OVERVIEW

Utah received $3.2 billion in Defense spending in Fiscal Year (FY) 2015, which provides direct funding for 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 investment, 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. DoD 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 REPI, 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 enjoyed broad bipartisan support both in the U.S. Congress and among groups representing state and local officials. Through FY 2016, DoD and its partners have spent over $8 million on REPI projects at 1 installation in Utah.

Federal Defense Spending and Economic Impact (in FY 2015)

- $3.2 billion in Federal Defense spending
- 2.2% of state GDP
- $1.5 billion in payroll contributed
- $1.7 billion in contracts awarded

Acres of DoD Managed and State-Owned National Guard Land (as of 30 Sep 2014)

- DoD Managed Land: 1,814,693
- State-Owned National Guard Land: 216
- Total DoD Managed and State-Owned National Guard Land: 1,814,909

REPI PROJECTS* IN UTAH

Funding Summary (through FY 2016)

- REPI Expenditures: $1,000,000
- Military Service Expenditures: $3,609,900
- Partner Expenditures: $4,087,200
- Total Expenditures: $8,697,100

* REPI projects refer to any action authorized by 10 USC §2684(a) to include the acquisition of interests in land from willing landowners to prevent incompatible development and protect habitat or any other natural resources management. REPI projects involving the Army or Army National Guard are also termed Army Compatible Use Buffer (ACUB) partnerships. Those involving the Navy, Marine Corps, or Air Force, are also termed encroachment partnering agreements. Eligible partners include conservation organizations and state and local governments.

Total Acres Protected (through FY 2016): 624
**MILITARY PRESENCE**

- Utah is home to Air Force’s second largest base, Hill AFB, which has an economic impact of more than $3 billion annually to the State and employs 21,000 personnel.
- Camp Williams consists of over 23,000 acres of combat training areas with desert and mountain terrain similar to the environments encountered in current overseas operating areas and provides a high quality training environment for Guard, Reserve, and Active Duty soldiers.

In 2011, the National Security Agency constructed a **$1.5 billion data center** in Camp Williams that now serves as one of the largest data repositories and plays a significant role in monitoring cybersecurity threats.

**REPI PROJECTS**

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

Members of the Utah Army National Guard 2-211 Aviation Battalion assist members of the 19th Special Forces Group with freefall and static line parachute jumps near Camp Williams, Utah, Oct. 30, 2013. The 2-211 assisted the 19th SFG with maintaining airborne qualification as well as jump master qualifications. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt.Tim Chacon).

**Western Regional Partnership (WRP)**

- The REPI Program supports regional partnerships such as WRP to identify common issues and solutions for mutual benefit.
- WRP partners work to protect natural resources, while promoting sustainability, homeland security, and military readiness. For more information, visit [www.wrpinfo.org](http://www.wrpinfo.org).
- Utah is a member of WRP, along with the states of Arizona, California, Nevada, New Mexico, and Colorado.

**Key REPI Partners**

- Herriman City
- Herriman Trails Committee
- Rocky Mountain Power
- Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation
- State of Utah
- The Conservation Fund
- U.S. Department of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Vivent Solar Inc.

**Data Sources**

- For Hill Air Force Base Information: [http://www.hill.af.mil/About-Us](http://www.hill.af.mil/About-Us)
- For Camp Williams Information: [https://nsa.gov1.info/utah-data-center/](https://nsa.gov1.info/utah-data-center/)

For more information about the REPI Program, visit [www.repi.mil](http://www.repi.mil)
Camp Williams consists of 23,850 acres of combat training areas with desert and mountain terrain similar to the environments encountered in current overseas operating areas. This characteristic serves not only ground forces, including artillery and armored units that can use the heavy maneuver training ranges, but also helicopter units visiting from several states. With the ability to support qualification and training for every type of individual weapon in the Army inventory, Camp Williams provides a high quality training environment for Guard, Reserve, and Active Duty soldiers.

Camp Williams is located in one of the fastest growing areas in Utah and faces a serious threat of increased incompatible development. In addition, weather conditions, vegetation, and other characteristics of its location pose a risk of high intensity wildfires sparked by live weaponry or lightning. In fact, Camp Williams averages 27 days of no training each year due to high fire hazard risks. Despite “fire break” roads and other efforts to prevent spreading wildfires, past incidences have led to fires sweeping into neighboring communities, damaging homes, and forcing the evacuation of residents. Compounding this problem is urban sprawl now extending to the installation fence line.

Camp Williams is working with local, state, and federal partners to protect agricultural and rural residential lands in order to reduce the risk of wildfire halting required training and impacting local communities. Protecting these lands will allow the partnership to build additional fire breaks and preserve local water resources. Furthermore, some of these buffer parcels present an opportunity to establish new recreational trails and solar energy development, providing additional benefits to the community.

**BENEFIT SUMMARY**

**COMMUNITY**
- Supports recreational trails and compatible renewable energy sources
- Protects working agricultural land
- Protects and improves local community safety

**MILITARY**
- Protects live-fire and maneuver capabilities
- Promotes continued operational safety
- Supports multiple Service missions

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