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Subj: WILDLAND FIRE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Ref: (a) Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy and Program Review,
December 1995

- (b) Review and Update of the 1995 Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy, January 2001
- (c) DoDI 6055.06, "DoD Fire and Emergency Services Program," December 21, 2006
- (d) MOU MCB CAMLEJ/Departments of Agriculture and Interior of 11 October 2007
- (e) Wildland Fire Qualification System Guide (PMS 310-1), October 2015
- (f) Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan, 2015-2020
- (q) BO 11320.1L
- (h) BO 3570.1C

1. Situation

- a. After the deaths of 14 Federal wildland fire fighters at Storm King Mountain, Colorado in 1994, non-Department of Defense (DoD) agencies, led by the Department of Interior (DOI), produced reference (a).
- b. In June 2000, the DOI commissioned a new review of reference (b). In recognition of the DoD's vast landholdings and wildland fire issues, the DoD was asked to participate in this review process. The review of reference (a) was completed and forwarded to the Secretaries of the Interior, Agriculture, Energy, Defense, and Commerce; the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; and the Director, Federal Emergency Management Agency, in January 2001.
- c. A key element addressed by both references (a) and (b) was the need to abide by effective standards for wildland fire training, personal protective equipment, and fitness.
- d. Reference (c) instructs DoD agencies to prepare and respond to wildland fires in accordance with reference (a), subsequently modified by reference (b).
- e. The National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG), established by reference (d), provides implementation guidance for the various standards and policies as set forth in reference (b). Reference (e) is produced by the NWCG and sets minimum qualification standards to participating agencies.
- f. Common, Interagency Fire Management Language. As reflected in reference (b), and for the purpose of this Order, the following definitions apply:

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- (1) <u>Wildland Fire</u>. Any non-structural fire occurring in the wildland. The three distinct types of wildland fires are:
- (a) <u>Prescribed Fire</u>. A fire ignited by fire management personnel to achieve specific resource objectives.
- (b) <u>Wildland Fire Use</u>. An unplanned naturally occurring fire that is allowed to burn for resource benefit under defined weather and other prescription parameters. The extent and/or duration of the fire must be determined during initial fire size-up. Fires burning beyond these criteria will be declared wildfires and suppressed.
- (c) <u>Wildfire</u>. An unplanned, unwanted fire in the wildland. This includes escaped Prescribed Burns and Wildland Fire Use fires that burn out of prescription and are declared wildfires. A wildfire cannot meet the definition of a Wildland Fire Use fire.
- (2) <u>Wildland Urban Interface</u>. The area in which structures and other development meet or are adjacent to wildland vegetation and are subject to wildfire.
- (3) Work Capacity Test. Test administered to ensure that personnel participating in wildland fire management activities meet established physical fitness level.
- g. <u>Common, Interagency Fire Management Polices</u>. As reflected in reference (f), and for the purpose of this Order, the following policies apply:
- (1) Fire Management and Ecosystem Sustainability. The full range of fire management activities will be used to achieve ecosystem sustainability.
- (2) <u>Safety</u>. The first priority of any Wildland Fire Management Program is the safety of its firefighters and public. All plans and activities must reflect this commitment.
- (3) <u>Use of Wildland Fire</u>. To the greatest extent possible, fire will be allowed to function in its natural ecological role.
- 2. Cancellation. BO 5090.113.
- 3. <u>Mission</u>. This Order assigns tasks and responsibilities for implementing Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune's (MCB CAMLEJ) Wildland Fire Management Program, as prescribed in reference (c), in order to ensure that the proper policies are in place and that personnel are prepared for safe and timely response to wildland fires.

4. Execution

a. Commander's Intent and Concept of Operations

(1) <u>Commander's Intent</u>. As wildland fires have continuously posed real threats to personnel, property, and equipment onboard MCB CAMLEJ, it is important to remain prepared at all times. This Order will help ensure

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properly trained personnel and effective procedures are in place to respond quickly and safely to wildland fires onboard MCB CAMLEJ.

(2) <u>Concept of Operations</u>. This Order assigns responsibilities to the appropriate personnel in the event of a wildland fire.

b. Subordinate Element Missions

- (1) <u>Assistant Chief of Staff (AC/S), G-F</u>. The Head, Environmental Conservation Branch and the manager of the Forest Protection Program shall:
- (a) Ensure all personnel assigned wildland fire management responsibilities are qualified for assigned positions.
- (b) Ensure position task books are maintained to document fire qualifications for any personnel hired after the signing of this Order and for any new qualifications for current employees.
- (c) Ensure an annual work capacity test is administered for personnel involved in wildland fire management activities.
- (d) Ensure all Environmental Management Division (EMD) personnel actively involved in wildland fire management test at the moderate fitness level or higher in accordance with reference (e).
- (e) Ensure all personnel are provided adequate time during the work day for physical fitness training to maintain fitness requirements of their wildland fire management positions.
- (f) Ensure all fire management personnel attend annual wildland fire refresher training. Training will include the deployment of a fire shelter.
- (g) Ensure the Base Fire and Emergency Services Division (FESD) is provided a recall roster for wildland fire management personnel.
- (h) Ensure management activities are implemented per reference (f).
- (i) Ensure NWCG requirements are reviewed and Base procedures are updated as requirements change.
- (j) Ensure that responses to wildland fire incidents are carried out as required, per references (c) and (g).
- (k) Ensure a Memorandum of Agreement with the North Carolina Forest Service for reciprocal fire protection is maintained.

(2) AC/S, G-3/5 shall:

(a) On a daily basis, obtain the fire danger readiness plan from the Emergency Consolidated Communication Center (ECCC).

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- (b) Ensure that the fire danger readiness plan and all associated training restrictions are disseminated to units training in the field, as required by reference (h).
- $% \left(z\right) =-z^{2}$ (c) Report all fires occurring in ranges or maneuver areas to the ECCC.
- (d) Notify Onslow County Emergency Management of all requests for assistance from the North Carolina Forest Service.

(3) AC/S, Security and Emergency Services

(a) Base Fire Chief shall:

- (1) Ensure Base FESD personnel comply with the qualification requirements of reference (c), for wildland fire activities.
- (2) Ensure Base FESD continues in its wildland fire responsibilities, as required by reference (c).

(b) Director, ECCC shall:

- (1) Ensure the fire danger readiness plan is obtained daily from the North Carolina Forest Service District 4 office, via (252)514-4764, or http://www.ncforestservice.gov and reports the fire danger readiness plan to the Base Range Control Officer. In addition, the ECCC will notify FESD and Base Forestry personnel by announcing the Daily Fire Readiness Plan over both the Fire Dispatch and Forestry radio channels. The ECCC will periodically check the daily readiness plan throughout the day to ensure that no changes have occurred.
- (2) Maintain a recall roster of EMD wildland fire management personnel, for off-duty recall/dispatching.
- (3) Upon request of assistance from the North Carolina Forest Service for wildland fire suppression, notification is made to the AC/S, G- 3/5 at (910) 451-7391 and the Command Duty Officer at (910) 451-2414/3033.
- 5. Administration and Logistics. Not applicable.

6. Command and Signal

- a. <u>Command</u>. This Order is applicable to all personnel aboard MCB CAMLEJ.
 - b. <u>Signal</u>. This Order is effective the date signed.

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