



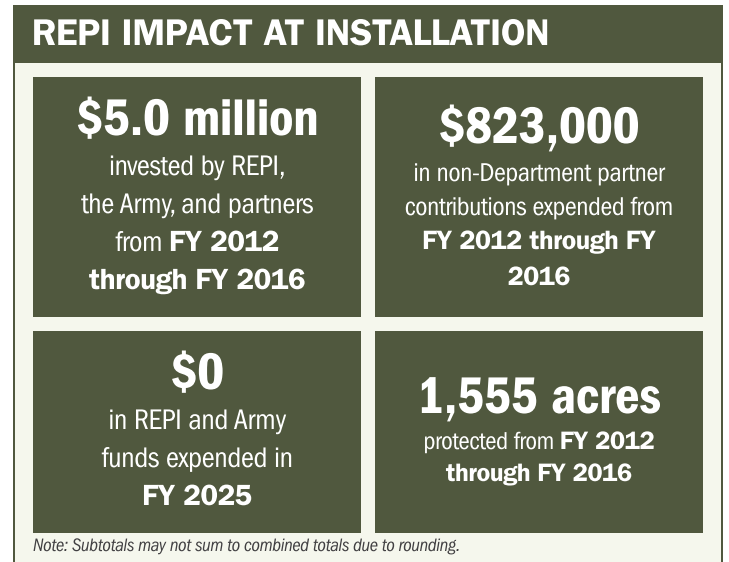
FORT POLK

ABOUT THE INSTALLATION

Home to the Army's Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC), Fort Polk is located primarily within Louisiana's Kisatchie National Forest under a special-use agreement with the U.S. Forest Service. The installation trains deploying units—including special operations forces—for contingency missions worldwide. JRTC provides highly realistic joint operations exercises essential for preparing forces for global operations. Fort Polk supports unit readiness, global deployment missions, and quality of life for soldiers and families across 240,000 acres of maneuver land.

STRENGTHENING MISSION READINESS THROUGH REPI INVESTMENTS

The Department of War (DoW) Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program has played a critical role in supporting Fort Polk's long-term operational success. Through strategic land conservation and partnership-driven investments, REPI funding has helped prevent incompatible development, preserve training flexibility, and maintain mission-essential capabilities beyond the installation boundary.



PROJECT OVERVIEW

NATURAL RESOURCE PRESERVATION - 10 U.S.C. § 2684A

- Fort Polk's location and surrounding ecosystem are critical to several at-risk species, including the Louisiana pine snake, one of the rarest snake species in North America, and the red-cockaded woodpecker, making the installation a key stronghold for regional biodiversity.
- The widespread loss of longleaf pine habitat across the Gulf Coastal Plain has increased pressure on Fort Polk, positioning the installation as one of the last remaining areas capable of supporting viable habitat for these species.





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PROJECT OVERVIEW (CONTINUED)

- Protecting and managing the Louisiana pine snake habitat for the LPS and other species will help prevent restrictions on land use, maneuver training, and off-road vehicle movement, allowing Fort Polk to continue to support mission-essential training and readiness.

KEY FISCAL YEAR MILESTONES AT FORT POLK*

2007 First REPI project established, launching Fort Polk's long-term effort to prevent encroachment and protect mission essential training lands.

2013 Fort Polk received REPI funds to establish a long-term endowment for habitat management. This funding ensures long-term goals for LLP management are met and removes a need for annual funding requests.

* These milestones demonstrate how the installation is strategically utilizing the REPI Program to mitigate encroachment risks and enhance mission assurance. While not exhaustive, the list highlights the various approaches installations are using to preserve critical testing and training capabilities essential to national defense.



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