

CHAPTER 1 - INTRODUCTION

1-1. Purpose. This regulation establishes land management policy for Corps administered project lands and water, based on various authorizing legislation and the principles of good environmental stewardship. The reader should also see ER 200-2-3 for additional guidance.

1-2. Policy. It is Corps policy to apply principles of good environmental stewardship to the natural and cultural resources occurring on Corps administered and/or managed lands and waters. For the Corps the term “steward” shall mean manager of those public resources. Environmental stewardship shall include both passive and proactive management to sustain healthy ecosystems and biodiversity, and conserve natural resources, such that Corps lands and waters are left in a condition equal to or better than their condition when acquired, and such that those natural and cultural resources are available to serve the needs of present and future generations. Management plans will be prepared for all Corps administered lands and waters.

1-3. Applicability. This regulation applies to all USACE commands having responsibility for civil works functions.

1-4. References. See Appendix A.