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**POLICY**

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**NATURE IMAGERY PROGRAM**

**REVIEW/REVISION HISTORY:**

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**SUMMARY OF REVISION/REVIEW:**


Policy Statement I. and II.A. - Removed unnecessary language  
Added II.A.1. that a portion of the wall may be painted with nature murals and/or chalk paint  
III.A.2. - Adjusted language for clarification  
III.A.4. - Added clarifying language  
Removed III.D.2. that a BOE will be completed for individuals in an SBU  
Removed V.B. that the CUS will forward NIP space usage to the MHA  
Removed V.C. that NIP data and surveys will be provided to Evergreen State College

**APPROVED:**

Signature on file

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**CHERYL STRANGE**, Secretary  
Department of Corrections

9/9/22  
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Date Signed

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**REFERENCES:**


DOC 100.100 is hereby incorporated into this policy; DOC 290.055 Sustainable Practices; DOC 300.010 Behavior Observations

**POLICY:**


- I. In consultation with the Mission Housing Administrator, facilities may establish a Nature Imagery Program (NIP) to assist individuals housed in a Skill Building Unit (SBU) or restrictive housing to manage stress and enhance overall behavior and personal wellbeing. Through the NIP, eligible individuals will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in the sights and sounds of nature in a safe and secure, out-of-cell environment.

**DIRECTIVE:**

- I. Responsibilities
  - A. Each facility with an NIP will designate an NIP Coordinator who will:
    1. Maintain an NIP schedule and post it in an area accessible to individuals in the unit.
    2. Maintain and update a summary of the program, including a list of available videos, posted in the NIP space.
    3. Coordinate with Evergreen State College for provision of available nature videos through the Sustainability in Prisons Project per DOC 290.055 Sustainable Practices.
- II. Nature Imagery Program Space
  - A. Spaces will be painted Aloe or Jocular Green.
    1. A portion of the wall space may be painted with murals representing nature scenes and/or chalk paint to provide creative drawing opportunities. Content must be pro-social.
  - B. Projected images will be a minimum of 3' wide to provide the individual with an immersive experience.
- III. Participation

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- A. Individuals may choose to participate in the NIP by making a written request to the NIP Coordinator. The written request must include the video the individual would like to view.
1. Individuals participating for the first time each month will take priority over those who have already participated that month.
  2. Participation for individuals in restrictive housing may occur during the individual's scheduled recreational yard or other designated movement opportunities as determined by the Correctional Unit Supervisor (CUS).
  3. Individuals in restrictive housing participating for the first time will be placed in a programming chair with restraints and as determined thereafter by unit employees/contract staff, who will consider:
    - a. The individual's current level,
    - b. Recent infractions, and
    - c. Recent interactions with employees and contract staff.
  4. Upon request, individuals in restrictive housing will be provided with a flex pen and paper.
- B. Individuals will be placed in the NIP space to view the video for up to 45 minutes unless they have been determined to be in crisis.
- C. Individuals that act inappropriately while using the space will lose access for 30 days. The behavior will be documented:
1. On DOC 21-917 Incident Report and forwarded to the CUS for individuals housed in restrictive housing.
  2. As a Behavior Observation Entry (BOE) in the electronic file per DOC 300.010 Behavior Observations for individuals housed in an SBU.
- D. Use of the NIP space, refusal to participate when recommended, and type of restraints used will be documented as follows:
1. Employees will complete an entry on DOC 05-091 Daily Segregation Report and in the unit logbook for individuals housed in restrictive housing or determined to be in crisis.
  2. A local process will be established to track the use of NIP spaces.
- E. NIP spaces will be closed in the following circumstances:

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1. During any emergent incident that impacts unit operations.
2. Damage to the equipment in the NIP space.
3. Disruptive behavior in the NIP space.

#### IV. Crisis Intervention

- A. If an individual has been determined to be in crisis (e.g., depressed, upset, anxious) by mental health employees/contract staff, the NIP may be used to assist in the management of the crisis.
  1. Individuals in crisis will be given priority over individuals on the routine NIP space schedule.
  2. Mental health employees/contract staff will consult with custody employees to determine if restraints/programming chair should be used.
  3. The amount of time the individual will be allowed to use the space will be determined on a case-by-case basis.
  4. Appropriate placement of the individual after using the NIP will be determined by mental health employees/contract staff and custody employees.

#### V. Data and Research Information

- A. Surveys will be provided to individuals and employees/contract staff involved in the NIP to voluntarily provide feedback.

### ATTACHMENTS

None

### DOC FORMS

DOC 05-091 Daily Segregation Report  
 DOC 21-917 Incident Report