



ARMY COMPATIBLE USE BUFFER PROGRAM

ACUB

CAMP RILEA ACUB



The Army Compatible Use Buffer (ACUB) program creates land conservation partnerships between the Army and outside organizations to protect land from development that is incompatible with the military mission.

INSTALLATION BACKGROUND

Located on 1,750 acres in the Clatsop Plains of the Oregon coast, Camp Rilea is a Major Training Center Light (MTCL) sustaining an average of 140,000 days of training each year. The location of the installation allows troops to train in diverse geographies ranging from Pacific beach, to coastal plain, to Pacific coastal mountains. Training activities include small arms live fire ranges, simulation facilities, multiple integrated laser engagement system ranges, aerial and amphibious assault areas, and engineer/transportation training areas. Camp Rilea is also home to the Oregon Silverspot Butterfly (OSB), a listed species under the Endangered Species Act. The OSB has been essentially eliminated from its historic range due to coastal development, fire control, and the introduction of exotic species. The installation manages 68 acres of OSB habitat in accordance with a "Habitat Management Plan" approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) in 1998. Current habitat management requirements prohibit military training and facility development within the designated OSB habitat.

OBJECTIVE

The objective of the ACUB program at Camp Rilea is to acquire a proposed golf course development called Reed Ranch. Reed Ranch is the last large tract of meadow habitat that has not been developed on the Clatsop Plains. The ACUB partners and the USFWS consider this parcel crucial to the off-post recovery of the OSB. The preservation of Reed Ranch will add an additional 126.5 acres of OSB habitat, which should permit the USFWS to remove training restrictions on the 68 acres on Camp Rilea. Removal of restrictions will allow for expanded military training opportunities, as well as promote more efficient infrastructure development

For more information

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and use. Implementation of this project will also prevent future residential land use on the Reed Ranch parcel, located just 1.3 miles from the Camp.

**PRIMARY PARTNERS:
NORTH COAST LAND CONSERVANCY**

The mission of the North Coast Land Conservancy (NCLC) is to serve as a resource for Northwest Oregon coastal communities and landowners to conserve and protect land in perpetuity for its ecological and cultural resources. For more information on the North Coast Land Conservancy, visit <http://www.nclctrust.org/>.

**THE NATURE CONSERVANCY,
OREGON CHAPTER**

The mission of The Nature Conservancy (TNC) is to preserve the plants, animals and natural communities that represent the diversity of life on Earth by protecting the lands and waters they need to survive. The Oregon Chapter of TNC has a close working relationship with the NCLC. The two organizations thrive by sharing employees and working cooperatively on studies and habitat restoration. For more information on the Oregon Chapter of The Nature Conservancy, visit <http://www.nature.org/wherewework/northamerica/states/oregon/>.



For more information on ACUB accomplishments, funding and other stakeholders please view the ACUB website at <http://aec.army.mil/usaec/acub/acub00.html>

