

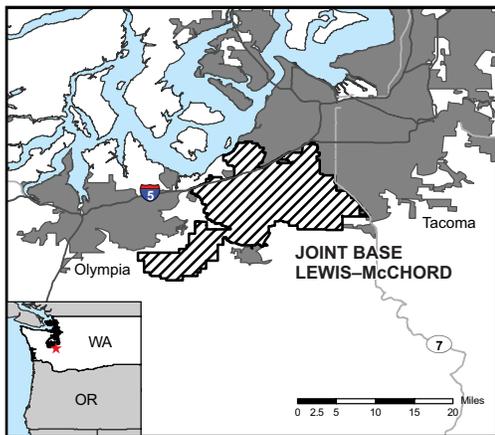


U.S. ARMY - U.S. AIR FORCE :

JOINT BASE LEWIS-McCHORD : WASHINGTON



Located on the Puget Sound in Tacoma, Wash., Joint Base Lewis-McChord combines an artillery and maneuver training mission with airlift operations and training. Live-fire exercises, training events for Stryker armored combat vehicle teams, and operational airlift missions carrying personnel, vehicles, supplies, and materials directly to Afghanistan and Iraq are threatened by incompatible development and habitat loss. This habitat loss threatens to leave the base as one of the last remaining areas of Puget lowland prairies, home to many



imperiled species.

A pair of REPI projects aims to restore habitat on southern Puget lowlands and to eliminate runway obstructions. The Nature Conservancy, Wolf Haven International, and the state of Washington provide all land purchase funds, while Department of Defense funds are used for management and restoration. This

allows for species recovery, monitoring, research, and planning to reduce and prevent restrictions on training.

REPI funding also leveraged contributions from the state of Washington, Pierce County, and the cities of Tacoma and Lakewood to acquire parcels north of the base's runway. These purchases prevent new commercial development and allow for the removal of buildings that violate runway safety zone requirements. Pilots will now be able to use a precision-guidance instrument approach system for bad weather conditions, previously unavailable due to encroachment. Meanwhile, ecological assets are preserved before they are endangered, benefiting the entire region.

BENEFIT SUMMARY

COMMUNITY

- Supports existing regional planning objectives
- Provides habitat for species
- Supports a "green corridor" that allows wildlife to travel between habitats
- Provides recreational opportunities

MILITARY

- Preserves on-installation live-fire and maneuver training capability
- Reduces the need for less-realistic workarounds
- Provides for future mission growth and multi-Service missions



A parachutist near Mount Rainier (top). An airman inspects the cargo floor of a C-17 to prepare for an airdrop mission (bottom).

KEY PARTNERS

- The Nature Conservancy
- Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Washington Department of Natural Resources
- Wolf Haven International
- City of Lakewood
- City of Tacoma
- Pierce County
- Center for Natural Lands Management
- U.S. Department of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Sustainability in Prisons
- Washington Veterans Corps

FAST FACTS AS OF 30 SEP 13

- » Acres preserved:
1,035
- » Transactions conducted:
9
- » Partner cost share:
63%
- » Project status:
In Progress

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