

## **Fort Wainwright, Alaska**



**ACUB Approval Date:** 28 November 2011

**Installation Description:** Fort Wainwright is comprised of six major training areas in central Alaska, north of the Alaska Range in the Tanana River Valley. Fort Wainwright's mission is to deploy combat ready forces to support joint military operations worldwide and serve as the Joint Force Land Component Command to support Joint Task Force Alaska. Their strategic location, superior training capabilities and dynamic relationship with the local civilian communities make Fort Wainwright a significant national asset and world-class power projection platform (PPP) for military operations anywhere in the world. Fort Wainwright is home to the 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team (SBCT), 25th Infantry Division, and the 16th Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB). The 507th Signal Company, Northern Warfare Training Center, Cold Regions Test Center, 9th Army Band, and additional supporting units and tenants are also based there.

**Challenge:** Concurrently with Army Transformation, Army Growth and Realignment, and the need to upgrade, develop, and construct new training assets; encroachment issues have started to increase limitations on how the Army utilizes its land base and have become an ever present challenge to the training mission in Alaska. The cumulative weight of external factors such as more stringent environmental regulations and urbanization are making it progressively more difficult to facilitate training within the boundaries and are increasing the time and cost of executing construction projects in support of on post operations and the training mission.

**ACUB Objective:** The objective of the ACUB program at Fort Wainwright is to mitigate future environmental restrictions and encroachment threats that could disrupt, limit, or diminish existing and future training and deployment capabilities. A secondary benefit from mitigating urban development is the preservation of important wetland ecosystems that will help meet future Clean Water Act Section 404 compensatory mitigation requirements at Fort Wainwright.

**Cooperative Agreement Partners:** Salcha-Delta Soil and Water Conservation District

**Partner Missions:** Since 1950, the Salcha-Delta Soil and Water Conservation District (SDSWCD) has worked with landowners and managers to address a broad spectrum of resource concerns including erosion, flood prevention, water conservation and quality, wetlands, noxious weeds, and community development.

<b>Wainwright</b>	<b>Funds Obligated</b>	<b>Acres Protected</b>	<b>Military Funds Expended</b>	<b>Partner Funds Expended</b>	<b>Total Expended</b>
In FY12	\$535,698	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Through FY12	\$535,698	0	\$0	\$0	\$0