



## PROJECT PROFILES

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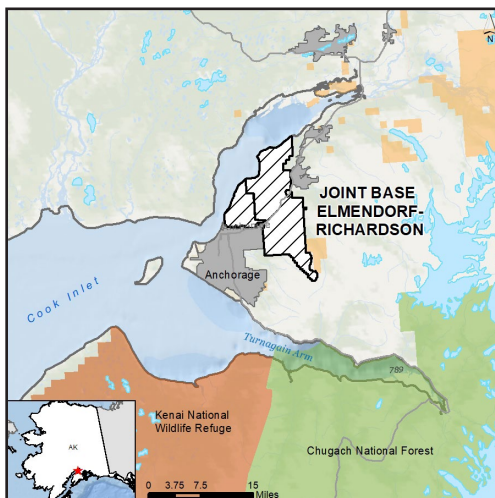


### JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON

**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

- Preserves habitat for species
- Protects water resources

#### MILITARY

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

### FAST FACTS FROM FY 2021 THROUGH FY 2024 | Project Status: Initiated

Authority	Transactions	Acres Protected, Managed, or Improved	Total Funds Expended
10 U.S.C. § 2684a	3	962	\$2.4 million

Subtotals may not sum to combined totals due to rounding



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

### KEY PARTNERS

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

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