



U.S. ARMY :

CAMP RILEA : OREGON



Camp Rilea is located on the temperate Clatsop Plains of the Oregon coast near the Washington border, and supports training in diverse geographies, including beaches, sand dunes, coastal plains, and mountains. Camp Rilea hosts both Oregon Army and Air National Guard units, soldiers from Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Washington, and numerous civilian organizations with training including small arms, aerial and amphibious assault, and military operations in urban terrain.



However, 68 acres of on-post land was restricted as critical habitat for the threatened Oregon silverspot butterfly under the Endangered Species Act. Aside from the habitat on Camp Rilea, only four acres of viable habitat on the Clatsop Plains remained for the species after dramatic loss of the butterfly's historic range due to coastal development, changes in fire control management, and invasive species.

To respond to this habitat loss and mission restrictions, Camp Rilea worked with the North Coast Land Conservancy to preserve additional off-post habitat for the threatened species.

Preserving this habitat allows training restrictions to be lifted from habitat on Camp Rilea in an agreement with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and offers opportunities for expanded military training. Additionally, having protected off-post habitat allows Camp Rilea to develop and replace on-post facilities more effectively and efficiently. Meanwhile, the Army will continue to work with the USFWS to manage continued recovery of the Oregon silverspot butterfly and its habitat.

BENEFIT SUMMARY

COMMUNITY

- Supports existing regional planning efforts
- Preserves habitat for threatened species
- Protects water resources

MILITARY

- Protects maneuver training capabilities
- Prevents workarounds that would have otherwise limited training capacity
- Reduces lost training days



Camp Rilea's diverse geographies offer training along the Oregon coastline (top), and provide habitat for the threatened Oregon silverspot butterfly (bottom).

KEY PARTNERS

- North Coast Land Conservancy
- The Nature Conservancy
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

FAST FACTS THROUGH 30 SEP 2015

- » Acres preserved: **109**
- » Transactions conducted: **1**
- » Total funds expended: **\$1.5 million**
- » Project status: **Completed**

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