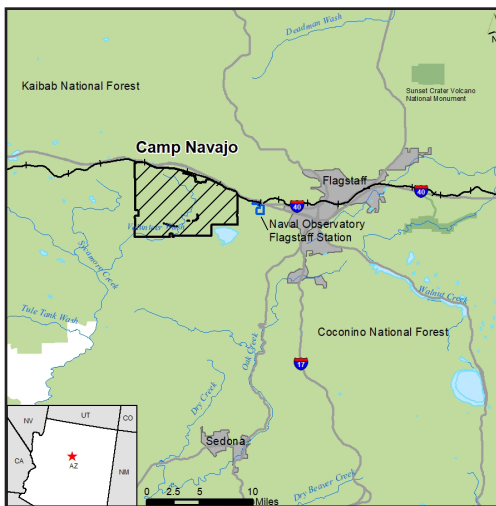




## CAMP NAVAJO

**Camp Navajo's versatile operating area provides maneuver, chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, air mobile, and drop zone training to the Air Force, Army, and Navy.**

It is also tasked with storing Navy and Air Force nuclear missile rocket motors. With over \$5 billion worth of rocket motors and munitions assets in storage, Camp Navajo plays a key role in national defense operations.



Training ranges are distributed along the border of Camp Navajo, making them more susceptible to encroachment challenges. Their location increases the likelihood of trespassing, light pollution, noise concerns, and the spread of wildland fires off-installation—challenges that would be exacerbated by the growth of development pressures in the area. Camp Navajo has also experienced training and operational restrictions during the 6-month breeding

season of the threatened Mexican spotted owl due to the decrease in its habitat. By acquiring surrounding land and establishing conservation easements, the installation can create a buffer between its operations and the surrounding area, while also protecting critical habitat for the owl.

In addition to protecting the installation's mission, this REPI project will protect local wildlife, recreation, and water resources. Much of the surrounding area serves as a foraging habitat for not just the endangered Mexican spotted owl, but also more common species such as pronghorn, deer, turkey, and elk. By maintaining this area, the likelihood that these animals will seek shelter on the installation decreases and recreational hunting of local game can continue. Preserving this land in its natural state will also maintain it as an aquifer recharge zone, serving the aquifer which the surrounding area depends upon.

## BENEFIT SUMMARY

### COMMUNITY

- Provides habitat for endangered species and connects to a wildlife corridor
- Protects water supply
- Provides recreational activity

### MILITARY

- Protects live-fire training capabilities
- Protects training capabilities that generate significant amounts of noise
- Prevents workarounds that would have otherwise limited training capacity



*The threatened Mexican spotted owl is found throughout Camp Navajo (top), Thousands of Soldiers train at Camp Navajo every year; Commanders from all DOD Components value the realistic training environment and world-class facilities Camp Navajo offers (bottom).*

## KEY PARTNERS

- Coconino County, AZ
- Northern Arizona University
- Arizona Game and Fish Department
- Central Arizona Land Trust

## FAST FACTS THROUGH 30 SEP 2022

- ACRES PRESERVED: 245
- TRANSACTIONS CONDUCTED: 1
- TOTAL FUNDS EXPENDED: \$1.7 million
- PROJECT STATUS: In Progress

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