

2024 Camp Ripley Update

Camp Ripley
"The Warrior's Choice"





Camp Ripley's Mission

Provide superior customer service,
facilities, and resources empowering
organizations to train in a realistic
environment while fostering
Positive Community Relations.





MN Leadership



- **Major General Shawn Manke** is The Adjutant General of the Minnesota National Guard



- **Command Chief Master Sergeant Lisa Erikson** is the Command Senior Enlisted Leader for the Minnesota National Guard



34 ID Leadership



- **Major General Charles Kemper** is the Commander of the 34th Infantry Division



- **Command Sergeant Major Matthew Erickson** is the Command Sergeant Major of the 34th Infantry Division



Camp Ripley Leadership



- **Colonel Troy Fink** is the Garrison Commander of Camp Ripley



- **Command Sergeant Major Rian Hofstad** is the Garrison Command Sergeant Major of Camp Ripley



Economic Impact

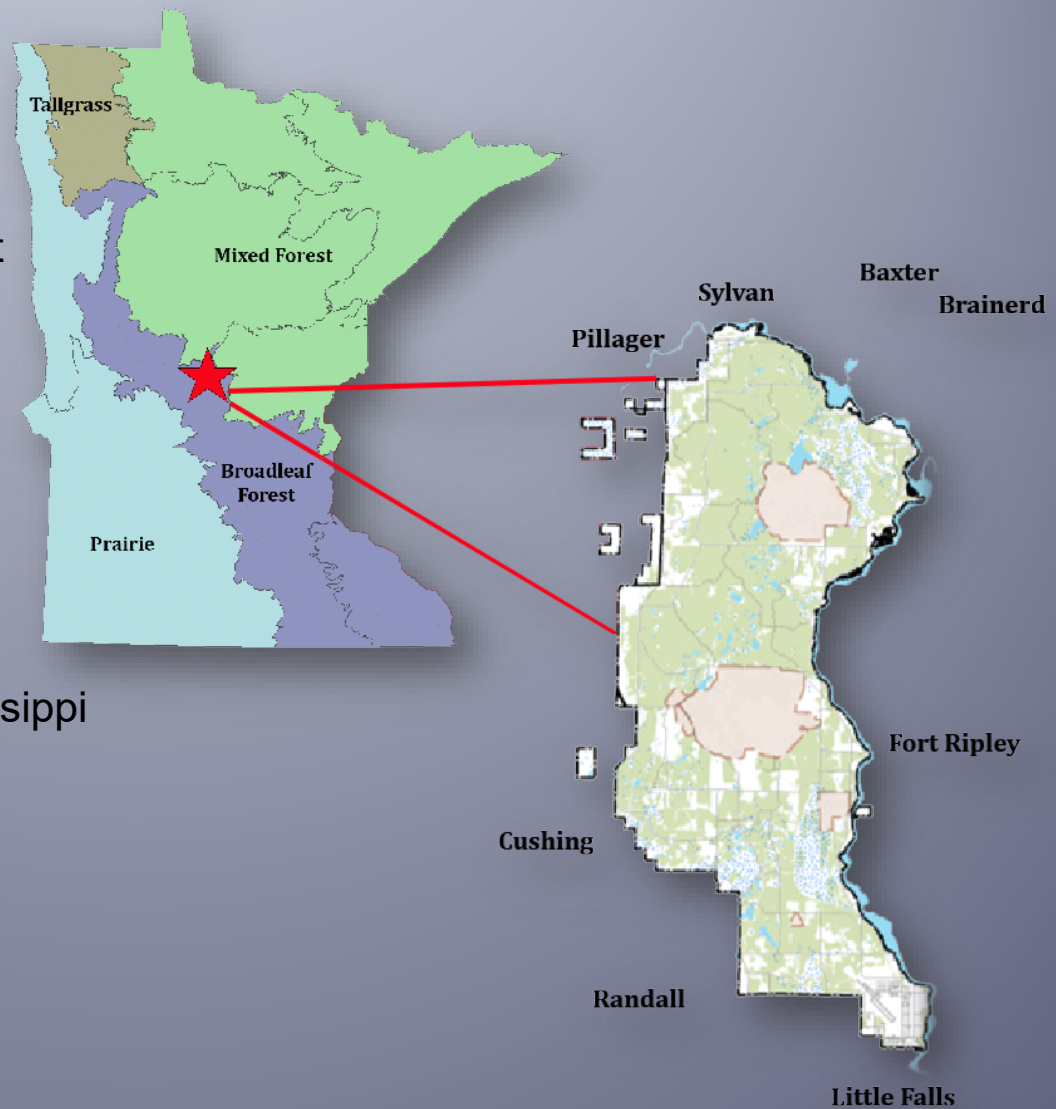


Payroll	\$	55,049,879.18
Construction Projects/Maintenance Contracts	\$	21,200,000.00
Utilities	\$	2,618,820.59
Food/Meals	\$	2,003,445.04
Army Compatible Use Buffer	\$	1,302,450.00
Education	\$	790,254.00
Total	\$	72,748,355.09
Camp Ripley has 800-1,000 State & Federal Employees		



Location

- 52,831 acres (21,379 ha)
 - 50,731 acres (17,237 ha) Range
 - 2,100 acres (849 ha) Cantonment
- State Owned Property
- Three Counties
 - Morrison
 - Cass
 - Crow Wing
- 18 miles (29 km) of undisturbed Mississippi River
- Level II Training Center
- 45 live and 23 non-live fire ranges





Accomplishments / Events

- In 2023, we hosted 400,839 DoD and 78,511 local/state interagency partners
- Camp Ripley Open House (bi-annual event)
- Hosted multiple training events with the Air Force, Navy, Marines, and Coast Guard
- Hosted DNR and State Patrol Academies
- Celebrated the 51st Anniversary of NOREX





Support to Civil Authorities



Typical Missions:

- Winter Storm Response
- Flood Response
- Wildfire Response
- Civil Disturbance

Typical Associated Tasks:

- Security
- Traffic Control (TCP)
- Evacuation
- Search and Rescue
- Civil Disturbance Control
- Aerial Wild land Fire Response
- Natural Disaster Relief
- Emergency Debris Clearance
- Emergency Shelter
- Mutual Aid (CRTIC)





Construction Update



Current & Future Projects:

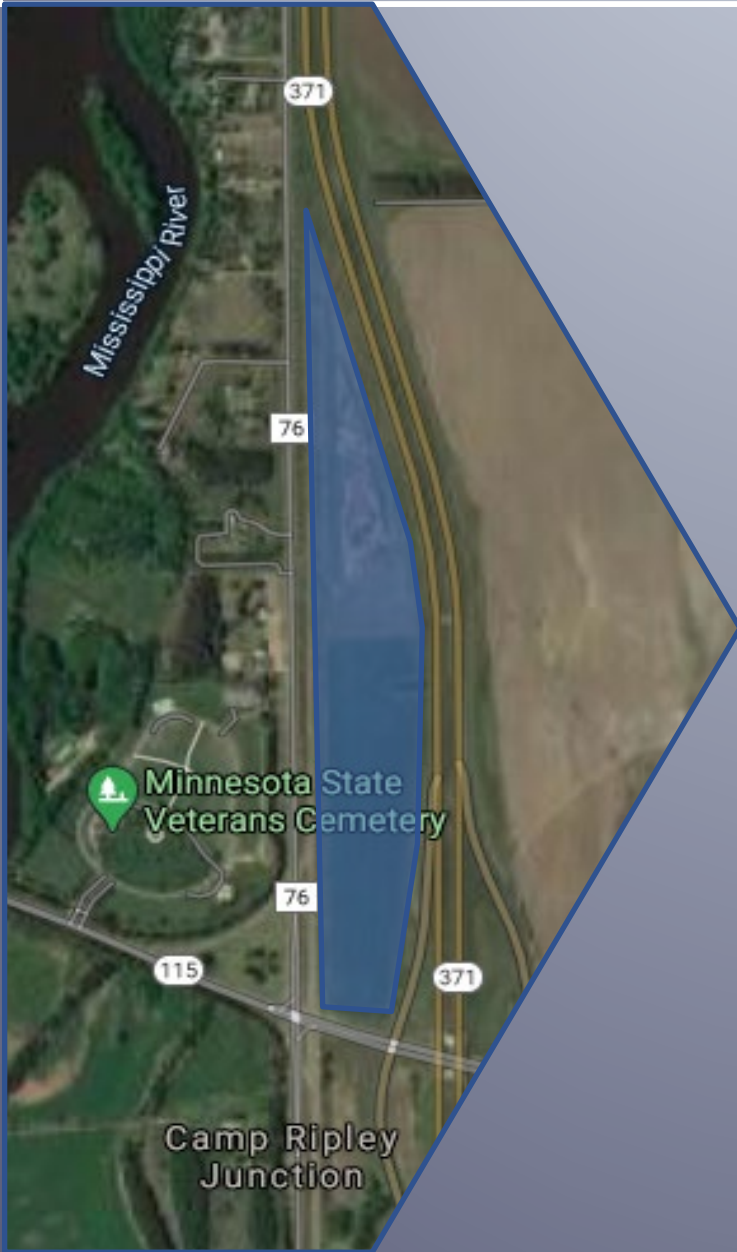
- Rail Spurs
- Access Control Point
- Tactical Airstrip Upgrade
- Fiber Loop (Downrange)
- Area 5 (BN HQ/Dining Facility/ Supply Building)
- Pistol Range Upgrades
- Numerous Building Renovations



Museum Update

MN Legislature approved \$30M to build a new Minnesota Military and Veterans Museum

- Currently in design
- Located between Veterans Cemetery & Hwy 371





2024 Scheduled Training

JUN – 12,000 Military (**Artillery**, Weapons Qual)
1,500 Civilian

JUL – 13,500 Military (**xCTC, 2/34 IBCT, Aviation**)
3,000 Civilian (Youth Camp)

AUG – 12,500 Military (Weapons Qual)
1,500 Civilian

SEP – 9,500 Military (Weapons Qual)
3,000 Civilian (Snowplow Training)

OCT – 8,000 Military (Weapon Qual)
2,500 Civilian (Snowplow Training)





Camp Ripley State Partners



MN DNR

- Offices on Post
- Academy conducted
- Annual training events

MN State Patrol

- Offices on Post
- Academy conducted
- Annual training events

HSEM

- Offices on Post
- Multi-agency training events conducted

MN DOT

- Annual driver training events



Soldier & Family Programs



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Community Outreach

- Camp Ripley Open House (September 2025)
- Environmental Field Tours, Festivals and Presentations
- National Public Lands Day, Earth Day
- Planting for the Future
- Outreach to Tribal Communities
- Morrison County Water Festival
- Memorial and Veterans Day Speeches
- Christmas Gift Tags (100 tags)
- Food Drives (605lbs)
- **Blood Drives (4733 units/pint)**
- Job Shadow Program
- Archery Hunt
- Disabled American Veterans & Soldier Hunts
- Trolling for the Troops Fishing Event
- Central Minnesota Search and Rescue
- www.mnvetsoutdoors.org





Environmental Program

“Managing Today’s Resources for Tomorrow’s Mission”

Responsibilities

- Wildlife
- Fisheries
- Forestry
- Protected Species
- Cultural Resources
- Pest Management
- Wetlands
- Noise
- Wild Land Fire
- Outreach & Recreation
- ITAM (Land Rehabilitation)
- GIS

Environment oversight from over 15 Agencies organizations and regulations to include: EPA, USFWS, MPCA, MNDNR, Presidential and Governor Orders, DoD, HQDA, ARNG, DoD, HQDA, ARNG I&E, MNNG, AR-2001, JFMN 200-1





Environmental Partnerships



- Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
- Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources
- Central Lakes College
- St. Cloud State University
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- The Nature Conservancy
- Local School Districts
- Community Interest Groups



Prescribed Burns

When: Approximately March-June
14,763 planned acres for 2024

Why we conduct burns:

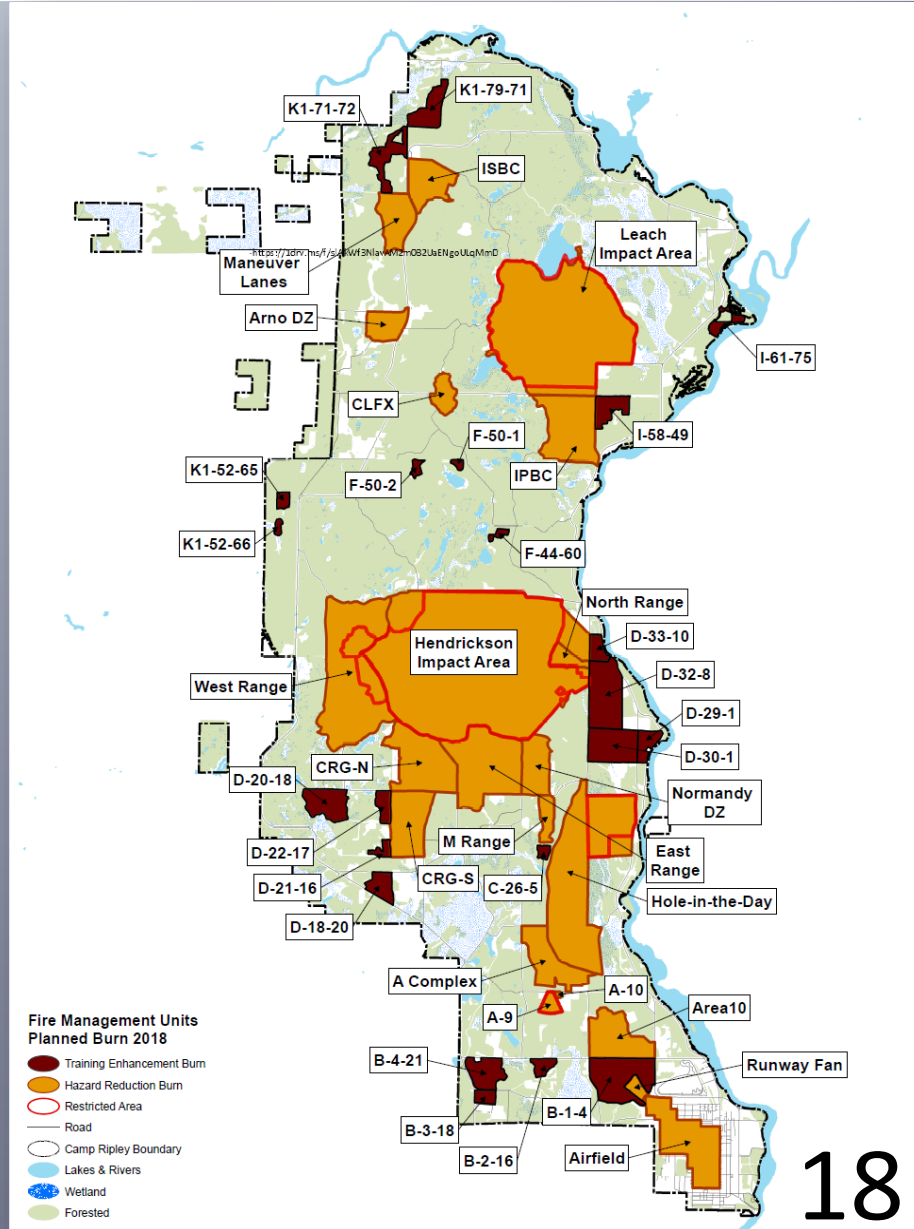
- To create a safe training environment for Soldiers and protect surrounding communities
- Mitigates the risk of fires starting during range firing
- Improve and enhance native fire dependent plant communities

Considerations taken before burns:

- Wind Speed/direction
- Temperature
- Relative Humidity
- Fuel/moisture content
- Training area occupancy

Those involved:

- Camp Ripley's Fire and Emergency Services
- Camp Ripley's Dept. of Public Works
- Camp Ripley's Environmental Team





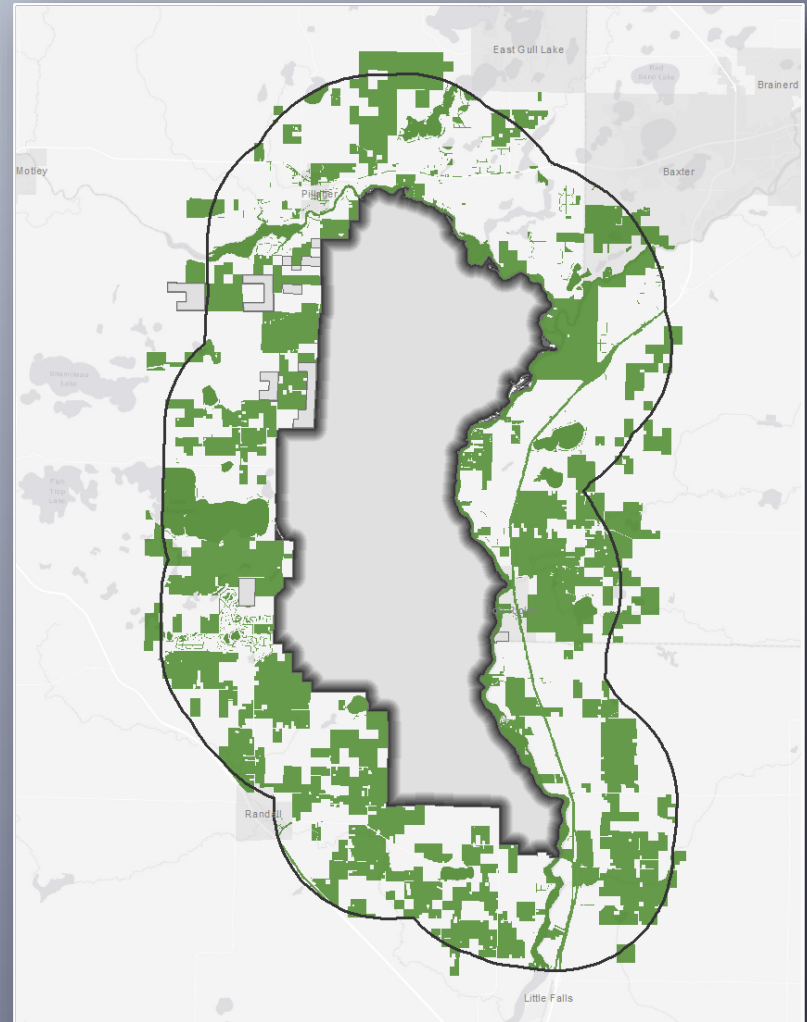
Army Compatible Use Buffer

Conservation Easements and Acquisitions

- ☐ 37,831 acres enrolled
- ☐ Willing Landowners Only
- ☐ Maintaining Rural Landscape
- ☐ Protecting Habitat
- ☐ Protecting Agriculture
- ☐ Eliminating Training Restrictions

Land Management and Restoration

- ☐ Improve Agricultural Operations
- ☐ Manage and Improve Habitats
- ☐ Building Resiliency





Unexploded Ordnance (UXO)

- (UXO) are military munitions that failed to function properly upon use
- Do not go near, touch, move or disturb a munition or suspect munition
- Carefully, leave the area, the same way you entered it
- Document your location with GPS if available

Reporting

- Off Camp Ripley - DIAL 911
- On Camp Ripley
Range Operations (320) 616-3137
Public Safety (320) 632-7375



- **R**ecognize - when you may have encountered a munition and that munitions are dangerous.
- **R**etreat - do not approach, touch, move or disturb it, but carefully leave the area.
- **R**eport - call 911 and advise the police of what you saw and where you saw it.



Questions?



Follow up questions?

Please follow our social media or call 320-616-2699

