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This instruction implements Air Force Policy Directive (AFPD) 32-70, *Environmental Considerations in Air Force Programs and Activities* and implements Air Force Manual (AFM) 32-7003, *Environmental Conservation*. It provides guidance and procedures to be followed on the use and control of all recreational and land use programs in existence on the installation, including hunting, fishing and fuel wood harvesting. This instruction applies to United States Space Force, Regular Air Force and Air Force Reserve (AFRC) and the Air National Guard (ANG) and all civilian individuals while on station. Failure to observe the prohibitions and mandatory provision in paragraphs (5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.3.1., 5.4, 5.8, 5.9, 6.9, 6.11 and 8.1) of this publications by military members is a violation of Article 92(1) of the UCMJ, AFRC, ANG members not serving in Federal status who violate the mandatory provisions in paragraphs (.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.3.1., 5.4, 5.8, 5.9, 6.9, 6.11 and 8.1) may be punished under their respective state military justice code. Civilians who violates this mandatory prohibitions (5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.3.1., 5.4, 5.8, 5.9, 6.9, 6.11 and 8.1) are subject to applicable administrative actions, and court proceedings as appropriate. This Exceptions to this instruction must be approved by the Commander, New Boston Space Force Station (NBSFS). Refer recommended changes and questions about this publication to the OPR listed above using the AF Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Publication*; route AF Form 847 from the field through the appropriate chain of command. Ensure that all records created as a result of processes prescribed in this publication are maintained in accordance with AFI33-322, *Records Management Information Governance Program*, and disposed of IAW the Air Force Records Information Management System (AFRIMS) Records Disposition Schedule (RDS). The use of the name or

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Chapter 1

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

1.1. Overview. The use of land and natural resources at NBSFS constitutes a conditional privilege extended by the installation commander. This instruction implements the New Boston Space Force Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP) available from the Natural Resources Planner (NRP). The guidelines contained in the instruction are intended to allow the widest possible use of facilities while remaining in harmony with the station mission and the safety and conservation programs.

Chapter 2

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

2.1. It is the responsibility of all persons using NBSFS to. Abide by the guidelines established herein.

2.2. The Installation Commander (CC). Is responsible and accountable for all aspects of land usage and facilities on NBSFS.

2.3. The Base Civil Engineer (CE). Serves as the overall manager of all NBSFS facilities, buildings, roads and natural and cultural resources.

2.4. The Natural Resources Planner (CEI). Is responsible for all other land use programs on a day-to-day basis. The provisions of this and other implementing instructions are enforced by CEI

Chapter 3

PROGRAM OPERATION

3.1. NBSFS. Is open year-round for various routine natural resources related activities. Archery hunting, fishing, boating (non-motorized), camping, hiking, cross-country skiing, ice skating, sledding, snowmobiling, archery, walking, jogging and group recreational activities are allowed on the installation.

3.2. IAW AFM 32-7003, paragraph 3.32.3.1. All of NBSFS is designated restricted access. Access categories are limited to participants listed in section 3.2., precluding general public and other user group access due to several considerations including; contracted security forces staff the installation, all traffic entering NBSFS must go through the space mission area, the mission area has no cantonment area fencing, the installation lacks assigned wildlife law enforcement.

3.3. The Natural Resources programs. Are available to the following access categories in accordance with AFM 32-7003, paragraph 3.32.3.2:

3.3.1. Active Duty Military (includes Reserve on full-time orders and National Guard on active duty (Title 10 status).

3.3.2. Department of Defense Civilians.

3.3.3. Active Duty Military Dependents and Family Members.

3.3.4. Military Retirees.

3.3.5. Department of Defense Civilian Retirees.

3.3.6. Employees of Installation Prime Contractors (defined as a contractor under a 5-year or more term contract).

3.4. Guests. Are authorized when escorted by personnel described in the previous sentence. IAW with DAFI 31-101, "Escort authority allows an individual, with an authorized form of identification that certifies he/she has been successfully identity proofed and favorably vetted, to escort visitors on the installation" NBSFS requires escorts to be on the installation, being in communication with their guest and participating in the Natural Resources Program when escorted guests are present.

3.5. Access during elevated Force Protection Levels (FPCON).

3.5.1. Routine recreational access for all Natural Resources program activities is allowed in FPCON Normal, Alpha and Bravo.

3.5.2. Higher FPCON levels will result in possible suspension of activities. If access is suspended for more than two weeks in a calendar year, permit holders may request extension of the permit for a one-year period.

Chapter 4

SNOWMOBILE/OFF ROAD VEHICLES (OVRs)/ MOUNTAIN BIKES

4.1. To protect. Archeological resources, rare wildlife, other natural resources and installation infrastructure, off road vehicle use is limited at NBSFS.

4.2. Snowmobiles. Are authorized for recreational use at NBSFS. Snowmobiling on other than established snowmobile trails/areas is prohibited.

4.2.1. Snowmobiles will be restricted to the speeds and trails approved by the Natural Resources Planner (NRP). A trail guide with all usable trails will be available from Services at the time of rental. The NRP will create the trail guide and routinely update it. Some snowmobile trails may be disturbed by winter logging activities, in which case, trails will be re-routed around affected areas. All snowmobile drivers/riders will wear a helmet and gloves at all times.

4.2.2. Personal snowmobiles are authorized on NBSFS. Personal snowmobiles must be registered in accordance with New Hampshire law.

4.3. Personal outdoor recreational vehicles (ATVs, UTVs and dirt bikes). Are not authorized for use on NBSFS. Personnel performing mission-related tasks may use DoD UTVs or ATVs (following all applicable USAF and DOD requirements).

4.4. Mountain bikes. Are authorized on installation roads. They are not authorized on hiking trails located on Joe English Hill, Hill 51 or the trail around Joe English Pond.

Chapter 5

HUNTING PROCEDURES

5.1. Hunting. Is open to all authorized users listed in section 3.3. All personnel and guests must access the installation through the main gate, and must be licensed IAW New Hampshire state laws. Personnel with routine access to NBSFS, as described in [paragraph 3.3](#), may sponsor two guests. The sponsor must be a member of the hunting party and be knowledgeable of the location of their guest.

5.1.1. A \$40 Sportsman's Permit (paid by check or money order to the "Treasurer of the US") will be issued to all hunters over the age of 18 and their guests (see [Chapter 9](#) for permit info).

5.1.2. The Sportsman's Permit covers all recreational activities requiring a permit at NBSFS, except firewood cutting.

5.1.3. Issuance of a sportsman's permit to a guest does not allow access to the installation without a sponsor. A free sportsman's permit will be issued by NBSFS to any hunter under the age of 18, 100 percent disable veterans, Purple Heart recipients and Medal of Honor recipients.

5.1.4. Hunters under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult who has access credentials to NBSFS, as described in [paragraph 5.1.3](#).

5.1.5. CEI will issue base permits via mail with a 30 day or less turn around and ensure that all permittees possess a valid NH hunting license.

5.1.6. Applicants for hunting permits must indicate they have access to NBSFS and provide copies of Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) training and a NH hunting license.

5.2. Any infraction of this instruction, state or federal law, will. Result in loss of privileges on NBSFS. The NRP, other natural resources employees, MAFP, MAFS, MA, and CC have the authority to check base and state hunting and recreation permits at any time. Violation of this instruction will result in a minimum one-year loss of hunting privileges. Infractions of NH hunting laws, resulting in a conviction, will result in loss of privileges twice the length of the NH hunting license suspension.

5.3. Hunting seasons. All hunting on NBSFS will comply with the State of New Hampshire hunting laws.

5.3.1. NBSFS is limited to archery only. All bows used on station will be used IAW New Hampshire Fish and Game laws. Crossbows shall be cased while in transport; other bow styles do not require cases.

5.3.2. Hunting is allowed throughout the installation except in the off limits UXO areas which are posted with yellow signs as indicated in red on the attached trail map.

5.3.3. The goal of the NBSFS hunting program is to provide a safe and enjoyable hunting experience. Hunters are required to take reasonable steps to ensure safety including using a tree stand safety harness while in a stand and being sure of the target and beyond before shooting.

5.4. All big game (moose, deer, bear and turkey). Taken on station must be reported to the NRP, in writing, within one week (7 calendar days) of harvest. At a minimum, include sex, species, number of points on deer, date of harvest, town harvested, and NH check station where game was taken. The weight and age of the game harvested should be included, if possible. Moose hunting is authorized only when a person with normal access to NBSFS is named on the New Hampshire Fish and Game issued moose permit.

5.5. Screw-in metal tree stand steps are prohibited on NBSFS. No permanent stands or blinds are allowed on station. Anyone found using a permanent tree stand will be reported to the New Hampshire Fish and Game Conservation Officer.

5.5.1. Unoccupied tree stands shall be clearly labeled with the owner's name.

5.5.2. Hunters shall place tree stands no earlier than 15 August and remove them no later than 1 January, the following year.

5.5.3. The Space Force assumes no responsibility for tree stands damaged during prescribed fire or forestry activities.

5.5.4. No hunter shall use the stand of another hunter without verbal permission from the owner of the stand. Stands found without the owner's name shall be turned into security and disposed of IAW USAF regulations.

5.5.5. A valid sportsman's permit is required to place a stand on NBSFS.

5.6. Hunting blinds. may not be constructed (with branches, dead limbs, rocks). Portable blinds are authorized, but must be removed when unoccupied.

5.7. Clearing vegetation for trails or shooting lanes is not authorized. Minor limb pruning (limbs approximately 1 inch diameter) on trees used for stand placement is allowed.

5.8. Trail cameras are prohibited from NBSFS. Trapping is allowed on station by permit from the NRP. A NBSFS sportsman's permit is required.

5.9. Hunting under the influence of alcohol or narcotics is forbidden. All persons found to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be in violation of this installation instruction, and will be subject to appropriate administrative or disciplinary action.

5.10. Baiting with food or edible attractants (salt or food based) is prohibited.

Chapter 6

OTHER RECREATION ACTIVITIES

6.1. Fishing. Fishing is open to all users described in [paragraph 3.3](#). All fishermen over 18 years old must possess a NBSFS Fishing or Sporting Permit. Fishing permits and fees are described in section 15. Fishing requires a New Hampshire license for anyone over the age of 16 in accordance with New Hampshire law.

6.2. Boating. Boating is authorized on all NBSFS ponds, except off-limit areas, which are posted with yellow signs and indicated in red on the attached trail map. All boaters must comply with NH boating laws and regulations. No motors or anchors are allowed on NBSFS.

6.3. Hiking and Jogging. Hiking and jogging, with the exception of posted restricted areas (indicated on recreation map), hiking and jogging is permitted throughout the station. NBSFS has several marked hiking trails, (see attached trail map).

6.4. Ice Skating and Sledding. Ice skating and sledding are permitted only when conditions are adequate. No vehicles are authorized on the ice on any NBSFS pond.

6.5. The archery range. Located at Green Tree Field can be used throughout the year. Targets are available for loan from CEI.

6.6. Timber and Fuel Wood Cutting. Fuel wood lots are designated by the CEI.

6.6.1. Lot sizes will vary as to individual needs and timber stand conditions.

6.6.2. It will be the responsibility of CEI to administer the registration of fuel wood cutters and timber harvesting contractors, issuing lots to them, and depositing all receipts into the USAF Forestry Fund.

6.6.3. Personnel authorized routine access to NBSFS may participate in the program and will be required to purchase a permit valid for one calendar year.

6.6.4. Fuel wood lots' for an annual \$50 permit fee' are available from CEI. The fuel wood cutting permit will be paid by check or money order, payable to the "Treasurer of the United States.". All wood removed from the station will be paid for in advance. A firewood permit will be used in all instances.

6.7. Cutting privileges are not transferable. Wood obtained under this program is intended solely for the use of the permit holder(s). It is not to be sold or bartered. Wood cut by station personnel while accomplishing routine management tasks will be stacked roadside and made available to the campers.

6.8. CEI personnel will. Inspect each cutting area, upon completion, to assure compliance.

6.9. Roadways. Will be cleared of debris in the event a felled tree lands on a traveled road.

6.10. If access to NBSFS. Is suspended for a period of more than two weeks in a calendar year due to elevated FPCON, firewood cutters may request a one-year permit extension.

6.11. Firewood lots are to be hand-harvested. The use of ATVs, tractors or any other mechanical device to transport firewood out of the cutting area, to a street legal vehicle, is prohibited.

6.12. Primitive Camping. Primitive camping is allowed at Joe English Pond and Ice Pond. Numbered camp sites are available on a “first-come, first-served” basis with a self-service kiosk at Deer Pond.

6.12.1. Camp sites are \$20 per night, payable by check or money order to the “Treasurer of the US.” Camping passes must be displayed on the vehicle window mirror.

6.12.2. Campfires are permitted in metal rings provided at campsites. Campers may collect dead down wood for use at the campsite. The NRP may restrict fires during periods of high fire danger.

6.13. Invasive Species. Importing firewood onto NBSFS is strictly prohibited to ensure new insect pests are not introduced to the installation. Contractors working on NBSFS shall wash all construction vehicles, including mowing equipment, before deploying to NBSFS, and before leaving, to reduce the spread of exotic invasive species.

Chapter 7

MILITARY TRAINING AND UXO SAFETY AWARENESS ACTIVITIES

7.1. Military Training. All requests for use of NBSFS for military training shall be coordinated with Natural Resources in writing to include:

7.1.1. Proposed location

7.1.2. Date, activity description

7.1.3. Number of personnel, and equipment.

7.2. CEI. Will maintain requests for approval letters for military training in the Natural Resources file.

7.3. UXO Safety Awareness Training. All recreational users of NBSFS are required to complete a mandatory UXO safety training administered by 23 SOPS/Services, (603) 471-2452.

Chapter 8

CULTURAL RESOURCE PROTECTION AND RECREATIONAL INFORMATION

8.1. Cultural Resource Protection. NBSFS contains protected cultural resources throughout the installation. The disturbance of cultural resources is strictly prohibited. The possession of metal detectors (except for official use) and recreational digging anywhere on the installation is prohibited.

8.2. Recreation Information. 23 SOPS Natural Resources does not maintain a web site. The only official source for information is contacting Natural Resources by phone at 603-471-2346 or checking the recreational hotline at (603) 471-2488 for base recreational access status.

Chapter 9

PERMIT INFORMATION AND COST

9.1. Sporting permits. are only available by mail at: New Boston SFS, Attn: CEI, 317 Chestnut Hill Rd, New Boston SFS, NH 03070-5125.

9.1.1. Sportsman's Permit cost \$40.00 and covers hunting, and fishing. Does not cover camping or firewood.

9.1.2. Disabled Sportsman's Permit cost \$0 (No fee). Anyone with 100 percent disability, Purple Heart, or Medal of Honor recipients; required for hunting and fishing. Does not cover camping or firewood.

9.1.3. Youth Sportsman Permit cost \$0 (No fee). Covers hunting and fishing for youth under 18 years old. Does not cover camping or firewood.

9.2. Fishing Permit. Are available for camping and fishing from a pay tube located at the Deer Pond pavilion (see attached trail map).

9.2.1. Fishing Permit cost \$10.00 and is required for fishing. Does not cover hunting, camping or firewood.

9.2.2. Fishing Disabled Permit cost \$0.00 (No fee). Anyone with 100 percent disability, or Purple Heart or Medal of Honor recipients; required for fishing. Does not cover hunting camping or firewood.

9.3. Firewood Permit Information. Firewood Permits are \$50.00 and available from CEI by calling 603-471-2346 for an appointment. Allows harvesting of up to six cords per year.

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

DAFI 31-101, *Integrated Defense*, 2 Aug 21

AFPD32-70, *Environmental Considerations in Air Force Programs and Activities*, 30 July 2018

AFMAN32-7003, *Environmental Conservation*, 19 April 2020

Prescribed Forms

NBSFS Form 1, *Space Force Form, New Boston Station Sportsman's Permit*

NBSFS Form 2, *Space Force Form, Fuelwood Permit*

Adopted Forms

AF Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Publication*

Abbreviations and Acronyms

AF—Air Force

SPFS—Space Force Station

AFI—Air Force Instruction

AFM—Air Force Manual

ATV—All Terrain Vehicle

CC—Commander, New Boston Space Force Station

CEI—Civil Engineer Installation

ESOH—Environmental, Safety, and Occupational Health

FPCON—Force Protection Condition

GIS—Geographic Information System

IAW—In Accordance With

INRMP—Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan

MA—Mission Assurance

MAFS—New Boston Space Force Station Services

MAJCOM—Major Command

NBSFS—New Boston Space Force Station

NH—New Hampshire

NRP—Natural Resources Planner

NRPM—Natural Resources Program Manager

OPR—Office of Primary Responsibility

SPFI—Space Force Instruction

USFWS—U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

UTV—Utility Task Vehicle

UXO—Unexploded Ordnance

Attachment 2
MAP INFORMATION

Figure A2.1. Trail Map.

