



MARINE CORPS MOUNTAIN WARFARE TRAINING CENTER BRIDGEPORT, CA

Commanding Officer's Policy on Environmental Stewardship and Natural Resources Protection



The Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center (MCMWTC) operates on public lands entrusted to the Marine Corps for military training and readiness. The unique alpine terrain, fragile ecosystems, and protected natural resources of this region require disciplined stewardship and responsible management. Environmental compliance and conservation are not in conflict with our mission; they are essential to sustaining long-term training access and operational freedom.

Training at MCMWTC places unavoidable demands on land, water, wildlife, and infrastructure. When conducted professionally and in accordance with established guidance, these demands are compatible with environmental protection. When standards are ignored, however, they jeopardize training areas, invite regulatory restrictions, and undermine the credibility of this command. Responsible environmental stewardship preserves our ability to train realistically today and in the future.

Leaders at every level are responsible for integrating environmental considerations into planning, execution, and assessment. Officers, staff noncommissioned officers, and civilian supervisors will ensure that personnel understand land-use restrictions, protected areas, waste management procedures, and spill prevention measures. Leaders will intervene immediately when environmental standards are violated and will not tolerate complacency or disregard for established requirements.

All personnel are expected to comply fully with environmental regulations, permits, and installation policies. Unauthorized off-road travel, improper disposal of waste, damage to vegetation, and disturbance of protected habitats are unacceptable. Every Marine and civilian is responsible for leaving training areas in proper condition and for reporting environmental hazards or violations promptly.

This command will maintain close coordination with environmental professionals, land management agencies, and regulatory partners to ensure continued compliance and access. Environmental staff will provide training, guidance, and oversight to support operational requirements while protecting natural resources. Leaders will actively support these efforts and ensure they are integrated into unit training programs.

Preserving the training environment is a shared responsibility. Through disciplined execution, respect for natural resources, and professional accountability, we will sustain the lands entrusted to us and protect the future of MCMWTC. Together, we will uphold the standards that enable this command to operate with credibility, legitimacy, and operational freedom.

Semper Fidelis,

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C. E. LOOMIS JR.
COMMANDING OFFICER