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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL FORT HUACHUCA PERSONNEL

SUBJECT: POLICY 20-43, Metal Detecting

1. **APPLICABILITY.** This policy applies to all persons living or working on Fort Huachuca (FH) and all visitors.
2. The use of metal detectors for recreational purposes, including treasure trove searches, is prohibited on FH. The exceptions to this policy include use by Army personnel for military purposes, or by a federal or state agency or a private research entity in association with official cultural resources management activities, or pursuant to a permit issued under the Archaeological Resource Protection Act (ARPA).
3. The installation has over 500 documented archaeological sites in areas that have been surveyed. Garden Canyon and the East Range in particular have a high density of cultural resources, including both prehistoric and historical period ranching and military sites. Historical period sites are known to have yielded metal artifacts such as military buttons and insignia, cartridge casings, coins, and other artifacts of interest. Therefore, there is a high probability of finding archaeological sites and artifacts when metal detecting on the Fort, and these resources are protected by Army and federal law. Any sighting of metal detecting on the Fort should be reported immediately to the Military Police at 533-3000 and to the Environmental and Natural Resources Division (ENRD) at 533-5215
4. The potential for surface and sub-surface Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) exists on all training areas at Fort Huachuca. The most common types are mortar rounds and rockets. Most UXO is very old and rusted and it is common to find UXO buried or partially buried from impact. If any UXO is discovered, or an unidentifiable object with the potential to be UXO, the procedure is as follows:
 - a. Do not touch or move the UXO or suspect object
 - b. Mark the area in some way (GPS, flagging, etc.) so that the UXO or suspect object can be relocated
 - c. If possible, without touching or disturbing it, photograph the object to assist military personnel and other professionals in assessing the potential UXO

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d. Notify Range Control during duty hours at 533-7093/1014/7102 and make yourself available to direct Range Control personnel to the site, or if after duty hours, contact the Military Police station at 533-3000.

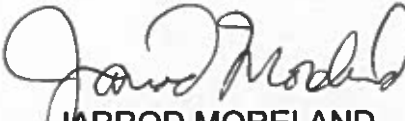
5. Numerous Army regulations support the prohibition on metal detecting. Army Regulation (AR) 200 - 1 *Environmental Protection and Enhancement* (Section 6-4e), which references compliance with both the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act (AHPA) and ARPA, states one of the program requirements of Cultural Resources is to "Prohibit searching for or collection of historic properties (including archaeological resources) on Army installations except when authorized by the Garrison Commander and pursuant to a permit issued under ARPA."

6. AR 405-80 *Management of Title and Granting Use of Real Property*, outlines guidelines for requests to search for treasure troves, including associated use of metal detectors. Specifically, AR 405-80 (para 4-15f) states "Metal detectors may not be used by individuals on a military installation unless the individual is in search of a lost personal item or unless a license or contract as discussed above has been granted." AR 405 (para 4 -15a – e) outlines the restrictive requirements to grant such a license or contract for treasure trove searches.

7. FH 385-8 *Range Regulation* (para 1-7b) expands this prohibition beyond metal detectors and states, "Collecting prehistoric or historic artifacts, fossils or old objects, or digging or destroying archeological or paleontological sites, is prohibited within the confines of FH. As part of the installation's Cultural Resources Management Program, archeological projects may be conducted by assigned Army staff or professionals with proper authorization."

8. This policy is punitive in nature, failure to abide by this policy is a violation of Article 92 of the Uniform of Military Justice, or appropriate State and Federal law. Any non-active duty person in violation of this policy may be subject to a bar from the installation under Title 18, United States Code, Section 1382.

9. The proponent for this Policy Memorandum is the Directorate of Public Works, Environmental and Natural Resources Division, IMHU-PWB, at 533-5215.


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