

**6002. ENDANGERED ANIMALS.**

1. Red-Cockaded Woodpecker (RCW). The RCW is an endangered species protected by Federal law. Red-Cockaded Woodpeckers are cavity-nesting birds and depend on live pine trees for their survival.

a. The Base Commander has implemented the following program to protect RCW habitat: Buffer Zones extending 200 meters out from each cluster of cavity trees are marked with single bands of white paint on the trees and signs reading:

**Restricted Area Endangered Species  
No Vehicles Allowed  
And  
Endangered Species Colony Buffer Zone**

b. The following actions are prohibited under Public Law 93- 205, Endangered Species Act of 1973, and Base Orders concerning the RCW and marked buffer zones:

- (1) The use of any vehicle, wheeled or tracked, off designated trails in the buffer zone.
- (2) The cutting or damaging of pine trees of any size within the buffer zone.
- (3) Any excavating or digging within the buffer zone.
- (4) Bivouacking and the establishment of command posts within the buffer zone.
- (5) "Tree topping" of antennas, girdling of pine trees with communications wire, burying of cable and the climbing of pine trees with tree gaffs within the buffer zone.
- (6) The firing of artillery or mortars within 200 meters of a cavity tree.
- (7) The removal or destruction of signs marking a restricted area.
- (8) Cutting down or damaging any type of tree in any training area unless authorized by the Assistant Chief of Staff, Installations and Environment.

c. Failure to comply with the above actions may result in punitive action.

d. The following actions are authorized inside or within the RCW buffer zone:

(1) Transient foot travel.

(2) Transient vehicular traffic ONLY on EXISTING MAINTAINED trails/roads.

(3) Blank small arms firing.

(4) The cutting of hardwood foliage is permissible for camouflage and concealment.