

**Army Compatible Use Buffer (ACUB)
Camp Navajo, Arizona
Impacts and Timeline
January 4, 2010**

Positive Impacts if ACUB is funded:

- Provides additional buffer zones to newly proposed Range Expansion in current East and West Buffer Areas.
- Protects training opportunities for current and future soldiers -estimated increase from 72,000 to 180,606 training days in FY09.
- Establishes positive public support which may help ensure or avoid issues related to increases in traffic and noise related to proposed increases in activity and construction.
- Provides potential habitat and wildlife corridors for Threatened and Endangered Species and other wildlife displaced or affected by increased training days and habitat loss, degradation and disturbance due to 12 newly proposed ranges.
- Assists with mitigation measures that may be required by USFWS and requested by AZGFD with construction and use of newly proposed Range Expansion.
- Supports the AZARNG mission to act as responsible land stewards and maintain diverse training areas for soldiers.
- High potential to reduce costs of mitigation measures that may be required for the Range Expansion.
- Establishes Camp Navajo as proactive in its mission to meet the AZARNG sustainability goals and objectives.
- Maintains a positive and cooperative relationships and partnerships with the USFWS, AZGFD, Coconino County, Naval Observatory Flagstaff Station (NOFS), and other stakeholders of the community that are currently involved with the ACUB as well as the EUL.
- Acquisition of the Rogers Lake ACUB area by Coconino County is highly supported by voters and would be widely publicized. Positive public support gained from the ACUB would assist with future support for the EUL. Support would provide positive public support for future ACUB proposals, the EUL, Camp Navajo in general and the AZARNG.

Timeline of ACUB Activities:

- Nov 2002 Coconino County voters approved an Open Space Initiative and a 1/8th cent sales tax to fund acquiring lands including the ACUB proposed Priority 1 "Rogers Lake" and Priority 2 "Old Growth" areas.
- Aug 2006 Military Buffer Partnership formed between Camp Navajo, NOFS, USFWS, AZGFD, and Coconino County. Also attended by NGB, US Navy, AZDEMA, NAU, ASLD, and USFS.
- Jan 2007 2nd Meeting of Military Buffer Partnership to discuss ACUB
- Jan 2007 Draft ACUB Proposal submitted to NGB; Comments received
- Mar 2007 The Arizona Daily Sun runs news article "Army, Navy join forces to save land from houses" touting the newly formed Military Buffer Partnership and the ACUB Program.
- Jan 2008 Coconino County submitted API petition to Arizona State Land Department (ASLD) requesting the rezoning of Rogers Lake Area for conservation use.
- July 2009 ASLD held public hearing on API in Flagstaff
- July 2009 Camp Navajo Noise Contour Study Completed
- July 2009 Establishment of the Rogers Lake Stakeholders Group and development of "Management Objectives"
- Aug 2009 Military Buffer Partnership Meeting at NOFS to discuss ACUB
- Oct 2009 2nd Meeting of the Rogers Lake Stakeholders Group; Partnership Charter Drafted
- Nov 2009 ASLD Citizens Advisory Committee held a public hearing on API in Phoenix
- Dec 2009 Revised ACUB Proposal completed and submitted to AZDEMA for internal review - in process
- Jan 2010 3rd Meeting of the Rogers Lake Stakeholders Group January 29th
- June 2010 Partner funds must be committed for Growing Smarter application
- Fall 2010 Rogers Lake Stakeholder Coordination Plan to be submitted to ASLD
- Sept 2010 Growing Smarter match awarded
- Nov 2010 Auction of Rogers Lake Area (Priority 1 ACUB)