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From: Commanding General
To: All Hands

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The two most important national functions of the Marine Corps are making Marines and winning battles. Training for combat is integral to performing these functions. We preserve the training opportunities enjoyed by today's Marines for future generations of Marines by respecting and maintaining the natural and cultural resources entrusted to the Marine Corps.

In combat, leaders consider and conserve the amount of resources expended to achieve the mission. Protecting the environment and conserving natural and cultural resources while performing the training mission of the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center are no different. I am committed to applying sound environmental management practices to our command's resources and continually improving these practices to strengthen our training mission.

Sustaining future operations requires that we continually improve how we manage ranges, training areas, support facilities, and even our homes. I will use a formal, comprehensive Environmental Management System (EMS) to maintain our freedom of action and control risks to operational readiness posed by the environmental impacts of our actions. The EMS integrates environmental stewardship into our daily decision-making and long term planning processes across all missions, activities, and functions. I will also use our Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan and Integrated Cultural Resources Management Plan to comply with laws and regulations dedicated to conservation and environmental stewardship.

As Marines, we uphold the constitution by obeying the nation's laws. Environmental laws are no exception. I am committed to complying with all applicable environmental legal requirements and continually improving EMS performance to minimize risks to the mission. Environmental compliance, pollution prevention, environmental training and awareness, conservation, reporting, and responding to contaminated sites or unpermitted releases, and long-term management of training areas are keys to environmental stewardship and mission accomplishment. As good stewards, all commanders shall strive to generate environmental awareness through leadership and training.

The Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center's Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Division staff is committed to preserving your training mission while conserving natural and cultural resources and complying with our nation's environmental laws. They are available at (760)830-7634, if you have any questions.


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