

FORT HUACHUCA SENTINEL LANDSCAPE

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Located in southeastern Arizona, Fort Huachuca is the home of the U.S. Army Intelligence Center of Excellence and the Network Enterprise Technology Command. As a Major Range Test Facility Base, Fort Huachuca is a hub for electromagnetic technology testing and training and is one of the most extensive unmanned aerial vehicle training facilities globally. Fort Huachuca is also the largest employer in Cochise County and has the largest economic impact of any military installation in Arizona. Protecting this valuable economic asset is vital to Arizonans' prosperity and national security.

The arid, remote landscape surrounding Fort Huachuca features broad grassland valleys and forested mountain ranges, predominantly used for livestock grazing. This open space is essential to the installation's mission, helping to minimize electromagnetic interference and maintain effective training conditions. The three main threats to Fort Huachuca are encroachment by incompatible development, regulatory burdens, and wildfire exacerbated by increased drought conditions. As a result, the area faces rising water demand, heightened wildfire risk, habitat fragmentation, and infringement on Fort Huachuca's critical airspace and electronic range.

The Fort Huachuca Sentinel Landscape unites Federal, state, and local partners with the goal of building installation resilience through mission protection, water conservation, wildfire mitigation, agricultural support, and habitat restoration. These partners work with willing landowners to secure conservation easements and restoration projects on working lands, ensuring economic and ecological resilience, while also buffering Fort Huachuca from encroachment and helping protect it from nearby foreign land ownership. These projects protect working lands and finite natural resources while sustaining military operations by maintaining land uses with low levels of electromagnetic interference.

The Partnership's purpose is to support Fort Huachuca's continued training capabilities and mission readiness, promote compatible land uses and common partner missions, foster community partnerships, and leverage collective resources, while promoting the well-being of local communities.

Landscape Goals



Work with willing stakeholders to protect open space from incompatible development and conserve working lands.



Strengthen conservation collaboration to yield scalable outcomes, enhancing resilience of compatible land uses such as open grasslands, working lands, aquatic, riparian, forest, and woodland land types.



Develop and share timely, accurate, and inclusive communications that highlight the Fort Huachuca Sentinel Landscape Partnership's opportunities, achievements, and impact.



A rancher rides by horseback in the Buffalo Soldier Electronic Testing and Training Range.

LANDSCAPE DETAIL

Total Sentinel Landscape Area: 2,889,650 acres

**Total Protected
Acres:
73,551**

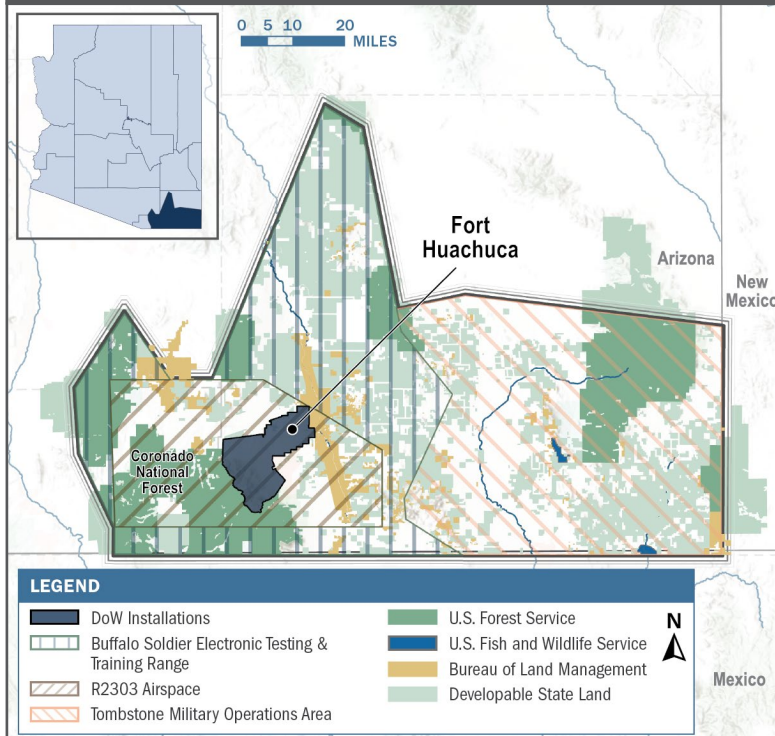
From year established
through fiscal year 2024

**Total Enrolled
Acres:
831,389**

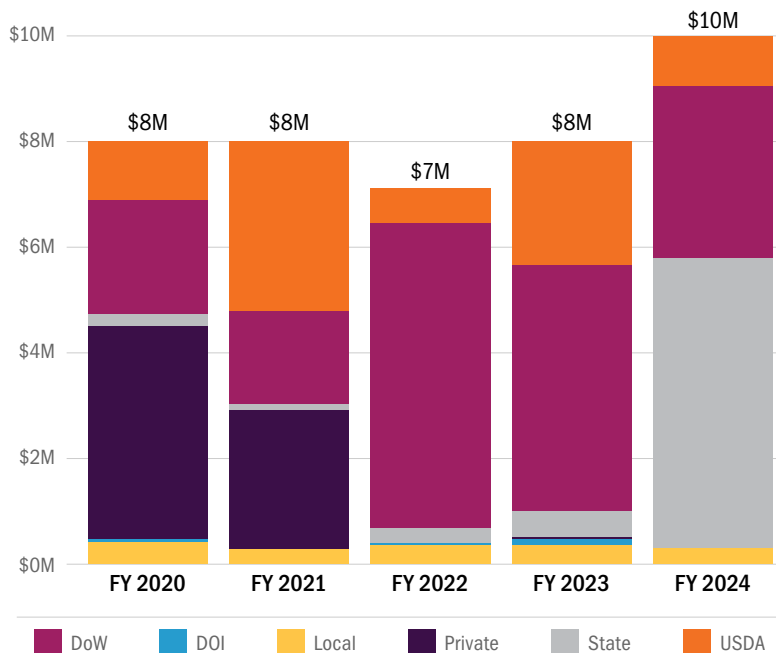
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**Active Base
Area Acres:
80,912**

Fort Huachuca Sentinel Landscape Map



Fort Huachuca Sentinel Landscape Total Funding by Partner



Key Partners

- ▶ Audubon Southwest, Appleton-Whittell Research Ranch
- ▶ Arizona Association of Conservation Districts
- ▶ Arizona Department of Agriculture
- ▶ Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs
- ▶ Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management
- ▶ Arizona Department of Water Resources
- ▶ Arizona Game and Fish Department
- ▶ Arizona Land and Water Trust
- ▶ Arizona State Land Department
- ▶ Borderlands Restoration Network
- ▶ City of Sierra Vista
- ▶ Cochise Conservation & Recharge Network
- ▶ Cochise County
- ▶ Compatible Lands Foundation
- ▶ Foundation for America's Public Lands
- ▶ Fry Fire District
- ▶ Hereford Natural Resource Conservation District
- ▶ Malpai Borderlands Group
- ▶ National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
- ▶ National Forest Foundation
- ▶ Natural Resource Conservation Board
- ▶ Pheasants Forever/Quail Forever
- ▶ Quantified Ventures
- ▶ San Pedro Natural Resource Conservation District Santa Cruz County
- ▶ Santa Cruz Natural Resource Conservation District
- ▶ Sky Island Alliance
- ▶ Sonoran Joint Venture
- ▶ South32
- ▶ Southwest Innovation Landscape Network
- ▶ The Nature Conservancy
- ▶ Trust for Public Land
- ▶ Tucson Audubon Society
- ▶ U.S. Army, Fort Huachuca
- ▶ U.S. Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency
- ▶ U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service
- ▶ U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resource Conservation Service
- ▶ U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management
- ▶ U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service
- ▶ U.S. Department of the Interior, USGS
- ▶ U.S. Department of War, Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration
- ▶ University of Arizona College of Agriculture, Life and Environmental Sciences
- ▶ University of Arizona Cooperative Extension
- ▶ Upper San Pedro Partnership
- ▶ Whitewater Draw Natural Resource Conservation District
- ▶ Willcox-San Simon Natural Resource Conservation District



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