I. POLICY

The Department of Corrections shall ensure the safe, secure and efficient operation of its Department-owned land.

II. APPLICABILITY

All Department-owned property.

III. DEFINITIONS

Administrator – The official, regardless of local title (division or facility administrator, bureau chief, warden, superintendent), ultimately responsible for the division, facility or program operation and management.

Department-Owned Property - Means any property owned or leased by the Department of Corrections for use in its operations.

IV. DEPARTMENT DIRECTIVES

1. Department facilities, divisions, or programs containing or adjoined to department-owned land shall develop a procedure to outline access and potential public use.

2. In the event of a fire-hazard, disaster, or emergency, the facility administrator will consult with the Director, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, and other appropriate state and federal agencies to determine whether land use restrictions such as limited or closed access to facility property may be warranted.

3. The Director may issue a proclamation to limit or close Department property for all non-essential use in the event that the Governor issues an Executive Order.

4. Public notice(s) of land closure will be posted on affected property and in local newspapers.

5. The facility administrator responsible for Department-owned property shall immediately implement procedures to enforce compliance with any restriction.

V. CLOSING

Questions concerning this policy should be directed to the facility administrator.

IV. REFERENCES

A. Executive Order No. 19-00
Subject:  LAND USE RESTRICTION

B.  **2-15-112, MCA; 53-1-203, MCA; 76-13-102, MCA**
C.  **DOC 3.2.10, Fire & Life Safety**

**IV. ATTACHMENTS**

None