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MEMORANDUM FOR United States Army Fort Huachuca Installation

SUBJECT: POLICY 25-41, Fort Huachuca Wildlife Feeding Policy

1. REFERENCES. Arizona Revised Statute Title 13, Criminal Code 13-2927 (Unlawful Feeding of Wildlife).
2. APPLICABILITY. This policy applies to all persons living or working on Fort Huachuca and all visitors.
3. It is prohibited for any person on Fort Huachuca to feed or attract wildlife, either intentionally or unintentionally, by placing water, garbage, refuse, human or animal food, or edibles in a place where a reasonable person would be aware of the potential presence of wildlife. The Huachuca Mountains support predator populations of bear, mountain lion, bobcat, coyote, ocelot, and jaguar. Feeding of wildlife has the potential to draw these predators to locations where people reside or troops train and is therefore prohibited anywhere on the installation. Any sighting of intentional or unintentional wildlife feeding must be reported immediately to the Directorate of Public Works, Environmental and Natural Resources Division (DPW, ENRD) at 520-678-8112.
4. All food and refuse *must* be stored in hard-side buildings, enclosures, or containers such as connexes, sheds, or vehicles to avoid unintentional feeding of wildlife. During the months of April through August, or any other time deemed necessary by the Commander, residential homes that have garages or hard-sided enclosures *must* store trash and recycling bins inside these structures at all times other than pick-up day and must adhere to the following requirements. Trash and recycling cans will be placed on the street no earlier than 0500 hours on the day of pick-up and put back in the garage or enclosure by sunset on that same day.
5. Any attempt to attract game to an area for the purpose of present or future hunting is prohibited. This includes putting out bait; salt or mineral licks; powders; granules; urine; chemical or natural attractants; live or deceased animals; or improvement of the terrain to create water basins/catchments.
6. Bird feeders for small birds, including hummingbird feeders, are only permitted within the privatized housing on post. Small birds are defined for this policy as a bird no more than 10 inches in length from top of head to tip of tail. Bird feeders must be placed at least 6 feet off the ground to deter bear usage. If Fort Huachuca determines that there is a wildlife issue, the use of bird feeders may be prohibited during that time. Keep bird

feeders clean to prevent disease transmission and clean areas around feeders to avoid attracting unwanted mammals. Bird droppings and soil contaminated by bird droppings may contain salmonella, trichomoniasis, and fungi such as histoplasmosis and cryptococcosis. Most of the time, the symptoms of exposure to these fungi are mild, but there can be serious health issues caused by them. Feeding Gould's turkey or other game birds is prohibited on the installation.

7. Indigenous raptors prey upon the animals that frequent bird feeders. Persons should use caution when selecting a small bird feeder location to protect the birds that feed upon it. Removal or relocation of a bird feeder may become necessary if predation becomes a problem.

8. The Huachuca Mountains host the lesser long-nosed bat, a nectar-feeding species. These bats visit hummingbird feeders at night and have been known to empty a feeder during a night. Therefore, residents must bring hummingbird feeders indoors overnight. The droppings of bats potentially contain the same fungi mentioned above in paragraph 6.

9. If pets are *fed* outdoors, remove food bowls immediately after your pet has finished eating. Do not leave food or water outside if the pet is indoors.

10. The only exception to this policy is feeding conducted for wildlife research purposes when performed by a federal or state agency or a private research entity that possesses required federal and/or state permits and has coordinated the activity with the Garrison Commander.

11. This policy is punitive in nature, failure to abide by this policy is a violation of Article 92 of the Uniform of Military Justice. 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.

12. This policy supersedes FH Policy 24-41, Fort Huachuca Wildlife Feeding, dated 31 May 2024.

13. The proponent for this Policy Memorandum is the Directorate of Public Works, Environmental and Natural Resources Division, AMIM-HUP-E, at 533-8763.



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