

ENVIRONMENTAL BULLETIN

A collection of social media posts from the previous month and announcements for upcoming events

October 2020

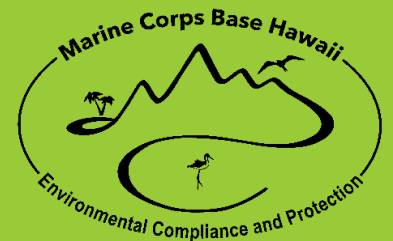
Marine Corps Base Hawaii Environmental Compliance & Protection Division (ECPD)



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Earth Day Every Day



Fort Hase Beach: Part of a Culturally Sensitive Burial Area

by Karen Bryan

Fort Hase Beach is a part of the Mōkapu Burial Area listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Members of the Native Hawaiian community are working with MCBH Cultural Resources Managers from the Environmental Division to ensure the protection and respect of the remains that are buried on Mōkapu Peninsula. Please respect those who came before. Do not move any stones or other items from where they lie. Both Federal and State laws make it a crime to disturb native burials and sites.



Hygienic Wipes Clog Sewer Lines

by Karen Bryan

Be a good sewer steward, and be mindful of what you are introducing to the sewer system. Some wipes are labeled and marketed as “disposable” or “flushable,” but these products can combine with fats, oils, and grease (FOG) in the sewer system and form serious clogs. Obstructions cause problems in the entire sewage system, especially at the pump stations. Hygienic wipes may not break down quickly as advertisements suggest. Never flush any of the following:



- “Flushable” wipes
- Disinfecting/surface wipes
- Baby wipes
- Mop or Swiffer cloths
- Feminine hygiene products
- Toilet cleaning pads
- Cotton swabs
- Disposable diapers
- Cosmetic wipes

Please place the above items and similar products in the trash. Mahalo for protecting MCBH’s Wastewater Treatment and Water Reclamation Facility.

Off-roading is a Threat to cultural and natural resources

by Karen Bryan

State and local ATV/SxS UTV laws dictate registration requirements, speed limits, open and prohibited trails, trail or riding area restrictions, and other rules of the trail when it comes to your ATV or SxS UTV. Recreational off-roading is not permitted on Oahu's public beaches or government land due to the threat to natural and cultural resources.

In Accordance with MCBH Base Order P 1710.1; Section 2994,1j; Personal or recreational off-road 4x4 vehicles, motorcycles, and all-terrain vehicle activity is prohibited aboard MCBH properties

and its jurisdictional areas to include shoreline, coastal, training areas, and recreational properties such as Fort Hase Beach. MCBH Base Order 5560; Section 2004.1 also states; Vehicles may not be driven off paved roads or authorized unimproved roads.

Off-roading on beaches, public and government lands is a criminal misdemeanor charge. Trespassers and illegal off-roaders unintentionally destroy the cultural and natural resources of these recreational areas. Help protect our precious cultural and natural resources, abide by Base Orders and Hawaii State laws.



Small Things

by Karen Bryan

MCBH is the only Marine Corps installation with coral reefs within its coastal waters. The Base Environmental Compliance and Protection Division works diligently to protect them, and we need your help to do the same. You've heard, "It's the small things that matter most." This is especially true in the ocean.



Small creatures have big jobs—keeping the seaweed under control, cleaning up decaying plants and animals, and generally keeping the reefs and our oceans healthy. You may see hermit crabs, snails, and sea cucumbers while beachcombing or snorkeling—they are the ocean's janitors! They scavenge for decaying ocean matter, cleaning the sand and rocks so that corals and fish can thrive. Seashells containing snails or hermit crabs are vital to our reefs. If we take them as ornaments for jewelry and crafts, they can't keep our oceans clean and beautiful.

It's illegal to take live or dead coral, rocks or sand from the ocean or beaches. [Hawaii Revised Statutes, Title 12 (Conservation and Resources) [Section 171-58.5](#), prohibits the mining and taking of sand, dead coral or coral rubble, rocks, soil, or other marine deposits seaward from the shoreline or from the shoreline area.]

For more information on the coral reef habitat surrounding MCBH visit: <https://www.mcbhawaii.marines.mil/Offices-Staff/S-4-Installations-Environment-Logistics/Environmental/Natural-Resources/Coastal-Marine-Management/>

Many Hands Restore the Land

Happy National Public Lands Day, September 26, 2020! Not many of us may have heard of this national celebration. It is organized annually by the National Environmental Education Foundation. According to the National Park Service “It’s one of our nation’s largest single-day volunteer effort. It celebrates the connection between people and green space in their community.” At MCBH the Environmental Compliance and Protection Division is coordinating a volunteer vegetation project, starting on October 10th, along Marine Corps Training Area Bellows shoreline in partnership with the local community. “Volunteers are welcomed as we help to restore native Hawaiian habitat working alongside our local community. Contact Environmental at 808-257-7129.



Weed Warrior Restoration work on Base 25Jul2020. Photo Lance Bookless

Announcements & Upcoming ECPD Events

SECTION 106 PUBLIC NOTICE

Posted on website: <https://www.mcbhawaii.marines.mil/Resources/Featured-Information/Mokapu-ES/> and provided to Mōkapu Elementary School Parent Teacher Association and Mōkapu Elementary School Community Council. MCBH and DOE are proposing to conduct Mokapu Elementary School Campus Improvements located at a 14.2 acre site on Mokapu Road in the District of Ko`olaupoko, Ahupua`a of Kaneohe, on the Island of O`ahu, TMK 1-4-4-009:007. The proposed project is currently undergoing an Environmental Assessment (EA) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

All questions, comments, and correspondence should be directed to Dr. Wendy Wichman, MCBH Cultural Resources Management, via email at wendy.wichman@usmc.mil no later than 8 December 2020.

For more ECPD information visit: <https://www.mcbhawaii.marines.mil/Offices-Staff/S-4-Installations-Environment-Logistics/Environmental/>