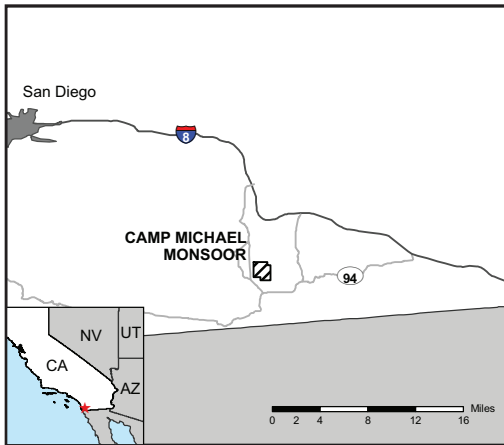




**NAVAL BASE CORONADO WITH CAMP MICHAEL MONSOOR**

**Mountain Warfare Training Camp Michael Monsoor at La Posta is associated with the Naval Base Coronado complex and lies 50 miles east of San Diego in the rugged Laguna mountains.**



Also adjacent to the Cleveland National Forest, the facility provides an ideal realistic training platform to support crucial Naval Special Warfare training.

Initiated by a Memorandum of Agreement between the state of California and the Department of Defense in 2004, partner easements help preserve the mountainous terrain and relatively isolated nature of the facility. As one of the few areas where Special Forces can train in a

real-life scenario with limited interference, preventing development pressures is vital to avoiding increased light sources and noise complaints that could affect training. This environment is similar to relevant foreign geographies and keeping nearby lands undeveloped helps ensure the military's continued ability to undertake reconnaissance, map, compass, and other special warfare training.

The Naval Base Coronado project also uses invasive weed control and wildfire management practices to reduce wildfire risk on the surrounding landscape which also supports habitat for the endangered Quino checkerspot butterfly. This REPI partnership helps ensure that encroachment problems do not impact this key training facility in the future.



*Navy SEALs spend two weeks training in special warfare at Camp Michael Monsoor before earning their qualification (top and bottom).*

**BENEFIT SUMMARY**

**COMMUNITY**

- Preserves working lands and local character
- Supports a green corridor that allows animals to travel between habitats
- Supports regional planning objectives
- Provides recreational opportunities

**MILITARY**

- Preserves live-fire, maneuver, helicopter, and night flying capability that produces significant noise or requires minimal light pollution
- Improves operational safety
- Prevents lost training days and workarounds that would reduce training realism or effectiveness
- Prevents electromagnetic interference

**KEY PARTNERS**

- Back Country Land Trust
- San Diego County
- San Diego Gas and Electric
- State of California
- The Nature Conservancy
- The Trust for Public Land
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

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**FAST FACTS** FROM FY 2006 THROUGH FY 2023 | Project Status: In Progress

Authority	Transactions	Acres Protected, Managed, or Improved	Total Funds Expended
10 U.S.C. § 2684a	25	4,518	\$20.8 million

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