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Subj: LIMITED USE OF CATFISH LAKE ROAD

Ref: (a) MCO 5100.19F

1. Situation. Catfish Lake Road is an unpaved, secondary road that connects North Carolina (NC) Highway 58 in Jones County and NC Highway 70 in Craven County, (NC Road Number 1100 in Craven County and NC Road Number 1105 in Jones County). Catfish Lake Road is often used as a convenient short-cut, but has also been the site of 280 traffic accidents and 12 fatalities involving vehicles sliding across the gravel and off the road. These accidents have an obvious affect on the health and welfare of Marines and Sailors and have adversely affected unit readiness. The risk of vehicle mishaps along Catfish Lake Road are significantly higher because of the curves, blind spots, lack of posted speed limits, and absence of roadway lighting at night. Recent accidents provide unfortunate reminders of how dangerous the road can be. It is time to limit the use of Catfish Lake Road to prevent additional, senseless vehicle accidents.

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2. Cancellation. II MEFO 5100.3, MARSOC Policy Letter 6-10, and MCIEASTO 5100.3.


4. Execution
   a. Commander’s Intent and Concept of Operations
      (1) Commander’s Intent. This Order limits the use of Catfish Lake Road to reduce traffic fatalities, injuries, and property damage.
      (2) Concept of Operations. Commanders will ensure their Marines and Sailors understand they are prohibited from traveling on Catfish Lake Road between NC Highway 58 in Jones County and NC Highway 70 in Craven County while on duty or in a leave or liberty status, subject to the guidance in 4.b.(1) below.
   b. Coordinating Instructions
      (1) Catfish Lake Road may only be traveled when a Marine or Sailor has a legitimate reason for being on the unpaved portions of the road, e.g., hunting, fishing, or engaging in other lawful recreational activities.
      (2) This Order is punitive in nature for II MEF, MARSOC, and MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJ Marines and Sailors. Violations are punishable under Article 92, Uniform Code of Military Justice.

5. Administration and Logistics. This Order is approved by the Commanding Generals, II MEF, MARSOC, and MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJ.
6. **Command and Signal**

   a. **Command.** This Order is applicable to all active duty and reserve service members attached to II MEF, MARSOC, MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJ, and their respective subordinate commands and elements.

   b. **Signal.** This Order is effective the date signed.

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