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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Fire Policy (DPTSM Policy Statement #3-3)

1. U.S. Army Alaska (USARAK) uses progressive, restrictive measures to reduce the risk of fires and contain them. The Fire Weather Index describes the risks. Range Controls have the index descriptions and update them daily. Trainers can use this information to plan activities and alternatives.
2. The Army restrictions on training and ammunition per USARAK Reg 350-2 (Draft) are listed:
  - a. Low: No restrictions.
  - b. Moderate:
    - (1) Ball and Blank ammunition only in training areas.
    - (2) Pyrotechnics, including smoke, trip flares, open fires, and tracers prohibited on training areas.
    - (3) No restrictions west of the 24 Grid in the Stuart Creek Impact Area.
  - c. High:
    - (1) Ball, blank, non-aerial pyrotechnics permitted on the small arms complexes only.
    - (2) Flare Burnout at 5000' in the Stuart Creek only.
    - (3) Units will carry fire suppression tools and water.
  - d. Extreme:
    - (1) Ball and blank on the small arms complexes, no pyrotechnics.
    - (2) No flares in any impact or training area, including Stuart Creek.
3. USAF activities and ordnance restrictions are summarized below.
  - a. Low: No restrictions.
  - b. Moderate: No restrictions west of 24 Grid in the Stuart Creek Impact Area.
    - (1) No restrictions on Delta Creek Impact Area.
    - (2) Inert ordnance, cold spot BDU-33s, chaff and M206. MJU 7 or MJU 10, used on Oklahoma, Washington, Mississippi, east of 24 Grid on Stuart Creek, and on Blair Lakes.

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(3) Flares or foreign equivalent must burnout above 1000' AGL all areas.

c. High: Flare burnout above 5000' AGL on all restricted areas or other land. Same ordnance restrictions as Moderate.

d. Extreme:

(1) Flare burn-out above 5000'.

(2) Other areas, only cold-spot BDU-33 and inert ordnance.

4. Waiver authority is delegated to the USARAK Deputy Commander, 172 SIB Commander, USARAK Garrison Commander and USAF 611<sup>th</sup> AOG/CC Commander. Units subordinate to those commanders must use risk assessment and submit a written request to the appropriate chain of command for approval.

a. Units receiving waivers must carry fire fighting tools, i.e., polaski, beaters, and portable water extinguishers with water supply.

b. A written copy of the approved waiver will be presented to the affected range control prior to continued firing.

5. Army and Air Force may be financially liable for fires resulting from failure to abide by fire danger restrictions as described in paragraph 2 and 3 above. USARAK and 611<sup>th</sup> AOG/CC are responsible to ensure that visiting units hosted by them maintain policy compliance.

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