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Appendix A

HUNTRAC

USERNAME _____

PASSWORD _____

Google Fort Hood Sportsmen's Center or type in
<https://hood.armymwr.com/programs/sportsmens-center>

Scroll down to "Huntrac System" in blue letters. Click on the blue words and you will be directed to the Huntrac web site. Bookmark the web site so you do not have to search for it again.

If mobile, choose "Back to Full Site" option for best performance. This is NOT a mobile APP so performance may vary by phone and carrier.

You may now login: enter your username and password and click sign in.

Choose "Area Checkin" compass to make a reservation or see what is available.

Choose "Area Checkout" compass when you want to clear your reservation.

Huntrac Instructions:

- 1) Select date
- 2) Select person for reservation (make sure the person's name appears in the box)
- 3) Select reservation category (activity)

- 4) Click on “Search” button under the date box to populate what areas are open/closed for the reservation category selected
- 5) Select Area = Green means open/Red means closed or full. Click on the “Green” bubble for the area of your choice.
- 6) Confirm your selection.
- 7) If you made an error, go back to the beginning and follow the steps above. If you selected the wrong area, you must checkout of that reservation to select the correct area.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac103/wbwsc/hoodrectrac.wsc/Wbht0300.html?wbsi=cf5bf6be-c0aa-73be-2b14-d025a0aec3`. The page header includes the MWR logo, the text "INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT COMMAND FAMILY AND MWR PROGRAMS", and user information: "Welcome Dick Heger Household #712359 | Logout | Wishlist (0) | Shopping Cart (0) Fort Hood, TX | Change Garrison". A yellow "HOME" button is visible.

The main content area is titled "Area Reservations". It features a "Reservation Start Date" field set to "08/07/2017" and a "Reservation Member" dropdown menu set to "Jane Doe". A "Search" button is located below these fields.

To the right of the search fields is a list of reservation categories: "AREA ACCESS NO HUNTING", "DEERSTAND MAINT CLOSED AREA", "GUIDED AREA", "GUIDED AREA 10-2 ACCESS", "SMALL GAME HUNTING", "TURKEY", "UNGUIDED", and "WILD PIG". The "WILD PIG" category is currently selected and highlighted in blue.

Below the search fields is a map of Fort Hood, TX, showing various numbered areas (61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 80, 81, 10, 11, 12, 13). A legend indicates that green dots represent "Available Area".

NOTICE: The web based Huntrac system is the only means to make recreation reservations. If iSportsman system gets launched, it will be after the deer seasons and hunters will be provided instructions once a notice has been posted for public viewing.

Key Changes & Notes for 2019-2020

(This list is Not all inclusive; READ the book. You are responsible for knowing the rules.)

1. Area 10 is designated as a Guided Limited Range area during the General Season & Special Late Season for deer.
2. Persons training dogs with blank ammunition for hunting purposes will check in with Huntrac under small game hunting to authorize them to have the firearm and blank ammunition.
3. Although the state of Texas will accept proof of hunting or fishing license on a wireless device beginning 1 Sep 2019, it is still **MANDATORY** to carry your license on your person on Fort Hood, per FH REG 210-25.
4. Anglers must now report all alligator gar harvest within 24 hours using the My Texas Hunt Harvest mobile app at tpwd.texas.gov/myhunt.
5. Although the state of Texas has adopted the use of air guns and arrow guns for hunting game animals, Fort Hood has not adopted this policy for the upcoming hunting seasons. This policy is under review for future hunting seasons beginning 2020-2021. Pellet rifles are still authorized for rabbit and squirrel as outlined in Table 2-3.
6. Any licensing & hunter education exemptions offered by the state of Texas does not apply on Fort Hood. It only applies to private property.
7. Cantonment A & B (kid's pond) ponds will be off limits on the 4th of July for Force Protection.

Game Warden Office Reminders:

1. Game Warden cell phone number only to be used for Operation Game Thief, bona fide emergencies, and reporting the tracking of deer past 8 pm. You must call the DES Police Desk for routine assistance calls (254) 287-4001. Do not call the game warden cell phone for routine hunting & fishing information. Read the rule book and call the Sportsmen's Center with any questions. Do not call the game wardens in reference to problems checking in or out of areas, call the Sportsmen's Center.
2. You can be federally charged for making a false 911 call for a non-emergency situation (Example: you got your vehicle stuck). 911 is for bona fide emergencies only, for example: a medical emergency, or your life or someone else's life is in imminent danger.
3. If your vehicle becomes disabled, call for local towing/recovery service NOT the game wardens. The Game Warden Section does not provide towing/recovery service. Disabled vehicles may not be left in the training area overnight.
4. Recreators will be held responsible for properly filling out their respective MWR Vehicle Access Passes and Individual Area Access Passes. Visibly display Vehicle Area Access permit in the windshield/dash of your vehicle while afield. Vehicle Pass must be **legible** at all times when displayed. Using a permanent marker is recommended. Failure to do so can result in a citation in conjunction with an administrative suspension of recreational privileges.

Unidentified vehicles are subject to towing and impoundment at owner's expense.

5. **As applicable, recreators must have ON their person the following documents: TX fishing or hunting license, Fort Hood fishing or hunting permit, individual Area Access permit, and firearms registration.**
6. Recreators personally assume all liability for the damage they cause in the training areas, to include damages caused by their vehicle. You can be charged with damage to Government Property if that becomes the situation.
7. Recreators are NOT to confront other recreators in the training areas to discuss any perceived problems/issues/concerns/etc. Contact the on duty game warden (254-206-7777) if there is imminent danger; otherwise, call the DES Police Desk to have a game warden dispatched. Only the Game Wardens have the authority and jurisdiction to enforce laws and regulations.
8. **You must leave the area immediately if asked. Interfering with military training or government business is prohibited. You can be suspended for failure to comply.**
9. There is NO spotlighting from any vehicle at any time while hunting.
10. Possession or consumption of alcohol while in the training areas or in cantonment areas where recreational activities are conducted is prohibited.
11. Portable stands, feeders, and cameras placed on Fort Hood for hunting remain the personal property of those who placed them. If it is NOT your personal property, LEAVE IT ALONE. Personal equipment left in the field must be labeled with permanent or engraved markings. . The intent is to make sure all personal property is physically marked with a permanent identification of the owner. Markings should be large enough to easily be read and in locations easily found. Owners are encouraged to keep a record of the brand, model #, and serial # if available. Leaving any personal property on Fort Hood is not recommended by the Game Warden Office. Any personal property left on Fort Hood is at the owner's own risk. Fort Hood is not responsible for any damage to or theft of personal property. Owners are encouraged to remove personal property from the training area when not in use as theft and damage can occur.
12. In case of an emergency, always let family or friends know where you are going. Recreators are encouraged to use a buddy system to enhance safety in the field, avoid recreating alone.
13. Access by POV for units or official purposes must be coordinated with Range Operations, Bldg 56000 Murphy Road.

Other Reminders

1. The Texas Bike Race will be 14 & 15 September 2019. The western training areas (40s, 50s, & 60s) will be closed to **ALL** recreational access during the race period.
2. No hunting on designated cemetery visiting day for Memorial Weekend. Date will be posted at the Sportsmen's Center when designated by Range Operations. Live Fire access and escorts must be coordinated through Range Operations. A 1 day Area Access permit will be issued by the Sportsmen's Center at no cost for those visiting cemeteries outside of the Live Fire (regular training areas).
3. By order of the Garrison Commander, there will be **NO** hunting during Fall & Spring Cleanup Weeks. Fall cleanup is scheduled for 23-27 September 2019. Spring 2020 cleanup days will be posted by the Sportsmen's Center when scheduled.
4. While fishermen are not required to account for themselves when going to the No Check In/Out Lakes, access can be limited during emergency situations (EXAMPLE: wild fires). Fishermen are encouraged to frequently check the Sportsmen's Center Facebook page for warning notices and lake closures.

5. Reservations for Friday Unguided Hunting is 1800 (6 pm) on Thursday (when new weekly land release comes out).
6. Empty slots for scheduled guided hunts, and afternoon only guided hunts will be assigned by "Potluck" drawing. "Potluck" means hunters will be given a number and the numbers will be randomly drawn to fill available slots. Hunters DO NOT get to choose an area during the Potluck drawing except youth for the Youth Hunt assignment on 24 October 2019 at 6 p.m.
7. The Sportsmen's Center does not provide any corn to bait the guided areas. Guides are not required to buy any corn to bait their assigned areas. Hunters are more than welcome to bring their own corn to bait where they are hunting for the day. But keep in mind that areas can meet their harvest quota in the morning and you may not get to hunt your corn in the afternoon.
8. Juveniles **under 15 years of age** recreating in the training areas must have a duly permitted adult on site to provide supervision. Adult defined as someone 18 years or older.
9. Unguided hunters and guides on duty must notify the Sportsmen's Center and the game warden on duty by 8 pm if tracking wounded deer.
10. IAW FH200-1 & FH210-25, NO tree cutting from 15 March thru 15 August. Special circumstances may be approved by Natural Resources Management Branch (NRMB) on a case by case basis (Example: construction and maintenance of hunting stands); may require NRMB on-site presence if approved. Absolutely no posting of trees is authorized at any time of year. (Example: making cedar posts). Any oak trees trimmed must be sealed with spray paint at the cut to prevent oak wilt. This applies to ANY size branches on oak trees.
11. You may only access areas under **existing** equipment maintenance "Deer stand maintenance in closed area" from 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset. NO firearms or weapons are authorized under this option. This option is not to be used for scouting or placing new equipment. Violators will be suspended for a minimum of 7 days. Must take most direct route in/out to the existing equipment. NO driving all over the area. Users of this option must remain 500 meters from troops. You will not interfere with military operations. If you are asked to leave, you will immediately vacate the area.
12. All non-affiliated civilians 18 and older must have a pass issued by the visitor center.
13. NO ground fires on Fort Hood. ONLY commercial fire pits, BBQs, and camping stoves authorized at "No check/out" ponds and lakes. NO fire pits when Fort Hood is under high fire danger (see burn ban site on back of this book).
14. Youth hunt meeting for area assignments is the Thursday prior to first Youth Hunt weekend (Oct. 24th at 6 pm). Both guided & unguided hunters. If you do not make the meeting this will be the policy: guided youth will be assigned an area as slots are available; unguided youth will compete with adult archery hunters using the Huntrac reservation system.
15. Non-resident Disabled Veterans receive free Texas Super Combo with documentation of eligibility.
16. Hunting tags and license harvest log must be properly filled out. Failure is a ticket-able offense. TPWD Outdoor Annual has the instructions.
17. Overnight fishing will not exceed three (3) consecutive nights.
18. No hunting of reptiles, frogs, turtles, fox, cougars, or bobcat on Fort Hood.
19. Guided hunters will not leave their assigned hunt area without being released by the guide. Hunters will be picked up as soon as possible after legal shooting hours at the end of each hunting period. Failure to comply will result in suspension of hunting privileges for 7 days.
20. **YOU** are responsible for your hunting privileges. Only one (1) unguided deer OR turkey hunting reservation is authorized at any given time. There is NO warning for the first offense; it is an automatic 7 days suspension. History of abuse can result in longer suspensions. If changing areas, you must first check out of the area you are in before making another selection. **Huntrac DOES NOT automatically check you out of areas.**
21. Off-roading (mudding/rock climbing) with vehicles is NOT authorized on Fort Hood. No driving on dams or creating new trails. Avoid driving into water for your own personal

- safety. Dirt Bikes and ATVs are ONLY authorized in the designated ATV Area with a permit from the Sportsmen's Center. ATV safety course certification is required to purchase an ATV Permit. Dual purpose motorcycles that are duly registered and licensed as street legal are authorized in the training areas as a means of transportation; however, the "No off-roading/No mudding rule" still applies.
22. The Sportsmen's Center receives the recreational land release from Range Operations on Thursday afternoons EXCEPT when the Thursday is a training holiday; then the land release is received on Wednesday afternoon. The land release will be made available as soon as possible at the Sportsmen's Center Bldg 1937, online at: <http://www.hoodarmymwr.com/programs/sportsmens-center> (blue lettered Land Release) or Facebook page: Ft Hood Outdoor Adventures. Our Facebook link is also available from the Huntrac web page (no Facebook account or login required).
 23. A hunter may **ONLY** harvest one (1) BIG GAME animal of each species during a hunting period. For example: you may harvest only 1 deer and 1 turkey at a time. You must check-in your first harvest BEFORE you harvest another deer or turkey. Wild pigs are classified as non-game animals and there is no harvest limit on wild pigs.
 24. There is no closed season for exotics (Aoudad sheep, Axis Deer, Sika Deer, emu, ostrich) on Fort Hood. Exotics may be harvested by means outlined in Table 2-3 (Appendix D) for guided or unguided hunting and area designation limitations. These animals are not indigenous to Texas and were introduced by landowners. However, sightings are rare. Exotic **ONLY** hunters will select Huntrac option "small game hunting".
 25. Accident prevention is the number one priority. 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. Blatant disregard for safety rules will result in suspension of recreational privileges.
 26. To prevent the spread of zebra mussels, NO aquatic species will be collected in one body of water and used or moved to another body of water.
 27. At no time will Fort Hood resources (natural or otherwise) be collected or gathered to be sold for personal gain. Likewise, no one may use Fort Hood lands for personal gain such as paid guide or tracking services. Persons using dogs for tracking of wounded game will have an Area Access Permit and follow all rules for authorized access. Tracking dogs will have all current shots and display current rabies vaccination. Gratuity is strictly between the provider and user. Persons cannot "advertise" for said services for a fee through any form of media.
 28. Spring Turkey hunters going to LFTAs must make a reservation in Huntrac "turkey" reservation category **AND** check in/out with Range Operations. Hunters desiring to Spring Turkey hunt in open/cold Live Fire Training Areas must complete a Live Fire Training Area Guide's Safety Class offered by the Sportsmen's Center/Hunt Control or be in the hunting party of someone who has completed the class.
 29. It is the permit holder's responsibility to update any changes in contact information or vehicles with the Sportsmen's Center. If an attempt is made to contact an individual and the phone numbers are invalid, the individual's household will be deactivated until the permit holder provides current contact information.
 30. Antler restrictions apply on Fort Hood. Violators are subject to all of these penalties: deer confiscation, loss of deer tag, suspension of privileges, and citation. If you are unsure whether the deer meets requirements "DON'T TAKE THE SHOT!" Be an ethical hunter.
 31. All youth hunters 9-14 years of age must be accompanied by an individual 18 years or older. Children under 9 years of age are not authorized to hunt on Fort Hood.
 32. Hunters 15, 16, & 17 years of age are authorized to sit by themselves on any unguided or guided hunt EXCEPT for during the Youth Only Season.
 33. Hunters are responsible for bringing their antlers to the Sportsmen's Center if they want to participate in the Big Buck Contest and the youth contest. Winners will be selected from the

- antlers submitted. There is no entry fee to participate.
34. Adult Late Season: take restricted to antlerless and “unbranched antlered” deer. An unbranched antlered deer is a buck deer with at least one unbranched antler.
 35. Pellet rifles (**NOT BB guns**) are authorized to **ONLY** hunt squirrel and rabbit on Fort Hood. No other use of pellet guns is authorized. Air rifle must be designed to be fired from the shoulder and use the force of a spring, air, or other non-ignited compressed gas to expel a projectile of at least .177 caliber but NOT greater than .25 caliber, at minimum muzzle velocity of 600 ft. per second.
 36. Hunters transporting pellet rifles (shoulder fired) onto the installation (entering an ACP) for hunting purposes will:
 - Declare to the first guard they come in contact with that they have a pellet rifle in the vehicle. Although pellet rifles are not required to be registered on the installation since they are not classified as a firearm, the declaration is required to avoid any misperceptions at the ACPs since many makes/models of pellet rifles look like real firearms.
 - Once the pellet rifle is declared, the hunter will be sent to the turnaround area to verify what the hunter is declaring.
 - Pellet rifle will be UNLOADED and pellets separate from the rifle.
 37. If hunting pigs overnight, the hunter will make reservations for 2 consecutive days as the area is open. If the area is not open for 2 consecutive days, the hunter must leave the area and check out by midnight. Pig hunters may only select one (1) area at any given time. If you wish to change areas, you must clear the first area before selecting another area.
 38. You must check in/out of Area 51 to access the Giant Floater Pond.
 39. No weapons are authorized when checked in for Area Access No Hunting or Stand Maintenance in Closed Area. **Pistols are not authorized on Fort Hood at all.**
 40. West Fort Hood Clarke Road ACP at Old Copperas Cove Road permanently closed. Only access to Clear Creek and Lepomis Lakes in TA 70 is by getting on Old Copperas Cove Road from the city of Copperas Cove. See handout map.
 41. Area FH117 by Pershing Lake (Kouma Village) still requires an Area Access Permit; however, checking in/out is no longer required. All other Area Access rules and restrictions still apply.

INTRODUCTION

Hunting, fishing, hiking, and other recreational use of Fort Hood is a privilege, NOT a “right”. As such, violations of the Fort Hood policies, rules, and regulations can lead to the suspension of privileges. Fort hood exists for military training and other uses of the land are conducted in such a manner that will not interfere with that mission or other official government business. Fort Hood must ensure the sustainability of its primary military mission, which is training.

Possession of a Fort Hood permit (hunting, area access or fishing) does not guarantee use of Fort Hood property for recreational activity. Authorizations may be limited; access to game, fish or other resources may be closed without advance notice or refund. Failure to comply with applicable statutes and regulations or falsifying permit information is grounds for revocation of Fort Hood permits without refund, and may result in criminal prosecution or administrative separation. Restrictions comply with federal and state regulations and, in some instances, may be more restrictive.

The Fort Hood Sportsmen’s Center encourages and furthers the interest of its patrons in hunting, fishing, sport shooting and other outdoor recreational activities. In support of DFMWR’s mission, this facility is dedicated to providing quality programming and customer service.

This facility and its' programs are open to the public. Non-affiliated civilians registered with the Sportsmen's Center may be eligible for an extended pass to expedite entry onto Fort Hood for recreation. A memo (obtained from the Sportsmen's Center), proof of owner's valid vehicle registration and insurance must be presented to the Visitor Center at the main gate. Privately owned firearms may be registered at the main gate Visitor's Center. Access policies are subject to change without prior notice based on Force Protection requirements.

All participants must be environmentally conscientious, adhere to all safety regulations, practice sound ethics, and be courteous, responsible sportsmen/women. Good sportsmanship includes being respectful of others and practicing hunter etiquette (if it is not your personal property; leave it alone). Everyone should strive NOT to do anything illegal, immoral or unethical. **Take your trash with you.**

GENERAL INFORMATION

This guide is established in accordance with AR 200-1, AR 210-9, AR 215-1, AR 350-19, AR 200-3, FH REG 210-3, FH 190-11, and FH REG 210-25. Fort Hood abides by state and federal regulations; however, has the authority to be more restrictive.

The Sportsmen's Center is responsible for issuing Fort Hood hunting, area access, fishing, and ATV permits and will conduct the Fort Hood Hunt Program and the Area Access Program. Fort Hood permits are not issued by mail. Possession of duplicate permits is prohibited. As these publications apply, all recreational users **will be** responsible for the knowledge of:

- a) DFMWR Annual Hunting, Fishing and Area Access Guide
- b) Texas Hunting and Fishing Regulations in the Texas Parks & Wildlife Outdoor Annual
- c) Fort Hood Circular 210-YY-22 (Hunting & Fishing Bag Limits and Seasons)

DPW/Natural Resource Management Branch (NRMB) determines the annual deer and turkey harvest limits based on current statistics. Based on Regional Quotas, each person may harvest a maximum of two bucks meeting criteria, one doe, and three turkeys on Fort Hood, **one of each species per hunting session (a morning hunt and an afternoon hunt are (2) different hunting sessions)**. It is the hunter's responsibility to know whether an area he/she is hunting is a buck or doe area; all initial harvest limits are posted then updated at the Sportsmen's Center as harvests are recorded. The hunt proceeds until harvest limits are met, the last scheduled hunt day, or as determined by the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (DFMWR). Individual areas may be closed even though they have not met their harvest limit if their assigned region has met or exceeded its quota. However, there are NO harvest limits for wild pigs. A hunter may harvest as many wild pigs as desired year round by authorized means.

Firearms Registration: Personnel who are using their privately owned firearms on Fort Hood are required to register their firearms at the main gate Visitor Center or at the Fort Hood Police Station (Directorate of Emergency Services). Personnel must declare any firearm they are carrying or in possession of upon entering any Access Control Point (ACP) and making contact with any access control officer on Fort Hood. Firearm registrations have a 4 year expiration date. **Pistols are not allowed at any time on Fort Hood.**

All vehicles entering Fort Hood are subject to random inspection and search, declaration of firearms is required. Proof of on post firearms registration is required; Fort Hood Form 190-19 must be carried while transporting firearms on Fort Hood. Firearms must be unloaded during transport and the ammunition must be stored separately from the firearm. Firearms may be stored in the passenger compartment of a vehicle if the firearm is in a locked box or container designated to secure firearms.

Firearms must not be readily accessible by persons in the vehicle during transport. Any changes to these procedures based on force protection levels will be posted at the Sportsmen's Center. Archery equipment and crossbows are not required to be registered or declared on Fort Hood. **TEXAS LICENSE TO CARRY LAW DOES NOT APPLY ON FORT HOOD. RECREATORS ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO POSSESS A CONCEALED FIREARM ON THE INSTALLATION.**

Individuals borrowing firearms must obtain and have the following documentation: copy of the owner's Fort Hood firearm registration and a letter from the owner giving the individual (name & date of birth) permission to use the firearm. Firearm must be identified in the letter by make, model, caliber or gauge, and serial number.

FORT HOOD PERMITS

Category IA: Active Duty / E1 thru E4

(1) DPW, Natural Resource Mgmt. Branch Hunting Permit Fee	\$15.00
(2) DFMWR, Hunting Recreational Activity Fee	<u>\$38.00</u>
Total:	\$53.00

Category I: Active Duty / E5 and Above

(1) DPW, Natural Resource Mgmt. Branch Hunting Permit Fee	\$15.00
(2) DFMWR, Hunting Recreational Activity Fee	<u>\$55.00</u>
Total:	\$70.00

Category II: Retirees (military & DOD), Disabled Veterans 50% or more, and DOD Employees

(1) DPW, Natural Resource Mgmt. Branch Hunting Permit Fee	\$15.00
(2) DFMWR, Hunting Recreational Activity Fee	<u>\$55.00</u>
Total:	\$70.00

Category III: Non-affiliated Civilians

(1) DPW, Natural Resource Mgmt. Branch Hunting Permit Fee	\$15.00
(2) DFMWR, Hunting Recreational Activity Fee	<u>\$115.00</u>
Total:	\$130.00

Youth, Big Game (ALL categories)

(1) DPW, Natural Resource Mgmt. Branch Hunting Permit Fee	\$15.00
(2) DFMWR, Hunting Recreational Activity Fee	<u>No charge</u>
Total:	\$15.00

Youth, Small Game (age 16 and under to age 8)

(1) DPW, Natural Resource Mgmt. Branch Hunting Permit Fee	No Charge
(2) DFMWR, Hunting Recreational Activity Fee	No Charge

Special 5-Day Small Game/Nongame Permit

(1) DPW, Natural Resource Mgmt. Branch Hunting Permit Fee	\$15.00
(2) DFMWR, Hunting Recreational Activity Fee	<u>\$30.00</u>
Total:	\$45.00

DPW, Natural Resource Mgmt. Branch Fishing Permit Fee

DFMWR, Fishing Recreational Activity Fee	<u>\$12.00</u>
Total:	\$19.00

Area Access Permit (ALL categories)

(1) DPW, Natural Resource Mgmt. Branch Fee	\$4.00
(2) DFMWR, Recreational Activity Fee	<u>\$10.00</u>
Total:	\$14.00

NOTE #1: No portion of the \$14 Area Access Permit fee will be refunded if a person initially purchases an Area Access Permit and at a later date purchases a Fort Hood hunting or fishing permit. It is in your best interest to decide which programs you will participate prior to making any Fort Hood permit purchase.

NOTE #2: All categories of hunt permits will be \$10 less starting January 20, 2020; except for the Special 5-Day Small Game/Nongame Hunting Permit and the Youth Big Game permit.

All fees are subject to change on an annual basis. DFMWR recreational activity fees are utilized to support requirements for supplies, labor, facility, equipment, and other related expenses. The Sportsmen's Center does not receive any tax dollar funding and must be self-supporting.

Natural Resource Management Branch permit fees are utilized to support administration, habitat improvement, fish and wildlife management, fish stockings, and other related expenses. The fee structure for each permit year will be published in the DFMWR Annual Hunting, Fishing & Area Access Guide. All fees are collected concurrently: DPW/Natural Resource Management Fee pursuant to the Sikes Act and the DFMWR/Recreational Activity Fee pursuant to AR 215-1. All categories of valid permits that are lost or destroyed may be replaced at the Sportsmen's Center Pro Shop for a fee..

ELIGIBILITY FOR PERMIT CATEGORIES

Fishing Permit = All persons. **Exceptions:** youth under 17 years of age and adults 65 years of age or older are not required to possess a Fort Hood Fishing Permit; you are required to possess an Area Access Permit and a Special State Fishing License if applicable.

Hunting Permit

Category I = Active duty military personnel E5 and above and their eligible family members

Category I (A) = Active duty military personnel E4 and below and their eligible family members

Category II = DA civilian personnel, retired DoD personnel including retired military (all ranks), Disabled Veteran with VA documented service connected disability of 50% or more. APF and NAF civilian personnel including AAFES personnel, and all eligible family members from each of the listed sectors. Category II **does not** include contract personnel unless also qualified under criteria listed here.

Category III = All other persons including contractors, concessionaires, and their employees.

Youth, Big Game = All categories of youth ages 9 to 16 years

Youth, Small Game = All categories of youth ages 9 to 16 years. Children under 9 years of age are not authorized to hunt on Fort Hood.

Hunter Education Certification:

- a) As per AR 350-19 and AR 215-1, it is **mandatory for all hunters** to have the Hunter Education Certification and present proof in order to hunt on the military installation.
- b) Most states have approved courses available at a nominal fee, and recognize each other's courses. Fort Hood recognizes all other states' courses; but documented or electronic proof must be presented.
- c) Texas Parks & Wildlife exceptions and Hunter Education deferment do not apply on Fort Hood.

- d) Bow hunter certification is not a substitution for hunter education.

AREA ACCESS REGISTRATION

DFMWR/Sportsmen's Center has the mission of controlling authorized recreational access into all maneuver training areas and unimproved cantonment areas within the boundaries of Fort Hood.

All persons must obtain an appropriate recreational permit to conduct or participate in ANY approved recreational activities within the Fort Hood training areas or unimproved cantonment areas; must register with the Area Access program. All persons accessing Fort Hood lands for recreational or other authorized use are responsible for complying with this guide and other recreational use regulations.

Penalties for violations of statutes, guidelines, policies, and regulations apply to both military and civilian personnel and include a full range of administrative, statutory, and regulatory actions. Unauthorized access constitutes trespassing and violations will be referred to the United States District Court as deemed appropriate.

The Area Access Control Center (AACC):

- Is located in the Sportsmen's Center, building 1937 Rod & Gun Club Loop
- Manages the Area Access Program
- For Area Access Permit issue, has operating hours of:
 - a) Monday-Friday 8 am to 6 pm
 - b) Saturday & Sunday 7 am to 6 pm
 - c) Fourth of July Closed
 - d) Thanksgiving Day Closed
 - e) Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Closed
 - f) New Year's Eve December 31 Closed
 - g) New Year's Day January 01 Closed
 - h) Posted Training Holidays 8 am to 3 pm
 - i) On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday January through August 14th, the AACC is open 8 am to 3 pm. The hours on the remaining days will be the same. Any changes to these operating hours will be posted at the Sportsmen's Center, Bldg. 1937.

Registration:

- a) \$14 fee will be charged for the Area Access Permit with the following exceptions:
 - Persons born before January 1, 1931
 - Persons under 17 years of age will be registered under their parent or grandparent
 - Persons with an intellectual disability will be registered under an adult responsible for that person
- b) Persons purchasing Fort Hood hunting or fishing permits will be issued an Area Access Permit at no additional charge.
- c) Area Access Permits expire year from purchase (last day of the month purchased following year)
- d) Lost or destroyed Vehicle Area Access Permits may be replaced for a \$3 fee. Individual cards will be replaced for \$1 each.
- e) Registration requires an individual to provide:
 - Picture and identification
 - Name
 - Home or cell phone numbers as applicable
 - Vehicle Information: Make, color, model, year, state & license plate number

NOTE: If the state vehicle registration is in the name of an individual other than the applicant or applicant's spouse; a notarized statement, power of attorney, or a lease agreement from the owner/agency specifying the inclusive dates for which permission to use the vehicle has been granted is required to be in the immediate possession of the applicant. The responsible accompanying adult may carry a minor's permit.

- Complete and sign Fort Hood Form 210-9-1, Fort Hood Area Access Registration, Section I (Release and Hold Harmless Agreement) and if applicable, Section II, which will be maintained on file with the AACC.
- It is the permit holder's responsibility to update any changes in contact information or vehicles with the Sportsmen's Center. If an attempt is made to contact an individual and the phone numbers are invalid, the individual's Area Access Permit will be deactivated until the permit holder provides current contact information.

NOTE: Signing the Fort Hood Form 210-9-1, affirms that the applicant has received the DFMWR Annual Hunting, Fishing, & Area Access Guide, understand the policies, and assumes all responsibility while in the training areas.

- If applicable, complete Fort Hood Form 210-9-2, Vehicle Area Permit. While afield, all users must display their vehicle area permit in the windshield/dash of their vehicle where it may be easily checked. The Vehicle Access Permit must be readable at all times when displayed (not faded and legible).
- Complete and sign Fort Hood Form 210-9-3, DFMWR Area Access Permit. The DFMWR Area Access Permit will be retained in the immediate possession of the applicant or the sponsor, if permit belongs to a minor.
- Area Access Permits will:
 - a) Not be loaned to another person
 - b) Not be utilized by unauthorized individuals
 - c) Be safeguarded to prevent loss
- Fort Hood Form 210-9-1, Section II, must be initiated by a parent, grandparent, or legal guardian.

Note: A person requesting registration of a minor who is not their son, daughter, stepchild, grandchild or adopted child, must present a Fort Hood Form 210-9-1, signed by the parent or legal guardian of the minor.

Chapter 1

Area Access Program

(Huntrac Reservation Category "Area Access no Hunting")

(Rules and Prohibited Activities)

- **The entering of a Training Area or unimproved area of Fort Hood for any purpose without required Permits or proper Clearances is prohibited and constitutes trespassing.**

Training Area Access:

A note to all users

- Public use of Fort Hood's natural resources is a controlled activity and may be closed without advance notice for training, safety, security (Force Protection), or at the convenience of the government.
- The conduct of uncontrolled or unscheduled outdoor recreational activities within the installation's training complex is prohibited. Contractual activities and certain guided

outdoor and recreational activities are permitted

- The Area Access Permit is only for recreation purposes. Access by POV for units or official purposes must be coordinated with Range Operations, Bldg 56000 Murphy Road.
- Fort Hood airspace is strictly managed. Prohibited above or within the live fire training and maneuver training areas is the unauthorized operation of the following:
 - a) Civilian aircraft
 - b) Hang gliders
 - c) Homebuilt aircraft, ultralights, etc.
 - d) Model rocketry
 - e) Nonmilitary remote or wire controlled aircraft including drones.

Activities Prohibited by Fort Hood Regulation

1. Interfering with military training or government business.
2. Possession or consumption of alcohol while in the training areas or in cantonment areas where recreational activities are conducted.
3. Leaving juveniles under 15 years of age in the training areas without adult supervision. Adult defined as someone 18 years and older that has appropriate permits.
4. Use of metal detectors is prohibited and removal of scrap metal or cultural artifacts
5. Excavating, digging for or otherwise removing, archeological resources or cultural artifacts.
6. Recreational cave or rock shelter exploration. Do not enter caves, disturb cave sites or fauna found in them, dump trash in caves, or vandalize/tamper with cave gates. Due to inherent dangers, all unauthorized personnel must remain 50 ft. away from all rock shelters and caves.
7. Trailblazing or construction of new roads is prohibited except as surveyed and approved by DPW. Use existing roads and tank trails.
8. Driving vehicles on dam slopes and parking on dam right of ways.
9. Remote, or radio-controlled model watercraft, propelled by gasoline on all ponds or lakes.
10. Recreational use of off road autos is restricted to transportation to and from authorized recreation activities listed in this guide only **(No mudding or off roading.)**
11. Operating dirt bikes and any all-terrain vehicles (ATVs or UTVs) outside of designated ATV Area. ATV permit fees apply and can be purchased at the Sportsmen's Center.
12. Carrying of firearms or storage of firearms in vehicles unless on an authorized hunt or to and from any authorized privately owned firearms range. Currently, no Fort Hood range allows private arms fire.
13. Target practice of any kind to include any types of: firearms, archery equipment, BB guns, pellet guns, airsoft, or paintball guns. Paintball is only authorized at Belton Lake Outdoor Recreation Area's Paintball Course.
14. ANY ground fires in any training areas. Authorized fires at no check in/out bodies of water (as listed on pages 20-21) must be contained and controlled within a diameter no larger than three feet, in a commercial fire pit (off the ground). Commercial camp stoves and barbeque grills are permitted, provided appropriate safety precautions are observed. No open fires of any kind are authorized during a Burn Ban or range condition red.
15. Camping except as authorized at
 - a. Belton Lake Outdoor Recreation Area (BLORA)
 - b. By reservation in Camp Finlayson and Camp Arrowhead
16. The cutting of standing trees, the gathering of downed/dead wood for removal as

firewood, except for use in authorized contained/controlled fire pits in designated fishing areas. Willful destruction or damage to trees by vehicle or other means. IAW FH200-1 & FH210-25, NO tree cutting at all from 15 March thru 15 August. Special circumstances may be approved by Natural Resources Management Branch (NRMB) on a case by case basis (Example; construction and maintenance of hunting stands); may require NRMB on-site presence if approved. Absolutely no posting of any trees is authorized at any time of year (Example: making cedar posts). Any Oak trees trimmed must be sealed with spray paint at the cut to prevent oak wilt. This applies to ANY size branches on oak trees.

17. Entry into contaminated, designated impact area (Permanent Dudded Area 94 in the live fire training area). Area 94 will remain off-limits to all recreational activities.
18. Swimming in any natural waters of Fort Hood, except within BLORA at designated beach area. To include being on horseback in the water.
19. Littering. Protect natural resources by properly disposing of any trash. If no trash receptacles are available or if they are full, take it home with you. You are responsible for any items you bring.
20. Digging or otherwise removing living plants, sod, topsoil, sand, rocks, fossils, or artifact resources.
21. Digging or other means of soil excavation without a DPW digging permit (FH Form 200-X10) IAW FH REG 200-1, to include soil preparation for wildlife food plots. Digging permit must be obtained in advance. In addition, seed mixtures used for approved food plots must contain only native species or annual non-persistent species (such as oats or wheat) that have been specifically approved by Natural Resources Management Branch, Bldg 1939 Rod & Gun Club Loop, 254-287-2885.

WARNING: Never enter the Live Fire Training Areas without approval from Range Operations. 254-287-3321. or a personal visit (Bldg. 56000) to receive authorization as applicable. Authorization period will be determined by Range Operations.

- Recreational access into training areas must be accomplished through the web based Huntrac system. Persons experiencing trouble checking out of areas will call the Sportsmen's Center (254-532-4552) during business hours for assistance or leave a message on the answering machine (254-287-5847) during non-business hours. You **WILL NOT** use the answering machine to gain access into areas.
- Each individual must have clearance **prior** to entering any training area and is responsible for checking out of the area/areas by midnight daily. If authorized to stay in the area past midnight, each individual must clear Huntrac when activity is completed. Only exceptions are individuals fishing in "No Check In/Out" fishing ponds and lakes as listed in this guide, children under 17 years of age, and dually permitted guests of fishermen at the "No check in/out" bodies of water.; however, if the individual conducts any activity other than fishing or accompanying an authorized fisherman, the individual must check in and out with the Huntrac system.
- Penalties for failure to clear area/areas:
 - First Offense: warning
 - Second Offense: 7 days suspension
 - Third Offense: suspension of privileges for remainder of permit validation or other designated period of time
- Accessing training areas for recreational activities without authorization, or obtaining clearance under false pretenses from AACC and/or Range Operations, and failure to obey applicable laws and regulations will subject violator to: arrest by Game Warden, fines, and suspension of recreational access privileges.
- A permanent recreational bar may be immediately imposed for a serious offense, in which

case the violator will also be considered for permanent barring from Fort Hood.

- Failure to comply is a violation and will result in the penalty progressing to the next suspension or bar period. During the suspension or bar period, the individual is forbidden to access the Training Areas for recreational purposes at any time, either alone or as a guest of another person; violation of the bar constitutes trespassing. Appeals for permanent bars may be submitted in writing to the Director of Family and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (DFMWR).
- In all suspension or bar cases, the individual's area access permit will be deactivated in the Huntrac system. Reasonable attempts will be made to inform the individual of any penalties and actions pending and/or taken; however, if for any reason contact cannot be made, the individual still receives the penalty.
- ❖ Violation of rules, regulations or laws can result in suspension of **ALL** recreational privileges. Individual suspended will be required to turn in all permits to the Sportsmen's Center and will be locked out of the Huntrac system until all documents have been turned in. The suspension of privileges will begin once the permits have been received by the Sportsmen's Center. Game Wardens will confiscate all permits issued by the Sportsmen's Center when violations are found and warrant a suspension of privileges. The Game Warden Office will provide suspension memo and permits to the Sportsmen's Center and provide circumstances to the suspension. If the Game Wardens confiscate the permits, the individual will then contact the Sportsmen's Center to confirm their reinstatement date and when documents can be retrieved. Generally, individuals must come to the Sportsmen's Center in person to have their privileges restored on the next business day after the suspension period ends to retrieve their documents. Suspension period ends at 6 pm on the last day of suspension.
- Typical recreational activities authorized in the training areas include, but are not limited to:
 - a) Bird watching and/or photography
 - b) Dog running/walking/training. Dog training for hunting purposes also requires the trainer to have a valid State hunting/trapping license and Fort Hood hunting permit. All dogs (including hunting dogs) brought on the installation must meet all current vaccination requirements as set forth by the Texas Health & Safety Code or Fort Hood Regulation 40-5. This includes wearing a current rabies vaccination tag.
 - c) Hiking, jogging, running, marching
 - d) Hunting and related activities such as scouting
 - e) Fishing in authorized waters by authorized means
 - f) Gathering of edible plant material (e.g. pecans, berries) is allowed for personal use only and may not be used for commercial purposes or resale. Gather pecans from the ground only. Gathering plant material by climbing or thrashing trees, or using mechanical equipment, or any other practice that could in any way damage trees is strictly prohibited. Possession limit for edible plant material is one gallon per person per day.
 - g) Picnicking
 - h) Rappelling
 - i) Remote controlled cars
 - j) Mountain biking/bicycling
 - k) Horseback riding; owners must have proof of: negative Coggins test, Tetanus, and Rabies in their possession. Due to abrupt and significant depth changes, there is no swimming in the ponds, lakes, rivers, and streams in Fort Hood training areas. This includes persons on horseback and persons leading horses into the water.

- ❖ These are roads that afford passage to the public through the Maneuver Training Areas. An

Area Access Permit is not required, provided personnel and vehicles **do not** leave the roadway:

- Antelope Road
- Ivy Mountain Road
- Liberty Hill Road
- Manning Mountain Road
- Maxdale Road
- Nolan Creek Road
- Nolanville Road
- Royalty Ridge Road (Between West Range Rd. and Old Georgetown Rd.)
- Royalty Ridge Road to Walker/Springshill Cemetery
- Shell Mountain Road
- Brookhaven Road
- Brown's Creek Road

NOTE: Taylor Valley Road, Cold Springs Road, and ANY tank trail are not "Public Access" roadways. Fishermen accessing Area 8 North (as defined on the Fort Hood map) may use Taylor Valley Road as the designated direct route to 8 North fishing shoreline. All other users must use Huntrac to check in/out of areas.

Area Access Special Procedures:

- Access by organizations
 - a) Military and Civilian organizations desiring the use of Training Areas for non-military events must submit a written request through the Sportsmen's Center not less than 30 days prior to the event date. The Sportsmen's Center will initiate coordination/approval through DPW/Natural Resource Management, DPW/Environmental Section, DFMWR, Game Wardens and Range Operations.
 - b) Upon receiving approval, and prior to the start of the event, the organization may obtain Release and Hold Harmless Agreements from the Sportsmen's Center; which will be effective only for the duration of the event and will be returned to the Sportsmen's Center at the conclusion of the event. Event only Area Access permits will cost \$7 per adult 17 & older. Minors 16 & under will be registered for free under a responsible adult.

Safety:

- Accident prevention is the number one priority. 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.
- Individuals are responsible for familiarity and following all applicable statutes, regulations, and procedures pertaining to proper conservation practices, training area access, and water safety.
- Beware of abandoned wells, low water crossings, duds, and venomous snakes.

Report violations to:

1. DES Police (254) 287-4001
2. On duty Game Warden emergency cell phone (254) 206-7777
3. Area Access (254) 287-5847
4. Sportsmen's Center (254) 532-4552

Chapter 2

Fishing

(Rules and Prohibited Activities)

All persons fishing lakes, ponds, and streams of Fort Hood must possess a valid Texas State Fishing License (except those exempted by the state), Area Access Permit and the Fort Hood Fishing Permit **ON THEIR PERSON**. However, only a state fishing license is required if a person is fishing the waters of Belton Lake within the confines of BLORA Park and a daily entry receipt if applicable. Only a state fishing license and Area Access Permit is required if a person is fishing the waters of Belton Lake adjacent to Training Area 8 (North & South) East of Curry Crossing and the shoreline in Training Area 104.

A state fishing license and a Fort Hood fishing permit is required to take crawfish. There is no limit on crawfish.

All persons will abide by State/Fort Hood bag limits, possession limits, and Area Access procedures as well as all State and Federal fishing regulations. An ethical angler takes only what he can use, and uses what he takes; always recycle or properly disposes of monofilament line to protect the environment and aquatic or wildlife resources; leaves no litter and doesn't pollute our waters.

Manually propelled boats are authorized on most Fort Hood lakes, ponds, and streams. Those prohibiting boats will be posted with "NO BOATING" signs. III Corps & Fort Hood Circular 210-YY-22 identifies locations where boats or flotation devices are prohibited. Fishermen may use boats propelled by electric trolling motors on all lakes and ponds except Cantonment B (Kid's Pond); boats propelled by motors must have current registration in accordance with state law. All motorized boats (including electric) must have Texas boat registration and all boating safety devices that are required by Texas Water Safety Digest.

Access to "No check in/out" fishing ponds/lakes will be by the most direct route (paved or main improved road) from the point of leaving public roadways. No fishing is authorized in the ATV area.

While fishing or accompanying an authorized fisherman overnight at designated "No Check in/out" fishing ponds/lakes and Areas 8 & 104 at water's edge; only tents and canopies are authorized (no RVs or campers). Overnight fishing will not exceed three (3) consecutive nights. Remember to remove your trash. You will be issued a citation for littering.

Fort Hood observes the annual State Free Sport-fishing Day which is on the first Saturday of June. State fishing licenses or Fort Hood fishing permits are not required while sport fishing on that day. Valid Area Access Permit (Fort Hood Form 210-9-1) is required. A special one-day Area Access Permit will be available free of charge but must be obtained from the Sportsmen's Center **prior** to participation.

- Cantonment B Pond is designated as the "Kids' Pond". All adults must be accompanied by at least one actively fishing youth 16 years old or under. Adults may fish if they meet the actively fishing child requirement. All must have valid Area Access Permit and adults must have valid Texas fishing license (unless exempted by the state) and Fort Hood Fishing Permit (unless 65 years or older.) Children must be supervised (in direct sight) at all times. Children not old enough to fish (toddlers) do not meet the actively fishing child requirement. This does not preclude teens under 17 years of age (with a valid driver's license) from driving themselves to the pond to fish. Adults caught fishing without an

“actively” fishing child will be cited. The whole purpose of designating a “Kid’s Pond” is to introduce youth to fishing and nurture them into outdoor activities; adults catching all the stocked fish defeats this objective.

- House Bill 1241 is still in effect and includes all Texas counties. Boats and kayaks in any body of water (not just Stillhouse or Belton Lakes) must drain and dry for at least one week or be washed with high-pressure, hot soapy water before entering any other body of water. The Texas law states, "Live fish cannot be transported in water that comes from the water body where they were caught, personally caught live bait can be used only in the water body where it was caught." For example, bait fish taken from Belton Lake and used in Nolan Lake can spread the juvenile zebra mussel. DPW Natural Resources will discontinue stocking any Fort Hood lake/pond that becomes infected with zebra mussels.

PROHIBITED ACTIONS WHILE FISHING:

- Live fish cannot be transported in water that comes from the water body where they were caught. Personally caught live bait can be used only in the water body where it was caught.
- Releasing live bait in lakes and ponds. Releasing any aquatic species into Fort Hood waters without written permission from DPW, Natural Resources Management Branch.
- Possession or consumption of any alcohol
- Noodling/hand fishing
- Use of any boats or flotation devices on Cantonment B Pond (Kids’ Pond)
- Use of gasoline-powered boat motors on all lakes and ponds, except Belton Lake.
- Driving vehicles on dam slopes and parking on dam right of ways.
- Trotlines, throw lines, jug lines, and shocking devices in lakes or ponds. Trotlines are only authorized in the Cowhouse Creek East of Curry Crossing and the Leon River.
- Swimming except at BLORA’s designated beach area.
- Littering. All items brought to the pond/lake by users must be removed upon departure. Minimum fine \$125.
- Polluting the waters
- Use of illegal devices as identified by federal and state laws.
- Possession of fish or aquatic life without fishing or hunting permit as required.
- Fishing in the Live Fire Training Areas to include West of Curry Crossing (fishermen must stay east of the bridge at Curry Crossing on East Range Road).
- Possession of any firearms, pellet gun, BB gun, or archery equipment (including crossbows) unless on an authorized hunt.
- Taking of fish that does not meet size limits, bag and possession limits.
- Taking of fish without a state license (unless exempt) and required Fort Hood permits.
- Bow fishing in the community lakes, creeks, and ponds on Fort Hood. EXCEPT: legal archery equipment (IAW state law) may be used to take NONGAME fish in the Cowhouse Creek east of Curry Crossing, the Leon River, and Belton Lake. Bow proficiency test is not required.
- Ground fires. Designated no check in/out fishing areas listed on pages 20-21 are authorized commercial fire pits, BBQs, and camping stoves. No use of fire pits when Fort Hood is in condition RED or during burn bans.

On scheduled guided hunt dates during the Fall Gun Hunting Season, access into Guided Hunting Areas under the Area Access program for activities other than hunting is between 10 am

and 2 pm only. Normal access is authorized during non-guided hunt dates. Exception: fishermen still have access to "No check in/out" ponds/lakes. Fishermen must take the most direct route in/out. DPW/Natural Resource Management Branch is responsible for stocking selected lakes and ponds on Fort Hood. A current list of stockings is available at the Sportsmen's Center, Bldg 1937, <http://www.hoodarmymwr.com/programs/sportsmens-center> or Facebook Ft Hood Outdoor Adventures. A forecasted stocking schedule is not available.

Table 2-1 Fishing limitations

Game species	Lake	Season	Size limit	Daily bag limit	Possession limit	Other
Channel & Blue catfish	All lakes, ponds, and creeks	No closed season	Minimum: 12 inches	15	30	Archery equipment is prohibited. Hand fishing ("noodling") is prohibited.
Flathead catfish	All lakes, ponds, and creeks	No closed season	Minimum: 18 inches	5	10	Archery equipment is prohibited. Hand fishing ("noodling") is prohibited.
Crappie (white & black & hybrids)	All lakes, ponds, and creeks	No closed season	Minimum: 10 inches	25	50	
White bass	All lakes, ponds, and creeks	No closed season	Minimum: 10 inches	25	50	
All black bass	All lakes, ponds, and creeks	No closed season	Minimum: 14 inches	5 in the aggregate	10 in the aggregate	Note: Includes all black bass, largemouth, smallmouth, and spotted bass.

State fishing license (if applicable), Area Access Permit and Fort Hood Fishing Permit (if applicable) are **still** required. No check in/out policy **ONLY** applies to fishing or accompanying an authorized fisherman.

Table 2-2 No Check In/Out Ponds, Lakes, or River

No Check In/Out Pond, Lake or River	Training Area Location
Shoreline of Area 104 on Belton Lake	West side of BLORA on roadway that passes BLORA Paintball Course. East of Liberty Hill Road.
Airfield lake	West of FH 37-Located behind 69 th ADA compound of N. Nolan Road. Entrance is located along the furthest eastern fence line.
Belton Lake At Waters Edge	TA 8 North and 8 South
Clear Creek Lake	TA 70- Only entrance is from the city of Copperas Cove. Take Old Copperas Cove Road and cross the cattle guard. Tank trail will be on the right. See handout map.
Lepomis Pond PV 08817-41291	TA 70- SE of Clear Creek Lake

Copperas Cove Lake #2	TA 40-Entrance can be made off Tank Destroyer Road at cattle guard or off Georgetown Rd. See map insert for alternate route.
Copperas Cove Lake #3	TA 40-Entrance can be made driving through cattle guard entrance off Tank Destroyer Road and taking the tank trail. See map insert for alternate route.
Engineer Lake	TA 30-Located off N. Nolan Road
Heiner Lake	TA 35-Located off Nolanville Road. Quarry Road from Killeen side.
Larned Lake	TA 33-Located near the intersection of N. Nolan Road and Nolan Creek Road
Nolan Lake	TA 36-Located off N. Nolan Road near the BLORA Entrance
Cowhouse Creek	TA 8N & 8S-East of Curry crossing (Large Iron Bridge on East Range Road)
Cantonment Pond A	FH 102-To the right of Clark Street ACP (Large Truck inspection station)
Cantonment Pond B (Kids Pond)	FH 102-Across from CTC off Bell Tower exit. You must be going west on Hwy 190 and take the Bell Tower exit. The open gate is on the right before the over pass.
Pershing Lake & Cantonment E pond near Kouma Village	FH 117-Lake located across from main gate entrance on south side of Hwy 190. Entrance is obtained through Kouma Village. Wet weather will limit the ability to navigate safely without getting stuck in mud. Use caution. Gate is locked by game wardens during inclement weather.
Crossville Lake	TA71 – unnamed pond south of Copperas Cove Rd. East of Crossville Mountain on the map.

These No Check In/Out Ponds and Lakes are designated as Catch and Release only. No fish from these waters may be kept for consumption. All fish must be released. These designated catch and release ponds (posted with signs) are permitted facilities. **NOTE: All plastic lined ponds on Fort Hood are not authorized fishing areas. The plastic lining is very slippery and hazardous.**

Henry Lake(Catch & Release only)	TA 111-Located behind wash rack near intersection of Turkey Run Road and Clear Creek Road
East Lake (Catch & Release only)	Located near intersection of South Range Road and North Avenue
Birdbath Lake (Catch and Release only)	Located off South Range Road across from Black Gap Range

Chapter 3

General Hunting Rules for all Hunters

(Big Game, Small Game, and Non-Game Hunting)

All hunters are required to have **on their person** while hunting, the following:

- Proof of Hunter Education Certification (will be annotated on hunting permit).
- A valid Fort Hood hunting permit
- A valid Texas hunting license with appropriate endorsements
- Valid Area Access Permit
- Fort Hood firearms registration (Fort Hood Form 190-19)

The hazards associated with hunting during the General Season (November through January) necessitate the requirement for all hunters (regardless of whether guided or unguided) to wear a minimum of 400 square inches (total) of hunter's orange on the head and upper torso (minimum of hat and vest.) Archery hunters and Waterfowl Hunters must wear the required hunter orange at least to and from their hunting stands/blinds (while moving). Hunter orange broken up with a camo pattern may be worn; however, majority of the garment must be hunter orange in color.

Hunters may not have multiple weapons in their possession/vehicle while hunting to include interchangeable barrels. For example: no shotgun while guided rifle hunting and no rifle while unguided hunting. No firearms are authorized at all while archery hunting. Pistols are not authorized on Fort Hood AT ANY TIME.

If hunting is authorized in Live Fire Training Areas, these areas will always be guided.

Any violation of hunting, fishing, or recreational access procedures or regulations (Fort Hood, Federal, or State) can be grounds to suspend or revoke Fort Hood land use privileges.

All area designations, access to Fort Hood lands and hunting schedules are subject to change without prior notice based on current Force Protection status or at the convenience of the government.

Legal shooting hours for all Game Animals and Non-migratory Game Birds: from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset unless otherwise stated. Legal shooting hours for Migratory Game Birds is from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. Non-Game animals (Rabbits, Wild Pigs, Coyotes) may be hunted any hour following the rules of this guide.

If training areas are closed, hunters may maintain **EXISTING** equipment (stands, feeders, and cameras) by choosing Huntrac reservation category "Deer Stand Maint. In Closed Area". This is **NOT** an option for placing new equipment. You must take the most direct route in/out to your existing equipment. You may not use this option for driving through the area for scouting. Troops have priority; interfering with military/government operations is prohibited. If asked to leave, you will comply immediately. You must stay 500 meters away from troops and bivouac areas. **Anyone abusing this option will have their recreational privileges suspended.** Existing equipment maintenance does not apply to Live Fire Areas; Range Operations still controls access to Live Fire.

Hunters are responsible for bringing their antlers to the Sportsmen's Center if they want to participate in the Big Buck Contest and the youth contest. Winners will be selected from the antlers submitted. There is no additional cost to participate.

Protection of endangered species and habitat:

- IAW FH200-1 & FH210-25, NO tree cutting from 15 March thru 15 August. Special circumstances may be approved by Natural Resources Management Branch (NRMB) on a case by case basis (EXAMPLE: construction and maintenance of hunting stands); may require NRMB on-site presence if approved.
 - Absolutely no posting of any trees is authorized at any time of year. (Example: making cedar posts)
 - Any oak trees trimmed must be sealed with spray paint at the cut to prevent oak wilt. This applies to **ANY** size branches on oak trees.
- What you can harvest for each hunting reservation category (all seasons and bag limits apply). You may only have the authorized ammunition for the reservation category you are checked in for.

Reservation Category	What you can harvest
Guided Hunt	deer, turkey, wild pigs, small game, non-game, unprotected wildlife
Unguided Hunt	deer, turkey, wild pigs, small game, non-game, unprotected wildlife

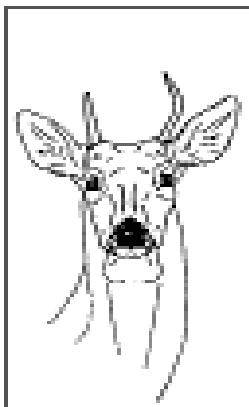
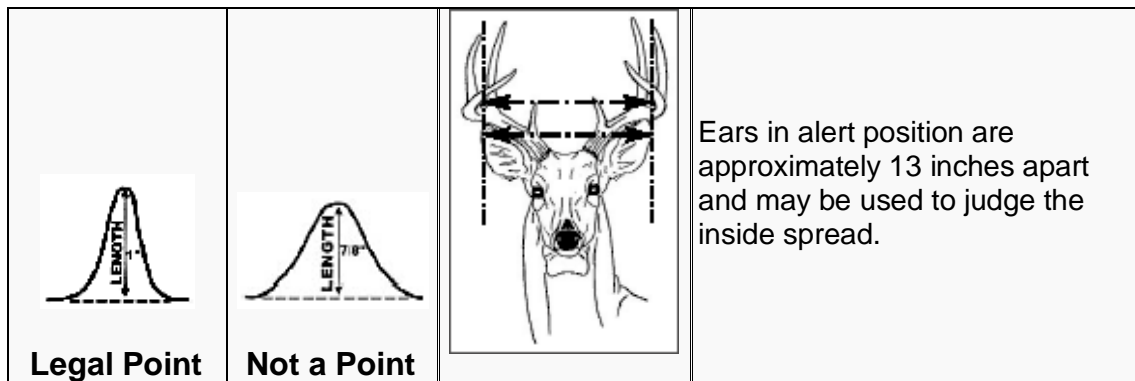
Guided Access	Area 10am-2pm	small game, non-game, wild pigs, unprotected wildlife
Small Game Hunting		small game, non-game, wild pigs, unprotected wildlife
Turkey		turkey, small game, non-game, wild pigs, unprotected wildlife
Wild Pig		wild pigs, non-game, unprotected wildlife

SPECIAL ANTLER RESTRICTIONS: There are special restrictions for buck deer on Fort Hood. The bag limit is two bucks per Fort Hood Big Game Hunting Permit:

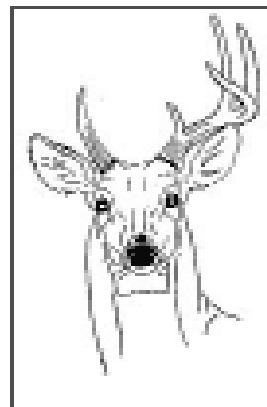
(One) buck must have a hardened antler protruding through the skin AND at least one unbranched antler

(One) buck must have an inside spread measurement between main beams of 13 inches or greater

- To determine if a buck has an inside spread measurement of at least 13 inches, look at the distance from ear-tip to ear-tip on a buck with ears in the alert position (see illustration). This is only a field guide. **If in doubt, DON'T SHOOT IT!**
- Definition of a point: A point is a projection that extends at least one inch from the edge of a main beam or another tine. The tip of the main beam is also a point.



Legal: at least one unbranched antler



Legal: at least one unbranched antler



LEGAL-Inside spread of 13 inches or greater



NOT LEGAL-This buck meets none of the criteria: Antlers are not outside the ears; therefore the inside spread is not 13 inches or greater

PROHIBITIONS FOR ALL HUNT PROGRAMS:

- Shoot in an unsafe manner. Hunters **WILL NOT** shoot unless the target is clearly identified and lane of fire is clear.
- Using “deer stand maintenance in closed area” option for any other purpose than existing hunting equipment maintenance. Must use most direct route in/out and stay 500 meters away from observed troops. If you are approached by the troops to vacate the area, you must do so immediately. You may not interfere with military operations.
- Possess a loaded weapon in or on vehicles.
- Possession and use of silencers.
- Access training areas by boat for the purpose of hunting, except when hunting waterfowl.
- Access Fort Hood training areas for the purpose of hunting by crossing/climbing Fort Hood boundary fences.
- Hunt from a vehicle, boat, flotation device, or aircraft or airborne device, except as authorized for legal waterfowl hunting.
- Hunt frogs, reptiles, turtles, mountain lions, fox and bobcat on Fort Hood.
- Shoot from a vehicle. **NOTE:** The Sportsmen’s Center may authorize an individual with a bona fide disability and physician’s certification to use a vehicle as a shooting stand. Prior coordination must be accomplished with the Sportsmen’s Center and the authorization letter must be on your person while hunting.
- Shoot, or possess a firearm in an “Archery Only” area except as designated in this guide.
- Hunt by any means in a “No Hunting” area or within 330 yards (300 meters) of Gray Army Airfield or Hood Army Airfield.
- Shoot or aim toward any boundary, person, building, structure or vehicle that is within range of the weapon or load; projectiles cannot cross any perimeter boundary.
- Shoot on, along, or across any maintained road or reservation boundary.
- Hunt within 330 yards (rifle) or within 110 yards (limited range firearms) or 55 yards (archery/crossbow) of maintained roads, reservation boundaries, borders or fence lines, Camp Finlayson and Camp Arrowhead except as authorized on the guided rifle or guided limited range hunt.
- Hunt within 550 yards (500 meters) of troops bivouacked, training, and/or maneuvering on the installation.

- Hunt within 164 yards (150 meters) of Natural Resources Management Branch wild pig traps.
- Shoot at birds or animals on utility lines or supporting poles.
- Shoot at or hunt protected birds to include: hawks, owls, eagles, all nongame birds, and all songbirds. See TPWD Outdoor Annual for unprotected birds.
- Possess a handgun on Fort Hood except when legally stored at a domicile.
- Hunt with or possess a rifle in live fire or maneuver training areas except as authorized on the guided rifle hunt.
- Hunt with a rim fire rifle.
- Possess a firearm while archery deer or turkey hunting.
- Trap, except as authorized, fur-bearing animals.
- Hunt with and/or run dogs/ birds of prey without a valid Fort Hood hunting permit and appropriate state and federal permits. Hunting dogs only authorized for game birds, rabbits, and raccoons.
- Engage in or participate in the act of hunting while consuming alcohol or drugs, while impaired or intoxicated. Any person who is determined to have consumed alcohol less than eight (8) hours prior to hunting activity will be denied the opportunity to hunt and appropriate action will be taken. Refusal to consent to a blood alcohol test or breathalyzer test will result in an immediate suspension of hunting privileges.
- Hunt migratory game birds with the aid of bait (minerals, vegetative material, or any other food substance placed to lure/entice). It is the hunter's responsibility to know if an area contains bait.
- Pursue, drive, flush, or otherwise harass wildlife and livestock with vehicles.
- Harass other hunters while hunting.
- Hunt with or possess a privately owned firearm, archery equipment (includes crossbows), or pellet rifle within unimproved areas without a valid Texas hunting license, Fort Hood hunting permit, AACC permit, firearm registration (as applicable), proof of hunter education certification, and proper clearance through Huntrac.
- Hunt with shotgun slug load within unimproved areas without a valid Huntrac reservation.
- Hunt with buckshot within unimproved areas EXCEPT for wild pig hunting.
- Discharge a firearm into, across, or at water surface except when legal waterfowl hunting.
- Hunt game animals or non-game animals from any vehicle with any light source.
- Use chemicals, smoke, or petroleum products to evict or "gas" snakes and other reptiles or amphibians from caves, crevices, sinkholes, or other den sites.
- Possess or use BB, airsoft, or paintball guns in training areas. Paintball only authorized at BLORA Paintball Course.
- Shoot targets in any area with firearms, pellet guns, BB guns, archery/crossbow equipment. Target practice is only authorized at approved ranges.
- Transport muzzle-loading weapon with percussion cap/primer attached to the weapon (made ready to fire).
- Trapping wild pigs.
- Hunt wild pigs with dogs.
- Hunt non-game species of reptiles and amphibians (to include frogs and turtles.)
- Release or introduce animals of any species on Fort Hood without written permission from DPW/Natural Resource Management Branch.

- ❖ Violation of rules, regulations or laws can result in suspension of **ALL** recreational privileges. Individual suspended will be required to turn in all permits to the Sportsmen's Center and will be locked out of the Huntrac system until all documents have been turned in. The suspension of privileges will begin once the permits have been received by the Sportsmen's Center. Game Wardens will confiscate all permits issued by the Sportsmen's Center when violations are found and warrant a suspension of privileges. The Game Warden Office will provide suspension memo and permits to the Sportsmen's Center and provide circumstances to the suspension. If the Game Wardens confiscate the permits, the individual will then contact the Sportsmen's Center to confirm their reinstatement date and when documents can be retrieved. Generally, individuals must come to the Sportsmen's Center in person to have their privileges restored on the next business day after the suspension period ends to retrieve their documents. Suspension period ends at 6 pm on the last day of suspension.

Hunting violations can result in one or more of the following penalties:

- ❖ 7 days suspension
- ❖ 30 days suspension
- ❖ Criminal prosecution and/or suspension/revocation of **ALL** recreational privileges for a designated period of time or indefinitely

Chapter 4

Small Game, Unprotected Wildlife, and Non-Game Hunting

(Huntrac reservation category "Small Game Hunting" OR "Guided Area 10-2 Access")
(Rules and Prohibited Activities)

All small game, unprotected wildlife, and non-game hunters will abide by rules and prohibitions listed in Chapter 3, seasons, bag limits, and authorized weapons as well as all State and Federal hunting laws and regulations.

All hunters must check into an area before entering the area to hunt. Huntrac users will select small game hunting from the reservation category drop down menu or Guided Area 10-2 Access if hunting a guided area on a guided hunt date. All hunters must log out with Huntrac system when they have finished hunting.

If the Sportsmen's Center is closed and the Huntrac system is unresponsive due to system outage, you may leave a message on the Area Access phone (254) 287-5847 to report the outage. There is no Big Game (Deer & Turkey) hunting when the Sportsmen's Center is closed for holidays; however, hunting for small game, unprotected wildlife, and non-game animals is authorized through the Huntrac system.

All small game, unprotected wildlife, and non-game hunters will make reservations for one day only. Exception: night hunters will make reservations for 2 consecutive days (as areas are open). Hunters will clear both days in Huntrac at the conclusion of their hunt.

Unless otherwise prescribed by the Sportsmen's Center, small game, unprotected wildlife, and non-game hunters are only authorized into Guided Areas between 10 am and 2 pm **or** 10 pm and 3 am, on scheduled guided hunt dates on page 37. Huntrac "Small Game Hunting" option will be used for normal authorized access during non-guided hunt dates and when guided areas have reached their harvest limit.

You will NOT harvest deer when checked in for small game, unprotected wildlife, and non-game hunting.

Hunters taking or hunting migratory game birds must have all appropriate endorsements on their Texas State Hunting License. Fort Hood regulations govern waterfowl hunting on streams and impoundments within Fort Hood and that portion of the Leon River that borders the military installation. Fort Hood regulations do not regulate waterfowl hunting on Belton Lake or that portion of Cowhouse Creek east of East Range Road (Curry) Crossing, provided access to these locations is by boat and hunters do not exit the boat. Access to hunt on the Belton Lake shoreline is controlled through AACC. Hunters must use non-toxic shot loads for all waterfowl hunting on Fort Hood. There is NO HUNTING at Cantonment A, Cantonment B, Birdbath Lake, Henry Lake, East Lake, Pershing Lake, Cantonment E Pond in Kouma Village, Airfield Lake or any other named or unnamed bodies of water in cantonment areas.

Persons wishing to train their dogs by releasing purchased birds such as quail; must first receive approval from the Natural Resources Management Branch. Health certificate for birds is required and you may not shoot the birds out of season. You must have all applicable state licenses, endorsements, and Fort Hood hunting permit.

Waterfowl hunters will pick reservation category "Small Game Hunting" in Huntrac. Waterfowl hunting reservations will be made for one day only. You may choose a maximum of 3 open areas. Waterfowl hunting in guided hunt areas on guided Big Game hunt days is only allowed between 10 am and 2 pm under Huntrac reservation category "Guided Area 10-2 Access"

Hunting non-game animals (e.g. coyotes) with the aid of electronic calling equipment or other calling means is authorized. Use of calling equipment or other calling means is also authorized for recreational purposes other than hunting such as photography.

Area 70 is Archery Only for ALL Game hunting (big & small). **NO firearms are authorized in Area 70. The only exception is the area designated as 70A on the color coded hunt map.**

WILD PIGS

(Huntrac Wild Pig reservation category)

(Rules and Prohibited Activities)

All wild pig hunters will make reservations for one day only. Exception: night hunters will make reservations for 2 consecutive days (as areas are open). Hunters will clear both days in Huntrac at the conclusion of their hunt.

Wild pigs (unlimited harvest) harvested during the General Season are required to be brought directly to the check station for weighing, inspection, and recordkeeping by DPW/ Natural Resource Mgmt. Branch (NRMB). Wild pigs harvested outside of the General Season, will be brought to the check station as well during normal business hours (7:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday-Friday). Other than normal hours, when the check station is not manned, hunters must register their harvest by completing the appropriate paperwork that will be located in a drop box in front of the check station within 48 hours. Instructions will be posted on-site regarding proper procedure. Hunters who would like to have their harvest weighed and measured may return with their harvest during normal business hours for NRMB to take the data. Report your harvest using your hunt permit number **NOT** your Area Access number.

FUR-BEARING ANIMALS

Hunters and trappers of fur-bearing animals must possess a valid Texas Trapper's License and a Fort Hood Hunting Permit if they are NOT selling the fur. A Texas Parks and Wildlife Department non-game permit is required if you intend to sell the fur. Only live traps are authorized on Fort Hood. It is prohibited to use foot holding (steel leghold or Conibear), deadfall, snare, pit-fall, or net traps. Each trap must be marked in an indelible medium with the trapper's name, address, and Fort Hood Area Access Permit number, and be checked a minimum of once every 36 hours.

Chapter 5

Unguided Big Game Hunting

(Huntrac reservation category “Unguided”)
(Rules and Prohibited Activities)

All Unguided Big Game Hunters will abide by rules and prohibitions listed in Chapter 3, seasons, bag limits, and authorized weapons as well as all State and Federal hunting laws and regulations.

No hunter is authorized to have more than one unguided deer or turkey hunting. Huntrac reservation at any given time. No hunter is authorized to have concurrent reservations for big game hunting and small game hunting. If any hunter obtains dual hunting clearances for the same and/or different hunt areas for big game hunting and small game hunting, the big game hunting reservation will be automatically invalid.

UNGUIDED DEER & TURKEY HUNT PROGRAM

Unguided Deer & Turkey Hunt Program will be conducted concurrently with the Guided Deer & Turkey Hunt Program and will follow the same safety and procedural guidelines with the following exceptions:

- a) Unguided Program will be available 7 days a week as area availability allows except when the Game Check Station is closed.
- c) Unguided Program will be with limited range weapons as indicated in the Table 2-3 (Appendix D). **NO RIFLES ARE AUTHORIZED IN THE UNGUIDED PROGRAM.**
- d) Unguided hunters must have a valid area reservation through the Huntrac system. Hunters may go to their assigned area anytime between 4 am and 9 pm on their valid reservation date.
- e) Unguided hunters are responsible for clearing their assigned hunting area by 9 pm daily. Hunters not cleared by 9 pm will be referred to the Game Warden Section. Hunters who are tracking game past 8 pm must stay logged in the Huntrac system and notify the game warden on duty 254-206-7777.
- f) **No Unguided hunters** will be authorized in the Live Fire Training Areas at any time.
- g) Hunters are required to bring all harvested big game and wild pigs (see Wild Pig Hunting section) to the Game Check Station for inspection and recording immediately after leaving the hunting area. All big game must be legally tagged in the field. Field dress all deer, pigs and exotic game but do not field dress turkeys until they have been checked in. Unguided hunters may harvest one big game animal per species, per hunting session. Unguided hunters may harvest more than one big game animal per species per day; however, the first animal must be checked in prior to harvesting the second. DO NOT leave carcasses in the field or remove from the installation without clearing the DPW/Natural Resource Mgmt. Branch Game Check Station, Bldg 1944.
- h) Unguided hunters must know the authorized deer harvest limit in the area they are hunting. Deer harvest limits are updated on the DEER QUOTA HOTLINE 254-532-9425, Facebook (Ft Hood Outdoor Adventures), and posted at the Sportsmen's Center as information is received from Natural Resources. Unguided hunters are NOT penalized if the quota changes while they are hunting.
- i) Unguided hunters may take a registered (Area Access Permit) **non-hunting, unarmed observer** to an unguided area while hunting. Observers 17 and older must check in/out of the area by selecting Huntrac reservation category “Area Access No Hunting.” Observers 16 & under must be registered with Area Access under a parent or guardian but **DO NOT** check

in/out of Huntrac. Observer is defined as an individual not actively participating in the hunt; only present to watch. All children observers must be in the sponsor's direct line of vision. This authorization has been established to introduce novices to hunting and to accommodate persons with disabilities who require assistance.

Stand Policy for the Unguided Hunt Programs

1. This policy will encompass **ALL** forms of unguided hunting.
2. There will be a limit of three (3) permanent stands on Fort Hood per valid hunting permit. See definition of permanent stand #13.
3. No locks or any other means (i.e. screwing door shut, chain ladders) to prevent use of the permanent stands will be authorized.
4. Permanent stands are not authorized in trees.
5. Permanent unguided stands will be registered with the Sportsmen's Center annually. Locations must be verified even if the stands have not been moved by 20 September each year. Unguided hunters placing new or moving permanent stands will turn in 10-digit MGRS grid coordinates of their permanent stands to the Sportsmen's Center within 3 days of placement; however, the stand will be labelled with permanent or engraved markings on day of placement.
6. Personal equipment left in the field must be labeled with permanent or engraved markings. The intent is to make sure all personal property is physically marked with a permanent identification of the owner. Markings should be large enough to easily be read and in locations easily found. Owners are encouraged to keep a record of the brand, model #, and serial # if available. Labelling information will include: name, area, and date placed (phone number is optional).
7. Feeders and food plots are authorized in the unguided areas. Food plots require an approved dig permit. Forms are available at the Sportsmen's Center (Bldg 1937) or DPW/Natural Resources Management Branch (Bldg 1939).
8. Non-compliance with any policy will subject violators to suspension or revocation of Fort Hood recreational privileges and forfeiture of any permit fees.
9. Any permanent deer stand placed in the unguided areas found locked or secured by other means to prevent use, **will** have the locks/means removed. There is no guarantee to any individual hunting in an unguided area, that any specific deer stand will be available to him/her on any given hunt day. Hunter ethics, hunter etiquette, good sportsmanship, and respect for other hunter's property are strongly encouraged.
10. No permanent stands/blinds or feeders are authorized in Unguided Areas 20, 40, 111, and 116. Portable blinds may be utilized but must be removed daily. Corn may be thrown on the ground.
11. It is at each individual's own risk, whether to place and leave **ANY** hunting equipment in an unguided area. There are no guarantees to availability for permanent stands and there are no guarantees that any hunting equipment will remain where placed if not removed daily. Owners are encouraged to remove personal property from the training area when not in use as theft and damage can occur.
12. Malicious damage/vandalism incurred to personal equipment should be reported to the Game Warden Section using the same procedures as damage caused to government property. Verified violators will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. DFMWR will not be responsible for any damage to personal equipment (stands, blinds, cameras, or feeders) used in the unguided areas. Owners leave their equipment at their own risk.
13. **Definition of permanent deer stand:** Any type of stand/blind handmade or purchased intended to be placed in a "fixed" position, not intended for daily removal.

14. **Definition of portable stand:** Any type of hand-made or purchased stand/blind intended for temporary placement (whether on the ground or in a tree), intended for daily removal.
15. **Guided deer stands are property of MWR and will be treated as government property.**

UNGUIDED BIG GAME HUNTER ASSIGNMENT WITH HUNTRAC

User must be logged into Huntrac to make a reservation. Select the date for the reservation, select the name for the reservation, select the reservation category "Unguided" for deer OR "Turkey", then click the "Search" button located under the date, finally select the area. Open areas will be annotated with "Green" bubbles; click on the green bubble for the area you choose. If the land release shows an area is "open" but the bubble is Red, the area has met its max number of reservations. You WILL NOT harvest deer when checked in for turkey. You may harvest turkey when checked in for deer.

Archery Only Season: Commencing at 6 pm on 27 September 2019, hunters wishing to participate in the Archery Only Season will be able to login to Huntrac and obtain a slot to hunt opening day. Hunter assignments will be valid for the next day from 4 am to 9 pm. Thereafter, unguided reservations are available at midnight for the next hunt day. Reminder: Only (1) unguided deer OR turkey reservation at any given time.

General Season: Commencing at 6 pm on 1 November 2019, hunters wishing to participate in the Unguided Hunt Program will be able to obtain a Huntrac slot to hunt in an unguided area. Hunter assignments will be valid for the next day from 4 am to 9 pm. Thereafter, unguided reservations are available at midnight for the next hunt day. Reminder: Only (1) unguided deer or turkey reservation at any given time.

All hunters must clear their hunting area by 9 pm daily. Huntrac **DOES NOT** automatically check you out. After 9 pm, any hunters not cleared will be referred to the Game Warden Section. The first offense will result in a warning, second offense 7 days suspension and a third offense will result in suspension of privileges for remainder of permit validation or other designated period of time. Hunters tracking game after 8 pm must notify the Game Warden on duty (254) 206-7777.

Hunters with disabilities requiring assistance may take their designated escort to unguided hunting areas. The hunter will check in/out under desired hunting option, while the unarmed escort will check in/out under Huntrac reservation category "Area Access no Hunting".

UNGUIDED BIG GAME ARCHERY (DEER & TURKEY) HUNT PROGRAM

Only (1) Unguided reservation authorized **at any given time.**

During the Archery Only Season, all available training areas as well as the Archery Only areas will be utilized for archery hunting; however, there will be no Archery hunting authorized in the Guided areas during the Youth Hunt on 26 & 27 October 2019 and once the General Season starts on 2 November 2019. If you wish to continue archery hunting in a guided area on guided hunt dates, you must coordinate archery stand location with the chief guide of the area. Final approval for archery stands in guided areas during the General Season will be determined by the chief guide as proposed archery stand locations must not interfere with already established and approved guided stands. Hunters must keep in mind that lanes of fire are established for gun hunting.

All hunters must have a valid State Archery Endorsement indicated on the Texas State License (Required for Archery Only Season) except for youth. All archery hunters are required to pass the Bow Proficiency Test, administered by Sportsmen's Center/Hunt Control, Bldg 1937 to hunt with archery equipment (Bow/Crossbow) on Fort Hood. Hunters passing the Bow Proficiency Test will have it annotated on their Fort Hood Hunting Permits. There is a \$3.00 fee for qualifications. Hunters are required to qualify only once. If you qualified in a previous season verify with the Sportsmen's Center. Bow qualification will be with field tips only (practice tips). The Adult Bow Qualification Course consists of 2 targets (2 different distances, 20 yards and 30 yards.) Adults must hit a minimum of two out of three arrows in a nine-inch circle at BOTH distances to qualify. Qualifiers 9-14 years old will shoot from 20 yards and must make 4 out of 6 arrows in a nine-inch circle. Traditional bow hunters will meet the same qualification standards as youth. Practice shots are not permitted during a qualification test. No more than two attempts will be allowed per day. If you do not qualify on your first try, you will have to go to the end of the line to try again. Qualification times beginning 15 August 2019 are between 11 am and 2 pm. Check with the Sportsmen's Center for qualification schedule.

Hunters must bring all harvested deer and turkey directly to the Natural Resource Mgmt. Branch/Game Check Station (Bldg. 1944) to be inspected and recorded. Deer must be field dressed in the hunting area. Turkeys must remain whole for inspection and recording. Any wild pigs harvested during the Archery Only Season will also be field dressed and brought to the Game Check Station.

All whitetail deer and turkeys must be legally tagged in the field (including the harvest log on the back of the license). All hunters hunting turkey must have a State Upland Game Bird Endorsement indicated on their hunting license (except for youth).

SPRING BIG GAME (TURKEY) HUNT PROGRAM

(THIS PROGRAM IS UNGUIDED)

Reminder: Only (1) turkey reservation at any given time.

Hunters wishing to participate in this program will be responsible for clearing their assigned hunting area by 9 pm daily. Hunters not cleared by 9 pm will be referred to the Game Warden Section. As in the Fall Unguided Deer & Turkey Hunt Program **NO RIFLES** are authorized to harvest spring turkeys.

In an effort to give the youth a better chance of harvesting a turkey during the Special Youth Season 28 & 29 March 2020, adults pre-scouting for turkey MAY NOT call turkeys for these two days. Commencing at 6 pm on 27 March 2020, youth hunters may make a reservation using "Turkey" option in Huntrac for the Youth Season opening day. Commencing at midnight 27 March 2020, reservations for 29 March will be available.

Commencing at 6 pm on 3 April 2020, turkey hunters may make a reservation using "Turkey" option in Huntrac for opening day. Thereafter, hunters may make a reservation at midnight for the following day.

Hunters are required to bring all harvested turkeys to the Game Check Station (Bldg 1944) for inspection and recording immediately after leaving the hunting area. All turkeys must be legally tagged in the field. Do not field dress turkeys prior to inspection. Hunters desiring to hunt in the Live Fire Training Areas must be escorted by an individual whose name appears on the Live Fire Access Roster.

Check station hours will be 7:30 am to 4:30 all weekdays, Youth Weekend, and the first four weekends of the season. For the last three weeks of the season, the check station will not be manned. When the check station is not manned, hunters must register their harvest by

completing the appropriate paperwork that will be located in a drop box in front of the check station. Instructions will be posted on-site regarding proper procedure. Hunters will report their harvest using their hunt permit number NOT their Area Access number. Hunters who would like to have their harvest weighed and measured may return to the check station during normal business hours on the next day.

The following Archery Only areas are authorized turkey hunting with shotguns with shot shells: 8A & 8B (North & South), 10, 37, 70A, and 71.

Hunters desiring to Spring Turkey hunt in open/cold Live Fire Training Areas must attend Live Fire Training Area Guide's Safety Class offered by the Sportsmen's Center/Hunt Control. Before an area clearance will be honored by Range Operations, one hunter (who will be designated as the guide within a hunting party) must have attended this class. Hunting parties will not exceed 4 persons.

All guided hunters hunting turkey in the Live Fire Training Areas (LFTAs) must be clear of the LFTAs from 10 am to 2 pm. Individual hunters (if hunting alone) and designated hunting party guides (if hunting as a group of 4 or less) must call Range Operations each and every time they occupy, re-occupy, and depart the LFTAs. All hunters must be clear of LFTAs at 9 pm. If an emergency situation prevents you from following these rules, notify Range Operations immediately. Persons violating established procedures may have hunting privileges suspended.

Bearded hens are authorized to be harvested during the Fall Season only. Jakes (young male turkeys) are authorized harvests.

Chapter 6

Guided Deer & Turkey Hunt Program

(Huntrac reservation category "Guided Area")
(Rules, prohibited activities and guidelines)

All Guided Hunters will abide by rules and prohibitions listed in Chapter 3, seasons, bag limits, and authorized weapons as well as all State and Federal hunting laws and regulations.

All guided hunts start at the Sportsmen's Center. All hunters must physically check in at the Sportsmen's Center. The Sportsmen's Center will be open for breakfast at 3 am on guided hunt dates for the first Youth Hunt weekend and the month of November through 1 December 19.

Guides will lead hunters participating in this program to their assigned hunting area and post hunters to their stands. Any special needs exceptions must be approved in writing by the Sportsmen's Center. Hunters may request a specific stand and guides will try to accommodate based on range, vehicle type, quota, stand rotation and weather. However, the guide has the final say on stand assignment. There will be no stalking of game during the Guided Hunt. Guided hunters must remain at their assigned deer stand. When tracking wounded game, hunters will not leave sight of their stand or 100 yards; whichever is the shorter distance. If wounded game goes beyond this limitation, hunters should mark the last spot where the wounded game was seen and wait for their guide to assist in tracking.

Guides will meet with posted hunters at their deer stands or at designated rendezvous points as closest to the designated pick up time as tracking of game and other duties allow. Even

if the Guide is considerably late, **hunters are not authorized to leave their assigned hunting stand or rendezvous point.** The Guide will make every effort to pick up hunters in a timely manner barring any unforeseen circumstances. Guides will return with all hunters who have harvested game to the Game Check Station where game will be inspected and recorded. Hunters who have not harvested any game can be released from the Guide's designated rendezvous point. **The released hunter/hunters must immediately leave the area; at no time will he/she reenter the training area for ANY reason once released.**

All whitetail deer (field dressed) and turkey (whole) must be **immediately** tagged in the field. Guides will ensure that State tags are properly filled out and attached to game prior to leaving hunting stands. Reminder: the hunting license harvest log for white-tailed deer must be filled out on the back of the state license. The hunter is ultimately responsible to make sure his/her state tag and log are properly completed and attached to the game.

Hunters will drive their privately owned vehicle (POV) to the Guided Hunting Area. Hunters making reservations for LFTAs must have a 4-wheel drive vehicle. Potluck hunters without 4-wheel drive vehicles will be accommodated based on Sportsmen's Center and LFTA guide discretion. Hunters driving their POV will be escorted to the assigned hunting area and posted by a Guide in his own POV.

The Guide will designate a rendezvous point after the predetermined hunt period has concluded. To ensure the safety of all participants, **hunters may not leave their assigned area unless released by the guide. Failure to comply will result in a 7 day suspension.** Leaving an assigned stand beyond limits established by the guide (including the pursuit of wounded game) is prohibited and can also result in suspension of hunting privileges. Hunters must obey their guide's instructions on hunting rules, safe lanes of fire, shooting hours, harvest limits, and other restrictions.

Only one, armed hunter will be allowed on a stand. Hunters under the age of 15 years must be accompanied by an unarmed individual 18 years of age or older who possesses a valid Fort Hood Hunting Permit, valid State Hunting License, Area Access Permit and Hunter Education certification. Others may be accompanied only as authorized by the Sportsmen's Center.

Archery (bow or crossbow) hunters desiring to hunt in the Guided Areas may bring a pop up blind, hunt an established stand or coordinate with the chief guide prior to season for stand location. No unguided bow hunting will be conducted in the Guided Areas during the Youth Season and once the General Season starts.

Hunters with disabilities will be assigned hunting areas by the same procedures as other hunters. If hunting from a vehicle, the hunter must be pre-registered with the Sportsmen's Center and the Game Warden Section. Not every area may be accessible to hunters with disabilities. Only those areas that are available on the day of the hunt will be assigned. Use of ATV's is not authorized. Hunters hunting from a vehicle (prior written approval required) will be assigned an approved gridded location in the assigned area. Hunters requiring special assistance can be escorted by an adult 18 years of age or older provided by the hunter. Designated non-hunting escorts must have an Area Access Permit.

The hunt proceeds until harvest limits are met, the last scheduled hunt day, or as determined by the DFMWR.

Special Late Season Guided hunter assignments will be by Potluck only with youth being assigned first, then adults. Half-day afternoon hunts will also be conducted by Potluck hunter assignment (no reservations); guides and hunters must report to the Sportsmen's Center prior to 2 p.m.

Food plots require prior approval for location and seed type. No food plots requiring ground work are authorized in the LFTAs; throw and grow is authorized.

GUIDED BIG GAME LIMITED RANGE HUNTS

Authorized limited range firearms are indicated in the Table 2-3 (Appendix D) located in the back of this guide. All other guidelines as outlined in the Guided Deer & Turkey Hunt Program above pertain to this hunt program. The Guided Deer & Turkey Limited Range Weapon Hunt Program will be conducted in the same manner as the Guided Deer & Turkey Hunt Program except for the weapons limitation.

GUIDED DEER & TURKEY HUNTER ASSIGNMENT **(Huntrac reservation category "Guided Area")**

Beginning October 31, 2019 at 6 pm, hunters wishing to participate in the Guided Hunt Program can make a reservation for opening weekend. Thereafter, hunters may make guided reservations commencing at 6 pm on the Thursday prior to the weekend, once the land release has been received. **Wednesday for Thanksgiving weekend.**

Huntrac users must be logged in to make a reservation. **Only one guided hunt reservation will be authorized at any given time.** If a hunter wishes to change his/her area selection, the hunter must log out of the current reservation then make another area selection. Hunters must keep in mind that the area they wish to change to may not have any slots available.

Hunters assigned to any areas that change from an open status to a closed status due to troop movement and training, as determined by Range Operations, will be able to login to Huntrac to clear the original reservation and make another selection as slots are available.

Morning guided hunters must check in with the area guide at the Sportsmen's Center by 3 am opening weekend (4 am thereafter) and afternoon guided hunters must check in by 2 pm. Any hunters failing to check in with their area guide at the proper time must go potluck in order to hunt. Promptness will avoid a missed hunting opportunity. If you have difficulty locating the guide for your selected area please ask for assistance.

All no-show hunting slots will be filled with potluck hunters. Order of assignment will be determined by a random drawing. Hunters are responsible for reporting at their assigned location at designated departure time.

Guided hunters must clear the Huntrac system first in order to make another guided reservation. Huntrac does not automatically clear reservations. There is no penalty for not clearing a guided hunt reservation since it is a controlled hunt; however, guided hunters should clear their reservation when the hunt is completed. **Hunters on a guided hunt may clear their reservation at 10 am on their reservation date, still hunt the afternoon hunt, and make another reservation for the next hunt day.**

Guided hunters desiring to only hunt in the afternoon must first make a reservation through Huntrac reservation category Guided Area; then call the Sportsmen's Center so we can annotate this request. The reservation will be lost if the Sportsmen's Center is not notified since the Huntrac system does not have an A.M. or P.M. designation.

Chapter 7

Youth Only Hunting Programs

All Youth hunters and Escorts will abide by rules and prohibitions listed in Chapter 3, seasons, bag limits, and authorized weapons as well as all State and Federal hunting laws and regulations. ONLY youth may hunt; escorts are NOT authorized to hunt during Youth Only seasons.

YOUTH ONLY UNGUIDED BIG GAME HUNT PROGRAM

(Limited Range Weapons-NO Rifles)

Hunters must be between the ages of 9 and 16 on the Youth Hunt dates. An unarmed escort 18 years or older must accompany each youth hunter. Escort and youth must both possess a valid Fort Hood Hunting Permit, Area Access Permit, State Hunting License and Hunter Education Certification.

Youth hunters should be registered prior to 6 pm on 24 October 2019. Unguided Youth hunters will be assigned by random drawing at the Sportsmen's Center at 6 pm on 24 October 2019 (NO RESERVATIONS). The youth need not be present for the area assignment but the escort or designated representative must be present with the youth's Fort Hood hunting permit. Any youth hunter that fails to register may still purchase permits during regular Sportsmen's Center business hours on the days of the Youth Season. Late comers will select an area as slots are available through Huntrac reservation category "Unguided".

Youth hunters will use the "Unguided" reservation category in Huntrac for reservations during the Late Youth Season 6-19 January 2020.

YOUTH ONLY GUIDED BIG GAME HUNT PROGRAM

(Rifle or Shotgun)

Hunters must be between the ages of 9 and 16 on the Youth Hunt dates. An unarmed escort 18 years or older must accompany each youth hunter. Escort and youth must both possess a valid Fort Hood Hunting Permit, Area Access Permit, State Hunting License and Hunter Education certification.

Youth hunters should be registered with the Sportsmen's Center prior to 6 pm on 24 October 2019 in order to have adequate guides. Unassigned youth hunters who show up on the days of the Youth Hunt will be accommodated as slots are available.

Hunters will be randomly selected for each day of hunting, 26 & 27 October, 2019, by random drawing. Youth hunters do not have to be present for area assignment; however, the escort or designated representative must be present with the youth's Fort Hood hunting permit. Youths of guides will automatically be assigned to the guides' area (if the area is open) and will not be part of the assignment process. If the guide's area is not open the youth will be assigned just like all other youth hunters.

Area of preference will be established at the time of assignment. No hunter will be allowed to participate in this program without an adult escort 18 years or older. Youth hunters who do not have an available escort may request a volunteer guide escort at time of registration.

Any hunter wanting to hunt the PM only period must make his/her wishes known at the time of area assignment and report to Sportsmen's Center (Bldg 1937) prior to 2 pm on the day of the

assigned hunt. Hunters will be given a sequence of assignment by random drawing. Hunters will be assigned to areas as openings are available. Guides, at the conclusion of assignment, will instruct hunters and escorts. Hunters/escorts will be instructed on all aspects of the hunt and on the assembly time and location at the Sportsmen's Center on the day of the hunt. Guides will meet hunters at the Sportsmen's Center and lead them to their hunting area. Harvest limits during the Youth Hunt Program, will be determined by DPW/NRMB and the Sportsmen's Center based on the deer census.

The Sportsmen's Center will be open for breakfast at 3 a.m. on Youth Hunt days 26 & 27 October 2019.

YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNT PROGRAM

Hunters must be between the ages of 9 and 15 on the Youth Hunt dates. An unarmed escort 18 years or older must accompany each youth hunter. Escort and youth must both possess a valid Fort Hood Hunting Permit, Area Access Permit, State Hunting License & Endorsements, and Hunter Education certification. The Duck Stamp is not required for youth hunters 15 years and younger.

Youth Waterfowl hunter will sign into the hunt area using "Small Game Hunting" reservation category in Huntrac and the observer will sign into the area using "Area Access no Hunting" reservation category in Huntrac..

LATE YOUTH DEER & TURKEY HUNT PROGRAM

(This program is available Guided and Unguided)

Hunters must be between the ages of 9 and 16 on the Youth Hunt dates. An unarmed escort 18 years or older must accompany each youth hunter. Escort and youth must both possess a valid Fort Hood Hunting Permit, Area Access Permit, State Hunting License and Hunter Education certification.

Areas available to assign hunters will be based on Harvest Limits reached and area availability. Youth hunters will be given priority assignment for late season guided hunting (Potluck Only). Youth Hunters will use "Unguided" reservation category in Huntrac. Observers will sign into the hunt area using "Area Access no Hunting" reservation category in Huntrac. Youth may harvest 1 deer, 1 turkey, and unlimited wild pigs when checked in for Unguided hunting.

During Late Youth Deer Season, Youth may harvest any deer which was legal during General Season and within Fort Hood per hunter limits. Harvest allowances will be based on remaining deer harvest limits determined by DPW Natural Resources.

YOUTH ONLY SPRING TURKEY HUNT PROGRAM

(Shotgun)

Hunters must be between the ages of 9 and 16 on the Youth Hunt dates. An unarmed escort 18 years or older must accompany each youth hunter 16 years and younger. Escort and youth must both possess a valid Fort Hood Hunting Permit, Area Access Permit, State Hunting License and Hunter Education certification.

Youth Turkey hunter will sign into the hunt area using "Turkey" reservation category in Huntrac and the observer will sign into the hunt area using "Area Access no Hunting" reservation category in Huntrac. Youth Only Spring Turkey Season Hunt dates are 28 & 29 March and 23 & 24 May 2020.

APPENDIX B

HUNT SCHEDULE FOR 2019-2020

Archery Only Season: September 28 thru November 1, 2019 (unguided deer & turkey)

Youth Seasons: October 26 & 27, 2019 (guided & unguided deer & turkey)
January 6 – 19, 2020 (unguided deer & turkey)
January 11 & 12, 2020 (guided deer)
January 18 & 19, 2020 (guided deer)
March 28 & 29, 2020 (unguided Spring Turkey)
May 23 & 24, 2020 (unguided Spring Turkey)
Waterfowl Youth Season (as published by TPWD)

Full Day Guided Hunts

November 2019: 2 & 3, 8-11 (Veteran's Day Holiday Period), 16 & 17, 23 & 24, 29 & 30 (Thanksgiving weekend)

December 2019: 1, 7 & 8, 14 & 15, 21 & 22, 28 & 29

January 2020: 4 & 5, 11 & 12, 18 & 19

Half Day Guided Hunts (afternoons only): 27 December & 3 January

Guides and hunters must report to the Sportsmen's Center **prior** to 2 pm. Half Day Hunts are Potluck only; NO reservations.

NOTE: Scheduled starting time for the morning guided hunts will be 3 am for opening weekend and 4 am thereafter. Scheduled starting time for the afternoon guided hunts will be 2 pm. The snack bar will not be open for breakfast until 7 am starting December 7, 2019.

Unguided Big Game Hunt Program: conducted 7 days a week as areas are available except for the following dates that the Game Check Station will be closed: Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day. Wild pig, small game, unprotected wildlife, and non-game hunting will be authorized on these dates with appropriate Huntrac reservation.

Early Teal Season: 14-29 September, 2019

Spring Turkey Season: 4 April through 17 May 2020

Dove, Quail, Ducks: See Texas Parks & Wildlife Outdoor Annual and Publications

Wild Pigs, rabbits, squirrels, unprotected wildlife, and non-game species: No closed season.

AREA DESIGNATIONS FOR DEER SEASONS

Guided Live Fire Training Areas: 80/81, 82 East, 82 West, 83/84, 85, 86/87N, 87S/88, 89, 90, 91, 92/93

Range Operations has the final determination on whether a Live Fire Area is open or closed.

Guided Rifle Areas: 30, 31, 32, 33/34, 35, 36, 41, 42, 43/44, 45/46, 47/48, 72, 73, 75. Multiple areas put together are considered one guided area.

Guided Shotgun with Slug or Muzzle-loading Areas: 10, 11/12, 13, 74. Multiple areas put together are considered one guided area.

Unguided Areas/Shotgun with slug. Muzzle-loading. Archery or Crossbow (Rifles not authorized): 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 50, 51, 52, 53, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66

Archery Only Areas: 8A (North), 8B (South), 37, 100, 101, 102, 104, 105, 108 includes the area between Tank Destroyer and Georgetown Rd. and Texas 9, 109, 110, 111, 116, 118, 70, 71
Note #1: Turkey hunters may use shotguns with bird shot in Area 8 (A =North & B=South), 10, 37, 70A north of Old Copperas Cove Rd, 71

Note #2: For Area 71, no hunting is authorized in Camp Finlayson or the solar farm area.

Note #3: All recreational users will stay out of the “free dig sites” in areas 110 & 111.

Note #4: Areas 104 (mountain bike trails/archery range/paintball course) & 105 (horse trails) are **co-use** areas adjacent to Belton Lake Outdoor Recreation Area. **Hunters must ensure they positively identify the target and what lies beyond. These established activities have the right of way.**

Note #5: Area 70A north of Old Copperas Cove Rd authorized shotgun with shot shells for small game hunting. NO slugs or buckshot.

Unguided No permanent stands and No feeders areas: 20, 40 (all limited range weapons); 111 & 116 (Archery Only). You may utilize portable stands or blinds; however, you **must** take out every day. You may utilize natural blinds (cedar limbs for example) but you must take down every day. No feeders are authorized in these areas; however, you may throw bait on the ground.

Small Game Areas: During the General Season, all available unguided big game areas will have joint utilization with small game hunters.

Guided areas will have access between 10 am and 2 pm & 10 pm to 3 am on guided hunt dates. Regular access is available on non-guided hunt dates. Big Game Archery Only areas authorized to have small game hunters hunting with shotguns/shot shells for small game are: 8N, 8S, 10, 37, 70A, 71. **All other designated Archery Only Areas are not authorized firearms at any time.**

APPENDIX C

VOLUNTEER GUIDES

Hunting Guides:

- Hunting guides should be familiar with FH REG 210-25, III Corps & FH Circular 210-YY-22, Texas Annual Hunting & Fishing Guide, and the DFMWR Annual Hunting, Area Access & Fishing Guide.

Summary:

- This appendix provides instructions for guides during the ALL guided hunts.

Appointment:

- The volunteer guides are selected by the Guide Selection Committee. The Guide Selection Committee is comprised of: Sportsmen's Center Manager, NRMB representative, Range Operations representative, Head Chief Guide, and Game Warden representative.
- Beginning on 1 February of each year through March 31st, persons may submit a guide application; only exception is for Soldiers who may submit an application at any time. Active duty applicants after the due date will be placed on a waiting list. All applications will be submitted for a background check through the Fort Hood Game Warden Section. Persons with game violations within 2 years of the application date are automatically disqualified. Qualified applicants will be assigned areas as slots are available.
- A chief guide and an appropriate (determined by Sportsmen's Center) number of assistant guides are appointed to each guided hunting area utilized, not to exceed 6 total guides.

Qualifications:

- The position of hunting guide is strictly voluntary and a position of responsibility and authority not of privilege. Guides will support the overall Hunt Program and not seek special considerations for themselves or their particular assigned hunting area.
- Guides must set an outstanding example of personal conduct and sportsmanship while participating in the Fort Hood Hunt Program and executing their duties. **Guides can be dismissed for failure to comply with all regulations and policies and/or unsportsmanlike behavior.**
- Guides must have complete knowledge of the assigned hunting area to include:
 - ❖ Authorized stand locations, to include routes to and from stands.
 - ❖ Entry and exit of area.
 - ❖ Area boundaries.
 - ❖ Safe firing lanes for each deer stand.
- Guides must possess a thorough knowledge of state and installation hunting regulations and comply with the same.
- Guides must possess a Texas hunting license, a Fort Hood hunting permit, and an Area Access Permit. Guides must be certified in a state approved Hunter Education Course. The only exception is if a guide is not going to hunt, then the requirements are Hunter Education Course certification and an Area Access Permit.
- Guides **must not** have had any violation of state or federal game laws within 2 years of the application. Other violations will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Guides must have at least 2 years of guide experience prior to applying for a Chief Guide position. Selection will be made by the Guide Selection Committee.
- Guides are courteous and helpful to all hunters at all times, but are not required to render personal service to hunters, such as cleaning game.
- Guides must be 18 years of age or older on 1 September of the year requesting to guide.
- Chief guides must be at least 21 years of age.
- A guide's performance to include attendance, stand conditions, and any incidents will be considered during the selection process. Seniority will not be the sole criteria for selection.
- Live Fire Training Area guides must have use of a four-wheel drive vehicle and a cell phone.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Duties and responsibilities of guides listed in this paragraph are not all inclusive. Many duties evolve due to a guide's position of responsibility.

- Guides must be present at the designated time and place of meeting when their assigned area is open for hunting. The Chief Guide will notify the Sportsmen's Center before noon the Thursday prior if no guide will be available that weekend.
- Orient assigned hunters to state and installation hunting regulations, emphasizing safety and prohibitions.
- Check assigned hunters before departure for proper documentation and that firearms and ammunition conform to Fort Hood hunting regulations. All weapons must be empty (unloaded), be cased, or have bolts open until the hunter is on a stand.
- Hunters may not possess or be under the influence of intoxicants. Violators must be reported to the Hunt Control Office prior to departure.
- All hunters must wear 400 square inches of hunter orange (not red) on head and torso. Hunter orange broken up by a camo pattern is acceptable as long as majority of the garment is hunter orange. Hunters not wearing orange will not be allowed to depart for the hunting areas.
- Escort assigned hunters to the hunting area and assign hunters to stands. Instruct hunters on authorized harvest, shooting hours, the safe area in which hunters may shoot or move about, and unloading weapons before the guide returns.
- Inform hunters that they will be picked up as soon as possible after legal shooting hours at the end of each hunting period and at no time are they (hunters) authorized to leave the hunting area without being released by the guide.
- Inform hunters of the designated meeting place after the hunt, and account for all hunters. Only release hunters who have not harvested game once accounted for. Inform released hunters that they are not authorized to reenter the training area for any reason once released.
- The designated guide for each area will present to the Hunt Control Office, a completed FH Form 210-X3 (furnished by Hunt Control), including area number, name, **Area Access** permit number and assigned stand of every individual assigned to each area. **Guides are not authorized a hunting guest.** Only the Hunt Control Office representative assigns additional hunters to an area and records the name and AA permit number on the FH Form 210-X3.
- Records the harvest of each hunter on the FH Form 210-X3. These forms must be turned in to Hunt Control at the end of each hunt day. FH Form 210-X3 must be filled out in its entirety. No harvests will also be annotated. Guides must sign the 210-X3.
- **Report any emergencies to the Sportsmen's Center immediately. If not an emergency, report any incidents to the Sportsmen's Center at the conclusion of the hunt period. Take notes!**
- Guides will not place hunters in "OFF LIMITS" or "NO HUNTING" areas as indicated on the AACC official hunting map.
- Do not place hunters on stands with the field of fire covering any portion of the reservation boundary fence, Belton Reservoir, cantonment areas, recreation and picnics areas, and maintained roads.
- Supervise tracking and recovery of wounded animals and instruct hunters **not** to track wounded game beyond the hunter's safe area before the guide returns. "Safe Area" defined as sight of deer stand or 100 yards, whichever is the shorter distance. **If tracking game after 8 pm, notify the Sportsmen's Center and the game warden on duty. LFTA guides will immediately report game tracking to Range Operations FIRST, then Game Warden and Sportsmen's Center.**
- Instruct hunters to avoid taking long shots or running shots and to report all shots fired. Look for signs of possible hits even if the hunter thinks the shot missed.
- Report unsuccessful attempts to track wounded game to Natural Resource Branch or Sportsmen's Center.
- Must carry a good, strong flashlight on afternoon hunts to aid in recovery of wounded game.

- Ensure that hunters complete their state license as required. Ensure that hunters properly affix their state tag to all big game harvested while in the field. Escort hunters with a harvest to the Natural Resource Management Branch Game Check Station (Bldg. 1944) for weighing and record keeping.
- The chief guide of each guided area is responsible to the Hunt Control Office for scheduling of guides for each scheduled hunt day that the area is open for hunting. Failure to have a guide available on a hunt day without prior arrangements will be considered during the guide selection process. Chief guide will notify Sportsmen's Center if no guide is available for his/her area before noon, Thursday prior to the weekend hunt.
- The chief guide for each numbered training area is responsible for the construction and maintenance of deer stands. Furnishes Hunt Control with MGRS grid coordinates of numbered hunting stands by 20 September. Only identified hunting stands will be used during the guided hunt program. Chief guides are responsible for the removal of old stand material to the Fort Hood trash dump.
- Must report violations of state or installation regulations to a Game Warden or the Hunt Control Office.
- Guides may hunt while on duty, subject to the limitations prescribed for all other hunters.
- Personal equipment left in the field must be labeled with permanent or engraved markings. . The intent is to make sure all personal property is physically marked with a permanent identification of the owner. Markings should be large enough to easily be read and in locations easily found. Owners are encouraged to record the brand, model #, and serial # if available. Must have name, area placed in and date placed (phone number is optional).
- Guides should be cognizant (aware) of archery hunters during prime hunting times and try to avoid disturbing the archery hunters while maintaining stands in their assigned area.
- **Deer stand construction.** Minimal requirements for any deer stand constructed by any guide for use during the guided hunt program:
 - ❖ All stands: at least 4 feet x 4 feet
 - ❖ Roof and four sides to block wind and rain
 - ❖ Doors will be constructed to where the hunter does not have to crawl into the stand (I.E. ground blind needs 4 foot door).
 - ❖ Solid floor
 - ❖ Emergency contact information inside the stand within easy sight: stand number, grids, and emergency phone numbers.
 - ❖ At least 1 handicap stand in each area. Can be grid for popup blind/vehicle location.
 - ❖ Safe entry and exit of stand. (I.E. no shaky/wobbly steps)
 - ❖ Sound in construction.

Hunter to Guide Assignments:

- All hunters must be assigned through the Hunt Control Office. Only the Hunt Control Office assigns hunters to guides.
- All guided hunts start at the Sportsmen's Center.
- Hunters under 15 years of age must be accompanied on a stand by an unarmed individual who has a valid Fort Hood hunting permit and other required documentation, and who is 18 years of age or older. Persons under 9 years of age may not hunt in the Fort Hood Hunt Program.
- Observers (non-hunters) will be noted on harvest cards and Hunt Control form
- Guide cards (harvest cards) will be randomly checked for accuracy and accountability at Hunt Control discretion.

APPENDIX D

Table 2-3. Game Limitations

Game species	Season	Bag Limit	Possession limit	Weapons
Mourning dove; white wing dove; white-tipped dove	1 Sep – 12 Nov 2019 and 20 Dec 2019 - 5 Jan 2020. One-half hour before sunrise to sunset. Subject to change per federal mandates.	15 per day, <u>not</u> more than 2 white-tipped doves in the aggregate.	45 Note: Texas Migratory Game Bird Endorsement required (except youth)	Shotgun plugged with a one piece filler to a three shell capacity, including one in the chamber with shot smaller than No. 2; smooth bore (shot) muzzleloader.
Early teal	14-29 Sep 2019	6 per day in aggregate	18 Endorsements required same as duck or goose	Same as duck or goose
Duck or goose	Per state and federal regulations. Note: Use only non-toxic steel shot for waterfowl hunting.	Per state and federal regulations.	Per state and federal regulations. Note: Migratory Game Bird Endorsement (except for youth) and Federal Duck Stamp required (16 & older).	Shotgun <u>not</u> larger than 10 gauge with BB-size shot or smaller, plugged with a one-piece filler to a three-shell capacity, including one in the chamber; smooth bore (shot) muzzleloaders with BB-size shot or smaller; legal archery equipment.
Bobwhite quail	26 Oct 2019 - 23 Feb 2020	5 per day	15 Note: Upland Game Endorsement required (except for youth)	Shotgun with shot smaller than No. 2; smooth bore (shot) muzzleloaders.
Furbearing animals	Trapping season: per state regulation.	Per state regulation.	Per state regulation.	Shotgun (no slug load or buckshot), smooth bore (shot) muzzleloader with No. 2 shot or smaller; legal archery equipment.
Squirrel & Rabbit	No closed season.	10 per day	20	Shotgun (no slug load or buckshot), smooth bore (shot) muzzleloader with No. 2 shot or smaller; legal archery equipment. Pellet rifle designed to be fired from the shoulder and use the force of a spring, air, or other non-ignited compressed gas to expel a projectile of at least .177 caliber but not greater than .25 caliber, at a minimum muzzle velocity of 600 ft. per second.
Unprotected wildlife	No closed season.	No limit	No limit	Shotgun 20 gauge or larger, or smooth bore (shot) muzzleloader with BB-size shot or smaller only; Shotgun 20 gauge or larger using slug load; Muzzleloader .45 caliber or larger; Legal archery equipment. NO rifles.

Wild pig	No closed season.	No limit	No limit	<p>Regular fall season (guided hunt): Shotgun 20 gauge or larger using slug load ; muzzleloader 45 caliber or larger; legal archery equipment; rifle other than rimfire. Crossbow IAW state regulations.</p> <p>Unguided: Shotgun 20 gauge or larger using slug load or buckshot; muzzleloader 45 caliber or larger; crossbow; or legal archery equipment.</p>
Turkey	<p>Archery Only Season: 28 Sep - 1 Nov 2019</p> <p>Youth Only Seasons: 26-27 Oct 2019, 6-19 Jan 2020, 28 & 29 Mar, 23 & 24 May</p> <p>Fall Season: 2 Nov 2019 – 5 Jan 2020</p> <p>Spring gobbler season: 4 Apr – 17 May 2020.</p>	<p>3 Tom (male) Turkey. Limit 1 per hunt period. Limit 3 turkeys per license year.</p> <p>May take bearded hens in the Fall</p>	<p>Same as bag limit.</p> <p>Note: Texas State Upland Game Endorsement required (except for youth). Harvest during the regular Fall Season are cumulative with the Archery Only Season.</p>	<p>Shotgun 20 gauge or larger, or smooth bore (shot) muzzleloader with BB-size shot or smaller; legal archery equipment. Must possess Fort Hood archery proficiency endorsement on hunting permit. Crossbows IAW state regulations.</p>
White-tailed deer	<p>Archery Only Season: 28 Sep – 1 Nov 2019</p> <p>Youth Only Season: 26 & 27 Oct 2019</p> <p>Regular Fall Season: 2 Nov 19 - 5 Jan 20</p> <p>Youth Only Season: 6-19 Jan 2020</p> <p>Late Season: 6-19 Jan 2020</p> <p>One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. Deer hunting may close without advance notice dependent upon Fort Hood white-tailed deer harvest limits and security.</p>	<p>3 white-tailed deer – NOT more than: 1 antlerless, 1 buck with unbranched antler, and 1 branch antlered buck with inside spread 13 inches or greater</p>	Same as bag limit.	<p>Archery-Only season: Texas state archery endorsement required, legal archery equipment only IAW state regulations. Must possess Fort Hood archery proficiency endorsement on hunting permit. Crossbows IAW state regulations.</p> <p>Regular Fall Season (Guided Hunt): Shotgun 20 gauge or larger using slug load; muzzleloader .45 caliber or larger; legal archery equipment; rifle other than rimfire. Crossbows IAW state regulations.</p> <p>Regular Fall Season (Unguided Hunt): Shotgun 20 gauge or larger using slug load; muzzleloader .45 caliber or larger; legal archery equipment; no rifles.</p> <p>Crossbows IAW state regulations.</p>
Exotics	No closed season	No limit	One per hunt session. Must check-in first animal before harvesting another.	Same as White-tailed deer