



## HILL AIR FORCE BASE

**Employing more than 23,000 military, civilian, and contractor personnel, and spanning nearly 7,000 acres, Hill Air Force Base (HAFB) is the Air Force's second largest base by population and geographical size.**

The 75<sup>th</sup> Air Base Wing, the host unit at HAFB, is the Air Force's single provider of Standard Air Munitions Packages, which support wartime activities around the world. Nearly half the base's real estate is dedicated to the safe storage, depot-level maintenance, and rapid processing of such munitions. HAFB also provides support services to over 50 mission partners, including the coordination of runway and training activities at the Utah Test and Training Range. The geographic landscape in this region is mountainous, providing "real world" practice situations for Air Force pilots as they prepare for overseas conflict. Its strategic location, training facilities, and munitions make HAFB an important asset to protect.



The greater Salt Lake City area surrounding HAFB has been the fastest growing in the state of Utah for the last 20 years, increasing the potential for development pressures. If development does occur, especially within HAFB's Accident Potential Zones (APZs), the installation would face an increase in flight risk, noise complaints, and light pollution, all of which could affect the mission. Through this REPI project, HAFB will work together with its partners to acquire restrictive-use easements that will reduce the potential for development pressures in its APZs. This will allow for the continued use of the airspace around HAFB for flying missions, without risk of interference.

Another benefit of this project is HAFB's plan to convert gravel pits into lakes or reservoirs for water conservation. The goal is to convert gravel quarries into a water source that will provide enough recharge pressure to maintain and recharge local aquifers protecting them from saltwater intrusion from the Great Salt Lake. With the continued droughts in the West, this is a critical cause that would not only benefit HAFB, but also the surrounding communities and promote drought resilience.

### BENEFIT SUMMARY

#### COMMUNITY

- Preserves drinking water source
- Improves community health and safety

#### MILITARY

- Improves operational safety
- Preserves off-installation night flying capability through the buffering of high noise areas

### FAST FACTS FROM FY 2022 THROUGH FY 2024 | Project Status: In Progress

Authority	Transactions	Acres Protected, Managed, or Improved	Total Funds Expended
10 U.S.C. § 2684a	4	17	\$3.4 million

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



*Two F-35s fly over Weber Canyon at Hill AFB (top). F-35s prepare for a combat power exercise (bottom)*

### KEY PARTNERS

- U.S. Department of Agriculture - Natural Resources Conservation Service
- City of Layton, Utah
- Compatible Lands Foundation
- Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust
- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Nebraska Grazing Lands Coalition
- Nebraska Land Trust; State of Utah
- The Nature Conservancy
- Trout Unlimited
- Utah Military Installation Development Authority
- Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust

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