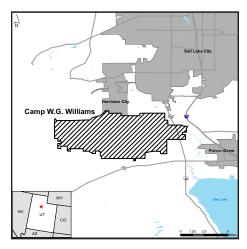


## **CAMP WILLIAMS**

Consists of 23,850 acres of combat training areas with desert and mountain terrain similar to the environments encountered in current overseas operating areas.

This characteristic serves not only ground forces, including artillery and armored units that can use the heavy maneuver training ranges, but also helicopter units visiting from several states. With the ability to support qualification and training for every type of individual weapon in the Army inventory, Camp Williams provides a high quality training environment for Guard, Reserve, and Active Duty soldiers.



Camp Williams is located in one of the fastest growing areas in Utah and faces a serious threat of increased development pressures. In addition, weather conditions, vegetation, and other characteristics of its location pose a risk of high intensity wildfires sparked by live weaponry or lightning. In fact, Camp Williams averages 27 days of no training each year due to high fire hazard risks. Despite "fire break" roads and other efforts to prevent spreading wildfires, past

incidences have led to fires sweeping into neighboring communities, damaging homes, and forcing the evacuation of residents. Compounding this problem is urban sprawl now extending to the installation fence line.

Camp Williams is working with local, state, and federal partners to protect agricultural and rural residential lands in order to reduce the risk of wildfire halting required training and impacting local communities. Protecting these lands will allow the partnership to build additional fire breaks and preserve local water resources. Furthermore, some of these buffer parcels present an opportunity to establish new wildlife habitat and recreational trails, providing additional benefits to the community.

# **BENEFIT SUMMARY**

### **COMMUNITY**

- Supports recreational trails, habitat improvement, and wildlife corridors.
- Protects working agricultural land
- Protects and improves local community safety

### **MILITARY**

- Protects live-fire and maneuver capabilities
- Promotes continued operational safety
- Supports multiple Service missions





Camp William's geography and habitats provide a realistic training environment for ground troops and aviation training (top), but it is also at risk of intense wildfires that halt mission activities and threaten community safety (bottom).

### **KEY PARTNERS**

- Herriman City
- Herriman Trails Committee
- Rio Tinto/Kennecott Copper
- Rocky Mountain Power
- Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation
- State of Utah
- The Conservation Fund
- U.S. Department of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Utah Division of Natural Resources
- Utah Open Lands
- Vivent Solar, Inc.
- West Traverse Community Partnership

#### FAST FACTS THROUGH 30 SEP 2022

- ACRES PRESERVED: 2.932
- TRANSACTIONS CONDUCTED:29
- TOTAL FUNDS EXPENDED: \$59.3 million
- PROJECT STATUS: In Progress

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