

# NORTHWEST FLORIDA SENTINEL LANDSCAPE

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Situated in Florida's panhandle, the unique coastal geography of the Northwest Florida Sentinel Landscape contains rural and agricultural lands, iconic longleaf pine forests, threatened and endangered species habitat, and nine key Department of Defense facilities: Eglin Air Force Base (AFB), Tyndall AFB, Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola, NAS Whiting Field, Naval Support Activity Panama City, Eglin Gulf Test and Training Range, Hurlburt Field, Saufley Field, and Corry Station. These nine Department of Defense installations and ranges are integral to military training, weapons testing, special operations, joint cyber warfare and aviation pilot training for Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard.

In addition to high-priority military operations areas and restricted airspace, the Northwest Florida Sentinel Landscape also contains the Apalachicola National Forest, Blackwater River State Forest, St. Marks and St. Vincent National Wildlife Refuges, and the congressionally designated Florida National Scenic Trail, which provide public recreation opportunities and habitat for threatened and endangered species such as the red cockaded woodpecker, gopher tortoise, and frosted flatwoods salamander. These natural areas where partners are already working provide momentum for collaboration in unprotected natural areas within the landscape to meet mutual goals.

In order to improve regional resilience and sustainability, retain working agriculture and forestry lands, protect natural resources and endangered species, and sustain the military mission, local, regional, state, and federal partners came together in 2022 to form the Northwest Florida Sentinel Landscape.



U.S. Army soldiers from the 46th Engineer Battalion moved tree debris into piles on Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida. After Hurricane Michael swept the area in 2018, multiple major commands mobilized relief assets in an effort to restore operations after the hurricane caused catastrophic damage to the base and surrounding communities (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Sean Carnes).

## Landscape Goals



Restore listed species and ecosystems by implementing habitat restoration, expanding the use of prescribed fire, and improving water quality and quantity.



Maintain and improve the resilience of working agriculture and forestry lands as compatible and sustainable land uses.



Identify, implement, and accelerate projects that mitigate climate risks and enhance the resilience of military installations and the mission footprints.

## LANDSCAPE DETAIL

Total Sentinel Landscape Area: **7,883,970** acres

Total Protected  
Acres:  
**11,125**

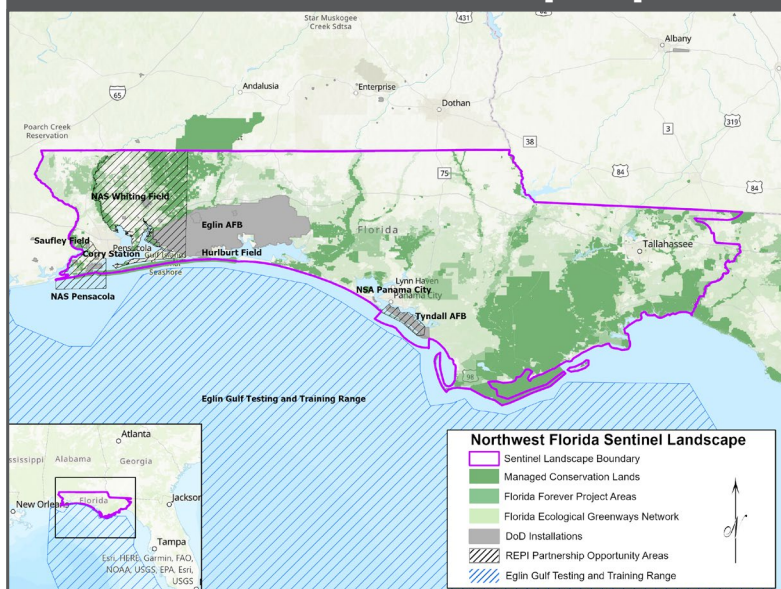
From year established  
through fiscal year 2022

Total Enrolled  
Acres:  
**40,019**

For fiscal year 2022

Active Base  
Area Acres:  
**108,213**

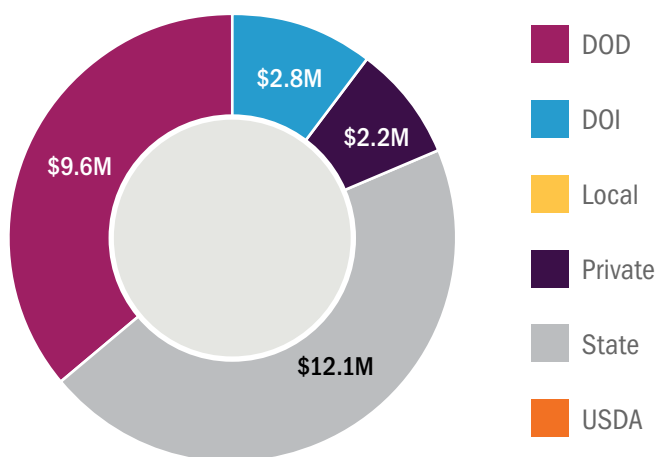
## Northwest Florida Sentinel Landscape Map



## Key Partners

- ▶ Apalachicola Regional Stewardship Alliance
- ▶ Choctawhatchee Bay Estuary Program
- ▶ Department of Economic Opportunity – Bureau of Community Planning and Growth
- ▶ Department of Environmental Protection – Division of State Lands
- ▶ Emerald Coast Regional Council
- ▶ Enterprise Florida
- ▶ Florida A&M University-Florida State University College of Engineering – Resilient Infrastructure and Disaster Response Center
- ▶ Florida Defense Alliance
- ▶ Florida Defense Support Task Force
- ▶ Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services – Florida Forest Service
- ▶ Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services – Office of Agricultural Water Policy
- ▶ Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
- ▶ Northwest Florida Water Management District
- ▶ Suwannee River Water Management District
- ▶ U.S. Air Force – Air Force Civil Engineer Center, Eglin Air Force Base, Hurlburt Field, Tyndall Air Force Base
- ▶ U.S. Department of Agriculture – Forest Service
- ▶ U.S. Department of Agriculture – Natural Resources Conservation Service
- ▶ U.S. Department of Defense
- ▶ U.S. Department of the Interior – Fish and Wildlife Service
- ▶ U.S. Navy – Naval Air Station Pensacola, Whiting Field, Naval Support Activity Panama City

## Northwest Florida Sentinel Landscape Total Funding by Partner



Total: \$26.7 million



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