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U.S. Army to conduct military free-fall training in Montana.

FORT BRAGG, N.C.- Members of U.S. Army Special Operations have been conducting military free-fall training in the Bitterroot National Forest and Ravalli County, Montana from Aug. 31-Sept. 4, 2015. During daylight hours, residents may have observed helicopters and parachutists. The U.S. Army Special Operations Command coordinates this training with the Ravalli County Sheriff's Office whenever these exercises are conducted in the Bitterroot.

The training conducted will pose no risk to residents and very little noise.

This training allows special operations Soldiers to practice in terrain not normally available to them near home station.

On Sept. 1, 16 parachutists conducted a military free-fall jump in Hamilton, Montana. One parachutist had an equipment malfunction and was forced to land in a residential area. First responders provided immediate aid and the Soldier is being observed and provided care by medical professionals at a hospital in Missoula, Montana.

We appreciate the support and consideration the citizens of Montana extend to the Soldiers during this training and thank them for their understanding of any inconveniences the training may cause.

Questions concerning this training should be referred to the U.S Army Special Operations Command Public Affairs Office at (910) 432-6005, or by email at pao@soc.mil

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