

INFORMATION PAPER

SUBJECT: Camp Branch.

1. **Purpose.** Summary of Camp Branch background and training capabilities.
2. **Facts.**
 - a. SOF elements lack an eastern US location for joint training that replicates their downrange mission and facilitates experimentation and development of coordinated and integrated Irregular Warfare (IW) Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures (TTPs) and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs).
 - b. The WVNG is implementing a plan to develop Joint Base WV as a SOF training destination capable of accommodating special operations core activities and relieving the concentration of units on existing installations where civilian encroachment and environmental concerns limit training effectiveness.
 - c. The Camp Branch training area is centrally located in the eastern United States enabling cost effective, single day training operations for supported forces.
 - d. Camp Branch is surrounded by the West Virginia Low Altitude Tactical Navigation Area (LATN) which offers approximately 26,000 square miles of nearly unrestricted and uncongested airspace. The airspace offers varied topography to include lowland river valleys, rolling hills, and mountainous terrain with minimal cultural lighting.
 - e. Camp Branch Landing Zone (LZ) is a 3659' x 60' unimproved dirt runway equipped with covert lighting for Night Vision Device (NVD) operations. It is currently C-130 and Short Takeoff and Landing (STOL) aircraft capable and will eventually accommodate C-17 aircraft.
 - f. The LZ is collocated with Camp Branch Drop Zone (DZ) which is approved for numerous aerial delivery options including NVD and Instrument Meteorological Conditions (IMC). Adjacent to Camp Branch is Logan County Airport, a 3605' paved C-130 capable LZ.
 - g. The land use area includes over 1500 acres of adjacent rugged, rolling terrain for ground movement exercises with local WV SOF forces.

3. Camp Branch Pictures.

