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DoD - TNC Collaboration

The Master Cooperative Agreement

Current version in effect thru April 05
Text Available on DENIX
Discussions on new, revised CA to begin
soon
Sustainable Ranges and Installations: The Role of the TNC-DoD Partnership

• Assistance with on base conservation programs
  – Fire management planning and execution
  – Vegetation mapping/species inventories
  – INRMP and other conservation planning
  – Implementing ITAM and other range management programs

• On-base partnerships build trust, help ensure access to test and training areas, and facilitate later work on encroachment issues
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• Preventing/abating encroachment
  – Preventing incompatible development through land conservation action - “2811” agreements
  – Incorporation of conservation planning in the Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) and other DoD programs
  – Integration of base conservation planning with other planning in the ecoregion
  – Possibilities for the future: habitat “banking” to allow more flexibility inside the fenceline
The Process

• Compare mission-essential objectives
  – DoD
  – TNC

Example: GIS overlay of critical airspace with TNC conservation objectives, find matching goals

• Form partnership to pursue coincident objectives, bring other stakeholders on board, form action plan, implement
Joint Gulf Range Complex
Joint Use Regional Airspace

Extends to Jacksonville & connects with Camp Blanding Restricted Airspace
Potential DoD Corridors
with Florida Forever and Managed Lands
Leveraging Non-DoD Funding and Programs

- Other Federal Programs
  - Numerous federal programs provide funding for conservation and habitat restoration/protection
    - Federal land acquisition
    - Incentives to private landowners

- State Programs
  - Traditional State conservation programs
    - Prime examples: Florida and California
  - New programs and bond initiatives specifically targeted at protecting DoD bases
    - Recent examples: Pima County (Arizona) and North Carolina
  - Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategies under the State Wildlife Grant Programs
Leveraging Non-DoD Funding and Programs

• Conservation NGOs like TNC can be key strategic partners in leveraging these non-DoD programs
  – We know the programs
  – We know the players at the local, state, regional, and national levels

• What we DON'T know in detail is what DoD cares about, where, and in what priority
  – Perimeter buffers, noise/safety zones are fairly obvious and information is relatively available (JLUS, etc) - however -
  – Information about and priorities for key areas of DoD concern NOT in the immediate vicinity of the fenceline is not readily available
INFORMATION IS THE KEY

• The Georgia pilot project
  – Compilation of areas in Georgia of concern to DoD
  – Overlay with private, state, and non-DoD federal
    conservation and open space preservation programs
  – Lead NGO is The Conservation Fund
• Formal tasking to the Defense Installation Spatial
  Data Infrastructure (DISDI) to gather data from
  installations in Georgia - possible extension
  country-wide?
• Possible incorporation of data into Georgia’s
  Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy
FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

- Off-base wetland mitigation banking
  - New authority for DoD to participate in wetland mitigation banking in connection with on-base construction projects

- Off-base habitat banking
  - Not clearly authorized now
  - Would allow increased flexibility on installations

- Authority to exchange environmentally sensitive DoD lands for new training land adjacent to base
  - Would need legislation to authorize
    - General authority?
    - Case by case?
  - Possible example: Avon Park
THE TAKEAWAYS

• The Nature Conservancy and other conservancy organizations think of DoD as a key partner, and view DoD installations and ranges as extremely valuable and well-managed areas

• Achieving sustainable ranges is in our interest as well as yours - we are natural allies

• We can function as “portals” to private, state, and non-DoD federal land protection programs and funding

• The essential element is comprehensive, detailed, and accurate information about areas of concern to DoD “outside the fenceline”- and the key to that may well be DISDI