



In Partial Fulfillment of the Requirements for the Degree of

Doctor of Philosophy
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Will defend his prospectus

Lessons Learned from The Army Compatible Use Buffer Program: An Enabler for the United States Army and Other Land Management Organizations in Meeting Their Mission Goals, Sustainability Mandates, and Proposed Sustainability Outcomes?

Abstract

This thesis studies the military readiness attributes of the Army's premier land management program, the Army Compatible Use Buffer (ACUB) program, and examines the impacts and potential implications of this program on a much wider landscape of sustainability outcomes and the stakeholder groups involved. The research methodology will be primarily qualitative and will culminate in a detailed case study of the ACUB program along with the design and implementation of three applied field demonstration projects, resulting in a draft policy paper for senior Army Leadership consideration. The research will include an in-depth literature review of DoD archival data, analysis of existing reports, and structured interviews conducted with senior Army leadership and community leaders from affected landscapes. In addition, research will include observation and participant observation (fieldwork) at a select number of ACUB programs located in Mississippi and Texas. As the ACUB program works only with willing landowners and is not in any way associated with condemnations and/or eminent domain takings, this research will not include landowners living near Army installations who have not expressed an interest in participating in the ACUB program.

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Faculty, students, and the public are invited.
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