

U.S. Army Garrison Hawaii – Environmental Compliance Guide

CULTURAL RESOURCES

GENERAL INFORMATION

U.S. Army Garrison Hawaii has responsibility for cultural resources within Army jurisdiction on Oahu, and provides support to Pohakuloa Training Area on the Island of Hawaii. The cultural resources program provides environmental stewardship while supporting readiness by meeting compliance requirements and effectively managing cultural resources. Cultural resources are defined by the Army as historic properties, cultural items, archaeological resources, sacred sites and archaeological collections.

Army lands contain numerous historic properties, these include prehistoric and historic archaeological sites, historic buildings and districts. Districts include National Historic Landmark Districts; Wheeler Field and Palm Circle at Fort Shafter and Historic Districts; Schofield Barracks, Wheeler Garden City, Hawaii Ordnance Depot, Tripler Army Medical Center, Fort DeRussy Archaeological District, and Kilauea Military Camp on the Island of Hawaii.

THREATS TO HAWAII'S CULTURAL RESOURCES

Both natural occurrences and human activities threaten fragile historic properties. Threats include being impacted by naturally occurring erosion, pedestrian and animal traffic and aggressive vegetation.

Human activities that cause ground disturbance can alter or destroy archaeological sites. Activities include but are not limited too the development of new facilities, construction of underground utilities, clearing of vegetation, detonation of explosives, military training exercises and live fire activity, vandalism, looting, theft and hazardous waste remediation.

CONSERVATION PROCEDURES

Step 1: Without approval you should not engage in activities that could potentially alter the historical integrity and / or value of a significant building, archeological or cultural site. Cultural resources are “**non-renewable**”; once lost they can not be replaced.

Step 2: To avoid costly mistakes, be sure to consult with the DPW Environmental Division *before* you begin any self help or digging projects. Preservation of historical buildings may range from the paint color of the facility to the type of roof, windows, or doors used for replacement.

Step 3: When training on ranges, pay attention to signage and Seibert Stakes. Seibert Stakes delineate off-limit areas because of physical hazards, excess erosion, or to protect environmentally or culturally sensitive areas.



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