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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: POLICY 15-062 – Wildlife Feeding Policy

1. Feeding of any wildlife, to include game animals, other than small birds is prohibited on Fort Huachuca. 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. 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.

2. The Huachuca Mountains support predator populations of bear, mountain lion, bobcat, coyote, javelina, etc., and possibly even jaguar. Both bear and mountain lion are known to have visited the cantonment area of Fort Huachuca. Feeding of turkey, deer, squirrels, and/or other mammals draws these predators to the feeders and into contact with the human population. Any sighting of bear, mountain lion, or jaguar should be reported immediately to the Military Police at 533-3000 and to the Environmental and Natural Resources Division (ENRD) at 533-1867.

3. The feeding of wildlife has the potential to draw predators to locations where people reside or troops train and is prohibited anywhere on the installation. All food and refuse at training sites and bivouacs should be stored in hard-side buildings, containers, or vehicles to avoid unintentional feeding of wildlife. The ENRD receives frequent calls from training areas outside the cantonment area regarding the presence of predators. While authorized personnel can take action to temporarily cause the predators to move away from the cantonment or training areas, prevention is preferred to protect life, health, and safety.

4. This policy applies to hunters on Fort Huachuca as well. Tree stands and blinds may be used for hunting purposes under the following conditions. Hunters must apply for and supply a grid location to obtain a permit for their use from the Sportsman's Center. Tree stands and blinds must be identified/labeled with a tag that includes the owner's name, contact information, and hunting license and post hunting permit number. Unpermitted or unlabeled items will be removed when discovered, taken to the Military Police Station, and disposed of in accordance with applicable rules and regulations. Further, violators of this policy may have their Fort Huachuca hunting privileges suspended or revoked. Tree stands and blinds may not be placed more than 7 days in advance of the hunt and must be removed not more than 7 days after the hunt. For

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security and environmental reasons, the use of any device, including salt licks and cameras, used to lure and hunt game are prohibited.

5. Bird feeders for small birds, including hummingbird feeders, are permitted on post. However, no feeding of the Gould's wild turkey or other game birds is authorized on the fort. In addition, the feeders for small birds should be placed at least 8 feet high to deter bear usage, and the area surrounding the feeders should be maintained to avoid attracting small mammals that also feed on the seed and to avoid the spread of disease. 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. Additional information on the diseases associated with bird dropping and proper methods of maintaining bird feeders and surrounding areas may be found on numerous sites on the internet.

6. Indigenous raptors, especially hawks, prey upon the animals that frequent bird feeders. Personnel should use caution when selecting a small bird feeder location to protect the birds that feed upon it. Also, removal or relocation of a bird feeder may become necessary if predation becomes a problem.

7. The Huachuca Mountains also host the Lesser Long-nosed Bat, a nectar-feeding, endangered species. These bats visit hummingbird feeders at night and have been known to empty a feeder in the course of the night. Therefore, residents are encouraged to bring hummingbird feeders indoors overnight. The droppings of bats potentially contain the same fungi mentioned above in paragraph 4. Additionally, bats may carry rabies.

8. The provisions of this policy pertain to all persons visiting, assigned to, in temporary duty status, or employed on Fort Huachuca (to include family members and guests). This policy is punitive in nature. Failure to abide by this policy is a violation of Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Violations of this policy by persons not subject to the UCMJ may result in administrative or legal action to include a bar from the installation under Title 18, United States Code, Section 1382.

9. The proponent for this policy is the Directorate of Public Works, Environmental and Natural Resources Division, IMHU-PWB, at 533-1867.

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