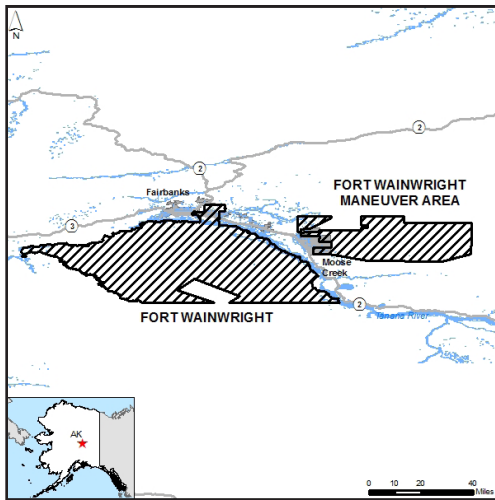




FORT WAINWRIGHT

Fort Wainwright is the home of the United States Army Alaska, known as the “Arctic Warriors,” including the 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division.

Located in Fairbanks, temperatures can reach minus 50 degrees in winter, but during warmer months nearly 80% of the post becomes wetlands. This presents



additional regulatory pressures on the use of installation training lands on top of encroachment from nearby development.

Preserving compatible land uses of properties along and near the installation fence line will avoid noise restrictions on live-fire training in the Fort Wainwright Small Arms Complex and benefit maneuver capabilities of the Stryker Brigade Combat Team. The Small Arms Complex, which is used for small arms training, explosive

demolition training, and artillery firing from permanent firing points, is critical to the success of the Stryker Brigade and other Army Alaska units, as it is the only location on Fort Wainwright where weapons qualification is possible.

In addition to providing a noise buffer along the eastern boundary of the Small Arms Complex, the Fort Wainwright project will protect and enhance wetlands. Lands preserved by Fort Wainwright’s partners will provide compensatory mitigation credits, which the Army can use to allow maneuver exercises or construct new ranges elsewhere on-post. For those parcels that do not contain wetlands, Fort Wainwright will work with the city to ensure the properties are zoned to preclude residential development, providing additional protection to the mission.

BENEFIT SUMMARY

COMMUNITY

- Protects and enhances sensitive wetlands
- Provides ecological corridors for wetland species
- Supports low impact recreational activities (i.e., hiking, dog mushing, berry picking) for area residents

MILITARY

- Protects live-fire training, including small arms and artillery firing
- Supports maneuver capabilities of the 1/25 Stryker Brigade Combat Team



Soldiers test their physical endurance and perform basic Arctic warrior tasks such as an Ahkio sled pull (top). A Stryker Mobile Gun System fires a high explosive round at simulated targets during nighttime qualifying maneuvers (bottom).

KEY PARTNERS

- Alaska Department of Fish and Game
- Ducks Unlimited
- Interior Alaska Land Trust
- Salcha-Delta Soil and Water Conservation District
- The Conservation Fund

FAST FACTS THROUGH 30 SEP 2022

- ACRES PRESERVED:
629
- TRANSACTIONS CONDUCTED:
20
- TOTAL FUNDS EXPENDED:
\$5.1 million
- PROJECT STATUS:
In Progress

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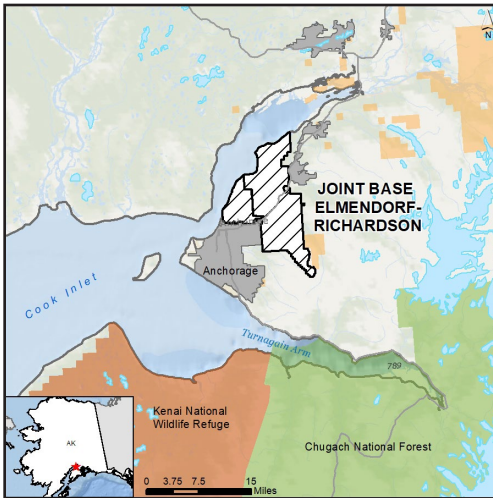
PROJECT PROFILES

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JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON

The strategic location of Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER) allows the installation to support several unique mission capabilities, including air superiority, global precision attack, agile combat support, and combat engineering.



In addition, JBER's mountainous, rugged terrain allows Soldiers to conduct training activities in an environment that is similar to that of a modern battlefield. With over 55 tenant units, three Air Force wings, and one Army Brigade, JBER supports crucial land and air operations for both the Air Force and the Army.

In recent years, encroachment pressure on JBER has grown significantly as the greater Anchorage area continues to

grapple with population growth and urban sprawl. Development pressures along the northeastern border of the installation has resulted in noise complaints and trespassing challenges, which in turn have caused delays of training and testing activities on base. To protect its mission and mitigate future restrictions, JBER is working with partners to acquire restrictive use easements on properties that lie adjacent to the installation's training and maneuver ranges.

Much of the undeveloped land surrounding JBER has a diverse makeup of parks, wetlands, streams, lakes, and forests that provide habitat for avian, aquatic, and mammalian species—most notably bears and moose. These large mammals need adequate undeveloped space to thrive unhindered by human interference. Therefore, protecting this land ensures that military training capabilities, community recreation, and natural habitats are all preserved.

BENEFIT SUMMARY

COMMUNITY

- Provides recreational activities
- Preserves habitat for species
- Protects water resources

MILITARY

- Improves operational safety
- Reduces lost training days
- Prevents workarounds that would have otherwise limited training capacity



Soldiers from 1st Squadron (Airborne), 40th Cavalry Regiment train in preparation for deployment at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson.

KEY PARTNERS

- Compatible Lands Foundation
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

FAST FACTS THROUGH 30 SEP 2022

- ACRES PRESERVED:
402
- TRANSACTIONS CONDUCTED:
1
- TOTAL FUNDS EXPENDED:
\$529 thousand
- PROJECT STATUS:
Initiated

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