



# ACUB Fact Sheet

## Camp Ripley



### Background

The Minnesota Department of Military Affairs manages Camp Ripley for the Minnesota Army National Guard. Camp Ripley is located in the central portion of Minnesota approximately 100 miles northwest of the Minneapolis/St. Paul metropolitan area. It is approximately 52,831 acres.

Camp Ripley abounds with plant and animal life that is unique to the Midwest and more specifically to central Minnesota. This uniqueness is attributable in part to Camp Ripley's ecological setting within two of three eco-regions that characterize Minnesota. Also contributing to integrity of Camp Ripley's biological diversity is the complementary relationship between military land use and natural resources management, including a thriving gray wolf population.

### Objective

The ACUB Team will implement Camp Ripley's compatible land use initiative known as "*Central Minnesota Prairie to Pines Partnership...preserving our heritage*". The initiative is intended to maximize the compatibility of land use adjacent to Camp Ripley and thereby sustain not only the military mission but also the natural environment that Camp Ripley has been nationally recognized for. Various land management options will be considered within a ten-mile buffer of Camp Ripley but the greatest focus of attention will be within 3 miles of the Camp's boundaries. The buffer will address historic noise complaints and provide natural habitat for threatened and endangered species and habitat corridors and greenway routes.

The Team envisions a long-term partnership to encumber approximately 100,000 acres of private, undeveloped lands that adjoin the installation. This will include approximately 50 percent or 50,000 acres of land within the 3-mile buffer and approximately 10 percent or 50,000 acres of land extending into the 10-mile buffer to ensure ecological connectivity within the larger landscape that Camp Ripley is a part of.

### Partners

#### The Conservation Fund, Minnesota Office

Forges partnerships to protect America's legacy of land and water resources. For further information on the Conservation Fund, call 218-722-2393 or visit <http://www.conservationfund.org/>.

#### Minnesota Dept of Natural Resources

Works with citizens to conserve and manage the state's natural resources. For further information call 651-296-6157 or visit <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/index.html>

#### Parks and Trails Council of Minnesota

Acquires, protects, and enhances critical lands for the public enjoyment now and in the future. For further information, call 651-726-2457 or visit <http://www.parksandtrails.org/>.

#### Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources

Works through local government, is to protect and enhance the state's irreplaceable soil and water resources. For further information, call 651-296-3767 or visit <http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/index.html>.

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