From: Range Control Officer

To: Assistant Chief of Staff, Facilities Via: Assistant Chief of Staff, Training

Subj: Construction of a Tank Trail in the OP-5, GE/GA Area

Ref: (a) MCO 3571.1A

Encl: (1) Map Showing Proposed Tank Trail

(2) Preliminary Environmental Assessment (PEA)

- 1. Construction of the Infantry Weapons Range G-3 is slated to be completed 1 June 1984. Once this range is completed, the area forward of the firing line will become a dedicated impact area as required by reference (a). Use of the existing Tank Trail that runs from the GE to the GA area passes thru the Area A of the G-3 Surface Danger Area. Reference (a) prohibits the maneuvering of personnel or vehicles through the Area A of a dedicated impact area. It is requested that a new tank trail be constructed as shown in enclosure (1).
- 2. The total area to be cleared is shown in enclosure (1) and will have no significant environmental impact. EOD support will be provided for all construction work in the G-10 area. Enclosure (2) is the Preliminary Environmental Assessment (PEA) for the proposed tank trail.
- 3. Point of contact is MSgt MOSES, Range Maintenance Chief, phone ext. 5211/3542.

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PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

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TANK TRAIL GE TO GA AREA

- 1. Enclosure. Map showing proposed tank trail.
- 2. Purpose and Need. The purpose of this proposed action is to provide usable tank trail from the GE to the GA area along the western edge of the G-10 Impact Area.
- 3. Project Description. The project consists of clearing trees and brush as indicated in the enclosure and installation of a culvert across Jumping Run Creek.
- 4. Site Selection. The site is located on enclosure (1) and is the most ideal location for the tank trail.
- 5. Compliance With Environmental Requirements
 - a. Air Quality: No emissions are anticipated.
- b. Land Quality: Erosion control measures will be included in the project design. Construction management will provide preventative measures to contain all sediment on site.
- c. Clean Water Act: No discharge of wastes to surface waters sill occur during development or subsequent use.
- d. National Historic Preservation Act: No significant cultural resources are located on the project site.
- e. Executive Order 11990 Protection of Wetlands: Disturbance of wetlands will be avoided during clearing and construction.
- f. Endangered Species Act: The impact of this project on the habitat of endangered species has been determined to be negligible. This statement is based on the determination that no endangered species are known to live in the area to be affected by construction.
- 6. Conclusion: The construction of this tank trail will not result in significant environmental impact provided the measures described herein are followed. Further, the project is not considered controversial, thus, preparation of an Environmental Assessment per Marine Corps Order 6280.5 is not required.

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