

harvest or consumptive use does not exceed net growth.

§ 190.4 Policy.

(a) The Department of Defense shall act responsibly in the public interest in managing its lands and natural resources. There shall be a conscious and active concern for the inherent value of natural resources in all DoD plans, actions, and programs.

(b) Natural resources under control of the Department of Defense shall be managed to support the military mission, while practicing the principles of multiple use and sustained yield, using scientific methods and an interdisciplinary approach. The conservation of natural resources and the military mission need not and shall not be mutually exclusive.

(c) Watersheds and natural landscapes, soils, forests, fish and wildlife, and protected species shall be conserved and managed as vital elements of DoD's natural resources program.

(d) DoD actions that affect natural resources in the United States shall comply with the policy and requirements of 32 CFR part 188 and the more stringent of applicable Federal or local laws. DoD actions that influence natural resources in foreign countries or global commons shall conform to requirements of 32 CFR part 187 applicable laws, treaties, and agreements.

(e) Integrated natural resources management plans that incorporate applicable provisions of the Appendix to this part shall be maintained for DoD lands.

(f) DoD decisionmakers and commanders shall keep informed of the conditions of natural resources, the objectives of natural resources management plans, and potential or actual conflicts between DoD actions and management plans and the policies and procedures herein.

(g) DoD lands shall be available to the public and DoD employees for enjoyment and use of natural resources, except when a specific determination has been made that a military mission prevents such access for safety or security reasons or that the natural resources will not support such usage. The determination shall be addressed in the applicable natural resources

management plan. To assist in the management, study, or monitoring of natural resources, Federal, State and local officials and natural resources management professionals shall be permitted access to natural resources after proper safety and security measures are taken.

(h) The management and conservation of natural resources under DoD stewardship is an inherently governmental function. Therefore, 32 CFR part 169 does not apply to the management, implementation, planning, or enforcement of DoD natural resources programs. However, support to the natural resources program when it is severable from management of natural resources may be subject to 32 CFR part 169.

(i) If natural resources under DoD control are damaged by a hazardous substance released by another party, that party is potentially liable. The funds recovered by the Department of Defense as a result of natural resources damage claims shall be used for restoration, replacement, or acquisition of equivalent natural resources.

(j) Enforcement of laws primarily aimed at protecting natural resources and recreation activities that depend on natural resources is an integral part of a natural resources program and shall be coordinated with or under the direction of the natural resources manager for the affected area.

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§ 190.5 Responsibilities.

(a) The *Assistant Secretary of Defense (Production and Logistics)* (ASD(P&L)) shall:

(1) Establish and monitor implementation of natural resources management policies for DoD properties and actions.

(2) Coordinate the DoD natural resources program with other Federal Agencies.

(3) Maintain the Secretary of Defense Natural Resources Conservation Awards Program established herein