



ACUB Fact Sheet

Camp Shelby



Background

Camp Shelby, Mississippi, is the largest state-owned and operated field training site in the United States. The facility occupies approximately 134,000 acres of land in southeastern Mississippi approximately 60 miles north of the Gulf Coast. Camp Shelby is a Power Support Platform tasked to mobilize, receive, train and support Reserve Component units required to expand the Active Army Component to meet emergency requirements.

Development was increasing from the Mississippi Gulf Coast prior to Hurricane Katrina. Growth estimates have jumped in the area as a result of an influx of displaced Coastal residents. A population increase of between 5,000 and 20,000 is estimated post-Katrina. Continued incompatible land use close to the installation can eventually restrict future use of range and training lands. To insure soldier readiness for the future, a quality training environment must be maintained by addressing non-compatible uses, noise concerns, as well as the management of natural and cultural resources.

Objective

The Camp Shelby ACUB program sustains the military mission by ensuring that open lands surrounding the installation are protected from incompatible land use that could limit or disrupt operational readiness and training activities. The ACUB protects key natural habitats and the associated flora and fauna; thereby, maintaining the integrity of the region's natural resources. Portions of the buffers may be used as future wetland banks.

Partners

THE NATURE CONSERVANCY, MISSISSIPPI CHAPTER

Works with local partners and communities to protect diverse natural communities of Mississippi. For further information, call 601-713-3355 or visit <http://www.nature.org/wherework/northamerica/states/mississippi/>.

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