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REPLY TO
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MEMORANDUM FOR All Military Personnel, Contractors and Department of Defense Civilian Employees within United States Army Garrison, Hawaii (USAG-HI) Installations

SUBJECT: Policy Memorandum USAG-HI-72, Tree Cutting Moratorium

1. References.

a. Army Regulation (AR) 200-1, Environmental Protection and Enhancement, 13 Dec 07.

b. Federal Endangered Species Act (1973).

2. Applicability. This policy applies to all Soldiers, civilians, family members, contractors, and other personnel who work on, reside on, or visit any U.S. Army installation, facility, or work site on the Island of Oahu.

3. Policy.

a. In February, 2014, the Natural Resource Program (NRP) discovered the presence of the Federally-listed endangered species, Hawaiian Hoary Bat, *Lasiurus cinereus semotus*, at Schofield Barracks West Range. In addition, the NRP discovered the presence of the bat in Schofield Barracks East Range in Spring 2013. Bats have also been found by the US Geological Survey in numerous locations on Oahu spanning from Waikiki to Ford Island to the Waianae Mountains to the North Shore of Oahu. For this reason, bats are now considered to be ubiquitous on Oahu.

b. The Army is required to consult with the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) anytime an action may affect a listed threatened or endangered species or their critical habitat. In the meantime, the Army must practice avoidance.

c. The NRP is in the process of preparing a formal consultation package for the USFWS. Until a Biological Opinion is received from the USFWS, the following measures must be followed to maintain compliance with the Federal Endangered Species Act of 1973:

(1) During the bat pupping season, 1 June to 15 September, there shall be no cutting or trimming of any tree over 15 feet tall.

(2) If a tree falls on its own that is over 15 feet tall, the Army may remove the tree.

(3) In case of an emergency situation, e.g., a tree larger than 15 feet tall is threatening a power line, the staff must contact the Natural Resource Program for guidance prior to cutting the tree.

(4) This policy applies to all Army installations on the island of Oahu, including housing. The policy pertains to cantonment as well as to the actual training areas.

(5) This policy is effective immediately and remains in effect until rescinded or superseded in writing.

4. Proponent. The proponent for administration of the Tree Cutting Moratorium is the DPW Environmental Division, at 655-9189.

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