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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Installation Policy Memorandum #15, Migratory Birds

1. Purpose: To provide policy guidance to protect migrating birds, including swallows, on Fort Greely

2. Scope: This policy applies to all active-duty Army, National Guard, and Reserve component units, Garrison Directorates, Tenants, Residents and Contractors assigned either permanently or temporarily on Fort Greely.

3. Applicability: The mission of Fort Greely is to synchronize, integrate and deliver services and sustain facilities in support of the Senior Mission Commander, Missile Defense Agency, and Tenants. We will perform this mission in concert with our stewardship responsibilities to protect and conserve the environment by complying with applicable Federal and State environmental laws and regulations.

4. References:

a. Migratory Bird Treaty Act, 16 USC 703-712 and Code of Federal Regulations (50 CFR Parts 13 and 21).

b. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Advisory: Recommended Time Periods for Avoiding Vegetation Clearing in Alaska to Protect Migratory Birds.

c. State of Alaska Administrative Code (5 AAC 92.033).

5. Policy: Migratory birds, such as swallows, chicks, or eggs shall not be harmed or otherwise disturbed at any time. No nest may be removed or tampered with between April 30 and July 30. Nest removals at other times may only be undertaken with the approval and oversight of the Fort Greely Environmental Office.

6. Procedures: Any person who has knowledge of any injured bird, nest destruction, tampering, harassment of chicks, or any activity that is an actual threat to migratory bird nests, eggs or chicks shall immediately report the matter to the Environmental Office.

a. Departments and tenant organizations shall ensure that employees, contractors, visitors and residents are advised of this policy:

b. All garrison directorates and offices shall specifically inform employees of this policy and maintain a roster signed by the employees indicating that they have been advised of and understand the policy.

c. All tenant organizations and contractors are strongly encouraged to inform their employees of this policy and maintain a roster as described above.

7. Background:

a. Cliff swallows are the predominant migratory bird of concern on Fort Greely, building new nests or reoccupying existing nests, laying eggs, and rearing their chicks. Normally, the swallows will leave for their southern migration by August of each year. The Cliff Swallow is the most prevalent and potentially problematic bird in the housing and industrial areas of Fort Greely.

b. The Fort Greely Environmental Office will obtain all federal and state permits needed to mitigate annual migratory bird issues in accordance with the USAG Alaska Integrated Natural Resource Management Plan.

8. Effective Date: This policy is effective on the above-mentioned date of this memorandum.

9. This policy supersedes all previous Policy Memorandums regarding migratory birds.

10. The point of contact for this policy is the USAG Fort Greely Conservation Program Manager, Justin Hogrefe, 907-873-4664 or Justin.I.hogrefe.civ@army.mil.

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