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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 (FS/HAAF) Hunting, Fishing and Outdoor Recreational Use Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)

1. REFERENCES.

- a. IMSH ES Regulation 190-11, Firearms, Weapons and Ammunition, 2020.
- b. 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 SOP 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, Army Regulations (ARs) and this Hunting, Fishing and Recreational Use SOP. 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, or prosecuted under federal law or Georgia law in U.S. Federal Court.

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

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**DIRECTORATE OF PUBLIC WORKS (DPW)
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STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE (SOP)**

SUMMARY. Fort Stewart (FS) 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 SOP or a comparable regulation has been in effect since public hunting and fishing was initially authorized. This SOP establishes policies and outlines responsibilities and procedures relative to the control of hunting, fishing, and other recreation activities on FS and HAAF.

APPLICABILITY. This SOP is applicable to all recreational users of FS /HAAF and is subject to change without prior public notice. Violations of this SOP 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 regulation will remain in effect. There are no requirements for unit commanders.

SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS. Users are invited to send comments and suggested improvements via email to lawrence.d.carlife.civ@mail.mil, or on a written memorandum through channels to the DPW, 1177 Veterans Parkway, Fort Stewart, GA 31314-5601.

DISTRIBUTION. This SOP is available at <https://ftstewart.isportsman.net/>.

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CHAPTER 1-GENERAL

1-1 PURPOSE

This SOP establishes policies and outlines responsibilities and procedures relative to the control of hunting, fishing, and other recreational activities on FS/HAAF. Hereafter, the term "installation" includes both FS/HAAF unless specifically referred to separately.

1-2 REFERENCES

Required and related publications are at Appendix A.

1-3 EXPLANATION OF ABBREVIATIONS AND TERMS

Abbreviations and special terms used in this publication are explained in the 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. 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.). If a sportsman encounters training or installation management activities within or enroute 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 FS/HAAF SOP, and the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan for FS/HAAF (see references).

c. 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).

d. Punitive Provision. This SOP is punitive in nature. Military violators of these provisions may be prosecuted under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), 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 paragraph 1-4E of this SOP or prosecuted under federal law or Georgia law in U.S. Federal Court.

e. 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 of this SOP.

f. 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. 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. Permit holders may submit a formal written letter appealing the suspension or revocation to the Garrison Commander, ATTN: Staff Judge Advocate (SJA), Headquarters, 3rd Infantry Division, 944 William H Wilson Ave, Building 620, Fort Stewart, GA 31314.

g. Everyone 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.

h. The number of all citations, warnings, or subpoenas issued by installation law enforcement personnel for violations of state or federal laws/regulations pertaining to natural resources will be provided to DPW each year in conjunction with the annual review of the Integrated Natural Resource Management Plan (INRMP) with GA Department of Natural Resources (GA DNR) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS).

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 FS/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 the Assimilative Crimes Act (Title 18, USC, and Section 13 and Title 10, USC 2671) are considered Federal offenses and are enforceable by federal officers. 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 the use of biologically sound fish and wildlife management techniques.

(2) Provide expertise and support to the Garrison Commander in order 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 websites.

(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) Manage the iSportsman website.

a. The DFMWR will:

Schedule, and publish guidelines for "Controlled or Managed" hunts and special fishing events for kids or others.

c. The DPTMS will:

Provide a list of all areas to DPW on the installation and indicate which areas are closed and which are open for recreational use. (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 DES Registration Office Personnel 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 Central Operations Police Suite weapons registration module.

(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 LICENSE AND FS/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>). Annual or daily type permits are available for purchase. The individual must also possess and exhibit the appropriate State of Georgia Hunting or Fishing License and photo ID.

(1) Outdoor 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.

b. Children must possess a recreation, hunting, fishing or combo permit while pursuing recreational activities on the installation. Children under 16 years of age must remain under the direct supervision of their permit holding parent or guardian when hunting. 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.

c. 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.

d. 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.

e. 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.

f. 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. Individuals who identify themselves in their iSportsman account as disabled must have the state of Georgia disability hunting or fishing license.

1-7 CLEARANCE TO ENTER TRAINING AREAS

a. All users must check in and out of training areas or ponds via the iSportsman system. Users must be checked into the desired training area or pond prior to leaving the state highways and must not check out until back on state highways. 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 1.5 hours prior to official sunrise to not later than 1.5 hours past official sunset. Camping, fishing, alligator hunting and frog-gigging access is valid for the entire day. However, campers, anglers, alligator hunters, and frog giggers who wish to camp, fish, gig frogs, or hunt alligators into the next day must ensure that the training area is open for recreation and sign out for the current day and sign in for the next day. Upon completion of the trip, all users must sign out and report all harvests, if any.

b. 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.

c. 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.

d. 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 435-2013. If no answer, then call Central Dispatch at 767-2822/2823/2824 for assistance to retrieve the animal. Hunters who do not provide correct emergency contact telephone numbers will be suspended until they provide the valid telephone numbers.

e. Access for all activities will be authorized for 1 area only. Users checking in to access the river (fishing, canoe trips, etc.) must check into the area where they are parked. When in the river, user must ensure that at least 1 area adjacent to the river is

open for recreation. Hunters and anglers may not enter into 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.

f. Persons found in any training area on FS/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. 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: 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 and the Canoochee River may be travelled when training areas B-1 and B-24, and C-18, respectively, are closed for recreational use. Users may access B-3 when it is open for recreation via FS Road 50 when B-2 is closed and off-limits for recreation. FS Road 36 may be travelled from GA HWY 144 to access D-11 when it is open for recreation. When B-8 is open, it may be accessed from GA HWY 144 via FS Road 47.

g. 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.

h. 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.

i. All users must check out of the iSportsman system upon completion of their trip. Daily checkout is required by 2130 or 9:30pm. Failure to do so will result in a 7-day suspension.

j. 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.

k. When fishing a managed pond (see Appendix D), angler must check in to the individual pond. If an angler wishes to fish another pond, the angler must check out of the first pond then check into the new pond. If fishing another body of water (i.e., non-managed pond, river, stream, etc.), angler must check into the training area.

1-8 HARVEST REPORTING

a. Harvest records/tags for deer and turkey hunting are required and will be issued to users who request them in the iSportsman system. These 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. Requests for replacement of lost/stolen harvest

cards/tags may be submitted to the DES Conservation Law Enforcement for consideration. Upon harvesting a deer or turkey, harvest cards must be filled out appropriately before moving the animal. Additionally, once the animal is loaded into a vehicle, it must be tagged. Georgia DNR deer and turkey harvest cards are also required on FS/HAAF and must be filled out appropriately before moving the animal.

b. All harvest cards and unused tags issued by FS/HAAF must be returned within 30 days of the ending of the appropriate hunting season. Failure to return these cards within the given time frame will result in a one-year suspension of hunting and fishing privileges on the installation. When 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. All harvested game, feral hogs, coyotes and game fish species are required to be reported through the iSportsman system upon checking out of the area.

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

d. Up to 2 tags will be provided for each hunter by the GA DNR for each special managed hunt in the Red Cloud Complex, Delta Small Arms Impact Area, or B-4 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.

e. During posted hours of operation, all harvested deer on FS must be brought to the check station for collection of biological data. Additional check stations may be used to collect harvest data for other game animals. Hunters are required to bring all harvested game to check stations during posted hours of operation. A notice of hours of operation and prohibiting the field dressing of deer on FS will be posted on the iSportsman website. Individuals on HAAF who harvest a deer are not required to register their deer at the check station on FS during posted check station hours.

f. 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 (912) 767-4264, and request to speak with a Game Warden prior to making a decision 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.

CHAPTER 2 - HUNTING AND FISHING RESTRICTIONS

2-1 HUNTING

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.

b. Baiting, or the possession of bait to entice wildlife is prohibited, except during designated dates and only within designated areas. See Appendix E.

c. Legal weapons for hunting shall be in accordance with Appendix C. The use or possession of buckshot on this installation is prohibited.

d. The construction of permanent tree stands is prohibited, except for permanent stands that are used for the installation's DFMWR Managed Hunts. Portable tree stands are allowed.

e. Feral hogs are the property of the installation and are not game animals. They may be hunted year round and there is no bag limit restriction. The legal weapons to take hogs are listed under Appendix C of this SOP.

f. Waterfowl may not be hunted after 1200 (noon). Evening/roost shooting is prohibited. Duck hunters may hunt ducks from a boat in the rivers and tributaries on FS/HAAF. Firearms may not be carried loaded in powered watercraft. 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.

g. Hunting is prohibited with 100 meters of any building, fence, or managed fish pond. However, frog gigging and waterfowl hunting is authorized at P-2, P-17, P-22, P-23, P-26, and P-28. 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

h. Hunting is prohibited within 50 yards of an established road (See Section 3-2.A (2)). 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 road 47 and the tank trail that runs parallel to road 47.

i. Pursuing wildlife at night is prohibited, except for alligator hunting, frog gigging, and fishing. 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 FS/HAAF Fishing or Combination Permit is required to pursue frogs.

j. 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.

k. 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.

l. Dog trainers may use 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-6, A-7, A-8 and A-10 only. It shall be unlawful to run deer with dogs while training. It shall be legal to train pointing dogs with live pen-raised quail.

m. 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.

n. 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).

o. The taking of coyotes on FS/HAAF is allowed during daylight hours only. See Appendix C for legal coyote hunting weapons. Electronic calls may be used to harvest coyotes (it is unlawful to take game animals using an electronic call). Electronic calls will not be used during big game deer and turkey seasons. There is no established bag limit for taking coyotes. Possession of recorded game calls (i.e. sounds of deer, turkey, waterfowl, etc.) is prohibited.

p. 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.

q. Ammunition storage areas and ammunition holding areas are off-limits at all times within 100 meters of the fence line or designated areas.

r. 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. Live fire range openings, range impact areas, heliports, range towers, and buildings are off-limits for recreational activities at all times. 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.

s. Roadblocks, barriers, gates, chains, restricted area warning signs, or sentinels will not be overrun or bypassed for any reason. Hunting areas and fishing sites are identified by letter and number designation as shown on FS/HAAF hunting and fishing maps. All recreational users are required to become familiar with the maps and regulations before engaging in recreational activities.

t. No person may hunt or operate a watercraft on the installation in excess of 0.08 blood alcohol content (BAC) or under the influence of drugs. Hunters are prohibited from possessing alcohol or controlled substances on their person or within their vehicles while hunting on FS/HAAF. In addition to being subject to prosecution, such person's FS/HAAF hunting or fishing privileges may be permanently revoked or suspended (permit may be confiscated by law enforcement personnel). Violators of this paragraph

may be subject to penalties for violation of Georgia State law, which prohibits public drunkenness (Official Code of Georgia 27-3-7).

u. The driving of deer with people is prohibited.

v. Hunters are prohibited from re-entering training areas while in possession of quartered or processed game or hogs that were harvested on a previous hunt. Quartered or processed game/hogs prevents law enforcement personnel in the field from identifying the gender and possibly the species of the game.

w. 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.

x. Alligator hunting is allowed on Ft. Stewart in accordance with the state of Georgia's rules and season dates. Alligator hunting is not allowed on Hunter Army Airfield. The Georgia DNR has established Ft. Stewart as Zone 8A and has issued 30 alligator tags for this zone. A lottery system is established in the Ft. Stewart iSportsman system 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. To apply for the Ft. Stewart alligator tag lottery, sign into your iSportsman account, click "acquire permits", add the "alligator tag lottery" to your cart and checkout. Everyone who applies for an alligator tag on Ft. Stewart will be notified of the lottery results. If you are notified of being selected for an alligator tag, you must log back into your iSportsman account and acquire the installation alligator permit. If you have an installation hunting permit, select the alligator hunting permit. If you have an installation combo permit, select alligator combo permit. Contact the Georgia DNR to get additional information on how to apply for alligator tags in other zones. These additional requirements apply:

(1) The alligator hunter must possess a Zone 8A tag and all required state of Georgia licenses. They must also have a valid Ft. Stewart "hunting" or "combo" permit, a valid installation alligator permit and be checked into the training area or pond under "alligator hunting".

(2) The alligator tag holder may bring up to 3 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.

(3) Hunters who successfully harvest an alligator on Ft. 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.

2-2 WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION

a. Weapons may be transported or stored in vehicles only for an authorized purpose. See Appendix C for legal weapons for hunting on the installation. The use of suppressors is prohibited on FS/HAAF.

b. Weapons will be carried in an open manner (not concealed), and only while conducting an authorized activity. State concealed weapon carry permits are not honored on FS/HAAF. Firearms will be unloaded when carried (i.e., projectiles physically separated from the firearms, not just removed from the chamber) except when actually 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.

c. 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 not readily accessible by the vehicle occupants.

d. 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 is 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.

e. Transportation of loaded firearms upon horses or boats is prohibited. Hunting from horseback is prohibited. Hunters may not discharge a firearm from watercraft unless the engine is not running; the "foot" is out of the water and all forward movement of the watercraft has halted. The firing of center-fire rifles, rim-fire rifles and muzzle-loading rifles from a watercraft is prohibited.

f. Only archery equipment may be used for hunting in Training Areas A-18, A-19, A-20, B-5, D-1, D-3, D-4, E-2, F-20, and H-2, H-3, H-4, H-6, H-7, and H-8. Archery hunting is allowed within the following areas of the Cantonment Area on FS: G-1, G-2, G-3, G-4, G-5, G-6 and G-7. The boundaries of these areas are marked on the ground with signs and maps, will be posted on the iSportsman website. Archery hunting for areas G-1, G-2, G-3, G-4, G-5 and G-6 will be allowed on Thursday from 1500 until dark (30 minutes after official sunset) and all day (30 minutes before official sunrise until 30 minutes after official sunset) on Saturday, Sunday, and federal holidays. Possession of firearms in archery only areas is prohibited. Training areas A-15, A-16, A-17, B-6, F-13-, F-14, F-18, F-19, H-1, H-5, H-9, 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, except that rim-fire weapons are allowed in training areas A-15, B-6, F-13, F-14, F-18, and F-19.

g. Ammunition authorized for hunting purposes under applicable federal and state laws and regulations may be used, except hunters using shotguns to hunt deer or feral hog 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.

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

i. 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.

j. 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 FS/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 in order to pick up the completed registration forms. Individuals also have the option of picking up and filling out registration forms at the Registration Office, Building 283 on Fort Stewart and Building 1240 on HAAF and have the firearm(s) registration completed at that time. 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 FS/HAAF. Firearms registered at non-Army DOD facilities need to be registered at FS/HAAF or some other Army base. No registration is required for archery equipment on the installation.

k. 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 installations.

l. 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 PX); selling the weapon, or having the weapon repaired (refer to section 2-2, paragraphs a through 3, or AR 190-11).

m. Weapons may be kept in a vehicle during duty hours for purposes of authorized use during their lunch break or immediately before or after duty hours.

n. 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.

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

p. 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.

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

2-3 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. Creel and length limits for game fish in the rivers and streams are

established by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and are published annually in their sport fishing regulations. Pond game fish restrictions may vary from one 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.

b. 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 Control 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.

c. Commercial fishing is prohibited on the installation.

d. Taking of fish by any means other than a pole and line from any waters on the installation is prohibited, except that trotlines, set (bush) hooks, or jug (float) hooks may be used IAW State regulations in the Canoochee and Ogeechee Rivers and their tributaries. Trotlines, set hooks, 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 this paragraph is prohibited.

e. 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). Bow fishing is not allowed in ponds or any other body of water on the installation. 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. Poisonous or exploding arrowheads are illegal. Arrows cannot be discharged into the water closer than 300 feet to anyone engaged in any other means of recreation. Any game fish with an open wound possessed by a person bow fishing will be considered evidence of taking fish illegally. The legal hours for bow fishing are from sunrise to sunset. Possession of a Georgia fishing license and a Fort Stewart fishing permit is required to bow fish.

f. Use of poisons, explosives, seines, cast nets, traps, fish toxicants, electro-fishing equipment, 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. Minnow seines and cast nets may be used in roadside ditches and canals on FS/HAAF for taking of non-game bait fish for personal recreational fishing purposes. Use of rakes or dip nets for the taking of crayfish in ditches and canals is also authorized on FS/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.

g. 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.

h. 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.

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

j. 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.

k. 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).

l. 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.

m. During the 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 incentives may apply for all or part of National Fishing Week and to any or all waters on the installation. 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) waving the installation permit requirements.

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

o. The commercial or recreational harvest of any native freshwater mussels by any means is prohibited on FS/HAAF.

p. The cantonment area of FS 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. Fishing from bridges is not allowed on FS/HAAF. No fishing is allowed in the Canoochee River from Highway 119 (Clifton Bluff Bridge) to Landing 7.

CHAPTER 3 - OUTDOOR RECREATION ACTIVITIES

3-1 BOATING AND WATER 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, buoyant cushion, ring buoy, 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 wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved vest-type PFD at all times 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) The use of internal combustion outboard motors will only be allowed in the Canoochee and Ogeechee Rivers. No internal combustion outboard motors will be permitted in any ponds or lakes. 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.

(6) The use of internal combustion-type motors to power watercraft is authorized for Law Enforcement, Fish and Wildlife Branch, and other Department of Defense personnel in the performance of their official duties on all waters of the installation.

3-2 MOTORIZED LAND VEHICLE (MLV) USE

This section governs the use of privately owned and operated MLVs, including off-road vehicles (ORVs) and all-terrain vehicles (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 bikes.

(2) With respect to MLVs, "Established roads" are those numbered or lettered roads and tank trails that receive regular maintenance from the US 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" are those four-wheeled and three-wheeled all terrain cycles and two-wheeled all terrain motorcycles, and similar machines designed for travel on unimproved terrain and not licensed for use on paved roads.

b. Rules for Vehicle Use.

(1) The use of ATVs on FS/HAAF numbered roads and established trails is prohibited except as noted in paragraph 3-2b (7) of this SOP. All vehicle traffic is restricted to state highways, county roads, FS/HAAF numbered roads, and established trails as defined in paragraph 3-2a(2) of this SOP. Cross-country travel on natural terrain is NOT permitted except as noted in paragraph 3-2b (7) of this SOP.

(2) Except for handicapped persons using an ORV as provided in paragraph 3-2b(7) of this SOP, the use of a vehicle for hauling or trailing 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 plates). Vehicles that cannot meet licensing requirements may not be used, except for those ATVs used by disabled persons as authorized in paragraph 3-2b (7) of this SOP.

(4) Vehicles shall not be operated in a reckless, careless, or negligent manner (i.e., in excess of 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 paragraph 2-2e.

(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 memorandum from Conservation Law Enforcement verifying eligibility. 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 so as to allow them the opportunity to hunt and fish on FS/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 Fort Stewart.

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

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

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

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

3-3 HORSE RIDERS

This section governs horseback trail riding on FS. Patron eligibility will be in accordance with Army Regulation 215-1.

a. Responsibilities.

(1) Riders must possess a permit before riding on FS, which can be purchased on the iSportsman website.

(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 co-mingle 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 Fort Stewart. Please see the Fort Stewart Equine Herd Health Policy SOP 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 florescent orange above the waist while outside the established staging area.

(3) All horses must wear a florescent orange collar at all times.

(4) Mounts may be allowed to graze in open common areas as long as 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 Fort Stewart/HAAF. In addition to being subject to prosecution, such person's FS riding privileges may be permanently revoked or suspended (permit may be confiscated by law enforcement personnel). An area access pass will not be issued to any person under the influence of an intoxicant. 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).

3-4 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.

3-5 OUTDOOR RECREATION AREAS AND CAMPING

a. Off-installation organized groups may obtain permission through the Public Affairs Office (PAO) 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. Camping in conjunction with hunting is prohibited except at Holbrook Pond Campground.

c. 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.

d. 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 215-2. 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.

e. Except as authorized in paragraphs 3-5 a-d of this SOP, camping is not permitted on the installation.

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

g. 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 (912) 435-8051.

h. All recreational metal detecting is prohibited on Fort Stewart and HAAF (electronic metal detector, magnet fishing, etc.).

CHAPTER 4 - THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES PROTECTION

a. 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. It is the responsibility of all persons who hunt or fish on the installation to be familiar with threatened and endangered species that occur on the installation. 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 all wildlife (songbirds, non-venomous snakes etc.) is protected by state law. Only game animals and game birds may be harvested in accordance with seasons, bag limits and regulations established by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and this SOP. Hunting, capturing, or harassing non-game wildlife is prohibited.

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

c. Off-limits areas to protect bald eagle nests and other important habitat may be posted as needed.

d. 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 or harassment.

CHAPTER 5 - SAFETY

5-1 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 installation ponds, lakes, streams, and rivers.

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

5-2 ACCIDENTS AND CASUALTIES

Any person discovering or having knowledge of an accident or casualty (injury or death) occurring on FS/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 FS/HAAF):

a. Call 911 or an administrative number at 767-2822/2823/2824.

b. Military Police Desk Operations, telephone 767-2965/4264/9629 and 352-6133/6134/6135.

c. U.S. Army Hospital, telephone 435-6161 (ambulance) or 435-6666 (Emergency Room).

d. DPTMS Range Control, telephone 435-8184/8777.

e. Aircraft Crash Report, telephone Fire Division at FS/HAAF 911. Remain at a location where you can act as a guide for crash and other emergency vehicles.

f. Game Warden, telephone 435-2013.

g. Installation Safety Office (ISO), FS telephone #'s 767-7880/7878, HAAF telephone #'s 315-4901/5118.

5-3 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) Fire Division at FS/HAAF, telephone 911 or an administrative number at 767-2822/2823/2824.

(2) Forestry Branch, DPW, telephone 767-2598/8736.

(3) Military Police Desk Operations, telephone 767-2965/4264/9629 and 352-6133/6134/6135.

(4) Aircraft Crash Report, telephone Fire Division at FS/HAAF, 911.

(5) Call 911 or an administrative number at 767-2822/2823/2824.

(6) DPTMS Range Control, telephone 435-8184/8777

b. Open fires are prohibited, unless approved by DPTMS Range Control. DPTMS Range Control has authorized warming and cooking fires at numbered ponds and landings provided the below listed precautions are met:

- (1) Fires are attended at all times.
- (2) Area all the way around fire has been cleared of all dry or dead vegetation to a distance of three feet.
- (3) Before departing area, hot coals will be soaked with water, stirred and soaked again. When smoke ceases to rise from coals, spread a light cover of dirt over the remains when possible.
- (4) Only dead and down wood will be used for fuel. Cutting of live trees is not authorized.

5-4 DUDS

a. A "dud" is an explosive munition (ammunition, explosive, or other dangerous material) that has not been armed as intended, or that has failed to explode after being armed. Included are such items as tank and artillery rounds, blasting caps, dynamite, flares, rockets, grenades, chemical munitions, and similar devices.

b. "Duds" can be extremely sensitive; hence, are deadly and must not be handled by anyone other than Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) personnel. When a dud is discovered, the spot should be plainly marked and the location reported to DPTMS Range Control, telephone 435-8184/8777.

5-5 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. 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 FS/HAAF include the State highways, county roads, FS/HAAF numbered roads, and established trails as defined in paragraph 3-2a(2) of this SOP.

b. 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 paragraph 2-1F of this SOP), building or similar structure, aircraft facility, ammunition storage areas, stage or landing field in use, or cantonment area. It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge any firearms for any purpose within 200 meters of the Holbrook Pond Recreational Area/Campground.

5-6 REQUIRED CLOTHING

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 as an outer garment above the waistline, and may include a head covering. EXCEPTIONS: Turkey hunters, dove hunters in designated dove fields and persons in areas designated for bow hunting only (FS/HAAF) are not required to wear hunter orange. Waterfowl hunters must wear 500 square inches of

hunter orange as an outer garment while walking to and from their blinds, but may remove it once they are at their blind/stand.

5-7 HUNTING, FISHING & 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 767-2822/2823/2824 or the MP Desk at 767-4895/2965 Conservation Law Enforcement Office at 435-2013 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 paragraph 5-2 of this SOP for accident reporting and appropriate phone numbers.

CHAPTER 6 - SPECIAL NOTICES

6-1 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 435-2013 for an escort to help locate the dogs. If no answer, call FS Central at 767-2822/2823 and ask the operator to make contact with 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 in close proximity to 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 FS 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 FS/HAAF without an approved escort will be charged with hunting deer with dogs on FS/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 has 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 767-4895/2965 and 352-6133/6134/6135.

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 767-4895/2965 and HAAF MPs at 352-6133/6134/6135:

(1) Brief description of dog (color, size, etc.).

(2) Location of dog.

(3) Time observed.

(4) Did dog appear rabid?

6-2 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 of this SOP, which outlines the enforcement mechanism.

6-3 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 767-2822/2823/2824 or Military

Police Desk, Operations at 767-2965/4264/9629 and HAAF MPs at 362-6133/6134/6135. 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

SECTION 1-REQUIRED PUBLICATIONS

AR 200-1 (EMO)

Natural Resources; Land, Forest and Wildlife Management (Cited in paragraphs 1-4B and 3-2)

AR 215-2 (EMO)

Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Activities and Non-Appropriated Fund Instrumentalities (Cited in paragraphs 1-4B and 3-5D)

Definitions, Title 37, United States Code, Section 401 (Cited in Section II - Terms)

Endangered Species Act, Title 16, United States Code, Sections 1531-1543 (Cited in Paragraphs 1-5A, 4A and 4B)

Entering Military, Naval, or Coast Guard Property, Title 18, United States Code, Section 1382 (Cited in paragraphs 1-5)

Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan for FS/HAAF (Cited in paragraph 1-4B)

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

Offenses Against Public Administration, Title 16, Chapter 11, Section 41, Official Code of Georgia Annotated (Cited in paragraph 2-1S and 3-3C)

Wildlife Generally, Title 27, Chapter 3, Sections 10, 41, 47, and 90, Official Code of Georgia Annotated (Cited in paragraphs 5-5A and 6-3)

SECTION II - 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

Legacy Act, Title 16, United States Code, Sections 667E-701; Amendments, Title 18, United States Code, Sections 42-44

Marine Mammal Protection Act, Title 16, United States Code, Sections 1361-1384 and 1401-1407

Outdoor Recreation Branch, Community Recreation DIV SOP, 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 - VIOLATION/OFFENSE AND SUGGESTED PERIOD OF SUSPENSION

- No State Hunting or Fishing License: 1 year
- No FS hunting or fishing permit: 1 year
- Trespassing on a military installation: 1 year
- No area access pass: 6 months
- Failure to check-out of a hunting area: 7 days
- Use of altered or changed State or FS 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 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
- No hunter safety card on person: 30 days
- 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/Hog Harvest Record" or the "Turkey Harvest Record" at the end of the respective season: 1 year
- No FS Deer/Hog/Turkey Harvest Record on person: 30 days
- Failure to tag turkey with a FS 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 FS 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 SOP: 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 FS/HAAF hunting and fishing privileges maybe invoked in addition to any penalties imposed by state or federal authorities.

APPENDIX C-LEGAL WEAPONS FOR HUNTING ON FS/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	Muzzle-loading Rifles
	Deer Firearms Season through the day before Turkey Season	Big Game Weapons ²
	Turkey Season	Legal Turkey Weapons ³
	Day after Turkey Season through the day before Small Game Season	Big Game Weapons ²
Coyote	Small Game Season through the day before Deer Primitive Weapons Season	Small Game Weapons ¹
	Deer Primitive Weapons Season	Muzzle-loading Rifles
	Deer Firearms Season through the day before Turkey Season	Big Game Weapons ²
	Turkey Season	Legal Turkey Weapons ³
	Day after Turkey Season through the day before Small Game Season	Big Game Weapons ²

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 FS/HAAF.

²Big 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 (scopes allowed), 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 "Firearms".

³Turkey Weapons- Turkey hunters may take coyotes using turkey weapons in "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.

APPENDIX D- INTENSIVELY MANAGED WATERS

SECTION I - HAAF

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)

SECTION II - FS

The intensively managed waters on FS 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 (4th BCT South Pond, Phase Line Road)
- q. Pond 37 (4th BCT North Pond, Phase Line Road)

APPENDIX E. – USE OF BAIT TO ENTICE FERAL HOGS

- a. The use of bait to entice feral hogs will be authorized for specific areas AND dates.
- b. The applicable dates/areas will be posted periodically to the iSportsman website. The placement of bait on the installation outside of the designated dates/areas is not authorized.
- c. The use of bait is limited to unprocessed, whole grains (corn, wheat, sorghum, etc.). No additives, artificial products, preservatives, petroleum products, liquids, or minerals are authorized.
- d. Feral hogs are the only species authorized for harvest over bait in designated areas and on designated dates. No exceptions.
- e. Availability of areas designated for baiting are subject to military training requirements. There is no guarantee the designated areas will be open for hunting on a daily basis.
- f. Placement of bait within designated areas does not guarantee an individual the sole use of those areas or that specific location.
- g. Entering a closed area to refresh or establish a baiting site is not authorized.
- h. The possession of bait outside of the posted dates or training areas is a violation and will result in punitive action.

GLOSSARY

SECTION I - ABBREVIATIONS

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

FS

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

USC

United States Code

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, United States Code, 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

Except in designated areas (see Appendix E), 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 Fort Stewart or HAAF you may not be in possession of these baiting items.

Big Game

Deer and 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 FS/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

Those numbered and unnumbered roads that either:

(1) Receive maintenance from the US Army for the purpose of access; or

(2) Are repeatedly used by wheeled vehicles during military training exercises or other wheeled vehicles used in the performance of official duties (I.E., Forestry and Wildlife Management, log trucks, etc.). Trails created and primarily used by tracked vehicles are NOT considered established trails for the purpose of this SOP.

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 FS/HAAF constitute the following fish:

(1) Largemouth bass;

(2) Striped bass or striped bass-white bass hybrid;

(3) Crappie (white or black crappie);

(4) Shad (American shad or hickory shad)

(5) Sunfish or bream (bluegill sunfish, redear sunfish, redbreast sunfish, warmouth, spotted sunfish, or flier);

(6) Pickerel (chain pickerel, redbfin pickerel, or grass pickerel);

(7) 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 of this SOP. 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, United States Code, Section 401 (proof must be furnished).

Open Area

Training areas that are available for recreational use, subject to fulfillment of an individual's permit, 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.

Outdoor Recreation Permit

The document issued for a fee, granting permission to pursue recreational activities on the installation with the exception of 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.

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