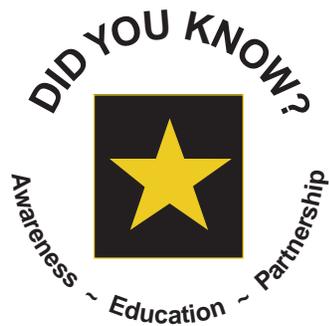


TRAINING AT YOUR ARMY INSTALLATIONS



You should know...



Did you know...

...About 1 million active and reserve soldiers...

...must be ready at a moment's notice to defend 285 million Americans.

The number sounds large, but in terms of percentages, it is small – only about 3 tenths of one percent.





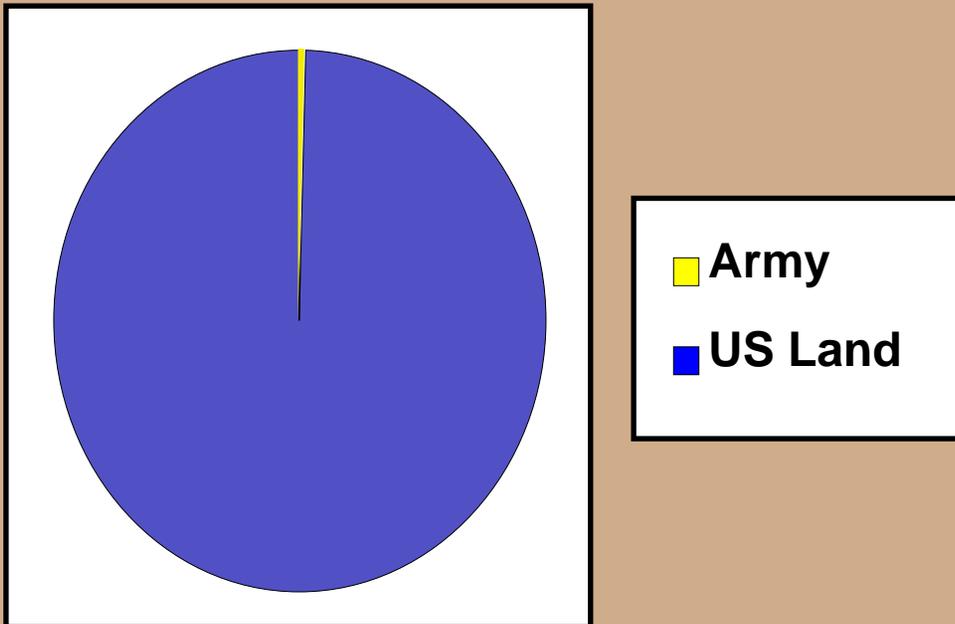
Did you know...

...land is critical to Army readiness

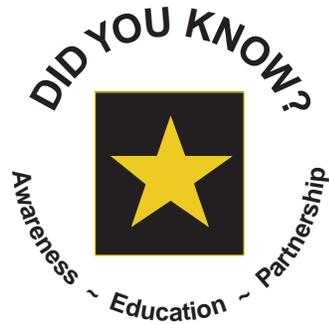
**The Army manages approximately
15,228,428 total acres.**

**This is only a small amount of total US land
approximately 2.3 billion acres.**

US Land Acreage vs. US Army Land Acreage



While 15 million sounds like a large number, Army-managed training land is only about six tenths of one percent of the US land mass. It's a small part, but the land we manage is crucial to maintaining readiness and allowing us to do what is required to ensure the security of the United States.



Did you know...

...we must train as we fight

One of the basic precepts
of every successful Army
that the world has ever
known is...

***“We must train as we
fight.”***

This is always true.
That’s why live training is
so important.



Many of us saw first hand the combat conditions U.S. soldiers faced in Afghanistan and Iraq fighting the war on terrorism. You probably saw on television how critical it is for our soldiers to have the training that prepares them for the physically and mentally stressful conditions they must face in combat.

Their excellence was no accident!

Soldiers fight as they train. If they do not have realistic, live-fire training, they will not be prepared to fight on the battlefield. We must train realistically to ensure America’s sons and daughters survive combat.

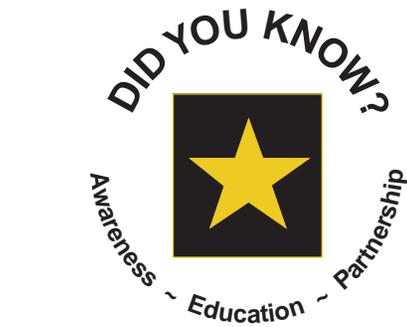
Did you know...

...live training is the cornerstone of Army training

Live Training: Soldiers practicing the tasks they do individually or as part of a team the same way they will do it in combat.

Live training gives soldiers hands-on experience:

- Firing/handling the weapons & ammunition they use on the battlefield
- Flying aircraft at night
- Operating armored vehicles under combat-like conditions
- Using smoke to keep from being detected by the enemy



We strive to train our soldiers in the same types of environment and under the same physical and mental stresses they will face in combat. Using simulations helps soldiers learn and retain basic combat skills; however, simulations and simulators can never replace training with the weapons and types of ammunition that a soldier must use in combat.

We actively engage in collective (teams of soldiers with different skill sets training together) and individual training to help soldiers prepare for the battlefield.



Did you know...

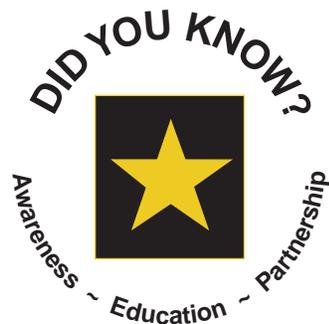
...live training translates into success on the battlefield



Armored vehicles and equipment were able to maneuver from Kuwait to Baghdad and conduct successful operations in Operation Iraqi Freedom thanks to realistic, live training.

The pictures you see here are your Army soldiers in IRAQ. Our soldiers are prepared for combat from the realistic training they gained at Army installations across the country. They train using the same weapons, in the same environment, under the same conditions as the ones encountered on the battlefield.

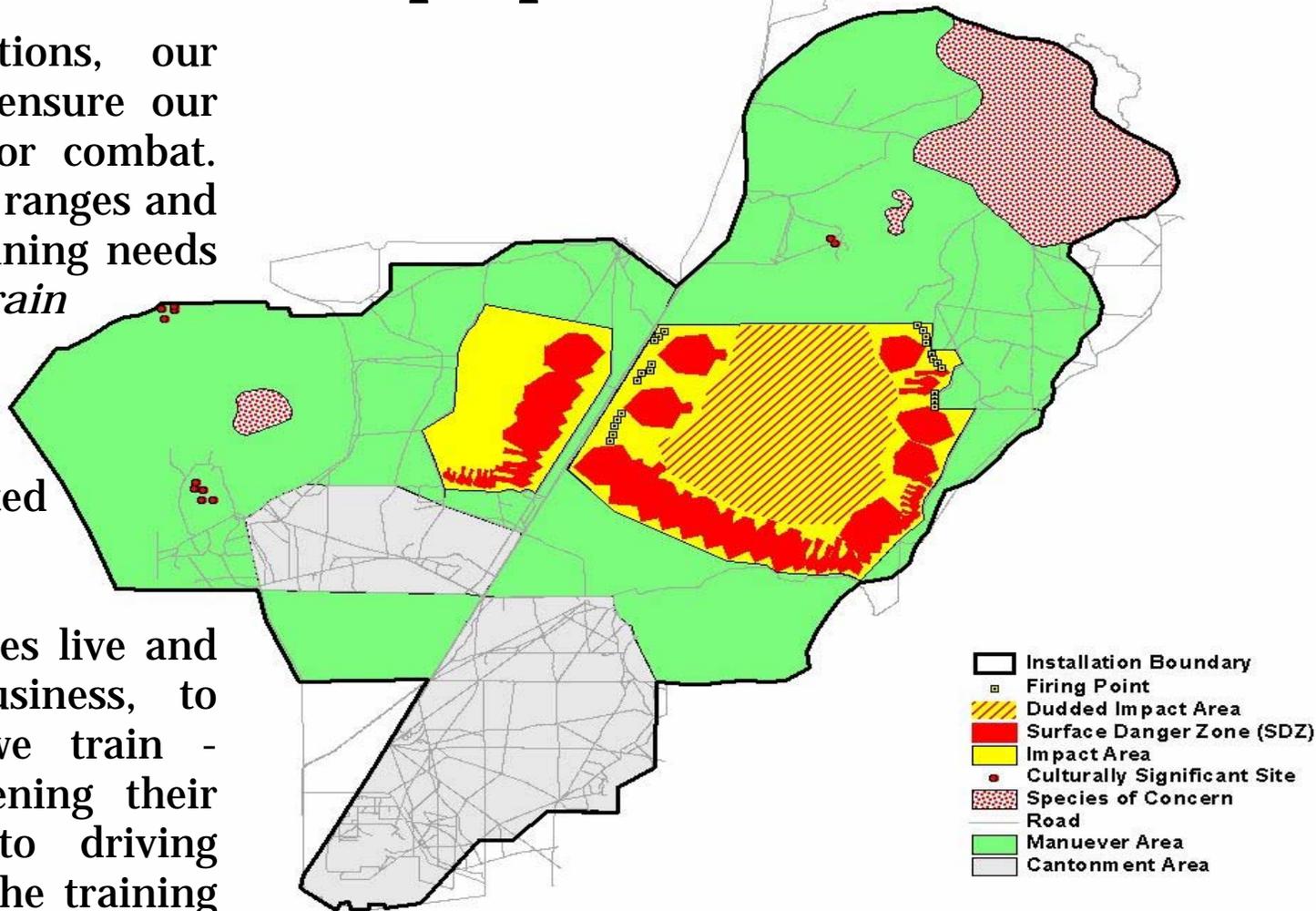
The Army must have the capability to conduct realistic training on its installations. This training directly translates to our soldiers being prepared for battle and surviving on the battlefield.



Did you know...

...Army installations are designed to ensure our soldiers are prepared for combat

At all Army installations, our primary mission is to ensure our soldiers are prepared for combat. We do that by providing ranges and land that meet their training needs to ensure that they *can train as they fight*. The Army manages its installations and training land much like a city....with designated areas for all activities to include places where our soldiers and their families live and conduct day-to-day business, to special areas where we train - everything from sharpening their skills with weapons to driving tactical vehicles across the training land.





Did you know...

...How valuable Army training land is



The Army's number one mission is to ensure our soldiers are fully prepared to fight and win the nation's wars. We use our 15 million acres to support that mission.

We strive for realistic live training at all Army installations. That's right over 98% of the Army's 15 million plus acres is set aside for ranges and training lands to prepare our soldiers to fight and win the nation's wars.



Did you know...

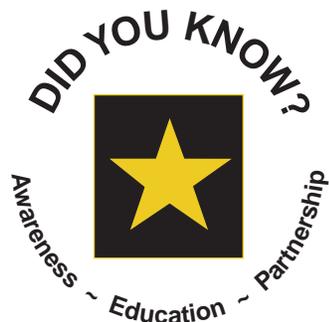
...How the Army sustains its training lands



We not only have training responsibilities we also have the responsibility to manage and sustain the land we train on. We rely on our training land for a high-quality, realistic training environment. Not surprisingly, the continuous use of our training land can impact its condition and, as a result, the quality of training.

To guarantee long-term usability of the land, the Army has implemented an Integrated Training Area Management Program, or ITAM. The ITAM Program integrates training land and conservation management practices with stewardship principles to ensure that our training lands remain viable to support current and future training. The ITAM Program funds land rehabilitation and land maintenance that support re-vegetation and erosion control projects to sustain soil and vegetation on our training land. As a result of the ITAM program, our training land supports a wide diversity of vegetation, wildlife, and even cultural resources, much of which is lacking outside the installation boundaries.

**Sustaining Our Training Lands
Integrated Training Area
Management (ITAM)**



Did you know...

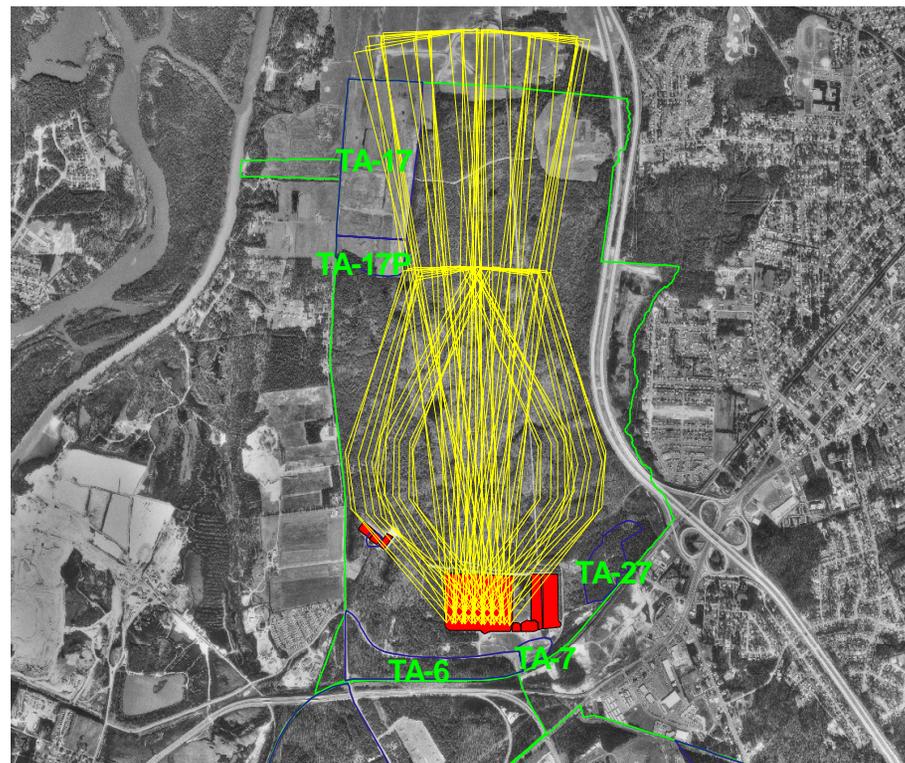
...How the Army ensures safety on its ranges

At all Army installations, we have designated surface danger zones (SDZ) or buffer zones to help us ensure soldiers, civilian personnel and those who live outside our gates are protected from munitions when we fire weapons during live-fire training events.

In addition, the Army assigns a range safety officer for every live-fire event to ensure training is performed in the safest manner possible. These safety officers are trained personnel who have been through courses that give them the necessary expertise to carry out this important job. They are your neighbors as well, and are as concerned as you that training takes place in the safest manner possible.

This is tough, realistic training that is dangerous. We do everything we can to protect all of us.

The Army is committed to safety on its ranges.





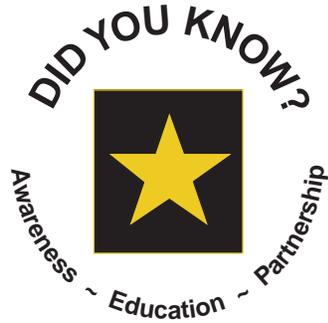
Did you know...

...Development too close to installations has restricted training

This training is critical to our soldiers as they prepare for missions during combat, so we want to work with you to mitigate noise and disturbance from our operations but preserve our readiness through realistic training.

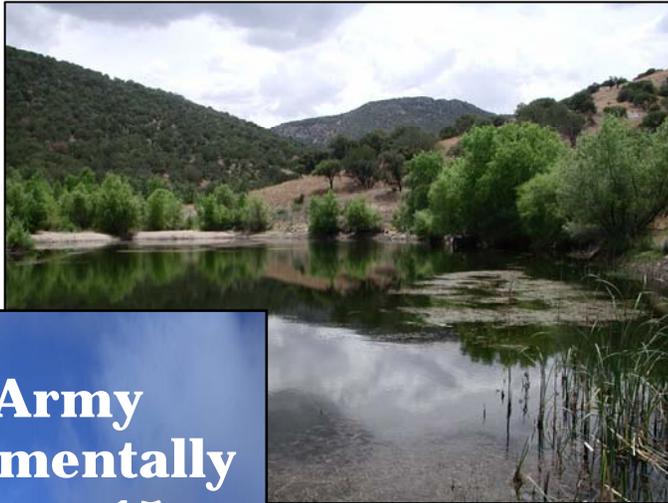


We are facing challenges in providing support for realistic training. Many years ago when a number of our installations were built, the surrounding population was very small. Over the years, the population around many of our installations has increased significantly, with housing developments being built too close to our training areas. This has resulted in restrictions to our training exercises in order to eliminate noise and other disturbances.



Did you know...

...The Army is a proud environmental steward and takes its responsibility seriously



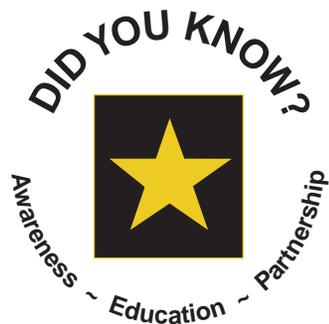
The Army environmentally manages 15 million acres on more than 180 installations providing habitat for 172 federally listed threatened and endangered species.



The Army's responsibility is to support readiness through sound environment stewardship.

The Army manages one of the world's most complex and challenging environmental programs. Both at home and overseas, the Army must meet federally mandated standards and local requirements to minimize environmental harm resulting from its training operations. Soldiers are trained to think about their environment with every action they take. This training is mandatory for all leaders.

Our environmental stewardship complies with the law but more importantly protects our land and our access to that land. It is our duty to maintain readiness through early consideration and resolution of environmental impacts and consequences of Army decisions and actions. The Army has demonstrated its leadership in this area, but we always look for ways to do more, and do better. We're always interested in the community's feedback, ideas, and partnerships.



Did you know...

...your support of realistic live training is essential to ensuring the safety of our troops



At Army installations all over the country we train our soldiers in the skills they need to survive and operate on the battlefield. They fire their weapon hundreds of times and learn to hit their targets under realistic combat-like conditions. It is this repetition of skills, under realistic conditions, that reduces casualties on the battlefield.

Your continued support for realistic, live training at Army installations is essential to ensuring that young men and women are ready today, to go into harm's way and do what is required to ensure the security of the United States. To do this the Army has to be able to train realistically on its ranges and training lands.



We can all be proud of our Army. It is the realistic Live Training that you support every day, in every way, that is critical to our Army being successful.