



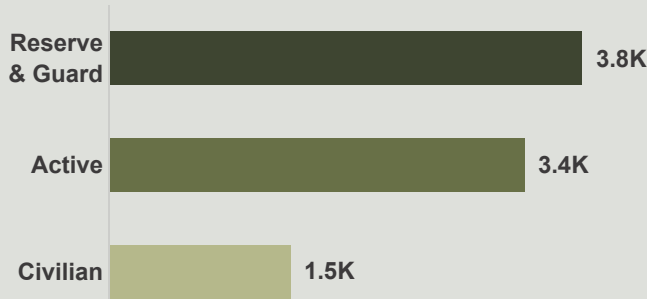
**OVERVIEW**

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2024, the state of Montana received approximately \$853.3 million in Defense spending, which provides direct funding for the Department of War (DoW) personnel salaries, defense contracts, and construction of military facilities in the state. This spending by DoW 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 DoW 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, DoW works with state and local governments, conservation organizations, and willing private landowners to address these challenges to the military mission and the viability of DoW 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 2016 through FY 2025, DoW and its partners have contributed over \$20.0 million to REPI projects supporting one installation in Montana.

**DOW IN MONTANA**

**DOW Personnel** (as of 30 Sept 2024)



**Total DOW Personnel: 8.7K**

**Federal Defense Spending and Economic Impact**

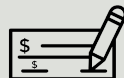
(in FY 2024)



**\$853.3 million**  
in Federal Defense spending



**1.1%**  
of state Gross Domestic Product



**\$447.3M**  
in payroll contributed  
**\$318.1M**  
in contracts awarded

**Acres of National Defense Land**

(as of 30 Sept 2024)



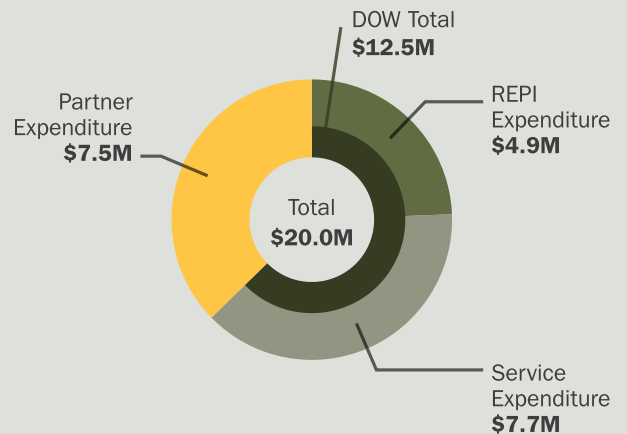
**63,401 acres**  
DOW Managed Land

**381 acres**  
State-Owned National Guard Land

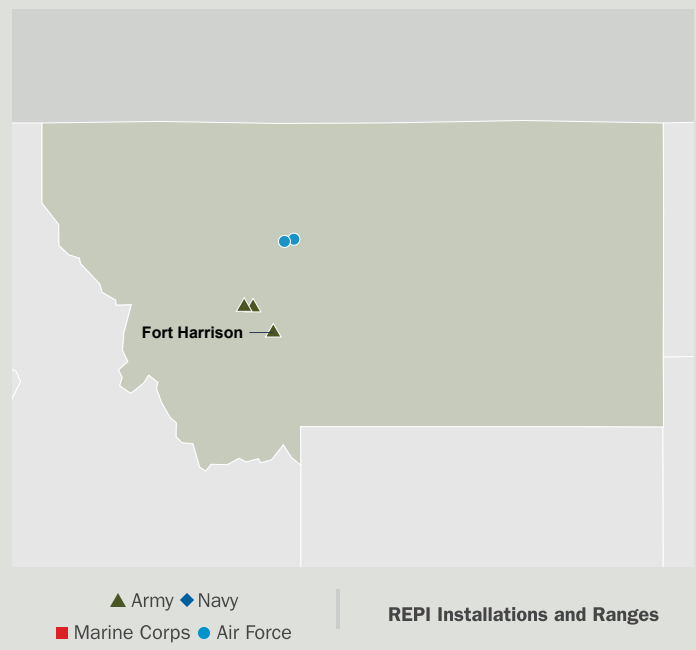
**63,782 acres**  
Total Defense Land

**REPI PROJECTS IN MONTANA**

**Funding Summary** (from FY 2016 through FY 2025)



**Acres Protected (FY 2016 through FY 2025): 5,776**



## MILITARY PRESENCE

- Helena County Commissioners recently combined the Fort Harrison Joint Land Use Study with the Helena Valley Area plan to minimize conflicts between Fort Harrison and the cities of Helena, Townsend, and Broadwater counties. Combining the plans will allow each county to accomplish its individual housing, land use, and economic goals while protecting Fort Harrison’s mission capabilities.
- Fort Harrison provides facilities and ranges for the National Guard, Reserve, and active duty personnel supporting training for several types of helicopter flights as well as gunnery, maneuver, demolition, and live firing of weapons from small arms to tanks.
- Approximately 556 acres around Fort Harrison are currently being restored as open space in order to mitigate encroachment and provide access to the Ten Mile Creek in Helena through the Prickly Pear Land Trust and The Conservation Fund.
- Surrounding Fort Harrison is a pristine landscape within the Yellowstone-to Yukon region where several animal species migrate between the U.S. and Canada.

## REPI PROJECTS

Installation	County	Congressional District
Fort Harrison, Limestone Hills	Lewis and Clark County	2nd

For all REPI Project Profiles visit: [www.repi.mil/BufferProjects/ProjectList.aspx](http://www.repi.mil/BufferProjects/ProjectList.aspx)



Army Sgt. Maj. Peter Klundt jumps out of an Air Force C-130J Super Hercules over a designated landing zone during Bright Star in Alexandria, Egypt, Sept. 8, 2025.

## Key REPI Partners

- AmeriCorps
- Birdseye Volunteer Fire Department
- Bureau of Land Management
- Heart of the Rockies
- Helena Indian Alliance
- Lewis and Clark Conservation District
- Montana Conservation Corps
- Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation
- Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks
- Montana Freshwater Partners
- Montana Watershed Coordination Council
- Prickly Pear Land Trust
- The Conservation Fund
- Trout Unlimited
- U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service

## Data Sources

- **For Fort Harrison Information:**
  - General Information: [https://www.helenair.com/news/natural-resources/something-foreveryone-acres-near-fort-harrison-secured-as-open/article\\_2246644d-fa15-59af-98e5-13bc710c428a.html](https://www.helenair.com/news/natural-resources/something-foreveryone-acres-near-fort-harrison-secured-as-open/article_2246644d-fa15-59af-98e5-13bc710c428a.html)
  - JLUS information: <https://www.fortharrisonjlus.com/>
- **For Land Information:** Office of the Assistant Secretary of War for Sustainment, Real Property, Business Systems & Information Directorate: “Base Structure Report – FY25 Baseline” (as of 30 Sept 2024)
- **For Federal Spending and Personnel Information:** Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation: “Defense Spending by State – Fiscal Year 2024”: <https://www.oldcc.gov/dsbs-fy2023>
- **For REPI Projects Information:** “2026 REPI Report to Congress”: [https://www.repi.mil/Portals/44/REPI\\_2026\\_RT\\_C\\_20260305.pdf](https://www.repi.mil/Portals/44/REPI_2026_RT_C_20260305.pdf)