Avoiding the Impending Encroachment Cliff

The Readiness and Environmental Protection Initiative (REPI)
What is it and what does it mean for states?

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Military Airspace and Training Routes in Georgia
ON THE EDGE OF ENCROACHMENT...

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What is the Readiness and Environmental Protection Initiative?

• **Purpose:** enhance accessibility, availability and capabilities for test and training
  - ✓ remove current restrictions
  - ✓ avoid future restrictions

• **Includes buffer partnerships, multi-state regional partnerships and targeted education and engagement**
REPI Tools to Support Sustaining Mission Capabilities

Multi-State Regional Partnerships
- States, federal agencies and tribes
- Collaborate and eliminate redundancies in resource management
- Seize opportunities and solve problems of regional significance in value-adding ways
- Provide mutual and multiple benefits and sustain missions

Policy and Training
- DoD Directive 3200.15 Revision
- Community Plans and Liaison Office instruction and training
- Primer library, case studies, webinar series, community of practice

Education and Engagement
- Enhance public engagement and improve collaboration among stakeholders for policies, actions and legislation that support DoD’s ability to test and train
- Educate key national and state opinion leaders who drive influential federal, state, and regional policies, legislation, regulations

“Range Tours allow the two communities to see the same ground through the lens of the other…provides a forum for talking to each other and working towards mutual goals.”
-Sierra Club Lands Director
10 USC 2684a Buffers

- REPI supports partnerships authorized by 10 U.S.C. § 2684a among the Military Services, private conservation groups, and state and local governments.

- OSD Manages this as an internal-DoD program, issuing guidance and providing funding to the Services for projects.

- Services implement REPI projects, including projects not receiving REPI funding that only use Service O&M funding.
REPI Funding and Request Levels

- **Combined Service Funding Request**
- **Presidential Budget Request**
- **REPI Appropriations**
REPI multiplies taxpayer dollars:
For each REPI dollar, return was ONE Service dollar and TWO partner dollars
66 REPI locations in 24 states through FY2012
Avoiding the Encroachment Cliff

• Increase new partnerships with other Federal agencies and across regional boundaries
• Continue to double tax dollars with partner dollars in 10 USC 2684a buffer agreements
• Encourage innovation, lessons learned and transferring across Services and projects
Joint Base San Antonio, Texas (Camp Bullis)

- Protects field training for all student medics in the Department of Defense
- Conserves habitat for the golden-cheeked warbler
Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia

- Protects all purpose, year-round live-fire and maneuver training
- Innovative combination with historic preservation and habitat conservation
Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington

- Protects airfield noise zones and supports artillery and Stryker training
- Includes habitat preservation and management of Puget lowland prairies for multiple at-risk species
US Army Garrison-Hawaii and Pacific Missile Range Facility Kauai

- Supports Army mission on Oahu and Navy weapons test range in Kauai
- Protects a forested mountain preserve, endangered species, wetlands, and cultural sites
Problem: 250 parcels incompatible with the Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) and the Air Installation Compatibility Use Zone (AICUZ).

Solution: Acquire incompatible properties and execute deed restrictions and/or rezone properties from willing property sellers.
Local Involvement

| Bibb County: $6,200,000 | Peach County: $200,000 | Houston County: $6,200,000 |

Macon-Bibb Chamber of Commerce

The 21st Century Partnership

Central Georgia Joint Development Authority

Middle Georgia Regional Commission

Bibb County

Houston County

Crawford County

Jones County

Monroe County

Twiggs County
What does this mean for States?

• REPI is not one-size-fits-all solution

• Other ideas to support military mission:
  – Shared services with local community
  – Local Development Authority with purpose to “make sure the state is always a great place for DoD to conduct its important national defense mission”
  – Help the Federal Land Protection Family: states can experiment with cost savings and better outcomes with Federal programs, consolidate or overlay program priority areas
  – Conservation easement tax credit
Questions or Comments?

For more information, visit our website:

http://www.REPI.mil/
Progress to Date

- 863 acres already controlled by the State.

- 60 of 250 Properties purchased (300 Acres)

- Website created: [www.cgjda.com](http://www.cgjda.com)

- Staff person hired to coordinate property purchase by 21st Century Partnership and Macon/Bibb Chamber of Commerce.

- The Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce paid for 125 properties to be appraised in the target area

- Pending Application FY 2013 REPI Funds to completely address issue

- REPI Match secured through Special Purpose Option Sales Tax ($13 million secured)
Fort Sill, Oklahoma

- Supports the artillery school for the Army and Marine Corps
- Protects local working farms and ranchlands
Naval Air Station Patuxent River and Atlantic Test Range, Maryland

- Protects land under special use airspace and training routes for Navy aviation research, development, test, and evaluation (RDT&E)
- Supports Chesapeake Bay watershed and rural agriculture