

Environmental Quality
**RECREATIONAL USE, MANAGEMENT, HARVEST,
AND PROTECTION OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

Summary. This regulation establishes responsibilities, procedures, and rules for all personnel utilizing the Fort Sill's training areas for recreational purposes. In addition, this regulation provides for the management and protection of natural resources on Fort Sill.

Applicability. This regulation applies to all recreational users affecting natural resources on Fort Sill.

Supplementation. Supplementation of this regulation is prohibited without prior approval from the Directorate of Public Works (DPW), Environmental Quality Division (EQD), 2930 Currie Road, Fort Sill Oklahoma.

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CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION

1-1. Purpose. This regulation establishes policies, procedures, rules and responsibilities concerning recreational use of range training areas on Fort Sill. It ensures that the training needs of the installation have priority over recreation in addition to providing for the management and protection of natural resources and establishes rules and procedures for harvesting fish, wildlife, and other resources on Fort Sill. It does not apply to the recreational use of paved or improved gravel roads or to the Lake Elmer Thomas Recreation Area.

1-2. Reference. Required and related publications and, prescribed and referenced forms, are listed in appendix A.

1-3. Explanation of Abbreviations and Terms. Abbreviations and terms used in this Regulation are explained in the glossary.

1-4. Records Management. Records created as a result of processes prescribed by this regulation must be identified, maintained, and disposed of according to AR 25-400-2, The Army Records Information Management System (ARIMS) and DA Pam 25-403, Guide to Recordkeeping in the Army.

Chapter 2 RESPONSIBILITIES.

2-1. Directorate of Public Works and Environmental Quality Division.

a. EQD has overall responsibility for management of natural resources to include control of game harvesting in accordance with AR 210-20, Real Property Master

Planning for Army Installations, AR 200-1, Environmental Protection and Enhancement and Cooperative Agreement between the U.S. Department of the Interior, State of Oklahoma, and the Installation. EQD will conduct official liaison with the State of Oklahoma and Federal agencies concerning fish and wildlife management. EQD is responsible for—

- (1) Operation of the Sportsmen Services Center and Conservation Education Center.
- (2) Conducting Sportsman Safety Classes.
- (3) Posting range danger overlay maps.
- (4) Enforcement of wildlife, environmental, and range recreation regulations on the installation.
- (5) Conducting liaison functions with appropriate authorities for enforcement of wildlife laws.
- (6) Issuing hunting/fishing passes and permits, and suspending/revoking permits in accordance with guidelines in appendix A. Make appeals concerning suspensions/revocations to the Chief, EQD

b. Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization, and Security (DPTMS). EQD will coordinate with DPTMS, Range Division concerning availability of areas and times of training. This includes making a special effort to coordinate prior to the beginning of major hunting seasons. Range Division will prepare range danger overlay maps for each day. DPTMS will provide overlays for Sportsmen Services personnel with enough time to post prior to 1200 the day before the date on the overlay.

c. Medical Department Activities. The Post Veterinary Activities will act to prevent and control communicable diseases of wildlife on the installation in cooperation with EQD. Veterinary activities will also provide assistance, as required, for Conservation Education Center animals.

d. Reading of the Regulations. Personnel using the installation's range training areas must be familiar with this regulation, Fort Sill Regulation 385-1, , as well as other appropriate State and Federal regulations.

2-1. Natural Resources Management. Improvement of wildlife habitat and manipulation of animal populations are the primary means of fish and wildlife management accomplished by EQD. Control of sportsmen is an integral function of population manipulation. Conservation education is critical to both long-term and short-term management goals.

- a. Base stocking of any species of fish and wildlife for reproduction purposes on

professional biological standards and proceeded by proper coordination with the State and Federal agencies by EQD. Consider with great caution exotic species that may result in displacement of native species.

b. Accomplish research of natural resource problems in cooperation with State, Federal, or private conservation agencies. Coordinate through EQD requests made by outside conservation personnel for services or loan of equipment for natural resource research use. Fort Sill may provide assistance for such research as outlined in appropriate Memorandum of Understanding.

c. EQD will act as the control agent of predators and nuisance animals on the range.

2-2. Administration.

a. Control of Fort Sill Permits and Related Funds. EQD will maintain and issue Fort Sill permits and State licenses, stamps, and tags. EQD will establish methods of dispersal, sales, and handling of funds in accordance with standard operating procedures established in concert with Directorate of Resource Management (DRM). EQD supervisory personnel will act to maintain a check on procedures. EQD will expend these funds for management, protection, and harvest of fish and wildlife in accordance with DA regulations. EQD may also use funds to purchase State licenses, stamps, and tags for resale with vendor fees used for items similar to those purchased with permit funds.

b. Use of Natural Resources. Equally administer opportunities for recreational use of natural resources to eligible persons, as defined in chapter 3, with no special privileges granted to any person.

c. Game wardens will be "on call" 24 hours a day with regard to enforcement duties and must have proper identification in the performance of duty. Wardens may use POVs in the course of their duties when a government vehicle is not readily available. Wardens may hunt or fish while on specific "plain clothes" assignments. Game wardens are authorized to perform their duties when opportunity or the need arises during normal off-duty periods.

d. Fort Sill Game Wardens are authorized to perform law enforcement functions granted by virtue of their appointments and commissions.

e. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service may occasionally require Fort Sill game wardens to assist with special law enforcement projects per authority conferred through their commissions.

f. Origin of Natural Resources Regulations. EQD will prepare drafts of regulations concerning natural resources management. Drafts will be forwarded to each concerned staff agency. EQD will finalize and forward through proper channels for publication.

2-3. Conservation Education Center. Native animals will have preference in the Conservation Education Center. Do not keep pets at the Center and do not permit domestic animals around penned animals. Animals in the Center are government owned and under the responsibility of EQD. Do not normally keep sick animals in the Center. This does not include animals with broken bones and other purely physical disorders. Conservation education is the primary goal of this operation.

CHAPTER 3 REQUIREMENTS

3-1. Eligibility.

a. Hunting, Fishing, Camping, and Boating. Participation in these activities is limited to—

(1) Military personnel: active duty (CAC Card required), retired veterans (DD Form 2RET or DD Form 2 required), Medal of Honor recipients and honorably discharged veterans rated by the Veterans Administration as 100 percent disabled from a Service-connected injury (DD Form 1173 or DD Form 2765 as well as a letter from Department Veterans Affairs stating the percentage of disability awarded), Selected Reserve (Active Guard and Reserve, Full Time Support, Individual Mobilization Augmentees) must present a valid Uniformed Services Military ID Card (CAC or DD Form 2RES) and LES or Orders) and Foreign military service members permanently stationed on Fort Sill that are issued a Uniformed Services (Military) ID Card. These individuals are eligible for Sponsor Annual Hunting and Fishing permits, and may bring guests as discussed in paragraph 3-5 of this regulation

(2) Fort Sill full time permanent DA, Fort Sill term, and Fort Sill Non-appropriated Fund (NAF) civilians, widows of active service veterans, and Fort Sill retired DA and NAF civilians). These individuals are eligible for Sponsor Annual Hunting and Fishing permits, and may bring guests as discussed in paragraph ~~2~~3-5 of this regulation.

(3) Dependents (i.e., spouses and children of personnel listed in paragraph 3-1a(1 and 2) above and Cameron University ROTC contracted cadets who obtain a memorandum from the Professor of Military Science). These individuals are eligible for Associate Hunting and Fishing permits. They are not authorized to sponsor guests.

b. Bicycle Riding, Pecan Picking, Hiking, Picnicking, and Horseback Riding. Participation in these activities is not limited to members of the Fort Sill community, but does require the check-in system as established in paragraph 4-1b.

c. Swimming and Scuba Diving. Swimming and scuba diving are not permitted. Separate rules apply to these activities at Lake Elmer Thomas.

3-2. Licenses and Permits.

a. Purchase permits, licenses, and tags at the Sportsmen Services Center. Retired veterans with a 60% or higher service-related disability, holders of senior citizen license, and non-retired veterans with 100% disability who meet eligibility requirements as stated in paragraph 3-1 above, may obtain Fort Sill hunting and fishing permits free of charge. Proof of disability or age and Oklahoma residency is required.

b. Persons must have a valid Oklahoma hunting and/or fishing license, a Fort Sill range safety card, a state hunter education certificate or show exemption per current Oklahoma hunting or fishing regulations prior to purchasing Fort Sill annual hunting or fishing permits. On Fort Sill state apprentice licenses are not valid for any large game hunting or for small game hunters 16 years of age or older.

c. A Fort Sill hunting and/or fishing permit is required before hunting or fishing at Fort Sill (except for fishing at Lake Elmer Thomas). Persons must have a range safety card to purchase Fort Sill annual permits. All active duty military personnel, who are residents of Oklahoma and are serving outside of Oklahoma, are exempt with proper proof of leave (DA 31 or equivalent) status on their person while in the field. Persons on leave that do not possess a Fort Sill range safety card, must be sponsored.

d. Tags required by the State of Oklahoma such as turkey and deer tags or State duck stamps are also required for Fort Sill hunters. Elk hunters on Fort Sill will purchase a Fort Sill elk tag which is only valid on Fort Sill. Regular Oklahoma State Elk tags are not valid on Fort Sill.

e. A Federal migratory bird-hunting stamp is required for hunting ducks and/or geese at Fort Sill. Purchase Federal duck stamps at any U.S. Post Office. All migratory bird hunters must complete a Harvest Information Program Permit.

f. Sportsmen must have the above items in possession while hunting or fishing on Fort Sill.

3-3. Safety Certificates.

a. All recreational users of the Range training areas, except guests accompanied by a Sponsor permit holder, will possess a Fort Sill Range Safety Card indicating the individual has completed a specific Fort Sill Sportsman Safety Course prior to obtaining a range access pass. In addition, hunters (unless exempt) must show proof of a state hunter education before purchasing hunting license

b. Hunters and fishermen must possess a Fort Sill Range Safety Card before obtaining a Fort Sill annual permit. Dependents 10 years of age or younger are not required to have this course if accompanied by a Fort Sill permit holder. EQD is responsible for providing this course.

c. All persons must possess a state certificate of hunter education before hunting large game on Fort Sill (or be exempt per current Oklahoma hunting or fishing regulations). Small game hunters 16 years of age and older hunting on Fort Sill are required to possess a state certificate of hunter education. Fort Sill small game hunters under 16 years of age are not required to have a state certified hunter education course but must be accompanied by a licensed hunter 21 years of age or older who possesses a state certificate of hunter education and will be in sight of and be able to communicate with the sponsor hunter in a normal voice without the aid of any communication device. Exemptions include, Persons 36 years of age or older, persons honorably discharged from the U.S. Armed Forces (DD 214 required for proof) and persons on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces and members of the National Guard. No person under 16 years of age may purchase a deer/or Fort Sill elk tag or hunt large game without first obtaining a hunter safety certification. Note: The Fort Sill Range Safety Card does not meet this requirement.

3-4. Provisions for Minors. Persons under 16 years of age are not required to have annual licenses or permits, but they are required to have any special tags required by the State for this age group. While hunting, persons under 16 years of age must be under the visual and positive supervision of an adult, 21 years of age or older, who has a valid Fort Sill hunting permit. This adult must be able to prevent the minor from committing an unsafe act. Persons under 12 years of age will not participate in gun deer, or primitive firearms deer hunting. Persons under 16 years of age will not participate in gun elk hunting. It is recommended that minors be under adult supervision while fishing. Adults without permits may assist children fishing provided they do not actually catch fish.

3-5. Provisions for Guests.

a. A guest is defined as any person, not authorized to hold a Sponsor or Associate permit, in the company of a Sponsor permit holder who assumes responsibility for that person's actions. Persons who qualify for Sponsor privileges, but arrive at Fort Sill after the last scheduled Sportsman Safety Class are eligible to hunt or fish using guest passes with a Sponsor until the next scheduled Safety Class. Orders showing the reporting date are required.

b. Annual Sponsor permit holders may sponsor guests for hunting and fishing activities except during gun deer, gun elk, archery elk seasons, the first weekend of muzzleloading deer season and opening weekend of spring turkey hunting. See annual Fort Sill circulars pertaining to Deer and Elk Hunting on Fort Sill, concerning guest restrictions during gun deer and elk seasons. Sponsors are responsible for guest compliance with applicable portions of paragraph 3-2. Associate permit holders are not authorized to sponsor guests for hunting or fishing.

c. A daily guest permit is required for each guest 16 years of age and over and must be in possession of the guest while hunting or fishing. You may obtain a guest fishing permit valid for 1 or 7 days. Permits are valid only for the date(s) specified,

except for night hunting activities, which will run from official sunset until 0600 the following morning. Hunting or fishing guests under 16 years old must obtain a free range access pass using the sponsor's permit number.

d. Sponsors must accompany their guests while they are hunting or fishing. Sponsors are responsible for their guests' conduct, safety, and adherence to regulations. Violations of regulations may result in suspension of hunting and fishing privileges for sponsors and their guests (see appendix A).

e. No more than two guests are permitted per sponsor permit holder for any date.

f. In archery deer, muzzleloading deer, or turkey seasons, hunting sponsors and their guests must be hunting the same species in the same season. Once sponsor permit holders fill their bags for these seasons, they may not sponsor guests for the rest of that season.

g. Any person hunting raccoons on Fort Sill must have a guest permit unless they are eligible for holding Sponsor or Associate permits, or are less than 16 years old.

CHAPTER 4 PROCEDURES

4-1. Recreation Use Procedures.

a. Compliance with safety regulations in this paragraph will greatly reduce the risk of injury or death for individuals that use Fort Sill rangelands for recreational purposes. Range recreation activities on the installation are the responsibility of the Installation Commander, and are privileges granted to qualified military and civilian personnel as defined in chapter 3. Violations of applicable Federal laws, Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Statutes (Title 29 of the Oklahoma Statutes), Oklahoma Criminal Laws (Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes), or Oklahoma Boating Laws (Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes) may result in criminal prosecution before the United States Magistrate for the Fort Sill Area or the United States District Court, as well as revocation or suspension of recreational privileges on the installation (appendix A). Other violations of this regulation may be cause for appropriate administrative action that may result in the revocation or suspension of recreational privileges on the installation (appendix A). Civilian recreational users not conforming to provisions of this regulation could be in violation of the federal trespass statute (Title 18 of the U.S. Code, Section 1382), which prohibits entry upon a reservation "for any purpose prohibited by law or lawful regulations." The federal trespass statute also provides for prosecution when an individual enters a military installation after having been removed or barred.

b. Coordinate group recreational events by the appropriate Fort Sill agency. On-post private organizations and off-post agencies must submit request to the Public Affairs Office (PAO), 455 McNair Ave, Suite 216, Fort Sill, OK 73503. At a minimum,

the PAO, Community Relations Officer will coordinate requests for recreational range use with DPW, EQD and DPTMS.

c. All individuals pursuing recreational activities that require them to be more than 100 feet from a paved or improved gravel road must follow the check-in procedure (except for recreation at Lake Elmer Thomas). Prior to going to a range area, each person will obtain one parking pass and access pass from the Sportsmen Services Center. One member of each party may pick up passes for all party members. Passes will normally be available on a first-come-first served basis after 1200 on the day prior to the activity. This is required to ensure personal safety and avoid interference with the Army mission. Hunters, scouters, hikers, anglers fishing restricted ponds and persons using the off-road Pig Farm Crossing area must follow more detailed instructions in paragraphs 4-1b, 4-2, and 4-3.

(1) Display parking passes inside or on the vehicle in such a manner as to be clearly visible from the outside.

(2) Carry (on person) the access pass while engaged in the recreational activity.

(3) It is prohibited for personnel to be outside their assigned area.

(4) All hunters, all scouters, all hikers, anglers fishing in restricted areas, and personnel using Pig Farm Crossing off-road area are required to contact Sportsmen Services to clear the range at the end of their activities. Other recreation pass holders do not have to report in when leaving the range. Do not return passes. They are disposable.

d. Anyone entering restricted areas is required to follow more restrictive procedures as found in paragraph 4-5c.

e. During the blackpowder and deer/elk gun seasons, range training areas are closed to all recreational activities except hunting and fishing. Fishing is restricted to only those ponds listed as opened during these seasons.

f. Persons will not damage fences, roads, dams, buildings, bridges, plantings, blinds, and other improvements.

g. Open fires are prohibited. Small cooking-size fires in grills or confine to metal containers are allowed. Clear the immediate area of combustible material within a radius of 15 feet. Extinguish fires with water and cover coals with 6 inches of dirt. Do not leave ashes exposed. No fires are permitted when the wind speed exceeds 10 mph. Attend fires at all times.

h. Do not litter or leave any man-made objects on the range. Burying refuse is prohibited. Persons camping or picnicking will police up to 50 feet around their site and properly dispose of trash.

i. Training hunting dogs on range areas, is permitted from 1 September through 31 March of each year. No firearms or weapons are permitted while training hunting dogs (except training pistol). Training hunting dogs is only allowed 1 April through 31 August each year in Hunting Areas E3 and D1. It is prohibited to hunt, train, or exercise dogs not inoculated for rabies. Any person possessing dogs on Fort Sill's range lands, except when pursuing raccoons, must keep the dogs under direct, positive control at all times.

j. Be extremely cautious when entering restricted areas due to the possibility of unexploded munitions. **MARK AND REPORT ANY DUDS SPOTTED OUTSIDE AN IMPACT AREA TO RANGE CONTROL FOR DISPOSAL BY EXPLOSIVE ORDINANCE DISPOSAL. DO NOT TOUCH THESE DUDS!**

k. Camping is allowed at Lake Elmer Thomas Recreation Area (LETRA) and Medicine Creek RV Park. Checkout for these camping areas is coordinated through the Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (DFMWR). For more information phone LETRA at 442-5850 or Outdoor Adventure at 442-8270.

l. Except for military vehicles, no motor vehicles of any kind may travel off paved or graveled roads, or through restricted areas, unless approved by the Sportsmen Services Branch. Off-road motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles (ATV's) are restricted to the off-road vehicles site (Pig Farm Crossing) with the exception of recovering downed animals if authorized by EQD. Prior to operation of any motorcycle, Army personnel will successfully complete a Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) or an approved MSF-based motorcycle rider safety course. Recreational off-road driving with a motorized vehicle is not authorized on Fort Sill except at the designated area at Pig Farm Crossing. The off-road vehicle area at Pig Farm Crossing is for use by all-terrain vehicles (ATV's) and motorcycles only. An ATV is defined as any motorized off-highway vehicle traveling on four low pressure tires having a seat to be straddled by the operator and handlebar for steering control, and intended for use by a single operator and no passenger. Three wheeled ATV's are prohibited. Persons who utilize the off-road Pig Farm Crossing area must obtain a range access pass and must contact the Sportsmen Services Center to clear the range at the end of their activities.

m. Sportsmen Services Center will post overlays and notices of areas closed to recreational use and special regulations. It is the individual's responsibility to know closed areas and their boundaries. **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL ANYONE MOVE INTO OR THROUGH A CLOSED AREA.** If military training moves into an area, all individuals must leave. The ability to accurately interpret a map is essential to all individuals pursuing range related activities on Fort Sill. Notices of recreational procedures posted at the Sportsmen Services Center are considered legally binding provided they do not conflict with published laws or regulations.

n. Any horses or mules used on-post must meet Veterinary Services requirements.

4-2. Procedures for Hunting.

a. Prior to hunting, each hunter will obtain a parking pass and a hunting pass from the Sportsmen Services Center. One member of each party may pick up passes for all party members hunting within one area or compartment, whichever is pertinent.-(EQD may issue range-wide passes for selected activities such as jump duck and raccoon hunting, as well as small game hunting on Quanah Range.) Passes will normally be available on a first-come-first-served basis after 1200 on the day prior to hunting. EQD may use drawings as needed to assign numbers when first-come-first-served is not feasible. Each hunter, except gun-elk and gun-deer hunters, must phone the Sportsmen Services Center within 1-1/2 hours after official sunset on each day of hunting. Night hunters must phone before 0400 on the morning to clear range. Persons may obtain passes for each day of the weekend after 1200 Friday for all species except elk, deer and turkey, per availability of overlays. These persons must report in after each day for which they are checked out. Persons scouting for game must check-in and checkout.

(1) Hunters must park their vehicles within or on boundaries of their assigned hunting areas. Roads indicated as off limits at the Sportsmen Services Center are not open to nonmilitary vehicles without authorization of EQD, Natural Resources Branch.

(2) Each hunter must display a parking pass inside or on the vehicle in such a manner as to be clearly visible from the outside.

(3) It is prohibited for hunters to hunt outside their assigned area.

(4) Each hunter must clear the range by phone or in person at the Sportsmen Services Center within 1-1/2 hours after official sunset on each day of hunting. Gun-elk or gun-deer hunting is an exception in that these hunters must physically check in within 1-1/2 hours after official sunset on the day of the hunt.

(5) Report game harvested. All hunters must check in deer, elk, and turkeys at the Sportsmen Services Center prior to departing for residences or other non-hunting activities.

b. Persons and their vehicles must be clear of firing areas and restricted zones prior to commencement of scheduled firing.

c. Range gates are under control of DES, Physical Security Section. Sportsmen will comply with Fort Sill Regulation 385-1 relative to the use of range gates. Sportsmen Services Center may issue keys on a daily basis for hunting and fishing. Sportsmen must return keys within 24 hours unless special provisions are made ahead of time. It is

prohibited to have range gate keys duplicated, or to misuse keys or gate locks. Under no circumstances will reservation boundary fences or gates be altered, cut, or damaged. Persons must enter and leave the installation only at authorized gates. Lock gates at all times unless gate guards are present.

d. Shooting on, from, or across any public roadway is prohibited. Hunting is allowed from firebreaks and nonpublic roads, provided they are not being used by other personnel, and the hunter is not using them to "road hunt" (driving in search of game).

e. It is illegal to use towers and other structures for hunting purposes. It is prohibited to fire a weapon within 440 yards of any dwelling, structure, or area containing personnel or domestic animals. It is prohibited to hunt with any rifle, including .22 caliber, within 600 yards of any troop activity. Shooting any weapon into or across any pond or lake is prohibited except for authorized hunting activities. Discharging firearms, except on an approved range, is prohibited unless done as part of normal hunting activities.

f. Persons hunting game, which require special tags, will occupy a hunting slot, including hunting dependents.

g. Deer, elk, and turkey are not legal game for hunters checked out to hunt small game.

h. Hunters may conduct predator hunting and calling as a specific hunting activity. Special predator hunting, such as using greyhounds, is illegal. Nighttime coyote hunting is authorized with only the use of No. 6 shot or smaller (7-1/2, 8, 9) provided you obtain permission from the Sportsmen Services Coordinator.

i. Legal weapons for hunting include shotguns (firing legal shot) no larger than 10-gauge, .22 caliber rimfire rifles and pistols, muzzleloading guns (firing legal shot), and bows and arrows. The sportsmen overlay map shows areas, which exclude .22 caliber weapons. The State of Oklahoma may impose additional weapon restrictions. EQD may authorize other weapons as appropriate, such as centerfire rifles or pistols for deer and elk hunting.

j. Hunters may not have firearms in their possession or in their vehicles while running raccoons except during the legal harvest season. Do not call or dislodge raccoons from trees in any manner except during the legal harvest season. Raccoon sport running is closed from 1 April through 31 August unless other dates are authorized by EQD. Carrying chamber/magazine/clip-loaded weapons in any land-borne vehicle is prohibited.

k. Firing a weapon from a vehicle or within 20 feet of a vehicle is prohibited.

l. Gun-deer, gun-elk, Special Hog and muzzleloading season hunters must conspicuously wear both a head covering and an outer garment above the waistline of solid daylight fluorescent orange, totaling 400-square-inches or more of clothing, during the gun-deer and muzzleloading deer seasons. If the pattern is camouflage, at least 400-square-inches must be fluorescent orange. Other hunters, except those hunting waterfowl or those hunting furbearing animals at night, must wear a fluorescent orange head covering or an upper body garment (as described above) during the above seasons.

m. Hunters using rifles of any caliber are not permitted within 600 yards of troops.

n. The use of decoys is not permitted with the exception of migratory birds.

o. It is illegal to carry on person any weapons, ammunition, or components that are not authorized by state or post regulations for the species signed out for.

p. Persons are not permitted to use Fort Sill hunting privileges for monetary gain.

q. The use of spotlights from vehicles is illegal except for official military activities and wildlife management.

r. It is prohibited for small game hunters to have slugs in their possession while hunting.

s. Trapping is prohibited unless authorized by EQD.

t. Hunting is prohibited while under the influence of intoxicants.

u. Game Wardens are authorized to conduct inspections of any possible sportsmen and their conveyances for the purpose of checking for bag limits, type of game or fish, means to take game, and for any other wildlife conservation restriction.

v. Baiting wildlife, feeding wildlife, and hunting over baited areas are illegal without EQD approval. Definitions of "baiting areas" are the same as used in the State of Oklahoma turkey hunting regulations to include any minerals.

w. Possession limit for hunters and fishermen is equal to the daily bag limit for given species. Possession is defined as number of game animals with the person or in his/her vehicle on the range.

x. During waterfowl seasons, hunters and fishermen will use a first-come-first served procedure on all ponds except those designated as hunting-only.

y. Appendix B on hunting and boating safety is applicable as written.

4-3 Hunting Compartments. EQD has divided the installation into 14 hunting compartments which are lettered A through N. A map depicting these compartments is at the Sportsmen Services Center. Compartments are assigned hunter quotas as determined by EQD. Hunters are permitted to check into an area until this quota is reached.

4-4. Hunting Areas. Compartments are subdivided into hunting areas (examples: A3, I2). You may use these areas when EQD desires a greater degree of hunter control.

4-5. Procedures for Fishing.

a. Prior to fishing outside of the cantonment area, each angler will obtain one a parking pass and fishing pass from the Sportsmen Services Center. One member of each party may pick up passes for all party members. Passes will normally be available on a first-come-first-served basis after 1200 on the day prior to fishing. Persons fishing in the cantonment area as indicated on the sportsmen map do not need a range access pass. Cantonment fishing area include: Owl, Mascot, East Minor, Minor Twins, Artillery, Armadillo Ammo ponds, Medicine Creek from Medicine Bluffs to interstate 44, and the west side of East Cache creek from Hoyle bridge to pig farm crossing.

b. Fishermen who fish at restricted ponds and streams including: all Quanah Range ponds; Upper Gruber and Weed ponds on West Range; and Dove, Elgin, Jocelyn, Barrett, Badger, South RETS, Red, East Arbuckle, Lark, Horn, Recon, and Pocahontas ponds on East Range, must obtain a range access pass before fishing and must contact the Sportsmen Services Center and clear the range at the end of their fishing activities. The following ponds are permanently off-limit: I-See-O, Beef and Wrattan on East range and Buck, West Lake, Kato, Chinook and Carlton Mountain on West range and Chippewa and Pawnee on Quanah Range.

c. Fishermen are responsible for checking firing overlays to determine which fishing areas are outside firing fans. Only one restricted pond can be included on a pass. EQD may issue a single pass for all ponds on Quanah range. Place passes on vehicles as well as carry on person while fishing. Fishermen must clear the field by 2400, unless they have a pass for the same area valid for the following day. **It is the fisherman's responsibility to check both overlay maps if they intend to be in the field after 2400.** Fishermen are not required to check out upon leaving unrestricted sites.

d. EQD may close ponds for chemical control of waterweeds, deer hunting, waterfowl hunting, or fish management purposes. The Sportsmen Services Center will maintain a list of ponds temporarily or permanently closed. Fishermen desiring to fish from 1 September - 15 January must consult this list to learn of ponds closed due to waterfowl hunting. Unless ponds/lakes/streams are specifically listed as open for fishing at the Sportsmen Services Center (Building 1458), they are closed during gun deer season.

e. The accepted practice for catching fish is by hook and line. Any other method, unless specifically authorized within this regulation or a circular, is prohibited.

f. Use trotlines only in Medicine Creek and East Cache Creek. These lines are limited to 50 hooks, spaced at least 24-inches apart. Submerge lines 3 feet or more to prevent interference with boats, where possible. Tag lines with the owner's name and Fort Sill fishing permit number and attend daily. Jug lines and unattended individual lines of any type are prohibited. Trotlines are prohibited in the portion of Medicine Creek west of concrete dam at White Wolf and east of the archery range.

g. Use a minnow seine not more than 20 feet in length and 1/4-inch mesh, or throw net to obtain bait minnows in running streams only.

h. Noodling, hand gigs and bows and arrows to take nongame fish are authorized in streams only. Nongame fish are defined in Oklahoma State Regulations.

i. Use boats, rafts, and floats on water areas. On Fort Sill, all boat occupants will wear life preservers at all times. You can use small electrical trolling motors on all water areas. Use small gasoline motors (10 horsepower or less) only on Lake George, Pottawatomie Twins, Ketch Lake, Engineer Lake, Upper Canyon Lake, and Logan Pond. Gasoline motors are prohibited on other bodies of water except Lake Elmer Thomas, which has no horsepower limit, but there is a **no wake speed limit**. Do not use vehicles and trailers to launch or remove boats in the portion of Medicine Creek west of concrete dam at White Wolf and east of the archery range.

j. Fort Sill has special regulations regarding length and number of bass and channel catfish, which are legal. Fishermen should check the annual Fort Sill Circular on bag limits to get this information regarding bass and channel catfish. Protected bass and channel catfish must be returned to the water as soon as they are caught.

k. Owl and Mascot ponds are reserved for non-ambulatory fishermen confined to a wheelchair and for youngsters 15 years and under. A responsible adult must supervise youngsters 12 years and under while they are fishing in these ponds.

l. Commercial fishing or fishing for monetary gain is not permitted.

m. Fishing tournaments are prohibited (except LETRA) unless approved by EQD. EQD will not approve tournaments if they significantly impact recreational fishing on the installation.

4-6. Season and Bag Limits. There will be no open season on any bird, reptile, amphibian, fish, or mammal except as specified herein or in another notice published by EQD.

* Fort Sill Regulation 200-1, 29 December 2009

a. Bag limits, season dates, and special hunting provisions are indicated in annual Fort Sill Circulars. Fort Sill Circulars are published to amplify provisions of this regulation and to comply with State and Federal regulations for specific seasons. Recreational users of Fort Sill's rangelands must comply with these circulars.

b. EQD, Natural Resources Branch has authority to change bag limits, weapon requirements, and hunting activities as needed within limits imposed by the State. EQD may impose these measures prior to any hunting day.

**APPENDIX A
POST PERMIT SUSPENSION/REVOCATION GUIDE**

A-1. Policy. Chapter 2 of this regulation governs the privileges of hunting, fishing, and other range recreation on the Fort Sill Military Reservation.

A-2. Authority. EQD will enforce applicable laws and regulations concerning natural resources and has the authority to suspend or revoke recreational privileges as appropriate. Make appeals to the Chief, EQD.

A-3. Violations. The following is a list of common violations and administrative actions, which EQD may take against personnel who violate applicable State or Federal statutes or Fort Sill regulations. Criminal prosecutions of personnel resulting in convictions for violations of laws and regulations pertaining to natural resources will not prevent the additional imposition of administrative sanctions. Violations listed below need only be proven by substantial evidence in order to impose appropriate sanctions. Consequently, EQD may take the following administrative actions against personnel whose criminal prosecutions for violations of laws and regulations relating to natural resources resulted in acquittals if substantial evidence nevertheless exists that the violations occurred.

a. Suspension of Permits

VIOLATIONS	ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION
Failure to wear safety garments	Up to 30 days
Littering	Up to 30 days
Failure to phone or check in at the Sportsmen Services Center within required time for restricted areas	Up to 30 days
Failure to return protected fish to water	Up to 30 days
Failure to comply with boating safety Laws and regulations	Up to 30 days
In wrong areas, compartment, or range	Up to 30 days
Failure to carry pass or properly display parking pass	Up to 30 days
Fishing in a closed or restricted pond, lake or stream	Up to 30 days
Failure to wear a Coast Guard-approved life preservers while in boat	Up to 30 days
Violate road closure restrictions	Up to 30 days
Operating a boat in a reckless or negligent manner	Up to 60 days
Exceeding bag limits for fish or game (except deer, elk, or turkey)	Up to 60 days
Keeping protected bass and/or channel catfish	Up to 60 days
In an off-limits area	Between 30 and 60 days
Failure to follow regulations regarding night hunting	Between 30 and 60 days
Failure to return Gate Key within allotted time	Between 30 and 60 days
Failure to obtain an access and parking pass or sign out	Between 30 and 60 days
Allowing minors (under 16) to hunt unattended by an adult	Between 30 and 60 days
Allowing guests to hunt or fish when not accompanied by	Between 60 and 90 days

sponsor permit holder	
Spotlighting without authorization	Between 60 and 90 days
Entering or departing through other than an authorized gate	Between 60 and 90 days

b. Temporary Revocation of Permits. Below revocations are for 1 calendar year.

- Killing or attempting to kill protected wildlife species
- Hunting deer with dogs
- Trapping without authorization
- Exceeding deer, elk, or turkey bag limits
- Firing a weapon too close to a dwelling or persons
- Hunting any animal (except deer or elk) out of season
- Transporting loaded weapons in a vehicle
- Firing a weapon from a vehicle
- Loan or transfer of a hunting or fishing permit
- Hunting with unauthorized weapon or ammunition
- Habitual violators (accumulation of 3 citations within a 365-day period)
- Fishing with unauthorized equipment (trotlines, shockers, nets, etc.)
- Hunting under the influence of intoxicants or controlled substances
- Failure to have harvested game checked at the check station when such checks are required
- Having explosives (other than legal ammunition) in a boat
- Misusing, duplicating, or possessing a duplicated gate key
- Cutting, altering, or damaging boundary fences or gates

c. Permanent Revocations of Permits

- Shooting or attempting to shoot deer or elk at night
- Shooting or attempting to shoot deer or elk out of season
- Shooting turkeys from roost trees
- Shooting or attempting to shoot an endangered species

d. Other Violations. Other violations are evaluated based upon the seriousness of the offense, and privileges are suspended or revoked as determined by EQD.

**APPENDIX B
HUNTING AND BOATING SAFETY**

B-1. Hunting Safety. The following 11 basic rules for safe gun handling will be adhered to:

a. **TREAT EVERY GUN AS IF IT WERE LOADED.** Never take anyone's word that the gun is empty.

b. **ALWAYS POINT THE GUN MUZZLE IN A SAFE DIRECTION.** Never aim at anything you don't intend to shoot.

c. **BE SURE OF YOUR TARGET.** Never shoot at unidentified noises; wait until the whole animal or bird is visible.

d. **KNOW THE CORRECT WAY TO CARRY YOUR GUN** - under arm, shoulder, cradle and both hands. Make sure—

(1) Safety is on.

(2) Finger is outside trigger guard.

(3) Muzzle is in safe direction and under control.

e. **KEEP THE SAFETY ON** or the chamber unloaded until ready to fire, and keep your finger out of the trigger guard.

f. **CHECK BORE FREQUENTLY** through the breech end to be sure it is clear of foreign objects **before** loading, and frequently while hunting.

g. **AGREE BEFOREHAND** on the area or sector each hunter will cover.

h. **BE SURE THE ACTION IS OPEN** when handing a gun to another person or when stopping to eat, chat, or rest.

i. **WHEN DUCK HUNTING FROM A BOAT**, two hunters should face in opposite directions. Never lay a loaded gun on bottom of a boat.

j. **WHEN HUNTING IN A GROUP**, no hunter should carry a gun so that it ever points toward another person.

k. **UNLOAD BEFORE CROSSING A FENCE OR OBSTRUCTION.**

l. Assume responsibility for the actions and safety of your guest.

B-2. Boating Safety.

* Fort Sill Regulation 200-1, 29 December 2009

a. Individuals operating boats are responsible for providing a U.S. Coast Guard approved life preserver for each occupant while boating on any of the waters of the installation. On Fort Sill, all boat occupants will wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life preservers at all times. Life preservers will be of a size suitable to the person who is or will be wearing it. A ski belt is not a Coast Guard approved personal flotation device.

b. At least one Type IV (throwable device) PFD must be kept on board any vessel 16 feet or longer.

c. Flotation devices that are ripped or in poor condition are not considered approved.

d. All boat operators and passengers on Fort Sill must comply with Oklahoma Boating Laws and Regulations.

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