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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Installation Policy Memorandum #14-10, Migrating Bird (swallows) Policy

1. REFERENCES.

- a. Migratory Bird Treaty Act, 16 USC 703-712 and Code of Federal Regulations (50 CFR Parts 13 and 21).
- b. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Advisory: Recommended Time Periods for Avoiding Vegetation Clearing in Alaska to Protect Migratory Birds.
- c. State of Alaska Administrative Code (5 AAC 92.033).
- d. State of Alaska, Department of Fish & Game Public Safety Permit No. 04-012.

2. PURPOSE. Provide policy guidance to protect migrating bird (swallows) on Fort Greely.

3. APPLICABILITY.

This policy applies to all employees, contractors, visitors and residents that work, visit or reside on Fort Greely. This policy supersedes FGA Migrating Bird (swallows) Policy, April 1, 2007.

4. POLICY.

**Birds (swallows), their nests, chicks, or eggs shall not be harmed or otherwise disturbed at any time.** No nest may be removed or tampered with between April 30 and July 30. Nest removals at other times may only be undertaken with the approval and oversight of the Environmental Division, Directorate of Public Works.

5. PROCEDURES.

a. Any person who has knowledge of any injured or dead bird (swallows), nest destruction or tampering, harassment of swallows or chicks, or any activity that is an actual or potential threat to bird (swallows), nests, eggs or chicks shall immediately report the matter to the Environmental Division, Directorate of Public Works.

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b. Departments and tenant organizations shall insure that employees, contractors, visitors and residents are advised of this policy:

i. All garrison directorates and offices shall specifically inform employees of this policy and maintain a roster signed by the employees indicating that they have been advised of and understand the policy.

ii. All tenant organizations and contractors are strongly encouraged to inform their employees of this policy and maintain a roster as described above.

iii. Copies of this policy shall be posted throughout Fort Greely.

#### 6. BACKGROUND.

a. Migrating birds (swallows) typically begin arriving at Fort Greely in May. During their stay at Fort Greely they build new nests or reoccupy existing nests, lay eggs, and rear their chicks. Normally, the swallows will leave for their southern migration by August. The Cliff Swallow is the most prevalent swallow in the housing and industrial areas of Fort Greely. Attached is a description and photos of the Cliff Swallow. Violet-green, Tree, and Bank Swallows are also known to migrate to the Alaskan Interior.

b. Migrating birds (swallows) are protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and State of Alaska Statutes and regulations. It is unlawful to harm or disturb the birds, nests, eggs or chicks. Violations of these prohibitions can result in severe monetary penalties (up to \$15,000 per violation) and, in some cases, imprisonment. These sanctions are applied to the individuals responsible for the violation(s). Goose and Ptarmigan are the only year-around residents.

c. During periods when nesting is not active, empty nests may be removed as agreed upon by the Department of the Interior.

d. The installation Pest Management Coordinator will obtain all federal and state permits needed to mitigate annual migration bird issues.

#### 7. PROPONENT.

Point of contact is the Environmental Installation Pest Management Coordinator, Directorate of Public Works, Richard D. Barth, Phone: 873-4202, email: richard.barth@us.army.mil.

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BRIAN A. SPEAS

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