

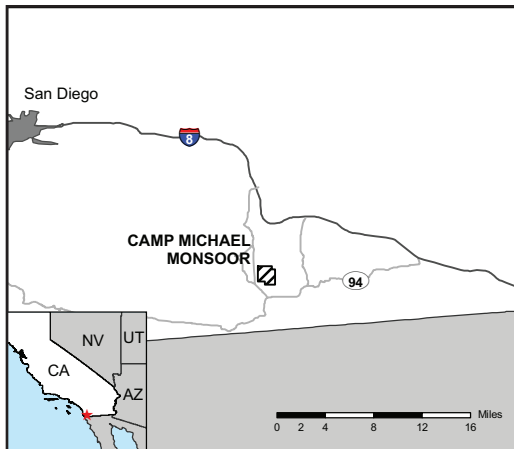


U.S. NAVY :

NB CORONADO : CALIFORNIA
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 incompatible

development 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 preserves habitat for a nearby wildlife corridor, which can support the endangered Quino checkerspot butterfly, and may involve a local utility to ensure future energy infrastructure is compatible with training requirements. This REPI partnership helps ensure that encroachment problems do not impact this key training facility in the future.

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



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

KEY PARTNERS

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

FAST FACTS THROUGH 30 SEP 2017

- » Acres preserved: **2,367**
- » Transactions conducted: **21**
- » Total funds expended: **\$8.7 million**
- » Project status: **In Progress**

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