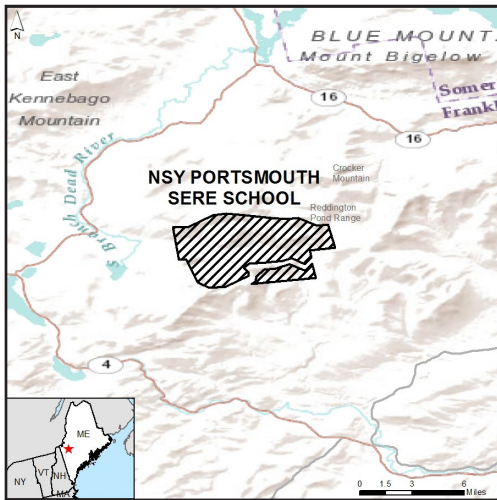




**NAVAL SHIPYARD PORTSMOUTH SERE SCHOOL**

**The Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape (SERE) School mission is to provide training to pilots, flight officers, intelligence officers, air crew, and other personnel deemed at high risk of capture.**

While classroom training is at Naval Shipyard (NSY) Portsmouth, the Navy’s East Coast SERE School field training is located in Redington Township, Maine, where the remote environment and harsh climate are essential to the effective execution of its training mission. The training emphasizes the basic skills necessary for long-term land survival; effective rescue methods; evasion of capture by hostile forces; resistance to interrogation, indoctrination, and exploitation; and escape from detention when held by enemy forces.



This type of training requires isolated wilderness to provide the most realistic and undisturbed training environment. Even minimal development can affect SERE training realism, and the Redington property is already located next to three major ski resorts and

snowmobiling trails, as well as commercial logging activities. Therefore, the Navy is working with the Trust for Public Land (TPL) to acquire conservation easements on large properties adjacent to the SERE School training land and protect the forested, mountainous habitat.

These properties represent a keystone in TPL’s White Mountains to Moosehead Lake Initiative to protect a large unbroken corridor of climate-resilient forests across New Hampshire and Maine. Project partners will also work to develop sustainable forest management plans to benefit wildlife habitat management, improve timber harvesting practices, and ensure compatibility with SERE School operations.

**BENEFIT SUMMARY**

**COMMUNITY**

- Preserves open space and habitat
- Supports a landscape-scale “green corridor” for wildlife
- Supports ongoing regional planning efforts

**MILITARY**

- Protects the ability to perform sensitive training
- Improves operational security
- Preserves a realistic isolated training environment



*SERE School field training at the Redington property in Maine (top) provides sailors with basic survival skills like starting a fire in harsh, remote environs (bottom).*

**KEY PARTNERS**

- High Peaks Alliance
- Mahoosuc Initiative
- Maine Audubon Society
- Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry
- Mountain Conservancy Collaborative
- The Nature Conservancy
- The Trust for Public Land
- Trout Unlimited
- U.S. Department of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service

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**FAST FACTS** FROM FY 2018 THROUGH FY 2023 | Project Status: In Progress

Authority	Transactions	Acres Protected, Managed, or Improved	Total Funds Expended
10 U.S.C. § 2684a	5	32,899	\$14.4 million

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