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Granting Permission for Lawful Possession of a Firearm on University Property

Mike Lane
Chief of Police

The Chancellor delegated to me, as Vice Chancellor Finance & Business Operations, the responsibility for “granting written permission to an individual for lawful possession of a firearm on University property and the Natural Reserve System.”

With this letter, I hereby delegate this authority to you, as Chief of Police.

This delegation of authority is effective immediately, supersedes any previous delegation on the subject and may not be redelegated further.

The full text of the University of California Implementation Guidelines for the California Gun Free Zone Act of 1995 and Amendments may be found online at: http://www.ucop.edu/ucophome/coordrev/policy/8-16-99gun.html. The University of California Firearm Guidelines for the Natural Reserve System may be viewed at: http://ucop.edu/ucophome/coordrev/policy/4-23-01guidelines.pdf.

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Gretchen Bolar
Vice Chancellor Finance & Business Operations

cc: Executive Vice President Business Operations
Chancellor
Natural Reserves System Director
Natural Reserves System Coordinator
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In a letter dated April 23, 2001, the Senior Vice President stated: “authorization of possession, use and storage of firearms by NRS employees and others shall be governed by the Chancellor to whose jurisdiction the particular NRS reserve is assigned.”
(Reference: http://www.ucop.edu/ucophome/coordrev/policy/4-23-01.html)

With this letter, I hereby delegate the authority to you, as Vice Chancellor Finance & Business Operations, to govern the granting of written permission to an individual for lawful possession of a firearm on University property and the Natural Reserve System. This authority may be redelegated to the UCR Chief of Police as determined.

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Timothy P. White
Chancellor

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FIREARM GUIDELINES FOR THE NATURAL RESERVE SYSTEM

The Natural Reserve System (NRS), a systemwide unit of the Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources, comprises a network of 34 predominantly undeveloped sites used for research, teaching, and public outreach. Some NRS reserves are located in remote areas such as the Mojave Desert or Mendocino county, and others are adjacent to UC campuses (e.g., Irvine and Santa Barbara) or within close proximity to urban areas. Each reserve is assigned to and administered by a specific campus. Certain reserves, particularly those that are isolated, have some resident staff. Firearm ownership, possession, and use by reserve staff and users varies among the reserves. The following paragraphs are intended to provide guidance on when it may be appropriate for a Chancellor to grant permission to an NRS staff employee to possess and/or use firearms in performance of his or her duties, or to any other person using a reserve property for other legitimate purposes. Law enforcement officers or security guards licensed to carry weapons do not need special permission.

Reserve Staff:

The following aspects of an NRS employee’s job description shall be examined as part of the determination whether to grant firearms privileges to a particular employee:

1. Management of wildlife populations on the reserve (e.g., feral pigs, California ground squirrels)
2. Research-related activities or collection of specimens for museum collections
3. Personal protection

Non-Reserve Staff:

There may be instances when a person who is not a reserve staff member may seek permission from the Chancellor to use a firearm on a reserve (for example, a researcher or a skilled hunter engaged by reserve staff to assist in wildlife population management projects). The first two factors above shall be considered when determining whether to grant this permission.

In all cases, the Chancellor’s decision to grant or deny permission may be based on such considerations as the remoteness of the site and the nature of the project. If a reserve staff member seeks permission based on personal protection, one factor the Chancellor may wish to consider is the availability of local law enforcement officers. Final approval of a request made by an NRS staff member or any other person may be conditioned on the fulfillment of certain requirements as, for example, fingerprinting, firearm registration, and safety training. Each campus shall be responsible for establishing safety procedures and ensuring that the applicant has fulfilled certain basic University requirements relating to firearm ownership, possession, and use.

Any delegation of the Chancellor’s authority to approve requests for possession and/or use of firearms on an NRS reserve under these guidelines shall be in writing with a copy to the Director of the Natural Reserve System.