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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Commander's Policy #5 - Operation of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) on Portland District Property

1. References:

a. Code of Federal Regulations, Title 36, Parks, Forest and Public Property, Chapter III, Part 327, 1 July 2014.

b. FAA Order 8900.1, Volume 16, Unmanned Aircraft Systems, 23 June 2014

c. FAA National Policy 8900.268, Education, Compliance, and Enforcement of Unauthorized Unmanned Aircraft Systems Operators, 15 July 2014

d. FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 (PL 112-95), Section 336, Special Rules for Model Aircraft, 14 February 2012

e. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Operational Protection Message, 18 Sept. 2014

2. The purpose of this memorandum is to establish the policy for the operation of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) on Portland District property. UAS come in many shapes and sizes. They can be as large as an airliner or smaller than a model airplane. They also have multiple applications. They can be used for hobby and recreation, public safety and emergency operations, as well as many commercial uses. Regardless of the size or application UAS pose a risk to Corps of Engineers' Civil Works Projects.

3. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) National Policy 8900.268, Education, Compliance, and Enforcement of Unauthorized Unmanned Aircraft Systems Operators, 15 July 2014, states that UAS are "aircraft", and further states that commercial UAS operations are prohibited without FAA authorization.

4. Title 36, Parks, Forest and Public Property, Chapter 111, Part 327.4 states "The operation of 'aircraft' on project lands at locations other than those designated by the District Commander is prohibited. This provision shall not be applicable to aircraft engaged in official business of federal, state, or local governments or law enforcement agencies, aircraft used in emergency rescue in accordance with the direction of the District Commander or aircraft forced to land due to circumstances beyond the control of the operator."

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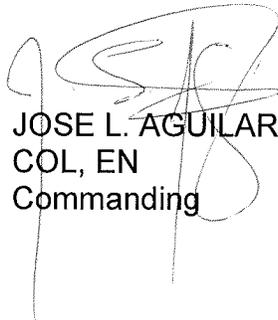
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5. Due to the potential risk associated with flying a UAS in the vicinity of operational areas, I have determined that specific approved areas are the only locations acceptable for UAS operation within the Portland District. Operations Project Managers will determine the specific locations within their project where UAS may operate.

6. No person will operate a UAS in a careless, reckless or unsafe manner. UAS will not be operated within 500 feet of operational areas. Operational Areas are defined as land on which project operational structures are located (dams and associated support facilities). For Official Business, UAS may be operated within operational areas only after prior approval from the District Commander or his designee. In order to maintain safe operational control and in accordance with FAA rules, operators must maintain Visual Line of Sight (VLS) of the aircraft while in operation.

7. For more information on UAS visit the FAA website at: <http://www.faa.gov/uas/>.

8. The point of contact for this memorandum is Douglas D. Dailey, Chief, Security and Law Enforcement at (503) 808-4440 or via email at [douglas.d.dailey@usace.army.mil](mailto:douglas.d.dailey@usace.army.mil).



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