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MEMORANDUM FOR All Recreational Users on Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield

SUBJECT: U.S. Army Garrison Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield, Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield (FSGA/HAAF) Hunting, Fishing and Outdoor Recreational Use Policy Letter/Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)

1. REFERENCES.

- a. IMSH ES Regulation 190-11, Firearms, Weapons and Ammunition, 2020.
- b. Army Regulation (AR) 200-1, Environmental Protection and Enhancement, 13 December 2007.
- c. AR 215-1, Military Morale, Welfare and Recreation Programs and Non-Appropriated Fund Instrumentalities, 24 September 2010.
- d. Georgia Department of Natural Resources (GA DNR) Hunting and Fishing Regulations.

2. PURPOSE. To provide enforceable rules and regulations pertaining to hunting, fishing and outdoor recreational activities on the installation.

3. APPLICABILITY. This policy applies to all recreational users on the installation.

4. POLICY. Hunting, fishing and other outdoor recreational activities will be conducted in accordance with applicable federal and GA DNR laws, ARs and this Hunting, Fishing and Recreational Use Policy Letter/SOP. This document is punitive in nature. Military violators of these provisions may be prosecuted under the Uniform Code of Military Justice or may be subject to administrative action. Civilian violators may be subject to administrative action (revocation of permit, etc.), may be barred from the installation, or prosecuted under federal law or Georgia law in U.S. Federal Court.

5. PUBLICATION. The policy letter is located at <https://ftstewart.isportsman.net>.

6. PROPONENT. The proponent for this policy is the Directorate of Public Works, Fish and Wildlife Branch at (571) 801-2224.


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HUNTING, FISHING, AND OUTDOOR RECREATION

Summary. Fort Stewart (FSGA) and Hunter Army Airfield (HAAF) have been open to public recreation, hunting, and fishing in accordance with (IAW) state laws, federal laws, and installation regulations since 1959. This Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) or a comparable document has been in effect since public hunting and fishing was initially authorized. This document establishes policies and outlines responsibilities and procedures related to the control of hunting, fishing, and other recreational activities on FSGA and HAAF.


Applicability. This SOP is applicable to all recreational users of FSGA/HAAF and is subject to change without prior public notice. Violators will be subject to appropriate criminal sanctions and/or disciplinary action as outlined in paragraphs (Para) 1-4d, 1-4e, and 1-4f below. During periods of mobilization, the requirements of this SOP will remain in effect. There are no requirements for unit commanders.

Proponent. The proponent of this document is the Fish & Wildlife Branch and the Directorate of Public Works (DPW).

Supplementation. Supplementation to this SOP is provided annually through publishing installation seasons and bag limits and creel limits. The hunting seasons and bag limits and creel limits are available at <https://ftstewart.isportsman.net> and are enforceable within this SOP.

Suggested Improvements. Users are invited to send comments and suggested improvements via email to justin.l.chafin.civ@army.mil, or on a written memorandum through channels to the DPW, 1177 Veterans Parkway, Building 1145, Fort Stewart, GA 31314-5601.

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SUMMARY of CHANGES

Hunting, Fishing, and Outdoor Recreation

This major revision, dated 09 June 2025—

1. Prohibits the use of metal “screw-in” steps for portable tree stand hunting.
2. Prohibits the recreational use of unmanned aerial systems (UAS) or “drones” within the installation boundaries.
3. Prohibits hunting within 100 meters of posted feral hog trapping efforts by the Fish & Wildlife Branch.
4. Listed the approved routes to access P-26 and P-33 when open for recreation through permanently closed training areas.
5. Next day check-in reservations will be available at 2000 hours for camping at managed ponds, and areas adjacent to the Canoochee and Ogeechee Rivers associated with fishing activities.
6. Next day check-in reservations will be available at 1800 hours for sportsman who are Active Duty, Spouse of an Active Duty Soldier, or Minor of an Active Duty Soldier, during big game hunting (deer, turkey, and alligator) seasons and for managed dove fields.
7. Establishes a minimum age of 6 years old required to obtain an installation deer or turkey harvest card.
8. Zone 8A alligator tag lottery winners will be ineligible for lottery drawings the following two years.
9. Before participating in the annual Zone 8A alligator lottery, applicants must have their iSportsman and GoOutdoorsGA accounts validated prior to applying in the Zone 8A alligator tag lottery.
10. Hunters who possess a Zone 8A alligator harvest permit may carry a pistol or bangstick in areas designated as “Archery Only” or Archery, Muzzleloader, or Shotgun Only,” to dispatch legally restrained alligators.
11. Adds training holidays or a Day of No Scheduled Activities (DONSA), designated on the installation training calendar, to the days/times that Garrison Archery Only areas are open for hunting.
12. Clarifies that possession of rimfire or centerfire rifles is prohibited while alligator hunting.
13. Allows the use of electronic calls to aid in the take of feral hogs during specified times of the year.

14. Allows for possession of quartered feral hog meat from previous hunts so long as physical evidence of species (i.e. a tail, or hoof) remains with the quartered parts.
15. Clarifies that the possession of quartered deer and turkey meat harvested from a previous hunt is prohibited in the training areas. Prohibits the cleaning and processing (other than field dressing/eviscerating) of deer or turkeys in the field.
16. Removes the special opportunity season to hunt hogs with the aid of bait.
17. Replaces Appendix E. Use of Bait to Entice Feral Hogs with Appendix E. Training Area Weapon Designations.
18. Prohibits the use of trail cameras and commercial videography in the training areas.
19. Prohibits the cleaning or fileting and discarding of fish at managed impoundments or ponds.
20. Electrically assisted bicycles with pedals up to 750 watts may be utilized while in the training areas.
21. Adds the penalties for recreating while suspended, use of metal detectors, and use of UAS.
22. Addresses procedures for changing an iSportsman existing customer type to 'DISABLED' and subsequently outlines the validation process for establishing a new 'DISABLED' persons iSportsman accounts.
23. Defines allowable All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) uses for disabled persons with an approved installation memorandum.
24. Establishes the Fish & Wildlife Branch as the designated issuer of Memorandums that approve or deny the ability for disabled sportsman to utilize ATVs.
25. Clarifies that any vehicle that is primarily designed for off-road use (side by side, Utility Task Vehicle (UTV), All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV), dirt bike, adventure bikes, etc.), is prohibited without an approved disability memorandum from the Fish & Wildlife Office.
26. Add the procedures for recreational users who encounter Soldiers training in areas designated as open for recreation.
27. Adds information pertaining to forest products and firewood harvesting.
28. Adds language authorizing 500 sq. inches of pink in addition to blaze orange as safety colors while hunting.
29. Administrative changes made throughout the document.

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Chapter 1

General

1-1. Purpose

This policy letter/standard operating procedure establishes policies and outlines responsibilities and procedures related to the control of hunting, fishing, and other recreational activities on Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield (FSGA/HAAF). Hereafter, the term "Installation" includes both FSGA/HAAF unless specifically referred to separately.

1-2. References

See Appendix A.

1-3. Explanation of abbreviations and terms

See glossary.

1-4. Policy

a. The primary mission of this Installation is to provide training space and other related military use of land and water resources.

(1) Land and water resources deemed available for public recreational use and enjoyment will have controlled public access, subject to safety and military security requirements and will not impair the military mission. Installation staff will strive to post area status accurately and avoid conflicts between military training and recreational use. Ultimately, however, it is the responsibility of the sportsman to yield the right of way to Soldiers conducting training, or Installation staff conducting management/maintenance activities (prescribed burning, road maintenance, etc.).

(2) If a sportsman encounters training or Installation management activities within or in-route to an area for which he/she has been granted recreational access, the sportsman will promptly and courteously comply with any guidance provided by the Soldiers or Installation personnel (move to the road shoulder, dim lights, leave the area, etc.). Failure to comply with such direction is a violation of this SOP.

b. Hunting, fishing, and other outdoor recreation within this installation will be IAW applicable federal and state laws, Army Regulations (ARs) (i.e., AR 200-1 and AR 215-1), this FSGA/HAAF SOP, FSGA/HAAF Post Range Guide, and the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP) for FSGA/HAAF (see references).

c. This SOP, as well as Federal and Georgia hunting, fishing, and trapping laws, will be enforced by Federal and Deputy Federal Law Enforcement Officers. Anything not covered in this SOP, please refer to the Georgia hunting and fishing regulation.

d. Enforcement of this SOP and other regulations applicable to the control of hunting, fishing, and other recreational activities on this installation will be accomplished by the Directorate of Emergency Services (DES).

e. Punitive Provision. This SOP is punitive in nature. Military violators of these provisions may be prosecuted under the Uniform Code of Military Justice or may be subject to administrative action. Civilian violators may be subject to administrative action (revocation of permit, etc.), may be barred from the Installation IAW Chapter 1-5 of this SOP or prosecuted under Federal law or Georgia law in Federal Court.

f. The Garrison Commander's authority to suspend or revoke the installation hunting or fishing privileges of anyone (military or Civilian) who violates the provisions of this SOP or applicable federal or state laws and regulations is hereby delegated to the DES. Violation of

laws and regulations by Family Members and guests of permit holders may result in the suspension or revocation of the sponsor's permit as well as that of the offending Family Member or guest (see Appendix B for periods of suspension). In addition, Civilians may be subject to proceedings barring them from access to the Installation under the provisions stated in Chapter 1-5.

g. In the event of a suspension or revocation of recreational privileges, DES shall provide a notice on the iSportsman website under the permit holder's account detailing the specific grounds for the suspension or revocation.

(1) Permit holders will have five working days to request a hearing before DES in order to show cause why their privileges should not remain suspended or revoked. Contact the Conservation Law Enforcement office to request a hearing.

(2) Permit holders may submit a formal written letter appealing the suspension or revocation to the Garrison Commander, ATTN: Staff Judge Advocate (SJA), Headquarters, U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield, 1791 Gulick Avenue, Building 709, Fort Stewart, GA 31314-4400.

h. Everyone who accesses the installation training areas for recreational purposes is responsible for knowledge of, and compliance with, this SOP, the current Georgia Department of Natural Resources/Wildlife Resources Division regulations, and the applicable U.S. Department of Interior regulations pertaining to fish and wildlife that may be changed or revised as needed and published periodically.

1-5. Responsibilities, authority, and jurisdiction

Concurrent federal jurisdiction exists on all training areas of the installation. The Garrison Commander may eject violators of game and fish laws or FSGA/HAAF regulations from the installation and prohibit their re-entry under Title 18, United States Code (USC), Section 1382. All federal lands under exclusive legislative jurisdiction are areas of special territorial jurisdiction. Violations of federal statutes on the installation that pertain to fish and wildlife statutes are federal offenses (Title 18, USC, Sections 7 and 13).

Georgia State laws may be assimilated when applicable, or when no federal fish and wildlife statute applies to an offense. To prevent conflicts with training, all outside law enforcement agencies requesting access to the installation must coordinate with the DES prior to entering. Violations of Georgia State laws pertaining to hunting and fishing constitute Federal offenses pursuant to the Assimilative Crimes Act (Title 18, United States Code, section 13) enforceable by Federal officers.

Note: A Georgia State Officer may exercise authority as a federal officer only if that officer is serving at the time in a dual capacity as a state and federal officer (e.g., State of Georgia Wildlife Ranger deputized as a federal officer). Federal and Deputy Federal Game Agents and other federal law enforcement agents are authorized to detain, question, apprehend, and search persons or possessions, including vehicles, when there is probable cause to believe an offense has been committed.

a. The DPW will-

(1) Plan and carry out all fish and wildlife management through use of biologically sound fish and wildlife management techniques.

(2) Provide expertise and support to the Garrison Commander to ensure Installation compliance with restrictions set forth in the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and amendments, and other applicable laws.

(3) Recommend hunting season opening and closing dates, bag limits, creel limits, size limits,

and other regulations governing the harvest of fish and wildlife resources. Such regulations shall be established IAW applicable federal and state laws and Army Regulations and posted on the iSportsman website.

(4) Act as the proponent of this SOP and coordinate the efforts of various Installation activities to ensure effective, integrated management and stewardship of the Installation's natural resources.

(5) Notify the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization, and Security (DPTMS), the Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation (DFMWR), and the DES Game Wardens when training areas or ponds/landings are closed for management purposes and when they can be reopened for recreation.

(6) Maintain records as appropriate to monitor harvest levels and document population trends.

(7) Provide for the control and capture of nuisance animals in the training areas outside of the cantonment area on the installation.

(8) Act as the iSportsman proponent, manage and maintain the website for updates and content for informing recreational users.

b. The DFMWR will-

(1) In coordination with the Fish & Wildlife Branch, schedule and publish guidelines for "Controlled or Managed" hunts, Fishing Tournaments, and Kid's Fishing Events.

c. The DPTMS will-

(1) Provide DPW a weekly list of all areas on the installation and indicate which areas are closed and which are open for recreational use. (Report Control Symbol (RCS) EXEMPT: AR 335-15, paragraph 5-2).

d. The DES will-

(1) Provide technical support to the Garrison Commander on all aspects of natural resource law enforcement.

(2) Enforce all Federal, State, and Installation hunting, fishing, and trapping laws and regulations as they pertain to this SOP.

(3) Plan and conduct investigations for all violations of Federal, State, and Installation laws and regulations.

(4) Direct all Civilian and military conservation law enforcement officers on the installation.

e. The Visitor Control Center (VCC) will-

(1) Provide AFZP Forms 2027 (Registration of Personal Firearms) to personnel registering weapons.

(2) Vet all personnel prior to registering weapons IAW AR 190-11, paragraph 4-5 c (4) and local policies.

(3) Process the registration in the ALERTS weapons registration system.

(4) Upon verifying proof of identity, provide the individual registering weapon(s) a document that lists the registered firearms.

(5) Notify personnel by telephone or email (if applicable) when registration forms are ready for pick up.

1-6. Georgia licenses and FSGA/HAAF permit requirements

a. Any person requesting permission to pursue recreational activities on this installation must obtain an installation outdoor recreation, hunting, fishing, or combo permit on the iSportsman website (<https://ftstewart.isportsman.net>).

b. Annual or daily type permits are available for purchase. All annual permits are valid one year from the date of purchase. Daily permits are valid for 1 day for a date that is selected when making the purchase. The individual must also possess and exhibit the appropriate State of Georgia Hunting or Fishing License and photo ID.

(1) **Recreation** permits allow users to hike, bird watch, camp, berry pick, mountain bike, horseback ride, boat/kayak, and serve as a helper-companion to a disabled hunter/angler.

(2) **Fishing** permits allow users to fish, frog gig, hike, bird watch, camp, berry pick, mountain bike, horseback ride, boat/kayak, or serve as a helper-companion to a disabled hunter/angler. No Installation fishing permit is required to fish the Forest River from Lott's Island on HAAF.

(3) **Hunting** permits allow users to hunt, game scout, hike, bird watch, camp, berry pick, mountain bike, horseback ride, boat/kayak, or serve as a helper-companion to a disabled hunter/angler.

(4) **Combination** permits allow users to participate in all activities mentioned under outdoor recreation, hunting, and fishing permits.

(5) **Installation-Specific Harvest Records.** Hunting deer or turkeys on the installation requires a FSGA/HAAF specific harvest record separate from the Georgia (GA) Big Game Harvest Record. Minors must be a minimum of 6 years of age before they are eligible to have a harvest record in their name.

c. Children must possess an annual combination permit while pursuing recreational activities on the installation. Children under 16 years of age must remain under the direct supervision of their Hunting OR Combination permit holding parent or guardian when hunting.

d. Children under the age of 18 are prohibited from the use of firearms, unless accompanied and supervised by a parent or legal guardian over the age of 18.

e. Completion of a state approved Hunter Safety Course is required before hunting on the installation, regardless of age. All valid hunter safety certificates issued upon completion are good for the life of the hunter. Hunter Safety Certificates issued by any of the 50 states are recognized as valid for use by hunters on the installation. All hunters must carry the certificate while hunting.

f. Soldiers who are honorably discharged from the military and whose hunting and fishing privileges on the installation have not been suspended for cause may continue to use their original permit until it expires.

g. Soldiers who are deployed or their Family members may present documentation of deployment dates and receive an extension for their permit equal to the number of days deployed.

h. Annual type permits for outdoor recreation, hunting, and fishing entitle only those individuals the right to recreate, hunt, or fish on the installation for 1 year from the date of purchase. A 1-day outdoor recreation, hunting, or fishing permit entitles individuals with the privilege to recreate, hunt, or fish on the installation for the day issued.

i. Permits at a reduced price are available for those that are 65 and older and those who are disabled. Honorary 65+ permits and Disabled permits grant the permittee access to all recreational activities listed under Combination permits.

j. Individuals who identify themselves in their iSportsman account as disabled must have the state of GA disability hunting or fishing license. All iSportsman users who create an account profile as 'DISABLED' must first submit a copy of their valid GA disability hunting or fishing license. Existing iSportsman account holders who have received a change in disability status can request their account be changed to 'DISABLED' via email and must also submit proof of their GA disabled hunting or fishing license. The email address for submission can be found on the iSportsman homepage.

1-7. Clearance to enter training areas for any purpose

a. All individuals (regardless of activity) must have a permit and must check-in and/or check-out of training areas or ponds via the iSportsman system before leaving the highway or entering any training area. Users must not check-out until back on state highways.

b. All persons must be checked into the area where their vehicle is parked regardless of the

activity.

c. Access for hunting, game scouting and all recreational activities except camping, fishing, alligator hunting and frog-gigging is only valid for the day issued beginning from 90 minutes prior to official sunrise to not later than 2130 or 9:30pm.

d. Active Duty Soldier, their spouses, and their minor dependents can make next day reservations beginning at 1800 the day prior for big game and dove hunting. Their iSportsman account must be "Active Duty or Spouse" or Minor (Department of Defense (DoD) Dependent) AND must possess the appropriate installation big game harvest record (i.e. Deer or Turkey Harvest Record) to be eligible for reservations. Soldiers who were successful in the Zone 8A alligator lottery will also be eligible for next day reservations.

e. Camping, fishing, alligator hunting and frog-gigging access is valid for the entire day. However, alligator hunters and frog giggers who wish to recreate into the next day must ensure that the training area is open for recreation and check out for the current day and check-in for the next day. Campers and fishermen at managed ponds and areas adjacent to the Canoochee and Ogeechee Rivers can make a reservation for the following day after 2000 (8:00 pm). Campers and fishermen can check-out before going to bed and then check-in for their reservation the following day. Reservations must be checked in prior to 0800 (8:00 am) on the scheduled reservation date.

f. Upon completion of the trip, all users must sign out and report all harvests in iSportsman, if any.

g. The possession of the appropriate permit grants the holder permission to pursue recreational activities on the installation. However, it does not guarantee or authorize access to all areas of the installation. The permit does not constitute a guarantee of access on any or all days, because all or parts of the installation may be closed for training, safety, management activities, or security reasons, or all available hunting or fishing areas may be filled at the time access is requested.

h. All permit holders must print their permit once it is acquired. This serves as their access pass and must be displayed in the dashboard of their vehicle when the permit holder is in the training areas and checked into an area or pond. **All occupants of the vehicle** must display their individual print-out on the dashboard of the vehicle such that it can be read through the windshield.

i. When hunters need additional time after the official checkout time to retrieve a wounded animal, they must first check out of the iSportsman system to avoid suspension and then contact the Game Warden's office at 571-801-2206. If no answer, then call Central Dispatch at 571-801-2203/2205 for assistance to retrieve the animal.

j. Hunters who do not provide correct emergency contact telephone numbers in their iSportsman account will be suspended from check-ins until they provide the valid telephone numbers.

k. Access for all activities will be authorized for one area only. **Hunters must be checked into the area where their vehicle is parked.** Users checking in to access the river (fishing, canoe trips, etc.) must check into the area where they are parked. When in the river, the user must ensure that at least one area adjacent to the river is open for recreation. Hunters and anglers may not enter any area that they are not checked into and may not discharge their weapon into any closed area. When entering the Canoochee River by boat from off the installation, users must be checked into the iSportsman system to travel that area of the river.

l. Persons found in any training area on FSGA/HAAF during the time they do not have a valid current access pass are subject to prosecution for the appropriate offenses (for example: trespassing, night hunting, etc.). Personnel are authorized to be in only those areas for which they have checked in except when traveling to and from those areas by the most direct route from installation highways that is cleared by Range Control for recreational use.

m. Roads between two areas that are closed for training (i.e. not listed on the area status sheet) cannot be travelled to gain access to an area that is open for recreational use.

EXCEPTIONS:

(1) To gain access to the “B” and “C” training areas when they are open for recreation, the portion of FS Road 68 between GA Highway 144 east and the Canoochee River and the portion of FS Road 67 between GA Highway 144 east.

(2) The Canoochee River may be travelled when training areas B-01 and B-24, and C-18, respectively, are closed for recreational use.

(3) Users may access B-03 when it is open for recreation via FS Road 50 when B-02 is closed and off-limits for recreation.

(4) Users may access Pond 33 (The Pits) from the designated route via FS Road 107 through the Equipment Quality Analysis (EQA) when P-33 is open for recreation. See Hunting and Fishing Map for approved route.

(5) Users may access P-26 (Metz Pond) from the designated route via FS Road 5 and FS Road 8 through E-19 when P-26 is open for recreation. See Hunting and Fishing Map for approved route.

(6) FS Road 36 may be travelled from GA HWY 144 to access D-11 when it is open for recreation.

(7) When B-08 is open, it may be accessed from GA HWY 144 via FS Road 47.

m. An Installation outdoor recreation, hunting, fishing, or combo permit is not required for access to the skeet range, paintball facility, or firearms range. However, registration at these facilities is required prior to use. Holbrook Pond Recreation Area closes at 2200 hours, to include fishing. No camping or fires outside the established grills is allowed around the pond.

n. An individual who serves as a helper-companion for a disabled hunter or angler is required to be checked into the iSportsman system as a helper-companion, does not hunt or fish, and does not possess a weapon or fishing gear while accompanying the disabled hunter or angler. The helper-companion must wear 500 square inches of fluorescent orange material above the waist while accompanying the disabled hunter. See paragraph 5-6.

o. All recreational users must check out of the iSportsman system upon completion of their trip. Daily checkout is required by 2130 or 9:30pm for all activities except for fishing, frog gigging, camping, or alligator hunting. Check out time for fishing, frog gigging, camping, and alligator hunting is 2359 or 11:59 pm.

p. Reservations for next day check-in are available for camping beginning at 2000 hours (8:00pm) on the day prior. Reservations for fishing can also be made for the managed ponds, Canoochee River, and Ogeechee River areas beginning at 2000 hours (8:00 pm).

(1) Users must ensure the area is available for the following day.

(2) All reservations must be checked in before 0800 (8:00 am) on the day reserved or the reservation will automatically be canceled.

q. Failure to checkout by required times will result in a 7-day suspension of recreational privileges.

r. Personnel may fish any waters located in any area that DPTMS Range Control has designated as open for fishing, except waters that are closed for management reasons. Authorized access is required when fishing all areas, ponds, and river landings.

s. The use of magnetic devices or any other metal detecting devices is strictly prohibited.

t. Individuals may not disturb archaeological sites or historic structures on FSGA/HAAF. Entering the installation to locate or collect artifacts is prohibited.

u. The use of UAS or “drones” is prohibited on FSGA/HAAF.

v. If recreational users encounter Soldiers conducting military training within boundaries of areas designated as open for recreation, the recreational user must-

- (1) Comply with any verbal directions given by Soldiers, if any.
- (2) Depart the training area, regardless of area status.
- (3) Notify Range Control, 571-801-9210.

Chapter 2

Hunting Regulations

2-1 General restrictions

- a. Hunting season dates and bag limits along with area status will be posted on the iSportsman website well in advance of their dates. Such posted regulations are a part of this SOP and have a punitive effect. It is the sportsman's responsibility to be informed of the current regulations, and open/closed areas.
- b. The regulatory boundaries for all training areas as they pertain to hunting, off limits areas, safety zones, and firearms restrictions, is depicted on the 'HUNTING AND FISHING MAP.' The Hunting and Fishing Map for both Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield can be found and downloaded for free at <https://www.ftstewart.isportsman.net>.
- c. Baiting, or the possession of bait, to entice wildlife is prohibited. See page 45 for definition of bait.
- d. Legal weapons for hunting shall be in accordance with Appendix C. The use or possession of buckshot on this installation is prohibited.
- e. All persons handling a firearm in the act of hunting must possess a valid hunter education certificate while hunting on the installation.
- f. The construction of permanent tree stands is prohibited, except for permanent stands that are used for the installation's DFMWR Managed Hunts. Use of "metal screw-in" steps is prohibited.
- g. When hunting from an elevated position (i.e.-from a climbing stand, lock-on stand, etc.), hunters are required to wear a safety harness to include while ascending and descending.
- h. Hunting is prohibited within 50 yards of an established road (See Para 5-2a(2)).
- i. It is prohibited to possess a loaded firearm within 50 yards of an established road. Hunting is prohibited in the portion of training area A-18 between FS Road 47 and the tank trail that runs parallel to FS Road 47.
- j. Hunting is prohibited within 100 meters of any building, fence, or managed pond. Exceptions for alligator hunting and waterfowl hunting can be found in their respective sections below.
- k. Hunting is prohibited within 100 meters of an active hog trapping effort being conducted by the Fish & Wildlife Branch. A notice will be posted on iSportsman if the area contains an active trap site.
- l. Ammunition storage areas and ammunition holding areas are off-limits. No hunting is permitted within 100 meters of the fence line or designated areas.
- m. The use of trail cameras or any passive audio/video recording device for recreational purposes is prohibited. Commercial videography in the training areas is prohibited without written consent of the Installation Public Affairs Office (PAO).
- n. The following military facilities may be utilized for hunting within areas that are open for recreation: landing zones, Position Artillery Areas (PAA's), mortar points, observation points (OP), and drop zones.
- o. Live fire range openings, range impact areas, heliports, range towers, and buildings are off-limits. Areas that are closed for recreational activities are off-limits. Areas that are marked

red on installation maps or marked as off-limits on the ground may not be used and are off-limits.

p. Roadblocks, barriers, gates, chains, restricted area warning signs, or sentinels will not be overrun or bypassed for any reason.

q. Hunting areas and fishing sites are identified by letter and number designation as shown on FSGA/HAAF hunting and fishing maps. All recreational users are required to become familiar with the maps and regulations before engaging in recreational activities.

r. Pursuing wildlife at night, including feral hogs and coyotes, is prohibited, except for alligator hunting, frog gigging, and fishing.

s. Possession of a firearm while frog gigging is prohibited. A State fishing license is required when pursuing frogs in the water with a gig or spear. A FSGA/HAAF Fishing or Combination Permit is required to pursue frogs.

t. The use of any type of trap, snare, net, catch, pitfall, deadfall, baited hook, salt lick or any other device except authorized hunting weapons is prohibited, except that the Garrison Commander may make specific exceptions for organized training purposes (e.g., military survival training).

u. Hunting of any wildlife species for which neither the State of Georgia nor this installation has established a closed season (coyotes, armadillos, etc.) is authorized year-round. However, area and weapons restrictions for hunting feral hogs and coyotes apply during turkey season and other time periods during the year. See Appendix C for seasons and legal weapon use for feral hog and coyote hunting.

v. Hunters are prohibited from possessing or re-entering training areas while in possession of quartered or processed deer and turkeys that were harvested on a previous hunt. Hogs are a nuisance species and may be processed in the field. Hunters must ensure that no carcass is left on or near a road or training site/facility. Other than field dressing deer, deer and turkeys will not be cleaned or processed in the field. See the deer check station schedule on iSportsman for dates the wildlife biologist has prohibited the field dressing of does.

w. Hunters are prohibited from possessing alcohol or controlled substances on their person or within their vehicles while hunting on FSGA/HAAF. In addition to being subject to prosecution, such person's FSGA/HAAF hunting or fishing privileges may be permanently revoked or suspended (permit may be confiscated by law enforcement personnel).

x. Only archery equipment may be used for hunting in Training Areas A-18, A-19, A-20, B-05, D-01, D-03, D-04, E-02, F-20, and H-02, H-03, H-04, H-06, H-07, and H-08.

(1) Archery hunting is allowed within the following areas of the Cantonment Area on FSGA: G-01, G-02, G-03, G-04, G-05, G-06 and G-07. The boundaries of these areas are marked on the ground with signs and maps, will be posted on the iSportsman website.

(2) Archery hunting for areas G-01, G-02, G-03, G-04, G-05 and G-06 will be allowed Thursdays from 1500 until end of legal shooting hours (30 minutes after official sunset) and all day (30 minutes before official sunrise until 30 minutes after official sunset) on Saturday, Sunday, scheduled military training holidays, and federal holidays.

y. Possession of firearms in archery only areas is prohibited. EXCEPTION:

(1) Hunters who possess a Zone 8A alligator harvest permit may use a pistol or bangstick to dispatch legally restrained alligators in training areas A-18, B-05, D-01, D-03, D-04, and F-20.

z. Training areas A-15, A-16, A-17, B-06, F-13, F-14, F-18, F-19, H-01, H-05, H-09, H-10, and H-11 are designated for the use of shotguns (slug only), black powder weapons, or archery equipment for hunting. Possession of modern rifles and pistols is prohibited in these areas. EXCEPTION:

(1) Rimfire weapons are allowed in training areas A-15, B-06, F-13, F-14, F-18, and F-19.

(2) Hunters who possess a Zone 8A alligator harvest permit may use a pistol or bangstick to dispatch legally restrained alligators in training areas A-15, A-16, A-17, B-06, F-13, F-14, F-18, and F-19.

aa. Hunting from horseback is prohibited.

ab. All harvested game, feral hogs, coyotes, and sportfish species are required to be reported through the iSportsman system upon checking out of the area.

2-2. Alligator hunting

a. Alligator hunting is allowed on Fort Stewart IAW the state of Georgia's season dates.

b. Alligator hunting is prohibited on Hunter Army Airfield.

c. The Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has established Fort Stewart as Zone 8A and issued 30 alligator tags for this zone.

d. A lottery system is established in the Fort Stewart iSportsman web portal to facilitate the selection process for Zone 8A tags. The application dates for Zone 8A alligator tags will be consistent with the state of Georgia's other alligator zones.

e. All persons must have their iSportsman accounts validated before eligibility is granted to apply for the Zone 8A lottery on iSportsman. The validation process and requirements can be found at <https://www.ftstewart.isportsman.net>.

f. Successful Zone 8A lottery applicants will be ineligible to participate in the Zone 8A lottery the following two consecutive years.

g. The alligator hunter must possess a Zone 8A tag and all required state of GA licenses. They must also have a valid FSGA/HAAF "hunting" or "combo" permit, a valid Installation alligator permit, and be checked into the training area or pond under "alligator hunting".

(1) The alligator tag holder may bring up to three others to help with the hunt. Each additional helper will be recorded in iSportsman by the tag holder when the tag holder checks in to alligator hunt. Each helper's name and birthdate will be entered during the check in. All helpers who accompany a tag holder must have a state of GA hunting license and an Installation hunting or combo permit.

(2) Hunters who successfully harvest an alligator on Fort Stewart must report and tag it according to the state of Georgia's regulations. The total length in feet and inches must also be reported through the iSportsman system upon checking out.

h. The possession of any rimfire or centerfire rifle is prohibited while alligator hunting.

i. Alligator hunting within managed ponds is only authorized at P-1, P-2, P-17, P-19, P-20, P-21, P-22, P-23, P-26, P-28, P-30, P-31, P-32, and P-33.

2-3. Deer and turkey hunting

a. FSGA/HAAF specific Harvest Records & Tags for both deer and turkey hunting are required and will be issued to users who request them in the iSportsman system. These installation specific harvest records/tags will be issued once annually to hunters for deer and turkey seasons. It is a violation of this SOP to duplicate issued harvest cards/tags.

b. Harvest records must be in your possession while big game hunting on the installation.

(1) Requests for replacement of lost/stolen harvest cards/tags may be submitted to the DES Conservation Law Enforcement for consideration.

(2) Upon harvesting a deer or turkey, harvest information must be filled out appropriately before moving the animal. Additionally, once the animal is loaded into a vehicle, it must be tagged.

(3) A GA DNR Big Game Harvest Card (deer and turkey) is also required on FSGA/HAAF and must be filled out appropriately according to the state regulations.

(4) All harvest cards and unused tags issued by FSGA/HAAF Fish & Wildlife must be returned within 30 days of the ending of the appropriate hunting season. Failure to return these

harvest records within the given time frame will result in a one-year suspension of hunting and fishing privileges on the installation.

(5) When late harvest records have been returned to the Fish & Wildlife Office, the suspension will be lifted. The harvest records and unused tags may be returned to: Fort Stewart Fish & Wildlife Office, 1177 Veterans Parkway, Building 1145, Fort Stewart, GA 31314-5601.

c. Tags will be provided by the GA DNR for deer harvested on the installation that are presented at the Fort Stewart check station during posted days/hours for collection of biological data.

(1) During posted hours of operation, all harvested deer on FSGA must be brought to the check station for collection of biological data. Hunters are required to bring all harvested deer to check stations during posted hours of operation. A notice outlining the hours of operation and prohibiting the field dressing of female deer on FSGA will be posted on the iSportsman website. Individuals on HAAF who harvest a deer are not required to present their deer at the check station on FSGA during posted check station hours.

(2) Deer harvested on check station days will count against the installation bag limit but will not count against the state of Georgia bag limit. A hunter may receive up to 2 tags on a given hunt (a hunt would be considered a time frame when check station is run for consecutive days, e.g., opening weekend of primitive weapons season, or any weekend check station is being worked, or the week between Christmas and New Year's Day, etc.).

(3) Up to 2 tags will be provided for each hunter by the GA DNR for each special managed hunt in the Red Cloud Complex or B-04 Small Arms area. The bag limit is 3 deer per hunter per hunt, of which 1 may be an antlered buck. Deer harvested on managed hunts will not count against the installation bag limit. However, it will be the hunter's responsibility to record their 3rd harvested deer on their state harvest card.

(4) If circumstances arise where a hunter may not arrive at the check station with a harvested deer before the posted closing time, they must contact the Military Police Desk (571) 801-2203/2205 and request to speak with a Game Warden prior to deciding to not bring the harvested deer to the check station. **The Game Warden may require the hunter to meet with them prior to exiting the installation with the deer.**

d. A Quality Deer Management Area (QDMA) is established for the entire Echo (E) and Foxtrot (F) training area blocks. Additional antler restrictions beyond the State requirement apply in these areas. No antlered buck (male deer) will be harvested in this QDMA that does not have at least four points (one inch or longer) on one side of the antlers.

e. The driving of deer with people or dogs is prohibited.

2-4. Waterfowl Hunting

a. Waterfowl hunting is prohibited after 1200 (noon) daily.

b. Waterfowl hunting in managed ponds is authorized at P-2, P-17, P-22, P-23, P-26, and P-28. Waterfowl hunting in any other managed ponds is prohibited.

c. Duck hunters may hunt ducks from a boat in the rivers and tributaries on FSGA/HAAF.

d. Firearms may not be carried loaded in electric or combustion-powered watercraft.

e. Waterfowl hunters may not discharge a firearm from such craft unless the engine is not running, the "foot" is out of the water, and all forward movement of the watercraft has halted.

2-5. Nuisance species hunting

a. Feral hogs are the property of the installation and are not considered game animals. They may be hunted year-round during daylight hours and there is no daily or season bag limit restrictions. The legal weapons and associated times to utilize those weapons to take feral hogs are listed under Appendix C of this SOP.

b. The taking of coyotes on FSGA/HAAF is allowed during daylight hours only. See Appendix C for legal coyote hunting weapons. There is no established bag limit for taking coyotes.

c. Electronic calls may be used to harvest coyotes and feral hogs (it is unlawful to take any other animals using an electronic call). Electronic calls will not be used during big game deer and turkey seasons. Possession of recorded game calls (i.e. sounds of deer, turkey, waterfowl, etc.) is prohibited.

2-6. Use of dogs in the training areas

a. The use of dogs is limited to treeing, pointing, or retrieving breeds and only when hunting quail, dove, squirrel, and waterfowl or as authorized by the Garrison Commander on special managed hunts. Hunting with squirrel dogs will be limited to the periods from the beginning of squirrel season to the beginning of archery season and from the end of firearm deer season to the end of squirrel season. Any other use of dogs is prohibited.

b. Dogs used for waterfowl hunting may be trained or exercised only at Ponds 1, 2, 17 and 26. During training, the dog must wear a collar with the owner's name, address, and phone number identified on the collar. It shall be unlawful for dog trainers to have in their possession any firearms except a handgun with blank ammunition. **Please Note: Alligators are present in all ponds on the installation. Dog owners should use discretion before attempting to train dogs within the installation boundaries.

c. Dog trainers may use live pen-raised quail and a shotgun year-round to train pointing dogs under the following conditions. They must possess a purchase receipt for the quail being used for training, must possess a Georgia small game hunting license, must possess an installation permit, and be checked into the iSportsman system, and must possess size #7 ½ shot or smaller. Pen-raised quail may be released and used for training purposes in training areas A-06, A-07, A-08 and A-10 only. It shall be unlawful to run deer or feral hogs with dogs while training.

Chapter 3 Weapons and Ammunition

a. Weapons may be transported in vehicles only for an authorized purpose. See Appendix C for legal weapons for hunting on the installation.

b. The use of suppressors is prohibited on FSGA/HAAF.

c. Weapons will be carried in an open manner (not concealed), and only while conducting an authorized activity. Firearms will be unloaded when carried (i.e., projectiles physically separated from the firearms, not just removed from the chamber) except when engaged in hunting or shooting. Fixed blade knives will be carried in a sheath or scabbard. Crossbows will be transported in the un-cocked position. Bolts or arrows will be physically separated and stored separately from the crossbow.

d. State concealed weapon carry permits are not honored on FSGA/HAAF.

e. Transportation of firearms that have an overall length greater than 21 inches in vehicles is permitted provided the weapon is unloaded and in plain view, or unloaded in a carrying case, or secured in a storage compartment. Ammunition must be physically separated from the firearm and not be stored in a magazine, speed loader, clip, or other similar device that is readily accessible by the vehicle occupants.

f. Transportation of firearms that have an overall length of 21 inches or less in vehicles is permitted provided the weapon is unloaded with the ammunition physically separated from the firearm and secured in an authorized storage compartment. An authorized storage

compartment is an area where the firearm is not readily accessible to the occupants from the inside of the vehicle. If traveling in a car, the authorized storage area is the trunk. If in a vehicle without a trunk (sports utility, station wagon, etc.), the weapon will be stored at the farthest distance from passengers of the vehicle. If traveling in a truck, the authorized storage area is in the bed of the truck or behind the seat. If the firearm is stored behind the seat, it must be inside a carrying case or, if no case is used, a trigger lock must be used. The glove compartment of a vehicle is NOT an authorized storage compartment for firearms.

g. Transportation of loaded firearms upon horses, boats, bicycles, or vehicles is prohibited. The firing of centerfire rifles, rimfire rifles and muzzleloading rifles from a watercraft is prohibited.

h. Ammunition authorized for hunting purposes under applicable federal and state laws and regulations may be used, except hunters using shotguns to hunt deer on the installation will be limited to the use of shotgun slugs. The use or possession of full patch "solid" military ball-type ammunition while hunting is prohibited. Possession of buckshot is prohibited.

i. Only personnel that are engaged in hunting may possess firearms while in the "training areas". Possession of firearms in training areas or at ponds to include in vehicles while conducting any activity other than hunting is prohibited

j. Firearms may only be loaded while in the act of hunting.

k. Possession of firearms in the pursuit of wildlife while in an installation training area by anyone who does not have a valid access pass for the purpose of hunting is prohibited.

l. Firearms that are used for recreational purposes in training areas outside of the cantonment area do not need to be registered. However, any firearms that are brought into the cantonment area of FSGA/HAAF for any reason must be registered. Once processed, Registration Office personnel will notify the applicant when the registration is ready for pick up. The owner must provide proof of identity to the Registration Office personnel to pick up the completed registration forms. **Do NOT bring the weapon(s) to the Registration Office.** Civilians who have registered their firearms at another Army base do not need to register the same firearms again on FSGA/HAAF. Firearms registered at non-Army DoD facilities need to be registered at FSGA/HAAF or some other Army base. No registration is required for archery equipment on the installation.

m. Personnel must have in their possession the signed and completed registration form (AFZP 2027) from the registration office for the registered firearm that they are carrying or transporting while conducting authorized activities on the cantonment area of FSGA/HAAF.

n. Weapons/ammunition may be carried or transported only for the purposes of hunting, target shooting or other authorized recreational activities, initial purchase (for military personnel, proof of purchase required if purchased from the Post Exchange (PX)); selling the weapon, or having the weapon repaired (ref. AR 190-11).

o. Weapons **will not** be stored or left unattended in vehicles at any time.

p. When entering the installation cantonment area through any Access Control Point (Gate) while transporting firearms, hunters will provide the registration form (AFZP 2027) for the hunting/shooting firearm in their possession if asked by gate personnel.

q. Prior to selling a registered firearm, the owner will report to the DES Security Registration Office (Building 1279) to de-register the firearm.

r. Personnel using borrowed firearms must ensure the firearm is registered on the installation and have the registration documentation in their possession when carrying, transporting, or using the firearm on the installation for hunting and recreational purposes.

s. Target shooting or zeroing weapons in the training areas is prohibited.

Chapter 4

Fishing

- a. Game fish creel and length limits for installation ponds and lakes will be established by DPW, Fish and Wildlife Branch and posted on the iSportsman website and at each pond.
- b. Creel and length limits for game fish in the rivers and streams are established by the GA DNR and are published annually in their sport fishing regulations.
- c. No installation fishing permit is required to fish the Forest River from Lott's Island on HAAF.
- d. Game fish restrictions may vary from one managed pond to another and are subject to change as necessary to maintain high quality fish populations. Pending changes to the creel and length limits will be posted on the website well in advance of their effective date. Such posted restrictions are a part of this SOP and carry punitive authority. It is the angler's responsibility to be informed of the current regulations for the waters in which they fish.
- e. Any or all lakes, ponds, rivers, and other bodies of water on the installation are subject to closure by DPW, Fish and Wildlife Branch for pond management purposes, DPTMS, Range Operations for military training purposes, or DES, Conservation Law Enforcement for law enforcement purposes. A list of managed fishing ponds is in Appendix D of this SOP. Fishing will be prohibited during such periods of closure.
- f. Commercial fishing is prohibited on the installation.
- g. Taking of fish by any means other than a pole and line from any waters on the installation is prohibited, except that trotline, set (bush) hooks, or jug (float) hooks may be used IAW State regulations in the Canoochee and Ogeechee Rivers and their tributaries.
- h. Trotlines, set hooks (includes bush or limb hook), and jug hooks must be marked with the fisherman's name and address and may not be left unattended. Trotlines, set hooks, and jug hooks must be removed at the end of the fishing trip. Use of trotlines, jug hooks, or set hooks while fishing in any waters other than those where their use is specifically permitted by the above paragraph is prohibited.
- i. Nongame fish (excluding Atlantic and Shortnose sturgeon) may be taken by bow and arrow in the Ogeechee River and the lower portion of the Canoochee River (from landing 3 to Ogeechee River confluence).
 - (1) Bow fishing is not allowed in ponds or any other body of water on the installation.
 - (2) Arrows must be equipped with barbs or similar devices for recovering fish and must be attached to the person or bow by a line sufficient for recovering the arrow and fish.
 - (3) Poisonous or exploding arrowheads are illegal.
 - (4) Arrows cannot be discharged into the water closer than 300 feet to anyone engaged in any other means of recreation.
 - (5) Any game fish with an open wound possessed by a person bow fishing will be considered evidence of taking fish illegally.
 - (6) The legal hours for bow fishing are from sunrise to sunset.
 - (7) Possession of a GA fishing license and Fort Stewart fishing permit is required to bow fish.
- j. Use of poisons, explosives, seines, cast nets, traps, fish toxicants, electro-fishing equipment, magnets, or any similar device that might be used for taking fish and turtles is prohibited except as specified below for the taking of fishing bait or crayfish.
- k. Minnow seines and cast nets may be used in roadside ditches and canals on FSGA/HAAF for taking of non-game bait fish for personal recreational fishing purposes.
- l. Use of traps, rakes, or dip nets for the taking of crayfish in ditches and canals is also authorized on FSGA/HAAF. However, use of dip nets or rakes for taking fish, salamanders, or crayfish from cypress ponds on the installation is prohibited. Non-game fish, salamanders, and crayfish captured for bait shall not be sold or otherwise used for commercial purposes.

m. When a seine is used for the collection of non-game bait fish, it shall be unlawful to use a seine that is longer than 20 feet or that has a mesh larger than three-eighths of an inch square, or in diameter, if the mesh is not square. It shall be unlawful to take any game fish by minnow seines, dip nets, or rakes and all game fish taken incidentally in these seines, dip nets, or rakes shall be immediately released unharmed into the waters from which they were taken.

n. Use of crab traps and cast nets are authorized at Lott's Island Outdoor Recreation facilities at HAAF for the harvest of shellfish and bait fish in brackish and saline waters IAW the Official Code of Georgia Annotated and associated regulations.

o. Use of landing nets to land fish legally caught by hook and line is allowed.

p. Moving or transferring of fish from one body of water to another is prohibited. Releasing or stocking of any fish into any waters of the installation is prohibited, except for returning fish to the waters from which they were taken.

q. Intentional release or disposal of baitfish in such a way as to allow their entry into any waters of the installation is prohibited (i.e., dumping out a minnow bucket upon completion of fishing for the day).

r. The use of internal combustion motors in managed ponds, as identified in Appendix D, is prohibited. Electric motors are allowed in these intensively managed waters.

s. During National Fishing Week (as designated by the President of the United States) or other special events, children under 16 years of age may be encouraged to fish on the installation by providing special incentives. The event details for each year shall be developed jointly by DFMWR Outdoor Recreation and DPW Fish and Wildlife Branch and shall be posted on the iSportsman website prior to the beginning of National Fishing Week. The incentives may include:

- (1) Restricting use of certain waters to children only or
- (2) Granting special access privileges to non-permit holders who wish to take their children fishing. Such access shall be granted at no cost, but shall NOT entitle the accompanying adult, nor any other person over 16 years of age to fish or
- (3) Waiving the installation permit requirements.

t. The harvest or removal of grass carp (*Ctenopharyngodon idella*) from any pond is prohibited.

u. The commercial/recreational harvest of native freshwater mussels by any means is prohibited on FSGA/HAAF.

v. The cantonment area of FSGA is off-limits for fishing except at Ponds 10, 36 and 37; and at HAAF in Ponds 24, 29, and 35, and tidal, saltwater creeks and rivers in area H-11.

w. Fishing from bridges is not allowed on FSGA/HAAF. No fishing is allowed in the Canoochee River from Highway 119 (Clifton Bluff Bridge) to Landing 7.

x. Cleaning and/or fileting of fish carcasses is prohibited at all managed ponds on the installation.

y. Fish carcasses may not be dumped along managed pond banks or on river landings. Fish carcasses may be disposed of in the dumpster located at the deer check station.

Chapter 5

Outdoor Recreation and Other Activities

5-1. Boating and recreation activities

All persons engaged in any type of aquatic activities (boating, fishing, military water operations, etc.) must comply with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations, and Army Regulations.

- a. All lakes, ponds, rivers, and streams on this installation are off-limits to recreational swimming, water skiing, jet skiing, aquaplaning, paddle-boarding, and scuba diving.
- b. Privately owned motorboats, as defined by Georgia law, shall meet the Georgia State Licensing (registration) requirements.
- c. Any person operating any watercraft on the waters of this installation shall comply with applicable federal and state safety rules and regulations relative to boat equipment, operation, lights, and navigation rules ("watercraft" means any boat or craft other than a seaplane, used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water). For example, watercraft (boats, canoe, kayak, etc.) must have as many approved personal flotation devices (PFDs), (life preserver, vest, etc.), of the type required for the class of boat, as there are persons aboard. PFDs must be readily accessible.
- d. On this installation the following additional restrictions and limitations apply:
 - (1) Children under 13 years of age and all non-swimmers must always wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved vest-type PFD while in watercraft.
 - (2) Privately-owned watercraft may not be moored or stored on or near waters within the installation except at authorized facilities designated by DFMWR. Unidentified or unattended watercraft will be confiscated by the Military Police and held for appropriate disposition.
 - (3) Speed of power-driven boats shall be reduced to 5 miles per hour (mph) (no wake) when passing other watercraft or fishermen.
 - (4) No watercraft will be loaded or operated with passengers or cargo beyond its safe carrying capacity. (NOTE: Most watercrafts have a capacity plate.)
 - (5) No internal combustion outboard motors will be permitted in any ponds or lakes.
 - (6) The use of internal combustion outboard motors will only be allowed in the Canoochee and Ogeechee Rivers. When internal combustion outboard motors are operated, they will not be operated in a reckless, careless, or negligent manner; while the operator is under the influence of alcohol, harmful drugs, or narcotics; or in a manner likely to cause excessive damage or disturbance of land, wildlife, or vegetation.
 - (7) The use of internal combustion-type motors to power watercraft is authorized for Law Enforcement, Fish and Wildlife Branch, and other DoD personnel in the performance of their official duties on all waters of the installation.

5-2. Motorized land vehicle use

This section governs the use of privately owned and operated Motorized Land Vehicle (MLVs), including Off-Road Vehicles (ORVs) and ATVs, IAW AR 200-1. Unless expressly stated, nothing in this section shall operate as an exception to any other regulation regarding access to/or recreational use on this installation.

- a. Definitions.
 - (1) A "privately owned MLV" is defined as any land vehicle powered by electricity, internal combustion engine, or anything other than human power, not owned or authorized for use by the United States Government. Examples include cars, trucks, motorcycles, and ORVs such as four-wheeled ATVs and electric bicycles.
 - (2) With respect to MLVs, "Established roads" are those numbered or lettered roads and tank trails that receive regular maintenance from the U.S. Army for the purpose of access.
 - (3) A "blackout drive" is a military activity whereby wheeled or tracked vehicles operate at night without head lights or parking lights.
 - (4) A "DIV light line/night movement area" includes all areas west of GA Highway 119 and north of GA Highway 144 and all firing ranges where blackout drive is used by military vehicles.
 - (5) ATVs and UTVs are those four-wheeled and three-wheeled all-terrain cycles and two-wheeled all-terrain motorcycles, and similar machines designed for travel on un-improved terrain.

(6) Electrically assisted bicycles **with pedals up to 750 watts** may be utilized while in the training areas. **A helmet must be worn at all times while utilizing any bike on Fort Stewart and HAAF.** All other electric vehicles that are not registered are prohibited from being utilized in the training areas.

b. Rules for Vehicle Use.

(1) The use of ATVs and UTVs on FSGA/HAAF numbered roads and established trails is prohibited except as noted in para 5-2b(7) of this SOP. All vehicle traffic is restricted to state highways, county roads, FSGA/HAAF numbered roads, and established trails as defined in para 5-2a(2). Cross-country travel on natural terrain is NOT permitted except as noted in para 5-2b(7).

(2) Except for handicapped persons using an ORV as provided in para 5-2b(7), the use of a vehicle for hauling or trailering any other motorized vehicle, whether licensed for use on public roads or not, is prohibited. This restriction shall not apply to vehicles merely passing through the installation on the state highways not engaged in any recreational activity addressed by this SOP.

(3) All MLVs must be licensed and registered IAW state law and Army Regulations (must have current state license plate other than Georgia Multipurpose Off-Highway Registered Vehicles (GA MPOHV) plates). GA MPOHVs are not authorized on the installation except as noted in para 5-2b(7). Vehicles that cannot meet licensing requirements may not be used, except for those ATVs used by disabled persons as authorized in para 5-2b(7). Electrically assisted bicycles with pedals are not required to be registered.

(4) Vehicles shall not be operated in a reckless, careless, or negligent manner (i.e., more than established speed limits); while the operator is under the influence of harmful drugs or narcotics; in a manner likely to cause excessive damage or disturbance to the land, wildlife, humans, or vegetation; or from sunset to sunrise without lighted headlight and taillights.

(5) All persons operating vehicles must have a valid operator's permit for the type of vehicle they are operating.

(6) Loaded firearms may not be transported in or on vehicles at any time IAW para 3c.

(7) Hunting or fishing shall not be conducted while operating or while in or upon a vehicle, except individuals who are classified as a disabled person, as defined in this SOP may use the vehicle as a mobility vehicle. For example, a paraplegic may utilize a vehicle to fish a managed pond or hunt utilizing the vehicle as a hunting stand. Proof of disability must be provided on request by law enforcement personnel. This proof of disability shall include a signed and approved memorandum from Fish & Wildlife Branch. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed as giving anyone permission to hunt from or transport a loaded firearm on a moving vehicle. Disabled persons may use ATVs as a means of vehicular conveyance to allow them the opportunity to hunt and fish on FSGA/HAAF.

(8) Vehicles shall not be operated to chase, corner, corral, channel, drive, trap, or otherwise harass wildlife, or in areas known to contain breeding game or game resting areas.

(9) All privately owned MLVs are prohibited from entering DIV light line/night movement areas scheduled for blackout drive operations.

c. The following requirements apply to all ATV cycle operators on FSGA:

(1) All persons utilizing ATVs must possess a Georgia Disability Sportsman/Hunting/Fishing License AND an official memorandum from the FSGA Fish & Wildlife Branch declaring the persons eligibility.

(2) The use of ATVs for hunting purposes is limited to retrieval of harvested game and feral hogs only. It is not intended for overland travel for any other purposes.

(3) Speed will not exceed 30 mph. All ATV operators must yield to all pedestrians and other non-ATV traffic.

(4) The ATV operator must wear a safety helmet with face shield affixed while operating the vehicle.

(5) All ATVs must conform to applicable State laws, including those with respect to pollutant emissions, noise, and registration requirements.

(6) No ATVs may operate unless equipped with brakes in good working condition.

5-3. Horseback riders

This section governs horseback trail riding on FSGA. Patron eligibility will be IAW AR 215-1.

a. Responsibilities.

(1) Riders must possess a permit before riding on the installation.

(2) Parents/guardians are responsible for the safety of, conduct, and compliance with rules by their Family Members and guests.

(3) Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

(4) If checked by law enforcement personnel, riders must be able to provide a negative Coggins test for the horse that is being ridden. The test result must not be more than 6 months old and must be recorded on the official government laboratory form.

(5) Horses being brought on the installation for recreational riding may commingle with horses that are being kept at the installation stable only if they meet the same testing and preventative medicine requirements as those stabled on FSGA. Please see the Fort Stewart Equine Herd Health Policy regulation for the health requirements for stabled horses on the installation.

(6) Individual permits of all riders must be displayed on the dash of the vehicle.

(7) Each rider must log into and out of the riding areas via iSportsman system. Legal riding hours will be from official sunrise to official sunset.

b. Policies and Procedures.

(1) Riders can ride in any training area that is open for recreational use and are required to use the established roads and trails within each area. Riders should remember that military training in nearby training areas may produce loud reports from pyrotechnic simulators and blank ammunition.

(2) Cross-country travel is not permitted since training areas are open to hunting activities year-round.

(3) Horse trailers may only be parked on established roads or trails in areas that are open for recreational use.

(4) Horse riding on tank trails surrounding training areas that are open for recreational use is authorized, but riders must exercise caution and yield to all vehicle traffic.

(5) Riders may not ride in or around the Holbrook Pond Recreation Area and/or campground.

(6) Riding or hitching horses in campgrounds, picnic areas, or within the immediate vicinity of trail shelters, eating or sleeping establishments or other areas of public gatherings, except where trails and facilities are designated or provided for such use, is prohibited.

(7) Riders shall slow their horses to a walk or slow trot when passing persons on foot or other riders.

(8) Riders must keep horses out of planted food plots within the authorized training areas.

(9) Transporting loaded firearms while riding is prohibited. Hunting in conjunction with horseback riding is prohibited. Riders cannot possess weapons within their vehicles at the staging area or on their person while riding their horses.

c. Safety.

(1) A helmet, approved for equestrian sports and secured by a chinstrap, is mandatory for all riders under the age of 18 and inexperienced riders, any time they are mounted.

(2) All riders must wear 500 square inches of fluorescent orange above the waist while outside the established staging area.

(3) All horses on the installation must always wear a fluorescent orange collar.

(4) Mounts may be allowed to graze in open common areas if they are either hobbled (with a halter left on) or on a lead line held by an appropriately responsible person and the grazing does not intrude on the activities of other patrons. Mounts WILL NOT be tied to graze. Hobbled mounts will be supervised at all times.

(5) No person may horseback ride on this reservation while under the influence of an intoxicant (alcohol or drug). Riders are prohibited from possessing alcohol or controlled substances on their person or within their vehicles while on FSGA/HAAF. In addition to being subject to prosecution, such person's FSGA riding privileges may be permanently revoked or suspended (permit may be confiscated by law enforcement personnel). Violators of the paragraph may be subject to penalties for violation of Georgia State law, which prohibits public drunkenness (Title 16, Chapter 11, Section 41, Official Code of Georgia Annotated).

5-4. Non-consumptive and other recreational use

Permit holders may use any area that is open for recreation. This permit will enable users to obtain authorization to access an area through the iSportsman system prior to entering. Users must wear 500 square inches of fluorescent orange material above the waist while conducting their activities in the field. Users will check in using the iSportsman system. The access pass must be displayed on the dashboard of the vehicle such that it can be read through the windshield.

5-5. Outdoor recreation and camping

a. Off-installation organized groups may obtain permission through the PAO at 571-801-2557 to use recreational areas for picnicking, camping, bird watching, nature hiking, and similar activities. Coordination will be accomplished by the PAO.

b. Personnel who desire to use the installation (training areas) for camping must possess a valid installation outdoor recreation, fishing, hunting, or combo permit and check-in using the iSportsman system. Camping access is for 1 day only. Campers must sign out before 11:59 p.m. and sign in for the next day, if staying through the night into the next day. Campers have the option of making a next day reservation after 2000 hours through iSportsman before retiring to bed. The reservation must be checked in prior to 0800 the next morning or the system will cancel the reservation. Camping reservations are only available in training areas adjacent to the Canoochee and Ogeechee Rivers and managed ponds.

c. Camping in conjunction with hunting is prohibited except at Holbrook Pond Recreation Area.

d. Firearms are prohibited at all camping sites except at the Holbrook Pond Campground. All firearms should be stored in a secure manner, unloaded, and out of sight. The utmost care for security of personal weapons is required.

e. The DFMWR Outdoor Recreation Branch operates the Holbrook Pond Campground at Holbrook Pond Recreation Area. Camping is available at this camping facility for a nominal fee for recreational users IAW AR 215-1. Registration for use of Holbrook Pond Campground is accomplished at the Outdoor Recreation Equipment Service Center, Building 8325. Complete instructions will be furnished when registration is accomplished.

f. Except as authorized in paras 5-5a-d, camping is not permitted on the installation.

g. Persons with a valid FSGA/HAAF outdoor recreation, hunting, fishing, or combo permit may use authorized picnic areas while engaged in recreational activities.

5-6. Harvest of forest resources

a. All forest products on FSGA/HAAF are property of the Department of the Army and are not authorized for removal for any reason unless authorized by official contracts or purchased permits through the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) – Savannah District.

(1) Forest products are defined by: standing live timber (both pine and hardwood), dead and downed timber, pine straw, pine cones, and palmetto berries.

b. Firewood and pine straw harvesting permits can be obtained through the USACE office at 8058 GA Highway 144 E, Fort Stewart GA, 31314. The telephone number for additional information is (571) 801-1341.

c. The recreational harvest of palmetto berries is prohibited on the installation. Blackberries and blueberries may be picked at 1 (one) 5-gallon bucket per day. Anyone who is interested in commercial palmetto berry harvest should contact the Forestry Branch on Fort Stewart at (571) 801-1341.

Chapter 6

Threatened and Endangered Species Protection

a. It is the responsibility of all persons who hunt, fish, or recreate on the installation to be familiar with threatened and endangered species that occur on the installation. Information regarding these species can be found at <http://ftstewart.isportsman.net>.

b. Under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, the "taking" of any federally protected species is prohibited and punishable under appropriate Civilian and military laws. "Take" or "taking" means to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct.

c. Although threatened and endangered species enjoy special protection under the Endangered Species Act (federal law) and Endangered Wildlife Act (state law), hunters are reminded that most wildlife (songbirds, non-venomous snakes, etc.) are protected by state law.

d. Only game animals and game birds may be harvested IAW seasons, bag limits and regulations established by the Georgia DNR and this SOP. Hunting, capturing, or harassing non-game wildlife is prohibited.

e. Certain activities may be prohibited in endangered species habitat. The restrictions will vary depending on the needs of each species. Restricted areas will be marked, as necessary, by DPW Fish & Wildlife Branch. Entry into areas marked as "off-limits" is prohibited.

f. The Eastern Indigo snake is listed as threatened. These large, non-venomous snakes live in gopher tortoise burrows. Consequently, damage to these burrows is prohibited, as well as "gassing" burrows for other snakes residing in these burrows. The introduction of any foreign object or material in these burrows is prohibited. The gopher tortoise is a state listed species and is protected from capture, harassment or take.

Chapter 7

Safety

7-1. General

Safety is everyone's responsibility. To avoid injuries and possible loss of life, all recreational activities must be accomplished in a safe and responsible manner.

a. Some of the restrictions and limitations imposed in the subsequent paragraphs are partially or primarily based upon safety considerations.

b. The feeding, harassing, or unauthorized taking of alligators is prohibited.

c. Swimming is prohibited in all installation ponds, lakes, streams, and rivers.

d. It shall be unlawful to hunt, kill, trap, possess, collect, or transport any venomous or non-venomous snakes on FSGA/HAAF. All non-venomous snakes are currently protected under Georgia law.

7-2. Accidents and casualties

Any person discovering or having knowledge of an accident or casualty (injury or death) occurring on FSGA/HAAF will notify the following, as appropriate, by the fastest means available. Within the installation boundary, persons may use the emergency telephones along GA Highway 119 or GA Highway 144 to call the following (telephone numbers are for FSGA/HAAF):

- a. Call 911.
- b. Military Police Desk Operations, telephone (571) 801-2203/2205.
- c. U.S. Army Hospital, telephone (571)802-0359/0360 (Emergency Room).
- d. DPTMS Range Control, telephone (571)801-1331/1326/1319.
- e. Aircraft Crash Report, telephone Fire Division at FSGA/HAAF 911. Remain at a location where you can act as a guide for crash and other emergency vehicles.
- f. Game Warden, telephone (571)801-2206.
- g. Installation Safety Office (ISO), FSGA telephone #'s (571)801-2850, HAAF telephone #'s (571)807-7540.

7-3. Fires

a. To report a forest or brush fire, notify one or more of the following by the fastest means available. On-post persons can use the emergency telephones along GA Highway 119 or GA Highway 144 and call one or more of the following:

- (1) Call 911 or an administrative number at (571)801-2203/2205.
- (2) Forestry Branch, DPW, telephone (571) 801-1341.
- (3) Military Police Desk Operations, (571)801-2203/2205
- (4) DPTMS Range Control, telephone (571)801-9210/9211.

b. Open fires of any kind are prohibited.

7-4. Military munitions

a. Military munitions are material used by our Nation's Armed Forces to defend the United States. Military munitions are dangerous by design. They are made to kill or injure enemy forces or damage enemy equipment. When military munitions do not function as intended (do what they are supposed to do) during use, they become unexploded ordnance. Included in such items as tank and artillery rounds, blasting caps, dynamite, flares, rockets, grenades, chemical munitions, and similar devices. You are most likely to encounter munitions in areas where the military conducts or formerly conducted live-fire training or testing with military munitions, but they also may be encountered in other areas. Most military munitions, however, are in impact areas of both operational and former ranges. Because of changing military needs, locations once used by the military during training may now be used by the public for other purposes, such as recreational areas.

b. Military Munitions can be extremely sensitive; hence, are deadly and must not be handled by anyone other than Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) personnel. When military munitions are discovered, the spot should be plainly marked and individuals should follow the Recognize, Retreat, Report ("3Rs") of explosives safety:

- (1) **Recognize** you have encountered a military munition.
- (2) **Retreat**, and do not approach, touch, or disturb, but carefully leave the area.
- (3) **Report** immediately what you encountered to Range Control 571-801-9210/9211.

7-5. Firearms safety zones

a. By State law, "It shall be unlawful" for any person to hunt, with or without dogs, any wildlife upon any public road in this State.

b. "It shall also be unlawful for any person while hunting to discharge any weapon across any public road in this State," (Title 27, Chapter 3, Section 10, Official Code of Georgia Annotated). For the purposes of this SOP, "public" roads on FSGA/HAAF include the State highways, county roads, FSGA/HAAF numbered roads, and established trails as defined in para 5-2a(2).

c. "It shall be unlawful" for any person to discharge any firearms for any purpose within 100 meters (about 109 yards) of any designated recreational area (except for authorized training and firing ranges), pond or lake (except for waterfowl hunting as stated in para 2-1i), building or similar structure, aircraft facility, ammunition storage areas, stage or landing field in use, or cantonment area.

d. "It shall be unlawful" for any person to discharge any firearms for any purpose within 200 meters of the Holbrook Pond Recreational Area/Campground.

7-6. Required clothing

a. Every person accessing the training areas for recreational activities in an area where big game firearms are allowed for hunting for that day shall be required to wear a total of 500 square inches of hunter orange or pink as an outer garment above the waistline and may include a head covering. EXCEPTIONS:

(1) Turkey hunters, dove hunters in designated dove fields, and persons in areas designated for bow hunting only (FSGA/HAAF) are not required to wear hunter orange.

(2) Waterfowl hunters must wear 500 square inches of hunter orange or pink as an outer garment while walking to and from their blinds but may remove it once they are at their blind/stand.

7-7. Hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreation safety

Faithful adherence to the essentials of safe outdoor recreation will prevent accidents and injuries and make this old and honored sport a safer, more enjoyable pastime for everyone. Know your gun and handle it properly. Fulfill your responsibilities as a safe hunter, angler, or recreationist.

a. Before you start a trip:

(1) Ensure some responsible person knows, in detail, where you will be and your estimated time of return. Report back to your contact person, either personally or by telephone, upon your return. It shall be the hunter's responsibility to have their contact person call the Central Dispatch at 571-801-2203/2205 or Conservation Law Enforcement Office at 571-801-2206 if the contact person determines that the hunter has not reported back to them by the designated time. When notified by the contact person it shall then be the responsibility of the Conservation Law Enforcement Office to conduct search and rescue efforts to account for the missing person(s).

(2) Ensure that you know and understand the applicable rules and regulations.

b. Any person who causes or is involved in an accident in which another person is injured or killed, must identify themselves, give what assistance they can to the victim, and immediately report the accident by the fastest means. See para 7-2, for accident reporting and appropriate phone numbers.

CHAPTER 8

Special Notices

8-1 Recovery of stray dogs

Dog owners who believe or know their hunting dogs have entered onto an area of the installation will contact the DES Conservation Law Enforcement Branch at 571-801-2206 for an escort to help locate the dogs. If no answer, call FSGA Central at 571-801-2203/2205 and ask the operator to contact a Conservation Agent. Individuals requesting an escort will provide a copy of their hunting club's dog hunting permit to the Conservation Agent providing the escort. Individuals being escorted will remain near the Conservation Agent to prevent the individuals from entering live fire areas and to avoid interference with other military training. Hunting dogs otherwise captured by law enforcement officials on FSGA will be impounded at the Post Stray Facility and the dog owner notified. Violators of Georgia Code 27-3-17 and the implementing Georgia Hunting Regulation 391-4-2-17 may be subject to penalties for violations of Georgia State law. Individuals in possession of deer hunting dogs while on FSGA/HAAF without an approved escort will be charged with hunting deer with dogs on FSGA/HAAF. While searching for dogs, the dog owners must not have a weapon in their possession or within their vehicle. All personnel must access the installation at established security gates. Such individuals must wear 500 square inches of fluorescent orange material as an outer garment, above the waistline. This restriction does not apply to personnel residing on the installation who are searching for lost pets in the cantonment area.

- a. An administrative fee will be levied against owners of impounded animals to defray the costs of handling, impounding, boarding, and inoculating such animals.
- b. DES Animal Control personnel will attempt to capture animals showing unusual or threatening behavior (suspected of having rabies) or that have bitten a person and impound the animal at the Post Stray Facility. Such animals will be killed only if they cannot be safely captured alive. If it is necessary for a law enforcement officer to kill a suspected rabid animal, care should be taken not to destroy or injure the head. Any killed animal, suspected of being rabid, shall immediately be delivered to the Veterinary Clinic. Any suspicious animal shall be reported to the Military Police Desk Operations, telephone 571-801-2203/2205.
- c. Individuals who are apprehended for killing dogs, whether the dogs are attended or unattended, collared, or unmarked, are subject to revocation of hunting permit (see Appendix B) and prosecution. This does not apply to the killing of coy dogs (coyote-dog cross) and coyotes.
- d. If unattended (stray) dogs are observed, please report the following facts to the Military Police Desk Operations, telephone 571-801-2203/2205 and HAAF MPs at 571-801-7834:
 - (1) Brief description of dog (color, size, etc.).
 - (2) Location of dog.
 - (3) Time observed.
 - (4) Did dog appear rabid?

8-2. Littering or dumping

- a. It is unlawful for any person or persons to dump, deposit, throw or leave, or to cause or permit the dumping, depositing, placing, throwing, or leaving of litter on any part of the installation, to include any waters within the installation boundary. Persons who camp on the installation will police all trash within 25 feet of their campsite. Litter in this area is the campers' responsibility regardless of how it got there.
- b. The word "litter" means all rubbish, waste material, cans, refuse, garbage, trash, debris, dead animals, or discarded materials of every kind and description.

c. Litter should be placed into a litter receptacle. Authorized persons and military units may use the Installation Sanitary Landfill provided restrictions on such use are observed.

d. Military and Civilian violators may be subject to prosecution and administrative action, to include the administrative suspension of the privilege to hunt and fish on this installation, IAW paragraph 1-4, which outlines the enforcement mechanism.

8-3. Accidental collision with a deer or hog by motorist

Any person, who, while driving a motor vehicle, is involved in a collision with a deer or hog, shall immediately notify the appropriate agency at 571-801-1800 and HAAF MPs at 571-807-7834.

The carcass of any such deer or hog may be given to the motorist involved, IAW Title 27, Chapter 3, Section 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

Appendix A References

A-1. Required Publications

10 USC 2671, *Military Reservations and Facilities: Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping* (amended 2011).

16 USC 670(b), *Sikes Act*, (amended 1997 & 2014).

Endangered Species Act, Title 16, United States Code, Sections 1531-1543 (Cited in Paras 1-5a, 6a, and 6b)

AR 200-1, *Environmental Protection and Enhancement* (amended 2024.)

AR 350-19, *The Army Sustainable Range Program* (2005).

Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan for FSGA/HAAF (Cited in para 1-4b)

AR 215-1, *Military Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Programs and Non- appropriated Fund Instrumentalities (NAFI)* (amended 2010).

DoDI 4715.03, *Natural Resources Conservation Program* (2011).

DoDI 5525.17, *Conservation Law Enforcement Program* (2013).

Army Guidance: Fish and Wildlife Conservation Fee Collection Program

Definitions, Title 37, USC, Section 401 (Cited in Section II - Terms)

Entering Military, Naval, or Coast Guard Property, Title 18, USC, Section 1382 (Cited in para 1-5)

Laws of States Adopted for Areas within Federal Jurisdiction, Title 18, USC, Section 13 (Cited in paragraphs 1-5)

Offenses Against Public Administration, Title 16, Chapter 11, Section 41, Official Code of Georgia Annotated (Cited in para 4-4c(5))

Wildlife Generally, Title 27, Chapter 3, Sections 10, 41, 47, and 90, Official Code of Georgia Annotated (Cited in paragraphs 7-5b and 8-3)

A-2. Related Publications

AR 27-10 (EMO)

Legal Services: Military Justice

AR 27-40 (EMO) Litigation

AR 190-5 (EMO)

Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision

AR 190-9 (EMO)

Absentee Deserter Apprehension Program and Surrender of Military Personnel to Civilian Law Enforcement Agencies

AR 190-11 (EMO)

Physical Security of Arms, Ammunition and Explosives

AR 385-10 (EMO)

Army Safety Program

AR 385-63 (EMO)

Range Safety

FSGA/HAAF Post Range Guide

Legacy Act, Title 16, USC, Sections 667E-701; Amendments, Title 18, USC, Sections 42-44

Marine Mammal Protection Act, Title 16, USC, Sections 1361-1384 and 1401-1407

Outdoor Recreation Branch, Community Recreation DIV regulation, DFMWR

3RD ID and FS Regulation 40-12

Pet and Animal Disease Control

3RD ID and IMSH-ES Regulation 190-11

Firearms and Weapons

Appendix B

Violations and Recommended Suspension Lengths

- No State Hunting or Fishing License: 1 year
- No FSGA hunting or fishing permit: 1 year
- Trespassing on a military installation: 1 year
- ◆ **Use of metal detectors or magnetic devices: 2 years**
- No area access pass: 6 months
- Failure to check-out of a hunting area: 7 days
- Recreating while suspended: 6 months for 1st offense, Permanent for second offense
- Use of altered or changed State or FSGA documents (Hunting or Fishing License/ permit, access pass, etc.): 1 year
- Making false statement in obtaining a permit or pass: 6 months
- Hunting or fishing in wrong area: 60 days
- Hunting or fishing in unauthorized, restricted, or closed area/intensively managed waters: 2 years
- Aiding and abetting juvenile violator: Same as violator
- Aiding and abetting adult violator: Same as violator
- Failure to fill out and punch big game "kill" tag: 6 months
- Failure to check in big game: 6 months
- Failure to bring deer to the check station during mandatory days (first offense): 45 days
- Failure to bring deer to the check station during mandatory days (second offense): 6 months
- Illegal night hunting: 2 years
- Illegal (unlawful) possession of game or non-game animal: 2 years
- Illegal use of traps, snares, pitfalls, and similar devices: 2 years
- Illegal killing of antlerless or doe deer: 1 year
- Killing of birds and animals from power boats, sail boats, motor vehicles, or horseback: 1 year
- Hunting with dogs (except authorized pointers and retrievers): 1 year

- Use of UAS or “drone”: 60 days
- Use of explosives or poisons to kill wildlife: 2 years
- Possession or killing of threatened or endangered species: 2 years
- Hunting wildlife out of season: 1 year
- Transporting a loaded weapon in or upon a vehicle, powered watercraft or horse: 90 days
- Exceeding game bag limit: 6 months
- Discharge of firearm in a restricted, off-limits or firearms safety-zone: 6 months
- Failure to wear required clothing (fluorescent orange): 1 year
- Resisting or interfering with apprehension (arrest): 1 year
- Overrunning or bypassing roadblock or barrier: 6 months
- Refusal to submit to examination of license, permit, tag, pass, and/or wildlife: 1 year
- Unlawful use of another's hunting license and/or document: 90 days
- Use or possession of commercial fishing equipment: 1 year
- Exceeding creel limits: 6 months
- Use of trotlines, set hooks, etc., in managed waters: 6 months
- Unattended trotlines, set hooks, etc., or exceeding 50 hooks: 60 days
- Failure to promptly report accident, casualty, or fire: 90 days
- Littering or dumping: 1 year
- Failure to comply with watercraft safety rules, regulations or restrictions: 60 days
- Hunting or fishing or operating vehicle or watercraft while intoxicated: 6 months
- Operating an Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) or All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) in violation of this SOP: 1 year
- Possession of buckshot (except on managed hunts): 60 days
- Possession of a concealed weapon: 1 year
- Possession of a firearm while hunting with bow and arrow: 2 years
- Attempting to conceal or possession of illegally taken wildlife: 2 years

- Purchasing a hunting license without hunter safety certification: 1 year
- Removing the head of a deer: 1 year
- Taking of deer in a lake, stream, or pond: 1 year
- Unlawful enticement of game with bait (location or area): 2 years
- Unplugged shotgun: 60 days
- Unsupervised hunting (under 16 years of age): 30 days
- Use or possession of illegal weapons for hunting wildlife: 1 year
- Failure to turn in the "Deer Harvest Record" or the "Turkey Harvest Record" at the end of the respective season: 1 year
- No FSGA Deer/Turkey Harvest Record on person: 30 days
- Failure to tag turkey with a FSGA Turkey Tag: 6 months
- Failure of a hunter to check out of the area by the required time (first offense): 7 days
- Failure to possess a valid Hunter Safety Certificate (first offense): 10 days
- Failure to properly complete the FSGA Big Game Harvest Card: 30 days
- Hunting, trapping, collecting, or possessing any venomous snake: 2 years
- Taking (killing, trapping, shooting, wounding, collecting, capturing, harming, harassing) any unauthorized animal: 2 years
- Release of wild or domestic animals onto the installation: 2 years
- ◆ Removing, picking, or digging up any state or federally protected plant species: 2 years
- Other violations of laws, rules, or regulations: 60 days
- No license on person: 6 months.
- Possession of bait (in an un-authorized area or location): 1 year.
- Violation of horseback riding regulation: 6 months.
- Violation of any provision of weapons registration: 1 year.

Note:

- (1) For those marked with a diamond (◆), the second or subsequent identical offense/violation will result in permanent revocation of hunting and fishing privileges.

- (2) For the second or subsequent identical offense/violation the suspension period will be doubled (except as indicated in 1 above).
- (3) Suspension or revocation of hunting and/or fishing privileges may be imposed independently of any disciplinary or judicial action imposed based on this SOP.
- (4) For those offenses that are also violations of state or federal law, suspension of FSGA/HAAF hunting and fishing privileges maybe invoked in addition to any penalties imposed by state or federal authorities.

Appendix C
Legal Weapons and Dates for Hunting on FSGA/HAAF

Species	Time Period	Legal Hunting Weapon
Feral Hog	Small Game Season through the day before Deer Primitive Weapons Season	Small Game Weapons ¹
	Deer Primitive Weapons Season	Primitive Weapons ²
	Deer Firearms Season through the day before Turkey Season	Big Game Weapons ³
	Turkey Season	Legal Turkey Weapons ⁴
	Day after Turkey Season through the day before Small Game Season	Big Game Weapons ³
Coyote	Small Game Season through the day before Deer Primitive Weapons Season	Small Game Weapons ¹
	Deer Primitive Weapons Season	Primitive Weapons ²
	Deer Firearms Season through the day before Turkey Season	Big Game Weapons ³
	Turkey Season	Legal Turkey Weapons ⁴
	Day after Turkey Season through the day before Small Game Season	Big Game Weapons ³
<p>¹Small Game Weapons - Any .22-cal or smaller rim-fire rifle or handgun, or air rifle, or any shotgun having a shot-shell size 3.5 inches or smaller in length with # 2 or smaller shot, or any black-powder shotgun loaded with #2 shot or smaller. Archery long bows, compound bows, and crossbows (with scopes), are also allowed. Contrary to state law, black-powder rifles are not considered small game weapons on FSGA/HAAF.</p> <p>²Primitive Weapons - Archery equipment, air bows, .30 cal. or larger pre-charged pneumatic (PCP) air rifles, muzzleloaders, and muzzleloading shotguns. Big game air rifles must be equipped with a scope.</p> <p>³Big Game Weapons - Any center-fire rifle or pistol with .22 caliber or larger expanding bullets, any shotgun 20 gauge or larger loaded with slugs, any muzzle-loading rifle, or any pre-charged pneumatic (PCP) air rifle or air bow .30 caliber or larger. Big game air rifles must be equipped with a scope. Archery-long bows, compound bows and crossbows (with scopes), are also allowed. Use or possession of buckshot is prohibited. Center-fire rifles or pistols may only be used in the areas designated as "General Firearms".</p> <p>⁴Turkey Weapons - Turkey hunters may take coyotes and feral hogs using turkey weapons in "General Firearms" and "Shotgun" areas. Legal Turkey Weapons shall be modern shotguns and muzzle-loading shotguns with # 2 shot or smaller. Long bows, compound bows, and crossbows with scopes are allowed.</p>		

Appendix D

Intensively Managed Waters

D-1. Hunter Army Airfield

The intensively managed waters at HAAF are:

- a. Pond 24 (Halstrom Pond, Perimeter Road)
- b. Pond 29 (Oglethorpe Lake, Hickam Circle)
- c. Pond 35 (Wilson Gate Pond, Perimeter Road)

D-2. Fort Stewart

The intensively managed waters on FSGA are:

- a. Pond 1 (Pineview Lake, FS Road 2)
- b. Pond 2 (Glisson's Mill Pond, FS Road 129)
- c. Pond 3 (Holbrook Pond, FS Road 48)
- d. Pond 10 (unnamed borrow pit, FS Road 40)
- e. Pond 17 (Daisy Pond, FS Road 17)
- f. Pond 19 (Evans Field Pond East, FS Road 102)
- g. Pond 20 (Evans Field Pond West, FS Road 102)
- h. Pond 21 (Richmond Hill Pond West, FS Road 58)
- i. Pond 22 (Richmond Hill Pond Middle, FS Road 58)
- j. Pond 23 (Richmond Hill Pond East, FS Road 58)
- k. Pond 26 (Big Metz Pond, FS Road 6)
- l. Pond 28 (Dogwood Lake, FS Road 106)
- m. Pond 30 (Cedar Bay East Pond, GA Highway 144 west)
- n. Pond 31 (Cedar Bay Middle Pond, GA Highway 144 west)
- o. Pond 32 (Cedar Bay West Pond, GA Highway 144 west)
- p. Pond 36 (2nd ABCT South Pond, Phase Line Road)
- q. Pond 37 (2nd ABCT North Pond, Phase Line Road)

Appendix E

Training Area Weapons Designation

E-1. Fort Stewart

Training Area	Max Occupancy	Weapons Designation	Acres	Additional Information ¹
A-01	16	General Firearms	2,491	
A-02	12	General Firearms	1,674	
A-03	10	General Firearms	1,489	
A-04	7	General Firearms	1,078	
A-05	8	General Firearms	1,222	
A-06	10	General Firearms	1,432	
A-07	8	General Firearms	1,137	
A-08	4	General Firearms	596	
A-09	10	General Firearms	1,474	
A-10	9	General Firearms	922	
A-11	9	General Firearms	1,234	
A-12	11	General Firearms	1,690	X
A-13	10	General Firearms	1,498	
A-14	18	General Firearms	2,578	
A-15	3	Shotgun, Muzzleloader, Archery, Rimfire	289	E
A-16	19	Shotgun, Muzzleloader, Archery	2,846	E
A-17	3	Shotgun, Muzzleloader, Archery	356	E
A-18	17	Archery Only	1,759	X
A-19	3	Archery Only	168	X
A-20	4	Archery Only	229	E
B-01	13	General Firearms	1,834	
B-02	5	General Firearms	736	
B-03	8	General Firearms	1,431	
B-04	50	General Firearms	6,174	X
B-05	10	Archery Only	492	E
B-06	5	Shotgun, Muzzleloader, Archery, Rimfire	684	E
B-07	9	General Firearms	1,280	
B-08	14	General Firearms	2,017	
B-13	28	General Firearms	4,357	X
B-14	21	General Firearms	3,176	

¹ E- Either-sex harvest allowed on all days when the training area is open during the deer season
Q- All antlered deer harvested in the training area must meet criteria for Quality Deer Management restrictions.
X- Training area is currently closed to all outdoor recreation.

Training Area	Max Occupancy	Weapons Designation	Acres	Additional Information¹
B-15	15	General Firearms	2,266	
B-16	13	General Firearms	1,366	
B-17	15	General Firearms	2,318	
B-18	27	General Firearms	4,054	X
B-19	27	General Firearms	4,071	
B-21	9	General Firearms	1,325	
B-22	18	General Firearms	2,788	
B-23	15	General Firearms	2,085	
B-24	17	General Firearms	2,459	
C-01	30	General Firearms	4,604	
C-02	10	General Firearms	1,504	
C-03	9	General Firearms	1,358	
C-04	21	General Firearms	3,202	
C-05	15	General Firearms	2,325	
C-06	9	General Firearms	1,328	
C-07	19	General Firearms	2,862	
C-08	18	General Firearms	2,708	
C-09	24	General Firearms	3,667	
C-10	13	General Firearms	1,878	
C-11	18	General Firearms	2,736	
C-12	11	General Firearms	1,635	
C-13	11	General Firearms	1,619	
C-14	14	General Firearms	2,033	
C-15	27	General Firearms	4,098	
C-16	14	General Firearms	2,093	
C-17	24	General Firearms	3,690	
C-18	17	General Firearms	2,564	
D-01	15	Archery Only	1,022	E
D-03	13	Archery Only	1,043	E
D-04	5	Archery Only	245	E
D-05	33	General Firearms	4,957	
D-06	10	General Firearms	1,582	
D-07	17	General Firearms	2,503	
D-08	8	General Firearms	979	
D-09	15	General Firearms	2,201	
D-10	8	General Firearms	1,213	
D-11	10	General Firearms	1,435	
D-12	9	General Firearms	1,385	
D-13	14	General Firearms	2,035	

Training Area	Max Occupancy	Weapons Designation	Acres	Additional Information¹
D-14	8	General Firearms	1,207	
D-15	19	General Firearms	2,872	
D-16	5	General Firearms	752	
E-01	9	General Firearms	1,295	Q
E-02	16	Archery Only	1,554	E Q
E-03	12	General Firearms	1,780	Q
E-04	30	General Firearms	4,321	Q
E-05	12	General Firearms	1,817	Q
E-06	25	General Firearms	3,892	X Q
E-07	28	General Firearms	4,160	Q
E-08	27	General Firearms	2,892	Q
E-09	19	General Firearms	1,743	Q
E-10	19	General Firearms	1,954	Q
E-11	45	General Firearms	4,520	Q
E-12	12	General Firearms	1,799	Q
E-13	21	General Firearms	3,222	Q
E-14	12	General Firearms	1,228	Q
E-15	15	General Firearms	1,661	Q
E-16	19	General Firearms	1,820	Q
E-17	16	General Firearms	1,792	Q
E-18	19	General Firearms	2,924	Q
E-19	24	General Firearms	3,090	X Q
E-20	11	General Firearms	1,615	Q
E-21	12	General Firearms	1,635	Q
E-22	10	General Firearms	1,350	Q
F-01	15	General Firearms	2,314	Q
F-02	11	General Firearms	1,517	Q
F-03	16	General Firearms	2,296	Q
F-04	12	General Firearms	1,709	Q
F-05	21	General Firearms	2,123	Q
F-06	32	General Firearms	4,789	Q
F-07	21	General Firearms	3,147	Q
F-08	15	General Firearms	2,175	Q
F-09	26	General Firearms	3,791	Q
F-10	10	General Firearms	1,602	Q
F-11	12	General Firearms	1,257	Q
F-12	17	General Firearms	2,428	Q
F-13	7	Shotgun, Muzzleloader, Archery, Rimfire	818	E Q

Training Area	Max Occupancy	Weapons Designation	Acres	Additional Information¹
F-14	12	Shotgun, Muzzleloader, Archery, Rimfire	1,190	E Q
F-15	21	General Firearms	3,066	Q
F-16	17	General Firearms	2,481	Q
F-17	10	General Firearms	1,444	Q
F-18	9	Shotgun, Muzzleloader, Archery, Rimfire	1,199	E Q
F-19	19	Shotgun, Muzzleloader, Archery, Rimfire	2,917	E Q
F-20	20	Archery Only	3,021	X Q

E-2. FSGA cantonment archery areas

G-1	2	Archery Only	64	E
G-2	10	Archery Only	330	E
G-3	3	Archery Only	99	E
G-4	4	Archery Only	118	E
G-5	6	Archery Only	295	E
G-6	4	Archery Only	137	E
G-7	3	Archery Only	35	E

E-3. Hunter Army Airfield

Training Area	Max Occupancy	Weapons Designation	Acres	Additional Information
H-01	3	Shotgun, Muzzleloader, Archery	183	E
H-02	4	Archery Only	205	E
H-03	4	Archery Only	215	E
H-04	3	Archery Only	146	E
H-05	3	Shotgun, Muzzleloader, Archery	127	E
H-06	1	Archery Only	46	E
H-07	1	Archery Only	43	E
H-08	2	Archery Only	75	X
H-09	7	Shotgun, Muzzleloader, Archery	443	X
H-10	6	Shotgun, Muzzleloader, Archery	286	E
H-11	3	Shotgun, Muzzleloader, Archery	159	E

Glossary

Section I Abbreviations

3ID

3RD Infantry Division

ACofS

Assistant Chief of Staff

AKC

American Kennel Club

AR

Army Regulation

ATV

All-Terrain Vehicle

DES

Directorate of Emergency Services

DIV

Division

DFMWR

Directorate of Family Morale, Welfare and Recreation

DOIM

Director/Directorate of Information Management

DPTMS

Directorate of Plans, Training Mobilization and Security

DPW

Directorate of Public Works

EOD

Explosive Ordnance Disposal

ESA

Endangered Species Act

FORSCOM

U.S. Army Forces Command

FSGA

Fort Stewart

GA

Georgia

HAAF

Hunter Army Airfield

IAW

In accordance with

IMSH

IMCOM Stewart Hunter

IN

Infantry

LED

Law Enforcement Division

Mech

Mechanized

MLV

Motorized land vehicle

MP

Military Police

MPH

Miles per hour

MWR

Morale Welfare Recreation

NLT

Not later than

NRA

National Rifle Association

OCGA

Official Code of Georgia Annotated

ORV

Off-road vehicle

Para

Paragraph

PAO

Public Affairs Office

PFD

Personal flotation device

QDMA

Quality Deer Management Area

RCW

Red-Cockaded Woodpecker

SJA

Staff Judge Advocate

SOP

Standing Operating Procedures

UAV

Unmanned Aerial Vehicle

USC

United States Code

UXO

Unexploded Ordnance

VCC

Visitor Control Center

SJA

Staff Judge Advocate

Section II**Terms****Adult Dependent**

Any member of a family 18 years of age or older that is claimed as a legal dependent by Title 37, USC, Section 401 (dependency proof must be furnished).

Adult Supervision

Under command and control of a person 18 years of age or older, with the minor being within sight or hearing distance of such person.

All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs)

Four-wheeled, all terrain cycles and two-wheeled all terrain motorcycles.

Animal

Any species of the animal kingdom, including all species of mammals, fish, reptiles, amphibians, annelids (i.e., worms, etc.) and arthropods (i.e., insects, crustaceans, etc.).

Area Access Pass

An automated approval (i.e., electronic/telephonic authorization) granting access as described

above. Access passes are required for all hunting, fishing, and recreational uses on the installation. An access pass is valid only after the individual obtains authorization to enter an area via the iSportsman system. Access passes will be issued for 1 day and 1 area only.

Baiting

It shall be unlawful for any person to place, expose, deposit, distribute, or scatter any corn, wheat, or other grains, salts, apples, or other feeds or bait so as to constitute a lure or attraction or enticement for any game bird or game animal on or over any area where hunters are or will be hunting. While on the installation you may not be in possession of these baiting items.

Big Game

American alligator, White-tailed deer and Eastern wild turkey

Blackout Drive

A military activity whereby wheeled or tracked vehicles operate at night without headlights or parking lights.

Cantonment

That area on the installation that contains barracks, motor pool, housing, shopping facilities, military, and civilian offices, etc.

Child Permit

A no cost hunting, fishing or combo permit issued to children (up to age 18) of a parent or legal guardian who has purchased a valid FSGA/HAAF hunting, fishing or combo permit. College students ages 18-24 may also acquire the child permit and must carry their student ID card, proving their status as a student.

Creel Limit

The total number of fish of a particular species that a person may take in 1 day or possess at any 1 time except at the person's place of abode or a commercial storage facility.

Disabled Person

An individual with a significant ambulatory impairment of a permanent and total nature is either certified as such by the Department of Veterans Affairs, Social Security Administration, Medicaid, Medicare, or Railroad Retirement System, or possesses a Handicapped Parking Permit issued by the Georgia State Patrol. Additionally, refer to Section 1-6, paragraph f for additional information.

DIV Light Line/Night Movement Area

All areas west of GA Highway 119 and north of GA Highway 144 and all firing ranges, where blackout drive is used by military vehicles.

Established Trails

Numbered or lettered roads and numbered or lettered tank trails that receive regular maintenance from the U.S. Army for the purpose of access.

Federal Officer

Any law enforcement officer awarded federal arrest authority whose enforcement jurisdiction is limited to federal properties and facilities.

Fish or Fishing

To catch, capture, take, or kill fish and all seafood and includes all lesser acts such as attempting to catch, capture, or kill by any device or method and every act of direct assistance to any person in catching or attempting to catch fish or seafood.

Fishing Permit

The document issued for a fee, granting permission to fish on this installation.

Frog Gigging

To pursue, stab, kill, take, or capture frogs. Most commonly applied to spearing frogs with a three prong, long handled fork.

Game Fish

Game fish on FSGA/HAAF constitute the following fish:

- a. Largemouth bass
- b. Striped bass or striped bass-white bass hybrid
- c. Crappie (white or black crappie)
- d. Shad (American shad or hickory shad)
- e. Sunfish or bream (bluegill sunfish, redear sunfish, redbreast sunfish, warmouth, spotted sunfish, or flier)
- f. Pickerel (chain pickerel, redbreast pickerel, or grass pickerel)
- g. Catfish (channel catfish, blue catfish, or white catfish)

Helper-Companion

An individual who is needed to support, care for, or assist a disabled person in carrying out normal daily activities and becoming functional at that activity.

Honorary Category

Individuals over 65 years of age or individuals who are permanently totally disabled. Proof of age or disability must be provided. Persons disabled because of a mental impairment shall be issued an honorary fishing permit only.

Hunt or Hunting

To pursue, shoot, kill, take, or capture wildlife. This term also includes acts such as placing, setting, drawing, or using any device used to take wildlife, whether any such act results in taking or not, and includes every act of assistance to any person in taking or attempting to take such wildlife.

Hunting Permit

The document issued for a fee, granting permission to hunt on this installation.

Hunting Seasons

That period of the year when hunting a specific game bird or animal is permitted under the law.

Intensively Managed Waters

Any pond listed at Appendix D. These waters receive the following management actions: stocking with fish, liming, fertilizing, or feeding, and treatment with aquatic herbicides, as a minimum.

Minor Family Member

Any Family Member under 18 years of age that is claimed, by Title 37, USC, Section 401 (proof must be furnished).

Open Area

Training areas that are available for recreational use, subject to fulfillment of an individual's installation permit, State license, and area access pass requirements.

Privately Owned Motorized Land Vehicle

Any land vehicle powered by electricity, internal combustion engine, or anything other than human power, not owned or authorized for use by the United States Government. Examples include cars, trucks, motorcycles, and off-road vehicles such as four-wheel all-terrain vehicles.

Recreation Permit

The document issued for a fee, granting permission to pursue recreational activities on the installation except for hunting, fishing, and frog gigging.

Size Limit

The minimum length allowable for a fish in a person's possession. Fish smaller than this size must be returned to the water unharmed as soon as they are landed.

Slot Limit

A size range of fish that may NOT be possessed. For example, a "Slot Limit" of 12 to 15 inches means that fish smaller than 12 inches or larger than 15 inches may be kept, but fish between 12 inches and 15 inches in size must be returned to the water unharmed.

Unloaded Weapon

A shotgun, centerfire or rimfire rifle, or handgun that does not have any ammunition in the chamber, magazine, or cylinder. A muzzleloader weapon that does not have a percussion cap affixed to or resting on the weapon's nipple.