DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
US ARMY GARRISON PARKS RESERVE FORCES TRAINING AREA
BUILDING 620 6TH STREET
PARKS RFTA, CA 94568-5201

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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL Parks Reserve Forces Training Area Soldiers and Civilians

SUBJECT: PRFTA Policy #12, Cultural Resource Protection on Parks Reserve Forces Training Area

1. REFERENCES.

a. AR 200-1 Environmental Protection and Enhancement, 13 December 2007

b. National Historic Preservation Act, as amended 2006, 16 U.S.C. 470

c. Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979, 16 U.S.C. 470aa-mm

d. Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 104 Stat. 3048 Public Law 101-60, November 16, 1990

e. National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, Pub. L. 91-190, 42 U.S.C. 4321-4347

f. American Indian Religious Freedom Act, as amended, Public Law 95-341, 42 U.S.C. 1996 and 1996a

2. PURPOSE. To provide guidance to PRFTA Soldiers and Civilians on the protection of Cultural Resources.

3. APPLICABILITY. This policy applies to all Soldiers and Civilians assigned to and or under the operational control of PRFTA.

4. POLICY.

a. A number of archaeological and historical sites are known to exist on PRFTA. These sites represent a valuable and irreplaceable scientific, historic, and cultural resource, and have been determined by the Office of Historic Preservation to be Eligible for Listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Many more sites are likely to be present in buried deposits throughout the Installation.

b. All such cultural resources are under the full protection of federal law. It is illegal to disrupt, destroy, excavate, or otherwise remove artifacts, historic items, or any other

objects from the surface or beneath the surface of these sites. Offenders may receive maximum fines of $100,000 with up to five years imprisonment. Rewards of up to $500 may be paid to any person who furnishes information leading to a finding of civil violation or conviction of criminal violations. Please contact PRFTA Police ASAP for any suspected violation within this policy at (925) 875-4200/4300 (Main Gate).

5. PROCEDURE. Each Directorate on PRFTA must notify their personnel of this policy and provide sufficient control to prevent damage to, or any unauthorized removal of, artifacts, structures, and other objects from federal land. The federal laws are applicable not only to individuals collecting artifacts or altering historic properties, but also to official organizational and program-related construction, such as construction of roads, grading of firebreaks, excavation for communication cables, utilities, etc. All official actions that may impact a cultural resource require consultation with the State Office of Historic Preservation, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation in Washington, DC.

d. Excavating, "breaking ground," or disturbing any surface or subsurface landscape must not be accomplished until an environmental compliance review has been completed in accordance with AR 200-1. Advanced planning and early coordination will prevent costly delays in projects requiring landscape modification or displacement.

e. Individuals discovering suspected archaeological materials should leave them in place and report their location to the PRFTA Environmental Coordinator at (925) 875-4682, Bldg. 791.

f. Locations of archaeological resources are to be kept confidential, at the direction of the Environmental Coordinator, pursuant to Section 304 of the NHPA for protection of the resource.

g. Discovery of human remains and/or associated funerary objects require a federally mandated 30-day halt to the project and immediate notification to the PRFTA Environmental Coordinator.

6. PROPONENT. The proponent for this policy is the Environmental Office at (925) 875- 4682 or (925) 875- 4635.

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