



# Letterkenny Army Depot

The Army's Air and Missile Defense Depot



*Matt Miller, natural resources manager, Letterkenny Army Depot, explains quail habitats at the depot during a partnership meeting July 18, 2023.*

## Bobwhite Quail Focus Area

- Approximately 3,600 acres total
- Grassland and early successional habitats included in focus area
- Approximately 2,600 acres managed using focus area habitat management techniques:
  - Prescribed Fire
  - Disking
  - Forestry Mulching
  - Herbicide Application
  - Warm Season Grass and Forb Planting
  - Timber Harvests

The Bobwhite Quail Focus Area is a large-scale habitat project at Letterkenny Army Depot that began in 2017.

Letterkenny Army Depot has been partnering with the Pennsylvania Game Commission since 2017 to establish a quality quail habitat for bobwhite quail on the installation.

This native species once inhabited every county in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania until habitat loss led to expiration in the 1990s.

LEAD, which encompasses over 18,000 acres, was one of the last known locations in Pennsylvania to have a wild native bobwhite quail population.

The Bobwhite Quail Focus Area, located on LEAD in Franklin County, is the only focus area in Pennsylvania. The Pennsylvania Game Commission deems bobwhites extirpated, so the project focuses on establishing a wild bobwhite population in Pennsylvania.

March 2024 marks the reintroduction of wild bobwhite quail and restoration of these birds to their historic range in Pennsylvania.



*Personnel conduct prescribed fire operations in support of BQFA habitat management Feb. 25, 2021.*

Ongoing habitat management practices have been underway at the depot since 2017 to prepare a suitable landscape for the species.

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