

YOU MIGHT KNOW THAT THE ARMY HAS MANY ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS. WHAT YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW IS THAT THESE PROGRAMS TOUCH YOUR LIVES EVERYDAY. ENVIRONMENTAL CORRESPONDENT JAVIER HERNANDEZ EXPLAINS.

WHEN IT COMES TO PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT, THE ARMY PUTS ITS MONEY WHERE ITS MOUTH IS.

“THE ARMY SPENDS SOMEWHERE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF 1.2 TO 1.4 BILLION DOLLARS A YEAR ON ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS. THAT IS A LOT OF MONEY BY ANYBODY’S STANDARD.” – MAJOR GENERAL ROSS THOMPSON – COMMANDER TANK, AUTOMOTIVE AND ARMAMENTS COMMAND.

BUT TO GIVE YOU A BETTER IDEA OF JUST HOW MUCH WE’RE GOING TO DO A COMPARISON WITH ...HOLLYWOOD.

MORE THAN A THIRD OF THE BUDGET, 529 MILLION DOLLARS, IS SPENT ON COMPLIANCE ISSUES -- THAT’S ENOUGH TO SINK THE TITANIC TWO AND A HALF TIMES.

“I’M KING OF THE WORLD!”

IN YOUR WORLD, OR AT LEAST ON POST, THAT MONEY ENSURES THAT THE AIR AND WATER IS CLEAN. AND THAT WASTE IS PROPERLY MANAGED.

YEARS AGO PEOPLE DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO MANAGE WASTE AND NOW THE ARMY SPENDS 377 MILLION A YEAR ON RESTORATION, CLEANING UP THOSE SINS OF THE PAST.

THAT'S MORE THAN WHAT HARRY POTTER MADE WORLDWIDE.

TO AVOID FUTURE CLEAN UPS THE ARMY PUMPS ABOUT 39 MILLION INTO POLLUTION PREVENTION PROGRAMS, OR ABOUT WHAT BRITTANY SPEARS GROSSED THIS YEAR.

“OOPS I DID IT AGAIN...”

AS IN RECYCLING WHICH IS ONE OF THE WAYS THE ARMY CUTS DOWN THE AMOUNT OF GARBAGE AND POLLUTION THAT'S CARRIED OFF POST.

AND SPEAKING OF CARRIED OFF, JIM CAREY'S GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS FOR AROUND 123 MILLION DOLLARS. THAT'S WHAT THE ARMY SPENDS ON CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES LIKE PROTECTING ENDANGERED SPECIES AND PRESERVING CULTURAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES.

AND WHILE THE ARMY IS DOING ALL OF THAT IT STILL NEEDS TO HELP SOLDIERS STAY TRAINED AND READY. WHILE TANK RANGES, MOUT SITES AND MANUVER AREAS MAY NEVER MAKE THE LATE NIGHT TOP TEN LIST THEY DO PROVIDE SOME OF THE BEST TRAINING IN THE WORLD. DAVID LETTERMAN'S 32 MILLION DOLLAR SALARY IS ABOUT WHAT THE ARMY SPENDS TO MAINTAIN THESE AREAS.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP ISN'T ALWAYS EASY OR AS FUN AS A BOX OFFICE HIT BUT THEY DO HIT HOME, JAVIER HERNANDEZ, WASHINGTON.

