for states and military installations to work together in developing and implementing proactive strategies to meet land use challenges and strengthen installation/community relationships.

Mr. Beehler concluded his address at the NCSL Spring Forum by presenting of a letter of appreciation and coin to Mr. Larry Morandi, Director, State Policy Research,

NCSL for his continued support and collaboration on ongoing sustainability issues affecting the states and the Department.

FEATURED PARTNER: INTERNATIONAL CITY/COUNTY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

The DoD Sustainable Ranges Initiative counts the International City/County Management Association among its key partners in ensuring the long-term viability and continuity of military training and testing ranges while providing good stewardship for the land.

ICMA is the professional and educational organization for chief appointed managers, administrators, and assistants in cities, towns, counties, and regional entities throughout the world. Since 1914, ICMA has provided technical and management assistance, training, and information resources to its members and the local government community. ICMA's mission is to create excellence in local governance by developing and fostering professional local government management worldwide.

The Sustainable Ranges Initiative and ICMA have partnered on several initiatives, including two SRI Primers:

- *Working with Local Governments: A Practical Guide for Installations,*

written in collaboration with the National Association of Counties, which offers suggestions and solutions for military installation management when working with local governments.

- *Collaborative Land Use Planning: A Guide for Military Installations and Local Governments*. State and local government officials have the authority to pass land use planning and growth management legislation, and this guide provides insights on how military planners and commanders can work together in the planning process.

The primers are available on the Sustainable Ranges Initiative website.

ICMA's website offers resources, tool kits, and information that are of interest to military installation personnel to facilitate better understanding and cooperation on critical issues facing local communities and regional decision makers. In addition, ICMA offers a wide range of services to its members and the local government community. For additional information, visit www.icma.org.

State Legislation Concerning Eminent Domain: Legislative Update from Stateside Associates
Updated April 2, 2007

The Big Picture

The U.S. Supreme Court decision, *Kelo vs. City of New London (Connecticut)*, produced a significant legislative backlash. The high profile case ruled that economic development constituted a legitimate public use for a local government taking by eminent domain authority. Following the decision an overwhelming response in the state legislatures resulted in over 700 pieces of legislation introduced and considered during the 2005-2006 sessions. Of those, **70 bills were enacted in 35 states**.

The 2005-2006 legislative sessions saw three main approaches employed to address eminent domain reform:

- (1) Restricting "retail," "office," "commercial," or "residential" development
 - *Alabama, Maine, Nebraska and West Virginia*
- (2) Narrowing the definition of "public use" and restricting the use of eminent domain authority for economic development as well as prohibiting the transfer of property to private entities
 - *Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, California, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas,*

*Vermont, West Virginia and
Wisconsin*

(3) Establishing strict administrative procedures for eminent domain takings

➤ *Alabama, Alaska, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Utah, Virginia and Wisconsin*

For a more complete description of state legislative issues, you may go to the Sustainable Ranges Initiative website

www.denix.osd.mil/SustainableRanges).

FROM THE WIRES... MISSION SUSTAINMENT IN THE NATIONAL PRESS

SMALL VICTORIES: As soldiers train for war, endangered birds are reclaiming lost ground and drawing birdwatchers

Louis B. Parks

Houston Chronicle

May 14, 2007

FORT HOOD – We're sneaking up on a bird nest at one of the nation's largest Army posts, trying hard to get a peek without disturbing the mother black-capped vireo in residence... [Read More: <http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/travel/texas/aroundtexas/4792548.html>]

**NATURE CONSERVANCY
MAGAZINE**
Spring 2007

Virginia – More than 90 percent of Fort A.P. Hill's 76,000 acres remain forested, but encroaching development threatens both military training missions and the adjacent Rappahannock River, a major tributary of the Chesapeake Bay. The Conservancy and the U.S. Army recently formalized a partnership to protect up to 35,000 acres surrounding the installation. The project partners, which include state and federal agencies, as well as the Trust for Public Land and The Conservation Fund, are finalizing conservation easements on several large properties. Contact: 490 Westfield Road, Charlottesville, VA 22901/(434) 295-6106/
www.nature.org/virginia.

**RANGER RICK MONTHLY KIDS'
MAGAZINE**

National Wildlife Federation's *Ranger Rick* May and June 2007 monthly kids' magazines have a 3-page cartoon on Camp Pendleton and how all the animals want to go there because of the great job the Marine Corps is doing protecting habitat. Visit <http://www.nwf.org/kidzone/kzPage.cfm?siteId=3> for more information.

ENCROACHMENT ISSUES TACKLED BY BASE, CITY

By Jeff Mullin

Enid News & Eagle (OK)

April 29, 2007

When the government was looking for a place to put a temporary military installation for pilot training in early 1941, Enid officials were only too happy to offer a plot of land south of town.... [Read More... http://www.enidnews.com/localnews/local_story_119005521.html]

INTERNAL REPORT LIKELY TO APPLAUD DOD ANTI- ENCROACHMENT PROGRAM

Defense Environmental Alert

April 3, 2007

An upcoming key internal report is expected to strongly endorse efforts the Defense Department has taken in its program to prevent urban sprawl from encroaching on military installations, and support its continuation, informed sources say. The report on the program, known as the Readiness and Environmental Protection Initiative (REPI), is expected to be released in the next few weeks, these sources say. Read More at *Defense Environment Alert*, Volume 15, No. 07 – April 03, 2007 <https://www.denix.osd.mil/denix/Public/News/news.html>.

IN FIRST, MAJOR CALIFORNIA LAND STUDY CONSIDERS AIRSPACE NEEDS

Defense Environment Alert

May 1, 2007

California state land planners and the military services have undertaken a major land use project in southern California that for the first time will attempt to deter urban sprawl from encroaching on land beneath military-controlled airspace, rather than just military lands. State land planning officials believe the effort will set new standards for what is feasible both within the state and across the country. Read More at *Defense Environment Alert*, Volume 15, No. 07 – April 03, 2007 <https://www.denix.osd.mil/denix/Public/News/news.html>.

DOD OFFICIAL CALLS FOR SEA CHANGE IN ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION

Defense Environment Alert

May 1, 2007

Department of Defense number two environment official Alex Beehler is calling for a radical shake-up in the way environmental policy is conceived and implemented, only weeks after his nomination for a key post with EPA was withdrawn by

the White House in the face of concerted congressional opposition. Read More at *Defense Environment Alert*, Volume 15, No. 07 -- April 03, 2007

<https://www.denix.osd.mil/denix/Public/News/news.html>.

TWO DOD SUSTAINABLE RANGES INITIATIVE PRIMERS FEATURED ON FEDCENTER.GOV

FedCenter.gov

May 31, 2007

DoD Sustainable Ranges Primer on *Working with State Legislators: A Guide for Military Installations and State Legislators*. This is a new primer designed to provide guidance to DoD officials and military base commanders on how state governments operate in making land use decisions that may affect the military testing and training

mission. Policy options addressing encroachment concerns are included. The 24-page primer presents information in an easy-to-understand format. It was developed by the National Conference of State Legislatures in partnership with the Sustainable Ranges Initiative in the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

Working with Land Trusts: A Guide for Military Installations and Land Trusts. This guide is designed to help DoD officials and military installation commanders gain a better understanding of how land trusts operate, and how they can work together to protect military operations; and facilitate communication and potential collaboration among stakeholders on encroachment issues.

Visit FedCenter.gov for additional information...

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