

MILITARY AND STATE OF OREGON COMPATIBILITY INITIATIVES

The Department of Defense (DoD) is committed to working with all levels of government in Oregon and its citizens to plan wisely for responsible growth and renewable energy development. The following initiatives support compatible land use and development:

- Supporting legislation that promotes the development of renewable energy to meet State goals while preventing adverse impacts to military training and operations
- Fostering relationships with local governments to establish a framework for early notification and ongoing coordination on development projects
- Leveraging existing federal processes to address potential airspace obstructions, including the Federal Aviation Administration's Obstruction Evaluation process



The DoD Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) has funded an Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) grant. The goal of the grant is to foster renewable energy development throughout the State while siting energy projects in a manner that avoids adversely affecting military testing, training, and operations.

Under the grant program, ODOE, in close coordination with state agencies, will develop a tool to allow local governments, developers, and other stakeholders to map locations for renewable energy and other development projects early in the planning process to screen for potential adverse impacts to the military. ODOE will use the information gathered during execution of the grant to continue to support compatible renewable energy growth and economic development.



An increase in renewable energy development across Oregon is anticipated in the coming decades, particularly solar energy, onshore and offshore wind energy, and associated utility infrastructure development. Developing these energy resources involves balancing natural resource and land use compatibility concerns through processes at all levels of government.

The U.S. military, in coordination with Oregon State and other stakeholders, is committed to working with local governments and citizens to plan wisely for compatible land use and resource protection in order to sustain the military's mission for continued national strength and security.



Early and continued coordination with the military is key to the successful siting of energy and other development projects. Local governments and other agencies can contact the NWTRC Community Planning and Liaison Officer and the Oregon Military Department to discuss the location and use of the military training areas and to establish a process for reviewing proposals within those areas.



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THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE IN OREGON

The State of Oregon provides a unique environment for our nation's armed forces with numerous water, terrestrial, and airspace operational and training areas in the Pacific Northwest. Facilities such as the Naval Weapons Systems Training Facility (NWSTF) Boardman, Camp Rilea, Camp Umatilla, Kingsley Field (Klamath Falls) Air National Guard Base, Portland Air National Guard Base, and others play a vital role in preparing active duty, reservist, and National Guard military personnel to meet the security challenges faced globally and at home.

The Navy's Northwest Training Range Complex (NWTRC) is a critical national asset that enables warfighters to prepare for real world operations. The NWTRC includes training and testing ranges, offshore training areas, and aviation routes connecting to the restricted areas over NWSTF Boardman and the Fallon Range Training Complex in Nevada.



The map presented inside this brochure shows military training and operating areas throughout Oregon.

CHALLENGES TO OUR MISSION

To sustain the military mission in the region, the DoD depends on the continued support and cooperation of its friends and neighbors. Significant concerns relate primarily to construction of incompatible infrastructure in operating areas, including:

- Renewable energy projects that produce physical and/or visual obstructions within designated flying areas or radar interference
- Transmission lines, communication towers, or other vertical obstructions that extend into low-level flying areas
- Incompatible development that poses a safety risk to residents and military personnel

The DoD recognizes the authority for local land use decisions lies with each jurisdiction and seeks to establish a framework for early notification and continued coordination to maintain compatible development throughout Oregon.



WORKING TOGETHER FOR A COMPATIBLE FUTURE

Compatible renewable energy development is critical to preserve military operational capabilities, safeguard the military mission, and protect the overall health, safety, and welfare of the public living near military installations or training and operating areas. The DoD collaborates with the Oregon State Legislature to support the development and implementation of legislation focused on siting development projects compatible with critical military training areas. Additional examples of successful interagency coordination include:

Green Corridor Rulemaking

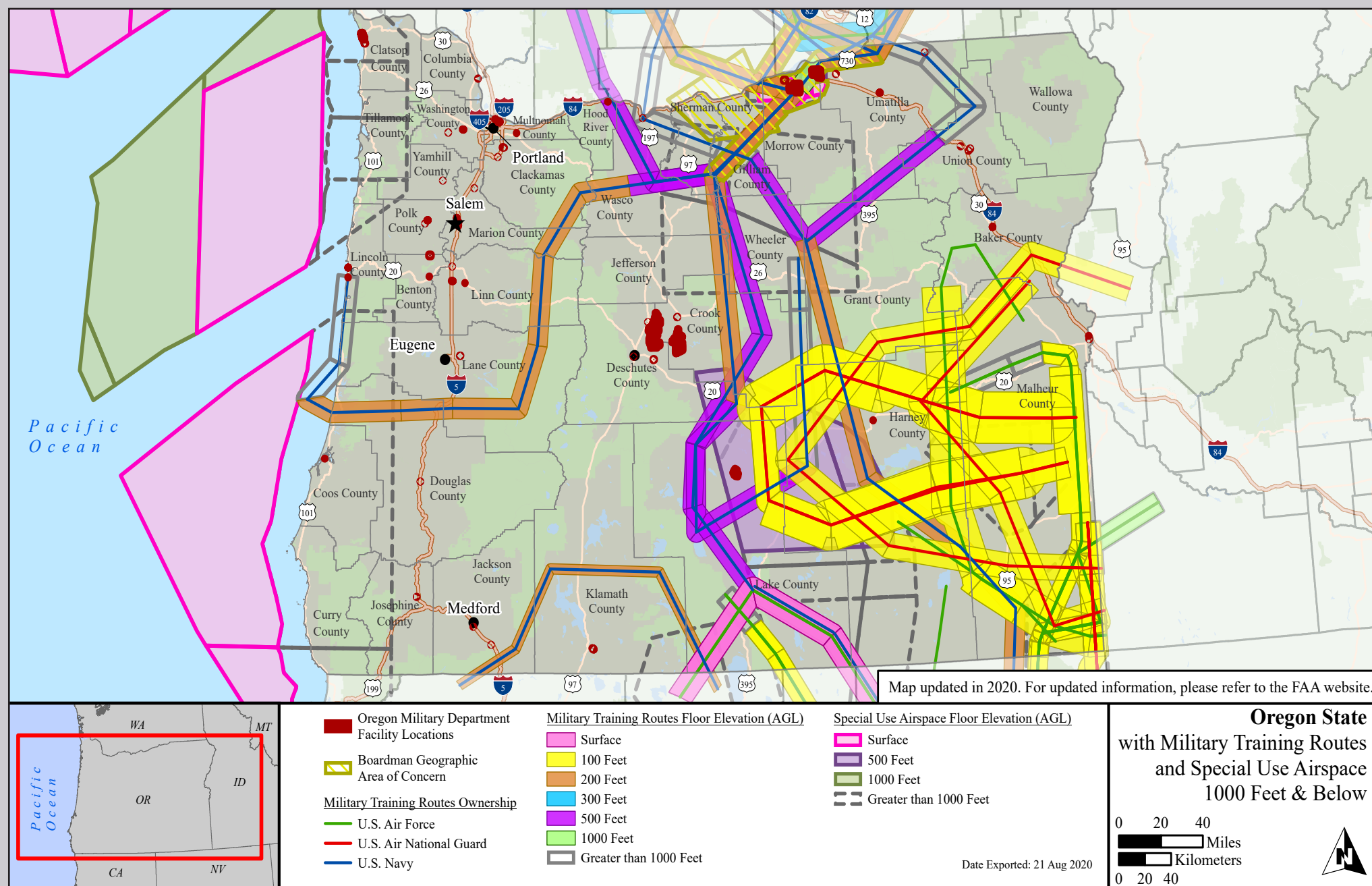
- Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DCLCD) convened a diverse Advisory Committee to develop rule language
- Specific counties in eastern Oregon may coordinate on the designation of electrical transmission corridors on lands planned and zoned for exclusive farm use to better protect high-value farmland, and irrigated or other productive agricultural land

Territorial Sea Plan Amendment

- The plan provides rules governing offshore renewable energy development within the territorial sea
- Amendment requires project proponents to consider effects on military uses during development of projects
- DCLCD-convened Joint Agency Review Team (JART) is responsible for reviewing the adequacy of project applications with respect to criteria defined in the plan
- DCLCD has committed to including DoD in any future JARTs

House Bill 2329

- Passed by the Oregon Legislature and effective January 1, 2020
- Requires local governments to notify military upon receiving an application for a renewable energy permit
- NWTRC Community Planning and Liaison Officer is committed to working with local governments and State agencies to implement processes that comply with this law



*The DoD has designated a Boardman Geographic Area of Concern (GAOC) where proposed incompatible development may have an adverse impact on military operations and readiness. The GAOC designation highlights the importance of the area to national security and indicates where incompatible development could have an adverse impact on low-level military training routes and Special Use Airspace.