



Earth Day 2016 - Army Message
“Acknowledge the Past, Engage the Present, and Chart the Future”

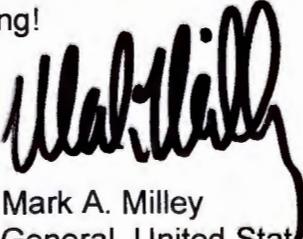
The United States Army joins our Nation on April 22nd to commemorate Earth Day 2016. On this occasion, we renew our commitment to protect the environment and preserve the lands entrusted to the Army—lands that enable our combat readiness and our ability to defend this great Nation.

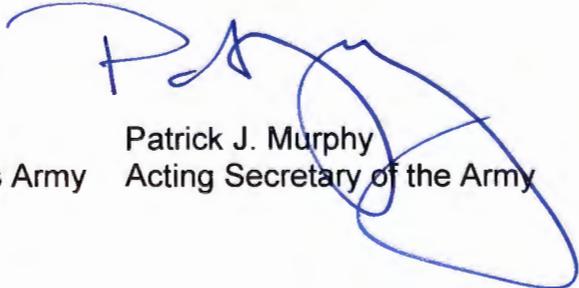
The Army takes tremendous pride in its sound environmental stewardship. As a result, we continue to lead the Federal Government in initiatives that sustain habitats and territories. In 2016, we pledge to focus on inspiring even greater awareness and appreciation of the surroundings and conditions in which we live and operate, and the role they play in ensuring our Army remains ready and resilient. Our efforts will *Acknowledge the Past* by restoring Army lands and preserving cultural and historical resources. We will *Engage the Present* by meeting today’s environmental standards while also enabling Army operations, and protecting Soldiers, Families, and Civilians. Finally, we will *Chart the Future* by bringing the best practices and technologies to bear, thereby ensuring future environmental resiliency. These initiatives will safeguard the vitality of our lands and protect the communities where our Soldiers, Families, and Civilians live, work, and play.

Equally important, we are addressing the implications of climate change and assessing its associated risks to national security. We continue to seek and employ technological innovations and energy solutions that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and mitigate climate change. The Army is committed to leading the way by reducing energy consumption, repurposing and recycling, and enhancing the resiliency and readiness of our installations through energy efficiency and renewable energy use.

As our Army celebrates Earth Day 2016, please join us in protecting the environment, enabling Soldiers’ readiness, and securing the environmental future for our citizens and our Nation. We encourage everyone to join in these efforts by learning more about the Army’s environmental initiatives. Every day around the world, you can make a difference. Army Strong!


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