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This instructions implements Air Force Instruction (AFI) 32-7064, *Integrated Natural Resources Management*. It establishes and implements effective protection of Jurisdictional Wetlands and isolated wetlands on the installation and applies to all Base personnel and tenants assigned or attached to the 910th Airlift Wing, Youngstown Air Reserve Station (ARS), Ohio. Refer recommended changes and questions about this publication to 910 MSG/CEV using the AF Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Publication*; route AF Form 847s from the field through the appropriate functional's chain of command. Ensure that all records created as a result of processes prescribed in this publication are maintained in accordance with AFMAN 33363, *Management of Records*, and disposed of in accordance with the Air Force Records Information Management System (AFRIMS) Records Disposition Schedule (RDS) located at <https://www.my.af.mil/gcss-af61a/afirms/afirms/>.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

This revision updates **Attachment 2 WETLANDS AREA MAP – YOUNGSTOWN ARS**. It also updates 910th Airlift Wing Commander (910 AW/CC).

1. Background. A wetland survey and delineation was conducted in September 2001 and in March and April 2002 to assess the extent of Jurisdictional Waters and Wetlands present on the site. The results of the wetland survey and delineation are documented in the *Wetland Identification and Delineation Report for Youngstown Air Reserve Station, Ohio* and are available

in the 910th Mission Support Group Civil Engineer Environmental (910 MSG/CEV) Files located in Building 510. In November 2006, the USACE issued authorization to Youngstown ARS under Nationwide Permit No. 39 (USACOE Permit No.: 200201253) to fill 0.49 acre of wetlands to construct a new Munitions Maintenance Facility Building 539. In 2008, Youngstown ARS constructed the Munitions Maintenance Facility Building 539 and completed the permitted wetlands impact of 0.49 acre. There are now approximately 11.49 acres of USACE regulated jurisdictional wetlands and 0.89 acres of isolated wetlands regulated by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA), for a total of approximately 12.86 acres of wetlands. The Jurisdictional Wetlands and isolated wetlands are located in the northeastern wooded and unimproved portions of the base property. In December 2007, the USACE conducted an on-site field review and reassessment of wetland and water resources. The results of the USACE field review and reassessment including updated Wetland Delineation Data Sheets and photographs are documented in the *Update & Revision of 2002 Wetland Identification and Delineation Report at Youngstown Air Reserve Station, Ohio* and are also available in the 910 MSG/CEV Files located in Building 510.

2. Wetlands Regulations. Executive Orders, Federal, state and local laws and regulations govern the protection of wetlands. AFI 32-7064, Chapter 3 addresses the protection of wetlands. The regulations stipulate that wetlands will be protected and conserved through avoidance or minimization of impact. The USACOE and/or OEPA are authorized to issue permits that are required for the discharge of dredged or fill materials into wetlands. Even an inadvertent encroachment into wetlands resulting in displacement or movement of soil or fill materials has the potential to be viewed as a violation unless an appropriate permit is obtained from USACOE and/or OEPA. Such impacts include construction as well as the incidental fill and grading of wet depressions. For more information on the laws, regulations and guidelines affecting wetlands, contact 910 MSG/CEV.

3. Wetlands Protection.

3.1. The perimeter of the area in which the wetlands exist has been posted with signs reading “Protected Wetlands – Do Not Disturb”. Exercise caution to avoid all ground disturbances in or near wetland areas.

3.2. Youngstown ARS personnel shall avoid all impacts to the Jurisdictional Wetlands and to the isolated wetlands identified on the installation. Training activities and development projects should be conducted or sited to avoid impacts to wetlands. If a project or activity requires encroachment into or disturbance of Jurisdictional Wetlands or isolated wetlands, contact 910 MSG/CEV to initiate the required procedures for approval and permitting. Any proposed action that impacts wetlands requires a Finding of No Practical Alternative (FONPA) approved by Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Occupational Safety, Health, and Environment (SAF/MIQ) in accordance with AFI 32-7064.

3.3. On-foot training activities within the wetland boundaries should be planned and conducted to avoid all ground disturbances in or near wetland areas, and should be scheduled to avoid seasonally wet conditions during the spring. Motorized vehicles other than All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) are not permitted to be used in the area in which the wetlands exist. ATVs shall stay on the existing semi-improved trail system within the wooded area. The use of

ATVs through wet areas and standing water off of the trails shall be avoided at all times unless necessary to respond to an emergency situation or security threat.

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Attachment 1**GLOSSARY OF REFERENCES AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION*****References***

AFI 32-7064, Integrated Natural Resources Management, 17 September 2004

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AF Form 847, Recommendation For Change of Publication

Abbreviations and Acronyms

910 AW/CC—910th Airlift Wing Commander

910 MSG/CEV—910th Mission Support Group Civil Engineer Environmental

ATV—All Terrain Vehicle

AFI—Air Force Instruction

ARS—Air Reserve Station

FONPA—Finding of No Practical Alternative

OEPA—Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

SAF/MIQ—Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Occupational Safety, Health, and Environment

USACOE—Unit States Army Corps of Engineers

Attachment 2

BASE MAP INDICATING WETLAND AREAS

A2.1. Wetland Area Map – Youngstown ARS.

Figure A2.1. Wetland Area Map–Youngstown ARS.

