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IN REPLY REFER TO:

NASOCEANAINST 5090.2E

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NAS OCEANA INSTRUCTION 5090.2E

Subj: PROCEDURES FOR CUTTING FIREWOOD AND USE OF TREE PRODUCTS

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5090.1B
(b) NAVFAC P-73

Encl: (1) Chainsaw Safety

1. Purpose. To establish procedures governing cutting of trees for firewood and obtaining other forest products on board Naval Air Station (NAS) Oceana, Fleet Combat Training Center (FCTC) Dam Neck and Naval Auxiliary Landing Field (NALF) Fentress.

2. Cancellation. NASOCEANAINST 5090.2D. Because of numerous revisions, paragraph markings have been omitted.

3. Definition. Forest products, for the purpose of this instruction include: Pine straw, live and felled trees and scrap lumber or pallets.

4. Policy. It is the continuing policy of the Secretary of the Navy that all Navy facilities and installations having land areas with a potential for timber production have an active program for the conservation and management of forest resources as outlined in reference (a).

5. Responsibilities

a. Natural Resources Manager, Regional Environmental Group Oceana shall administer and oversee the Firewood Program by designating areas for cutting, issuing permits, collecting fees and monitoring cutting. Methods of dispersal, sales and handling of funds shall be per references (a) and (b). Reference (a) notes that forest products will not be given away, abandoned, carelessly destroyed, used to offset costs of contracts or traded for products, supplies or services.

b. Base Security, with support from the designated Game Wardens, shall be responsible for enforcing this instruction and any conditions of firewood permits. At NALF Fentress woodcutters shall sign out in the visitor's logbook at the Crash Captain's Desk, Building 100.

c. Cutters and Gatherers shall comply with this instruction, applicable state and federal regulations and enclosure (1).

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6. General

a. Authorized Personnel. The following persons are authorized to cut firewood and obtain other forest products on NAS Oceana, FCTC Dam Neck and NALF Fentress:

- (1) Active duty military personnel
- (2) Retired military personnel
- (3) Federal civilian employees of NAS Oceana or FCTC Dam Neck
- (4) Reservists

b. Utilization. All purchased wood is for the sole benefit of the purchaser's personal home use and is not to be resold.

7. Procedures

a. Permits. All persons cutting or collecting firewood or other wood products on NAS Oceana, FCTC Dam Neck or NALF Fentress shall have a firewood permit.

(1) Firewood permits are obtainable only from the Regional Environmental Group Oceana, Building 830 or Natural Resources Center, Building 78. A permit will be issued for a specific day and area and displayed on the vehicle dashboard. Cutting outside of designated days or areas may constitute a charge of trespassing.

(2) At the time of permit issuance, individuals shall be required to complete and sign a general release statement which relieves the federal government of all liability in case of accident or injury.

(3) There is a nominal charge for tree products. Prices may vary due to changes in marketability of a product. Loads larger or smaller than the standard fees listed below shall be priced by the Natural Resources Manager according to seasonal demand and availability.

- Firewood - \$20.00/small pickup truck load (cut-your-own)
- Firewood - \$30.00/small pickup truck load (cut and split, when available)
- Firewood - \$25.00/standard 8 foot bed pickup truck load (cut-your-own)
- Firewood - \$40.00/standard 8 foot bed pickup truck load (cut and split, when available)

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Scrap lumber, crates, and pallets - \$ 10.00/pickup truck load

Pine straw - \$ 5.00/pickup truck load

Live trees - \$ 10.00 - \$25.00/tree. Varies with species and availability. Requires prior approval from the Natural Resources Manager.

(4) Permits shall specify the date of harvest and/or collection and can be used only for the specified number of loads.

(5) Individuals may not remove more than three cords of wood per calendar year.

b. Harvesting

(1) Individuals shall provide their own cutting and hauling equipment.

(2) Wood shall be cut only in locations on NAS Oceana, FCTC Dam Neck and NALF Fentress designated by the Natural Resources Manager.

(3) Firewood shall be cut during daylight hours only.

(4) Unless otherwise specified on the permit, only trees within the designated area that have been previously felled may be taken.

(5) No minors (under the age of 18) shall be allowed to operate a chainsaw or any other sharp tools, such as a saw, hatchet or axe.

(6) Limbs and/or brush shall be removed at least twenty feet away from any road or firebreak and removed from any stream or standing body of water.

(7) Young trees shall be protected and there shall be no ground disturbances that could cause erosion.

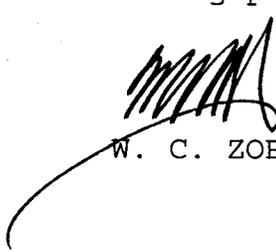
(8) Littering is prohibited at all times. Individuals found littering shall have their woodcutting privileges suspended.

(9) Operating a chainsaw while under the influence of alcohol is prohibited. Individuals found guilty of consuming alcoholic beverages while on the worksite shall have their privileges revoked.

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8. Violations. Individuals found violating the provisions of this instruction may have wood cutting privileges suspended or revoked.



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List I (Case A), III and IV

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CHAINSAW SAFETY

1. Wear snug fitting clothes, gloves, and heavy boots.
2. Wear ear and eye protection.
3. Avoid kick-back. Never cut with the nose of the guidebar.
4. Avoid over reaching and cutting above shoulder height.
5. Have non-alcoholic beverages on hand to prevent dehydration in hot and cold weather.
6. Use a sharp chain, set at the proper tension.
7. Stay clear of the cutting path of the chainsaw.

