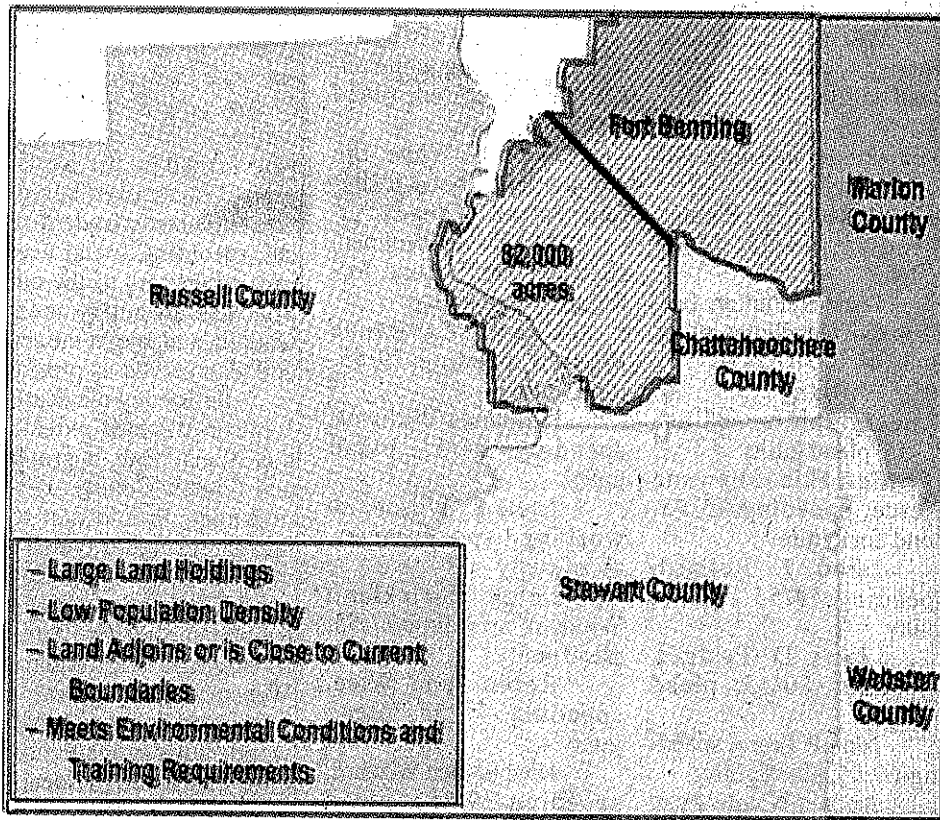


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FORT BENNING, Ga.
 The Department of the Army has approved a plan allowing Fort Benning to go forward with a study on the possibility of expanding training lands by 82,800 acres over the next five to ten years.

The additional training land - approximately 40 percent more than the post's current square acreage - would allow two heavy maneuver battalions and elements of the maneuver center to train simultaneously.

"More than 10 years ago, the Army identified a shortfall in training lands at a variety of locations in the U.S. One of those locations is here at Fort Benning," said Maj. Gen. Michael Bricker, Fort Benning's commanding general, at a press conference recently. The shortfall is a result of changes in our doctrine and equipment."

Fort Benning was established in 1918. In the 1950's its boundaries grew close to where they are today, however the post's training mission has ex-



The diagram above depicts Fort Benning's current boundary outlined in red. An additional 82,000 acres would equal roughly 40 percent of the reservation's current 183,000 acres.

Fort Benning Gets OK to Study Land Purchase

cently rated the sixth largest installation in the U.S. with the third largest troop density.

Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, housed at Fort Benning. The heavy brigade needs more land to accomplish its mission of providing realistic training for troops headed to combat, said Col. Tom Macdonald, garrison commander.

11th Engineers and a few other tenant units, National Guard and reserve units, there's just not enough terrain right now and there hasn't been for a while."

In January, the Secretary of Defense authorized a study at Fort Benning to

Candidates Qualify in Marion Schley and Stewart

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Schley County
 Republican District 4-
 County Commissioner
 Ken Wilson
 James O. Carpenter
 Democrat District 4-
 County Commissioner
 Clifford Braxton
 District 1-County
 Commissioner
 Douglas Jamieson
 District 4 -Board of
 Education
 Democrat Water K.
 Bentley (Incumbent)
 unopposed

District-1 Robbie
 Pilcher (Incumbent)
 unopposed
Marion County
 County Commis-
 sioner
 Republican-District 2
 Dennis K. Thompson
 (Incumbent)
 District 3
 Lawrence Edward
 Ogan, Jr. (Incumbent)
 James C. Cossett, Jr.
 County Commission
 Democrat -District 2
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Tindol Fines 9 in Webster County

Staff Report
 Preston - There were 9 people fined in Webster County Court in April by the Honorable Judge Lorene Tindol. They were: Michael B. Boynton, charged with Possession of marijuana, fined \$862.50
 Sophia Ciannie Carter, speeding, 75-78/55, fined \$124.00., No Insurance, fined \$285.00.
 Willard L. Grant, DUI- 2nd offense, fined \$1,321.00., open container, fined \$285.00 driving

Anthony Dwane Jackson, driving while driving license suspended, fined \$1,376.00., speeding 79-84/55, fined \$306.00.
 Jimmy King, driving while license suspended-2 offense, fined \$3,315.00.
 Robert Foy Littleton, speeding, 71-74/55, fined \$96.00., DUI-Marijuana, fined \$1,464.00
 Kentavius D. Minnefiled, speeding, 75-78/55, fined \$124.00., too fast for conditions, fined \$145.00.

