



ARMY EARTH DAY MESSAGE

April 22, 2019

SUSTAIN THE ENVIRONMENT TO SECURE THE MISSION

On April 22, the United States Army will join the Nation in celebrating Earth Day. Earth Day is an opportunity to emphasize our commitment to stewardship of the lands and environmental resources entrusted to us; the lands where our Soldiers, Families and Civilians train, live, and work. The Army's participation in Earth Day aims to inspire awareness and appreciation of the environment and how sustaining the environment secures the military mission. The success of the Army's warfighting readiness mission is inseparable from the environmental resources that are essential to accomplishing that mission.

Readiness and modernization require access to realistic natural landscapes and environmental conditions that Soldiers experience during combat. The Army sustains our environment by maintaining and enhancing natural and cultural resources, and making certain our air and water is clean and safe. In sustaining the environment, the Army secures the mission by ensuring installation lands have the capabilities to support readiness and modernization.

This Earth Day, and every day, we all have an opportunity to make a difference. By making the right choices today, our Army will remain the world's premier military force into the future. Please take the time to find out what the Army is doing for Earth Day 2019 (<https://aec.army.mil/index.php/earth-day>). I encourage you to participate in Army Earth Day events. Do your part to help sustain the environment - the mission of the Army depends on it!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alex Beehler". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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