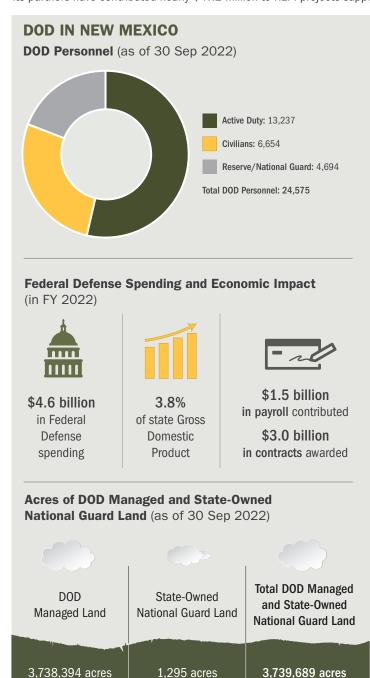
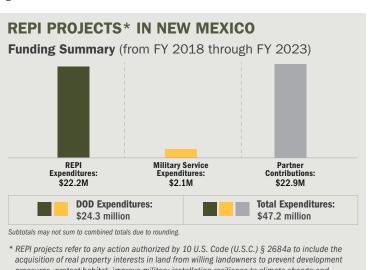


### **OVERVIEW**

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2022, the state of New Mexico received \$4.6 billion in Defense spending, which provides direct funding for the Department of Defense (DOD) personnel salaries, defense contracts, and construction of military facilities in the state. This spending by DOD personnel, contractors, and their families creates significant economic activity, attracts related industries and investments, and generates important state and local government tax revenues.

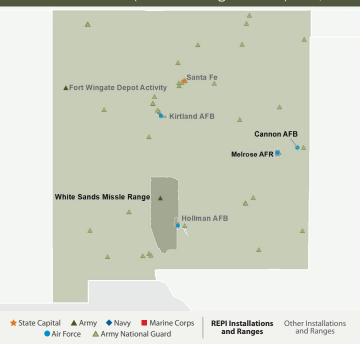
The Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program is a key tool used by DOD and its partners to protect the military's ability to train, test, and operate in the state. The Department created the REPI Program in response to the development of lands and loss of habitat in the vicinity of or affecting its installations, ranges, and airspace that can lead to restrictions or costly and inadequate training and testing alternatives. Through the REPI Program, DOD works with state and local governments, conservation organizations, and willing private landowners to address these challenges to the military mission and the viability of DOD installations and ranges. The REPI Program has benefited from broad bipartisan support both in the U.S. Congress and among groups representing state and local officials. From FY 2018 through FY 2023, DOD and its partners have contributed nearly \$47.2 million to REPI projects supporting three installations in New Mexico.





\* REPI projects refer to any action authorized by 10 U.S. Code (U.S.C.) § 2684a to include the acquisition of real property interests in land from willing landowners to prevent development pressures, protect habitat, improve military installation resilience to climate change and extreme weather events, or any other natural resources management. REPI projects involving the Army or Army National Guard are also termed Army REPI partnerships. Those involving the Navy, Marine Corps, or Air Force, are also termed encroachment partnering agreements. Eligible entities include conservation organizations and state and local governments.

# Total Acres Protected (FY 2018 through FY 2023): 408,380



## **MILITARY PRESENCE**

- White Sands Missile Range is the DOD's largest Test and Evaluation Range, encompassing roughly 2.3 million acres, 8,500 miles of DOD restricted airspace, and military training routes that are critical to the training communities of the Army, Air Force, and Navy.
- Melrose Air Force Range, associated with Cannon Air Force Base (AFB), has been in operation since 1952 and functions as the 27<sup>th</sup> Special Operation Wing's primary training range. In total, the range provides more than 4,500 annual training hours for U.S. and coalition Special Operations forces.
- The 49<sup>th</sup> Wing, located at Holloman AFB, trains F-22 Raptor, MQ-1 Predator, and MQ-9 Reaper pilots that are deployed worldwide to support peacetime and wartime contingencies.

- In May of 2019, Cannon AFB and The Conservation Fund placed a conservation easement on **30,653 acres** of land adjacent to Melrose AFR, protecting the range and the 27<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Wing from the effects of encroachment. This was the largest single transaction in the history of the REPI program.
- Located in Albuquerque, Kirtland AFB occupies over 51,000 acres and houses the Air Force Research Lab New Mexico, which offers a myriad of innovative science, technology, engineering, and mathematics opportunities.

## **REPI PROJECTS**

Installation	County	Congressional District
Cannon Air Force Base	Curry	3rd
Melrose Air Force Range	Roosevelt	3rd
White Sands Missile Range	Doña Ana, Otero, Socorro, Sierra, Lincoln	2nd

For all REPI Project Profiles visit: www.repi.mil/BufferProjects/ProjectList.aspx



Helicopters leave White Sands Space Harbor after picking up Soldiers during air assault training. The training event allowed the pilots and support units to practice forward refueling and operating in a large group.

#### **Key REPI Partners**

- Center of Excellence Hazardous Material Management
- Compatible Lands
  Foundation
- New Mexico State Lands Office
- New Mexico Military Base Planning Commission
- The Conservation Fund
- The Nature Conservancy

- The New Mexico Land Conservancy
- Socorro Agricultural Land Trust
- State of New Mexico
- U.S. Department of Agriculture – Natural Resources Conservation Service
- U.S. Department of Interior - Bureau of Land Management
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

#### **Data Sources**

- For Economic Impact Information:
  - New Mexico Bureau of Business and Economic Research, Economic Impact of Military Installations in New Mexico on the State Report: www.api.bber.unm.edu/api/files/UNMBBER\_ Economic\_Impact\_of\_Military\_Installations\_ in\_New\_Mexico\_on\_the\_State\_Report\_for\_ NMEDD\_07292022\_de74917a9f.pdf
- For Land Information: Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Sustainment, Real Property, Business Systems & Information Directorate: "Base Structure Report — FY23 Baseline" (as of 30 Sept 2022)
- For Federal Spending and Personnel Information:
  Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation:
  "Defense Spending by State Fiscal Year 2022":
  www.oldcc.gov/dsbs-fy2022
- For REPI Projects Information:
  "2024 REPI Report to Congress": www.repi.mil/
  Portals/44/Documents/Reports\_to\_Congress/
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