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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
READINESS AND ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION INTEGRATION PROGRAM

## PROJECT PROFILES

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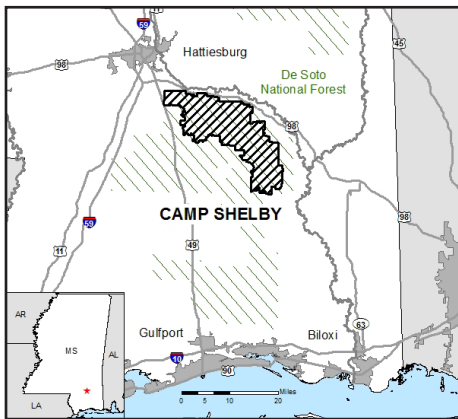


### CAMP SHELBY

**Camp Shelby is the largest state-owned and operated field training site in the U.S. at 134,000 acres and is currently used as a mobilization center for the Mississippi Reserve Component.**

The installation is primarily located in the DeSoto National Forest, and the U.S. Forest Service manages a special use permit for military activities. Camp Shelby hosts the Joint Forces Training Center, Navy Seabee construction battalion field training exercises, and training for other Services.

Located near two highways, the city of Hattiesburg's primary industrial park, and a municipal airport, Camp Shelby is threatened by development that would impact mission readiness. To protect an assault landing airstrip, tank range maneuver sites, and artillery and other weapons firing ranges, the post has a unique partnership with The Nature Conservancy, the U.S. Forest Service, and the Mississippi State University Foundation to preserve surrounding land. Preventing incompatible development also helps the installation avoid potential conflicts with airspace, safety, noise and smoke.



Under the partnership to protect Camp Shelby's operations, the U.S. Forest Service will own and manage the acquired properties as part of the DeSoto National Forest, one of the largest complexes of longleaf pine in the southeast. Together, the partnership is working as part of a broader effort across the region to preserve this imperiled ecosystem and benefit military readiness.

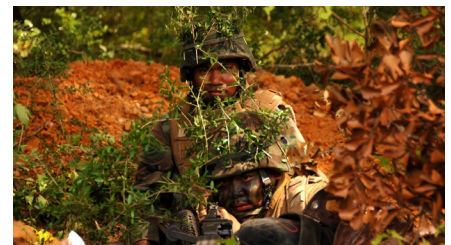
### BENEFIT SUMMARY

#### COMMUNITY

- Protects working lands and water resources

#### MILITARY

- Protects live-fire and maneuver training that produces significant amounts of noise
- Prevents workarounds that would have otherwise limited training capacity



*Camp Shelby offers a variety of training, including practice medical evacuations (top) and defensive operations in a tactical environment (bottom).*

### KEY PARTNERS

- Compatible Lands Foundation
- EKO Asset Management Partners
- Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks
- Mississippi State University Foundation
- National Wild Turkey Federation
- Northern Arizona University
- The Nature Conservancy
- U.S. Department of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service
- U.S. Forest Service

### CONTACT

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### FAST FACTS FROM FY 2009 THROUGH FY 2024 | Project Status: In Progress

Authority	Transactions	Acres Protected, Managed, or Improved	Total Funds Expended
10 U.S.C. § 2684a	20	4,667	\$12.8 million

*Subtotals may not sum to combined totals due to rounding*