



# ACUB Fact Sheet

## Fort Bragg



### Background

Fort Bragg is the Army's premier power projection platform. Fort Bragg is known as the "Home of the Airborne and Special Operations Forces". Fort Bragg houses the 82nd Airborne Division and the XVIII Airborne Corps. The U.S. Army Special Operations Command and the U.S. Army Parachute Team (the Golden Knights) also call Fort Bragg home.

Fort Bragg is located in the Sandhills region of North Carolina, recognized as one of the last remaining strongholds of longleaf pine in the Southeast. Red-cockaded woodpeckers (RCW) live primarily in longleaf pine habitat. Only five percent of their historic habitat remains due to short rotation forestry, development, and related fire suppression. Increasing development further disrupts their habitat, placing more emphasis on Fort Bragg and the Sandhill's ecosystem for preservation. Protection of the longleaf pine and wiregrass ecosystem is essential to recovering the RCW and maintaining Fort Bragg's military readiness.

### Objective

Fort Bragg along with its ACUB partners formed the North Carolina Sandhills Conservation Partnership to protect and restore the RCW habitat. This initiative was the impetus for the ACUB program. Over 10,000 acres of longleaf pine habitat have been preserved through Fort Bragg's Sandhills partnership, with efforts underway to acquire additional conservation easements to form a cohesive ecosystem in the Sandhills area. Fort Bragg's ACUB has contributed to early recovery of the RCW population in 2006. It has reduced training restrictions, protected critical areas on the installation's southern boundary, enhanced connectivity in the northeast training area and buffered a new special forces training facility on Camp Mackall.

### Partners

#### THE NATURE CONSERVANCY, NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER

Works with local partners and communities to protect diverse natural communities of North

Carolina. For further information visit <http://www.nature.org/wherework/northamerica/states/northcarolina/> or call 910-246-0300.

#### NORTH CAROLINA DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Conserves and protects of the natural beauty, ecological features and recreational resources of statewide significance, in addition to other core missions. For further information, call 919-733-4181 or visit <http://ils.unc.edu/parkproject/ncparks.html>.

#### NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION

Works to promote the "wise use" of the State's wildlife resources. For further information, call 919-733-7291 or visit [www.ncwildlife.org](http://www.ncwildlife.org).

#### SANDHILLS AREA LAND TRUST

Protects significant tracts of land in the Sandhills area. For further information, call 910-695-1323 or visit [www.sandhillslandtrust.org](http://www.sandhillslandtrust.org).

#### SANDHILLS ECOLOGICAL INSTITUTE

Non-profit science and conservation organization that provides the research and science for the protection of the RWC. For further information, visit <http://www.sandhillsecological.org/>.

#### U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Works with others to conserve wildlife for the benefit of the American public. For further information, call 919-856-4520, Ext. 17 or visit <http://www.fws.gov/southeast/es/>.

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