2014 Army Earth Day Message

On April 22, the United States Army joins the Nation in celebrating Earth Day. Army Earth Day provides us an opportunity to renew our commitment to stewardship of the environment and the lands where our Soldiers, Families and Civilians train, live and work.

Army Earth Day aims to inspire awareness and appreciation of the environment. As a leader among Federal agencies, the Army takes great pride in it its commitment to the environment. The Army *Acknowledges the Past* by restoring Army lands and preserving cultural and historical resources, *Engages the Present* by meeting today's environmental standards enabling Army operations and protecting Soldiers, Families and Civilians and *Charts the Future* by using best practices and new technologies to ensure future environmental resiliency.

The Army faces challenges today that require us to look for more innovative and efficient ways to support the mission and the environment. We value our partnerships with conservation organizations that contribute to responsible stewardship of installation natural resources. We continue to harness more energy from alternative sources, and improve efficiencies in energy, water and waste for the benefit of our current and future force. Army efforts to reduce, repurpose, recycle and recover energy in our operations and daily lives are among the best practices implemented at military installations. The Army continues to look for ways to reduce environmental impacts and ensure the individual readiness and resiliency of our Soldiers.

As we commemorate Army Earth Day 2014, we encourage everyone to take an active role in sustaining the Earth's resources. Learn more about the Army's environmental initiatives and take advantage of the many opportunities to make a difference on your installation. Join us in our commitment to preserve a quality environment, secure the future for generations and remain The Strength of the Nation.

Army Green is Army Strong!

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