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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Privately Owned Vehicle (POV) Maintenance Policy

1. REFERENCES:

- a. Army Regulation (AR) 200-1, Environmental Protection and Enhancement.
- b. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Authorization to Discharge Under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit, Fort Carson Permit No. COR042001, 2 December 2015.
- c. Fort Carson Regulation 190-5, Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision, 1 March 2010.

2. PURPOSE. To set forth Installation policy and understanding concerning the commitment to protecting rivers, streams, lakes, and ultimately, coastal waters by limiting POV maintenance activities across the Installation.

3. APPLICABILITY. This memorandum is applicable to all Brigades, Battalions, Tenants, Garrison activities, and contractors assigned or attached to Fort Carson. I hold Commanders/Directors responsible for the effective implementation of this policy.

4. POLICY. This policy outlines practices I expect you to implement to help achieve our water conservation and waste reduction objectives. All Fort Carson Units, Directorates, and Tenants will ensure water and waste considerations are included as part of their daily responsibilities. United States Army Garrison (USAG) will rescind this policy upon publication of an updated Fort Carson Regulation 190-5.

- a. Personnel are not allowed to use POV parking areas for the major repair and maintenance of vehicles for safety and environmental reasons, as these areas do not house spill kits, first aid kits, fire extinguishers, eye wash stations, etc.

- b. Personnel may change wiper blades, add small amounts of fluids (motor oil, antifreeze, transmission fluid, gear oil, gasoline, etc.) replace batteries, and conduct other minor vehicle maintenance not requiring the removal of any major components (e.g., body panels, transmission, drivetrain, and suspension, etc.). Vehicle services that require the draining and refilling of fluids are not permitted. Personnel should conduct services at the Auto Skills Center which also allows overnight and indoor storage.

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Personnel will clean up any spills or leaks immediately and dispose of the materials properly at the Hazardous Waste Storage Facility, Building 9248, (520) 691-9573. Personnel will take car batteries to the Recycle Yard located near the Exchange or to auto supply stores located throughout the local community.

c. Owners and operators may wash POVs, however; it is highly encouraged that owners and operators use the Installation's commercial car wash or car washes located off the Installation. This limits the amount of substances washed into a storm drain that will pollute rivers, streams, creeks, and lakes. Those who wash vehicles in parking areas may only use non-toxic, biodegradable, phosphate-free, water-based cleaners. Personnel may not clean engines or engine compartments with soaps or solvents.

d. Personnel may change and/or rotate tires. Tires must never be placed in or near trash receptacles nor abandoned anywhere on the Installation. The Auto Skills Center and most auto supply and maintenance shops will take used tires for a small processing fee. Owners and operators may never leave vehicles unattended on jack stands, blocks, etc.

e. Everyone on Fort Carson plays an important role in helping to achieve water and waste objectives. Moreover, our environmental stewardship with our local communities is paramount in ensuring environmental protection throughout the region.

5. For more information about stormwater and spill protection efforts on Fort Carson, contact the DPW Stormwater Program Manager at (520) 691-9189.

6. The DPW POC for this memorandum is the Environmental Compliance Chief at 520-691-9183 or (719) 726-9112. The POC for the Directorate of Emergency Services (DES) is the Supervising Traffic Officer at (719) 722-0952. The Auto Skills Center can be reached at (719) 526-2147 or visit their website at <https://carson.armymwr.com/auto>.


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