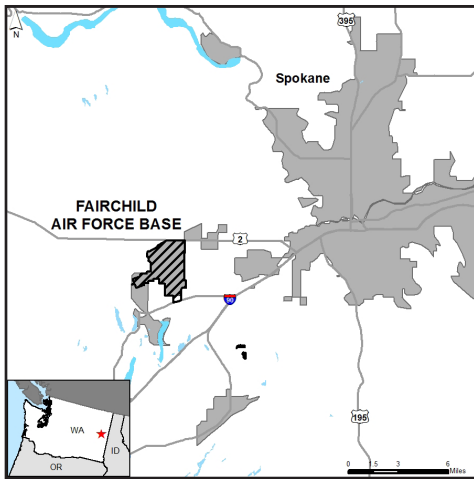




**FAIRCHILD AIR FORCE BASE**

**Fairchild Air Force Base (AFB), located just west of Spokane, Washington, hosts the 92<sup>nd</sup> Air Refueling Wing (which is assigned to support the Air Mobility Command's 15<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Mobility Task Force) and the 141<sup>st</sup> Air Refueling Wing.**

The base's missions involve providing air refueling as well as passenger and cargo airlift and aero-medical evacuation missions supporting U.S. and coalition conventional operations.



The completed Fairchild AFB REPI project resulted in Spokane County purchasing a restrictive use easement on land adjacent to the eastern boundary of the installation, lying within safety zones for one of the base's runways. The property will now remain as rural open space rather than being used for mining, which would create retention ponds, dust, and light hazards. The county also rezoned the easement property from mining to rural traditional. The easement keeps the property free of structures, allows tree removal, and prevents agriculture that could attract

birds or other wildlife that would contribute to a bird aircraft strike hazard. The land will also be used to relocate a rail line that currently runs through the base.

As part of the REPI project, the easement allows Fairchild AFB to move a security fence located around the runway approach to another location away from the runway, thus eliminating the base's need to obtain an Airfield Waiver as required by Federal Aviation Administration regulations. Spokane County recognized the economic importance of protecting the Air Force mission and provided funding for this REPI project. The purchase of this land by Spokane County and the subsequent rezoning to a compatible land use will eliminate a possible encroachment in the future.



*A survival, evasion, resistance and escape specialist performs a static line parachute jump above Fairchild AFB (top). This project prevents retention ponds (bottom) that can attract birds or wildlife that present a bird aircraft strike hazard.*

**BENEFIT SUMMARY**

**COMMUNITY**

- Preserves habitat

**MILITARY**

- Protects aviation maneuver capabilities
- Increases operational safety

**KEY PARTNERS**

- Compatible Lands Foundation
- Natural Resource Conservation Service
- Spokane County
- The Conservation Fund
- Washington State Department of Commerce

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**FAST FACTS** FROM FY 2008 THROUGH FY 2023 | Project Status: Completed

Authority	Transactions	Acres Protected, Managed, or Improved	Total Funds Expended
10 U.S.C. § 2684a	1	150	\$0.6 million

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