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MEMORANDUM FOR Record

SUBJECT: Camp Williams Approved For Army Compatible Use Buffer (ACUB)

1. After years of effort, Camp Williams was finally approved by the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management (ACSIM) to participate in the Army Compatibility Use Buffer (ACUB) program. Camp Williams now has a seat at the table to compete for federal funding to assist the ACUB partners in managing encroachment along the borders in order to preserve the ability to train and ensure the safety of surrounding communities. Due to the hard work and commitment of all involved, the Camp Williams ACUB was awarded \$2.7 million of Fiscal Year 2015 funds to begin the buffering process. Herriman City, an ACUB partner, will use the funds to purchase land/easements from willing landowners along the north border of Camp Williams. This process will not only significantly preserve the training areas of Camp Williams but will provide a safety standoff for the residents of Herriman City in the event of wildfires and disruptive training activities such as artillery, demolitions, and helicopter exercises. Other ACUB partners include the Conservation Fund, Eagle Mountain City, and the US Department of Agriculture.

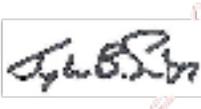
2. Like many military installations, Camp Williams was originally established in a location far from population centers. As Utah's population has exploded, urban sprawl now abuts the borders of Camp Williams and impacts the ability to train and poses some risk to surrounding communities. Camp Williams is an extremely active installation and provides ranges, terrain, and facilities not only for all the Soldiers of the Utah Army National Guard but to all branches of the military. Due to the unique similarities to many foreign areas our nation is currently engaged, Camp Williams has become the training center of choice for many deploying units to conduct pre-deployment training. Because of the growing development along the borders, Commanders frequently are required to choose between being disruptive to the communities surrounding Camp Williams and meeting mission critical training and testing requirements. This is referred to as encroachment.

3. In December 2002, Congress provided legislative authority that allows military departments to partner with government or private organizations to establish buffer areas around active training and testing areas. This authority entitled agreements to limit encroachments and other constraints on military testing, training and operations. The Army created the ACUB Program to implement these authorities.

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4. The ACUB program allows installations to work with partners to encumber off-post land to protect habitat and buffer training without acquiring any new land for Army ownership. Through ACUB, the Utah National Guard reaches out to partners to identify mutual objectives of land conservation and to manage development of critical open areas. The US Army can contribute funds to the partner's purchase of easements or properties from willing landowners. Establishing buffer areas around Army installations limits the effects of encroachment and maximizes land inside the installation that can be used to support the installation's mission and improves the quality of life of the surrounding communities.

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