

FORT LEONARD WOOD, MO TO THE PORT OF GULFPORT, MS

POWER PROJECTION PLATFORM (PPP) ROUTE

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BACKGROUND: Power Projection Platforms (PPPs) are defined as military installations that strategically deploy one or more high-priority active component brigade and/or mobilize and deploy high-priority reserve component units. Increased deployment activity requiring a fast and coordinated response has become the normal operational standard within the continental United States. Routes between PPP installations and their designated Air and Sea Ports of Embarkation (APOEs/ SPOEs) are termed PPP Routes. PPP Routes, a subset of the STRategic Highway NETwork (STRAHNET), are the most critical 5,000 miles of public roadways for supporting the safe, rapid, and efficient movement of DoD personnel and equipment. Highways for National Defense (HND) mission requirements call for ensuring PPP Routes are maintained at a capable design, performance, and condition standard to support national emergency deployments.

INSTALLATION: Fort Leonard Wood, located in the scenic Ozark region of south central Missouri, is approximately 130 miles southwest of St. Louis, Missouri and approximately 80 miles northeast of Springfield, Missouri. The total reservation area is roughly 63,000 acres. On an average day, Fort Leonard Wood has over 11,000 service members in training; employs or hosts more than 13,000 military and civilian employees; and supports over 10,800 family members and about 60,200 retirees. The installation's primary SPOE is the Port of Gulfport, Mississippi.

Source: 2022 Fact Sheet Fort Leonard Wood <https://home.army.mil/wood/application/files/4916/3951/5779/FY22.pdf>

ROUTE: The PPP Route between Fort Leonard Wood and Gulf Port, Mississippi is approximately 759 miles in length. The route begins at The Main Gate along Missouri Avenue, then continues on I-44, I-270, I-55, US 49, I-59, US 98, US 49, Beach Boulevard, and ends along 30th Avenue at the Main Gate to the Port of Gulfport.

