



SENTINEL LANDSCAPES

The Sentinel Landscapes Partnership

Established in 2013 and authorized under 10 U.S.C §2693, the Sentinel Landscapes Partnership is a coalition of Federal agencies, state and local governments, and private organizations that work with willing landowners and land managers to advance sustainable land use practices around military installations and ranges. The National Defense Authorization Acts of 2018, 2022, and 2024 progressively formalized and expanded the Sentinel Landscapes Partnership, enhancing its scope to include landscape resilience and natural area restoration, and encouraging broader Federal agency collaboration and priority consideration for landowners in designated landscapes.

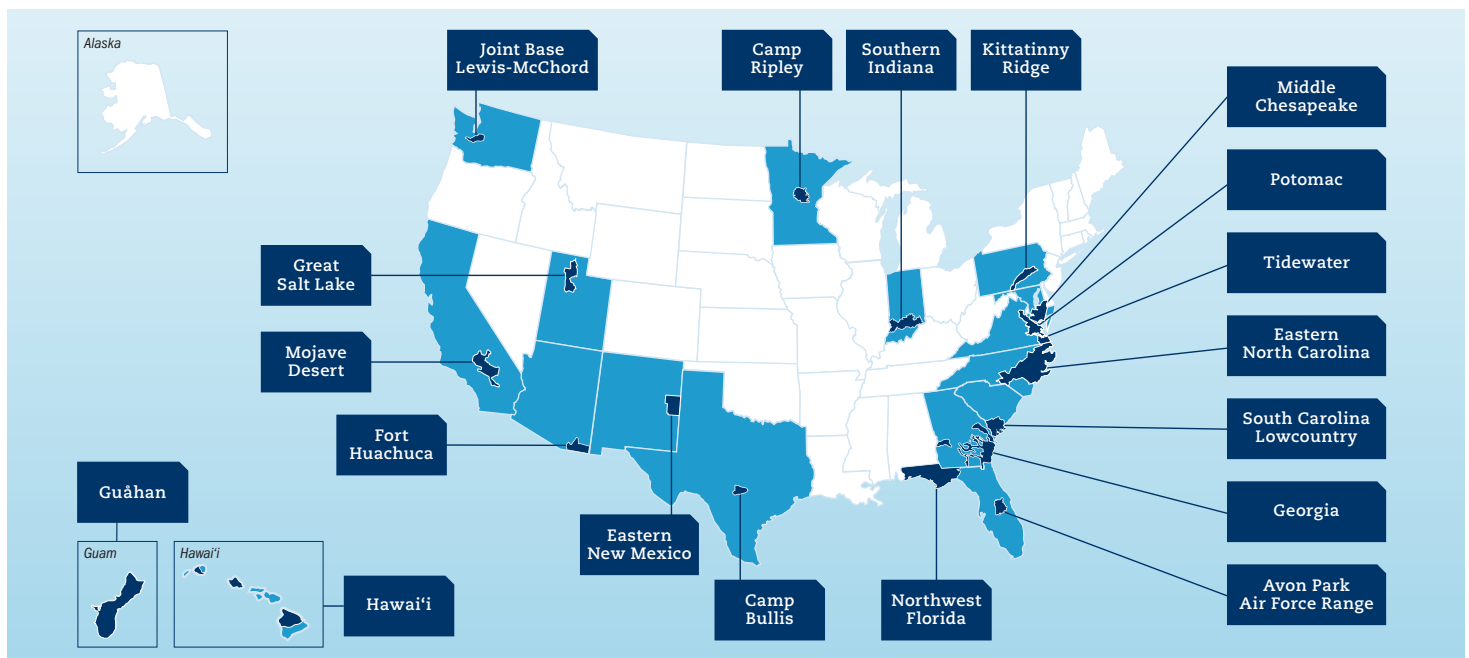
The Sentinel Landscapes Partnership is coordinated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Department of Defense (DOD), and Department of the Interior (DOI) with the mission to:

- ▶ Strengthen military readiness
- ▶ Support agricultural productivity
- ▶ Preserve natural resources
- ▶ Increase access to recreation
- ▶ Advance sustainable land management
- ▶ Promote landscape resilience

What are Sentinel Landscapes?

Sentinel landscapes are areas where conservation, working lands, and national defense interests converge. Anchored by at least one military installation or range, sentinel landscapes contain high-priority lands important to USDA, DOD, and DOI missions. They encompass open space, recreation, rangeland, and agricultural and/or forestry lands and are the appropriate size and scale needed to address the ecological restoration and landscape resilience objectives appropriate for each landscape.

19 Sentinel Landscapes Locations



To learn more about each sentinel landscape, visit the partnership website at www.sentinellandscapes.org.

Partnership Governance

To assist with directing sentinel landscape priorities and promoting knowledge-sharing across all the designated landscapes, the Sentinel Landscapes Partnership maintains a Federal Coordinating Committee (FCC). The FCC includes representatives from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, the U.S. Forest Service, the DOD REPI Program, and the DOI U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The FCC also designates sentinel landscapes in locations where the FCC member agencies can collaborate on natural resource conservation and management and landscape resilience.

Once sentinel landscapes are designated, the FCC works to connect landowners and land managers in these areas with voluntary Federal and state assistance programs that support adopting and maintaining sustainable land management practices and advancing more resilient landscapes.

Benefits to National Defense

As environmental threats such as wildfires, floods, drought, and rising sea levels transform the context in which DOD operates, the Sentinel Landscapes Partnership is one of the many ways DOD reaffirms its commitment to addressing such vulnerabilities. Sentinel landscapes help to sustain land use around installations and ranges compatible with the military's mission. Natural areas and working lands minimize conflicts around defense facilities against encroachment concerns such as light pollution, spectrum interference, overflights, and artillery noise that may impact surrounding communities. Through DOD's REPI Program involvement in the Sentinel Landscapes Partnership, DOD can maintain mission requirements, develop new local partnerships, and advance project activities using fewer DOD resources.



Investments

Through FY 2023, projects across sentinel landscapes have attracted approximately:



\$381 million
in **USDA** funds



\$446 million
in **state** funds



\$283 million
in **DOD** funds



\$51 million
in **local** funds



\$117 million
in **DOI** funds



\$166 million
in **private** funds

Protected Areas:

These contributions have permanently protected:



751,000
acres of land through FY 2023

Total enrolled acres:



Over **2.5 million**
acres of land in financial and
technical assistance programs
in FY 2023 alone



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