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MEMORANDIUM

Subj: ACCESS PROCEDURES FOR SUPERSTITION MOUNTAIN COMMUNICATION SITES

Encl: (1) NAF El Centro Local Area Map
(2) NAF El Centro Range Map

1. Purpose. To notify federal, state, local, and commercial service agencies that beginning 25 September 2024, the bombing range entrance gates that provide access to the Superstition Mountain Communication Sites (Sites 7 & 8) next to the Range Building (Bldg. 5000; Encl 1) will be permanently locked and a new access protocol will be instituted.
2. Scope. This memorandum specifies Procedures directed by the “using” Agency, MCAS Yuma Range Management for access and safety procedures that shall be utilized by all personnel seeking access to the Superstition Mountain communication sites. This instruction contains specific range safety parameters and procedures in accordance with MCAS Yuma Range Management Standard Operating Procedures. **MCAS Yuma Fire Desk (Leg Iron) is responsible for access to the NAF El Centro Active Impact Areas/Ranges, within the Superstition Mountain Communication Sites, Building 5000, and all other areas which require inspections or maintenance. All activities that utilize the NAF El Centro Complex shall strictly adhere to the provisions set forth in this instruction.**
3. Discussion. Personnel requiring service road access to the communications sites shall contact MCAS Yuma Range Scheduling (Skeds) and schedule the date & estimated time. Range access will only be granted accordingly and based on availability. For emergency access, contact Leg Iron at (928) 269-7080 or The MCAS Yuma Range Control Officer at (928) 269-6488.
4. Procedures. The following guidelines shall be adhered to at all times to ensure that personnel safety is maintained during access to the communication sites. Nothing in these instructions will prevent the exercise of sound judgment to preserve lives and property, or to ensure the safety of personnel.
 - a. Initial Request. Contact Yuma Skeds at (928) 269-2214/2215/2690/5575 for all scheduling requests at a minimum of 14 days prior to the event. Requests within the two-week window will be considered on a case-by-case basis and shall be subject to approval based on priority level.
 - b. For any emergent/”Same Day” Requests
 - Contact LEG IRON 928-269-7080 prior to arriving at the Range Boundary/Imler Rd.
 - It is mandatory that the requestor shall check out a radio. LMR RADIOS can be checked out from El Centro Fleet Liaison Office. LMR is the PRIMARY means of Communication w/ LEG IRON. This must be completed by the requestor before access. Range access will not be granted without communication via the LMR radio which shall be checked out from NAF El Centro Fleet Liaison Office @ (760) 339-

2655. The NAF El Centro Fleet Liaison operates from 0800-1500 Pacific Standard time, Monday through Friday; outside of those hours contact the CDO @ (619) 804-6163.

c. The scheduled unit shall contact Leg Iron via the LMR radio with a specific time in, the estimated time out, the number of vehicles entering the range, and the number of personnel entering the range. Once the unit is established at their working site, Leg Iron will place them on a 1 to 4 hour "comm check" via the LMR to maintain constant communication. If the "requestor" is complete, prior to conflicting with scheduled priority activities (Aviation Ordnance Delivery/Laser Activity) there shall be no issues in clearing them "Off" range. The intent is that in certain cases/circumstances, there shall be a clear understanding, once allowed to transit within the R-2510, they may have to wait until they are able to transit back/off range at Leg Irons discretion.

d. In-Processing.

(1) If you do not have access to the NAF El Centro installation, report to the NAF El Centro Pass/ID office lot, located in the dirt lot outside and to the right of the main gate, and contact the NAF El Fleet Liaison Office. A Fleet Liaison representative will proceed to the front gate parking lot, provide the range access logbook for sign-in, an LMR, and a range access gate key. Once provided with an LMR radio and a range access key, personnel may proceed to the Range Building access gate.

(2) If you have access to the NAF El Centro installation, report to the NAF El Centro Fleet Liaison Office (BLDG 139) to be issued an access key and an LMR. Once provided with an LMR and a range access key, personnel may proceed to the Range Building access gate.

(3) For access outside of the standard operating hours of the NAF El Centro Fleet Liaison Office, contact the CDO for coordination.

e. Upon Arrival at the Range Building Access Gate. Contact Leg Iron via LMR Radio to receive an updated bombing range safety status and final permission to travel to the Superstition Mountain communication site(s). Ensure that the gate is closed and locked before proceeding.

f. Transiting the Active Impact Areas/Ranges. To ensure maximum safety while transiting the Active Impact Areas/Ranges to the communication site(s) all personnel will remain on the range access road and may not deviate under any circumstance. Maximum driving speed is 25 MPH. Headlights and yellow construction vehicle strobe lights shall be on. A 4x4 vehicle is required, as dunes can accumulate on Superstition Mountain access roads.

g. Departure. Prior to departing the range or transiting to another communication site, requestor shall contact Leg Iron via LMR to request clearance back off the range based on current Hot/Cold status for permission to transit on or exit the bombing range.

h. Upon Exiting the Active Ranges. Ensure that the access gate is locked and call Leg Iron to report that you are safely off the bombing range and returning to the installation with the key.

i. Check-out.

(1) Report to the NAF El Centro front gate parking lot and contact the NAF El Centro Fleet Liaison Office to return the range access key and the LMR if you cannot access the installation.

(2) Report to the NAF El Centro Fleet Liaison Office to return the range access keys and LMR if you have access to the installation.

(3) When returning the range access keys and LMR outside of standard hours, contact the CDO for coordination.

Failure to comply with these regulations may subject the offender to prosecution under federal, state, or local laws or disciplinary action. Offenders shall be held liable for repair/restoration of facilities and training areas. Violations may also cause operations to be halted until corrective action has been taken. Access privileges may be revoked by the Range Control Officer based on the severity of the infraction(s).

5. Customs & Border Protection Services. Access onto the range for Border Patrol agents must be coordinated exclusively through CBP facility dispatch, facility dispatch will then contact Leg Iron @ 928-269-7080 for clearance. Agents are reminded that range clearance requests made directly to Leg Iron, will not be granted. This procedure is implemented to centralize communication channels and ensure optimal safety measures.

6. Emergencies. Contact Leg Iron upon any emergency within the Active Impact Areas/Ranges. "LEG IRON" will request the following information for initiating a MEDEVAC response:

- Type and source of injury
- Type of medevac (air or ground)
- Range/grid location
- MEDICAL PERSONNEL ON SCENE(YES/NO)

Advise type of support needed by classification:

MEDEVAC Classifications:

- Routine = no threat to life, limb, or eyesight
- Priority = requires immediate attention but no threat to life, limb, or eyesight
- Urgent = Injury threatens life, limb, or eyesight

For minor injuries, proceed directly to the El Centro Regional Medical Center (1415 W. Ross Avenue; (760) 339-7100).

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