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 AND PROTECTION OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

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CHAPTER 1

GENERAL

1-1. PURPOSE.

a. This regulation provides for the safety and protection of all recreational users of the range training areas whose activities require them to be more than 100 feet from a paved or improved gravel road. It does not apply to the recreational use of paved or improved gravel roads or to the Lake Elmer Thomas Recreation Area. This regulation--

- (1) Establishes procedures and rules for recreational use of range training areas.
- (2) Provides guidance for the safety and protection of all recreational users.
- (3) Ensures that the training needs of the installation have priority over recreation.

(4) Provides for the management and protection of natural resources and establishes rules and procedures for the harvest of fish, wildlife, and other resources on the Fort Sill Military reservation.

b. 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.

1-2. RESPONSIBILITIES.

a. DPS Environmental Quality Division (EQD). EQD has overall responsibility for management of natural resources to include control of game harvesting in accordance with AR 210-10, AR 200-3, 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) Conduct liaison 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 and Mobilization (DPTM). EQD shall coordinate with the Range Division concerning availability of areas and times of training. Include 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. DPTM 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 shall act to prevent and control communicable diseases of wildlife on the installation in cooperation with EQD. Veterinary activities shall 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, USAFACFS Reg 385-1, as well as other appropriate State and Federal regulations.

1-3. NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT. Improvement of wildlife habitat and manipulation of animal populations are 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.

1-4. 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 2, 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. Game wardens commissioned as Deputy U.S. Game Wardens or Fort Sill Commissioned Game Wardens are authorized to perform law enforcement functions granted by virtue of their appointments and commissions.

e. 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. Forward drafts to each concerned staff agency. EQD will complete final typing and forward through proper channels for publication.

1-5. 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 2

REQUIREMENTS

2-1. ELIGIBILITY.

a. Hunting, fishing, camping and boating. Participation in these activities is limited to--

(1) Military personnel (active, retired, selected reserves, and honorably "discharged" veterans rated 100 percent disabled by the Department of Veterans Affairs (DD Form 1173 required), Fort Sill full time permanent DA, Fort Sill term, and Fort Sill Nonappropriated 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 2-5 of this regulation.

(2) Dependents (i.e., spouses and children of personnel listed in paragraph 2-1a(1), 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 3-1. Recreational off-road driving with a motorized vehicle is not authorized on Fort Sill except at the designated area at Pig Farm Crossing. [A range pass is required for this area.](#)

c. The area west of Lake Elmer Thomas Recreation Area is no longer designated as a Public Use area. Passes are now required for all areas of Fort Sill ranges as established in paragraph 3-1.

d. Swimming and Scuba Diving. Swimming and Scuba Diving in range training area ponds and lakes are not permitted. Separate rules apply to these activities at Lake Elmer Thomas.

2-2. LICENSES AND PERMITS. 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 nonretired veterans with 100% disability who meet eligibility requirements as stated in paragraph 2-1 above, may obtain Fort Sill hunting and fishing permits free of charge. Proof of disability or age and Oklahoma residency is required.

a. Persons must have a valid Oklahoma hunting and/or fishing license (or exemption per current Oklahoma hunting or fishing regulations) prior to purchasing Fort Sill annual hunting or fishing permits. No person born on or after January 1, 1972, upon

reaching 16 years of age, may purchase or receive any hunting license or tag without exhibiting either a Hunter Safety Certificate from the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation or a like certificate from another state or country approved by the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation. Exceptions include 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 gun deer tag or hunt large game with any firearm without first obtaining a Hunter Safety Certification. Note: The Fort Sill Range Safety Card will not meet this requirement.

b. A Fort Sill hunting and/or fishing permit is required before hunting or fishing at Fort Sill (except for fishing at Lake Elmer Thomas). All active duty military personnel, who are residents of Oklahoma and are serving outside of Oklahoma, are exempt with proper proof of leave status on their person while in the field. Show state hunting and/or fishing licenses, if required, prior to purchasing post permits. Persons must have a post safety card to purchase hunting permit.

c. Tags required by the State of Oklahoma such as elk, turkey, and deer tags or State duck stamps are also required for Fort Sill hunters. Senior citizen licenses are required to hunt or fish by residents of Oklahoma who were born on or after January 1, 1923 and who are 64 years of age or older.

d. A Federal migratory bird-hunting stamp for hunting ducks and/or geese is also required at Fort Sill. Purchase Federal duck stamps at any U.S. Post Office. All migratory bird hunters must complete a Migratory Bird Survey form.

e. You must have the above items your possession while hunting or fishing on Fort Sill.

2-3. SAFETY CERTIFICATE. Personnel hunting on Fort Sill, or fishing in buffer zones or on Quanah Range, except guests accompanied by a Sponsor permit holder, shall possess a Fort Sill Range Safety Card indicating the individual has completed a specific Fort Sill Sportsman Safety Course prior to obtaining a hunting permit or a fishing checkout pass. Dependents 10 years of age or younger are not required to have this course if accompanied by a sponsor permit holder. EQD is responsible for providing this course. This course is in addition to the State course described in paragraph 2-2a.

2-4. PROVISIONS FOR MINORS. Persons under 16 years of age are not required to have licenses or permits, but they are required to have any special tags required by the State for this age group. However, minors who hunt must attend the Fort Sill Sportsman Safety Course. 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.

2-5. 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 using guest passes with a Sponsor until the next scheduled Safety Class. Orders showing reporting date are required.

b. Annual Sponsor permit holders may sponsor guests for hunting and fishing activities except gun deer, gun elk, or archery elk hunting. Sponsors are responsible for guest compliance with applicable portions of paragraph 2-2. 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 shall run from official sunset until 0600 the following morning. Hunting or fishing guests under 16 years old must obtain a free checkout 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. No guests are permitted during the first weekend of primitive firearms deer season and the first weekends of fall and spring turkey seasons. See USAFACFS Circular, Deer and Elk Hunting on Fort Sill, concerning guest restrictions during gun deer and elk seasons.

g. In archery deer, primitive 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.

h. 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 3

PROCEDURES

3-1. RECREATIONAL USE PROCEDURES. 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 2.

a. Coordinate group recreational events by the appropriate Fort Sill agency. On-post private organizations must submit requests to Cdr, USAFACFS, ATTN: ATZR-PN. Off-post agencies should submit requests to the Public Affairs Office (PAO). At the minimum, DCA and PAO will coordinate requests for recreational range use with EQD and DPTM.

b. 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. 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 and anglers fishing certain restricted ponds must follow more detailed instructions in paragraphs 3-2 and 3-3.

(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) Do not return passes. They are disposable. Recreation pass holders do not have to report in when leaving the range. All other pass holders are required to checkout after leaving the range.

c. Anyone entering restricted areas is required to have a Fort Sill Safety card and follow more restrictive procedures as found in paragraph 3-3.

d. During the blackpowder and deer 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.

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

f. Open fires are prohibited. Set small cooking-size fires in grills or confine to metal containers. 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.

g. Do not litter or leave any man-made objects on the range. Place refuse in authorized trash containers. Do not bury it. Persons camping or picnicking will police up to 50 feet around their site and properly dispose of trash in range trash receptacles or transport said trash to authorized disposal areas.

h. Training hunting dogs on range areas, off paved or graveled roads, is permitted from 1 September through 31 March of each year. No firearms or weapons are permitted while training hunting dogs (except training pistol). Do not train or work hunting dogs during 1 April through 31 August each year except 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.

i. Be extremely cautious when entering impact area buffer zones due to the possibility of unexploded munitions. **MARK AND REPORT ANY DUDS SPOTTED OUTSIDE AN IMPACT AREA TO THE SPORTSMEN SERVICES CENTER FOR DISPOSAL BY EXPLOSIVE ORDINANCE DISPOSAL. DO NOT TOUCH THESE DUDS!**

j. Camping is allowed 1 January through 30 September. Camping is permitted only in areas designated on the map at Sportsmen Services. All campers must follow check out and check-in procedures, as described below.

k. 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. Unlicensed off-road vehicles are restricted to the off-road vehicle site (Pig Farm Crossing) with the possible exception of recovering downed deer and/or elk if authorized by EQD.

l. Sportsmen Services Center will post maps 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.

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

3-2. PROCEDURES FOR HUNTING.

a. Prior to hunting, each hunter will obtain one parking pass and 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 0600 on the morning after checking out. Persons may obtain passes for each day of the weekend after 1200 Friday for 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) Each hunter must carry a hunting pass on his/her person while hunting.

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

(5) Each hunter must phone the Sportsmen Services Center within 1-1/2 hours after official sunset on each day of hunting. Passes are disposable. Do not return them. 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.

(6) Report game harvested. Check in deer, elk, and turkeys at the Sportsmen Services Center prior to departing for residences or other nonhunting 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 DPS, Physical Security Section. Sportsmen will comply with USAFACFS Reg 385-1 relative to the use of range gates. Sportsmen Services Center may issue keys on a daily basis for hunting and fishing. Return keys within 24 hours unless special provisions are made ahead of time. It is prohibited to have range gate keys duplicated, have duplicated keys in possession or to misuse keys/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. You may hunt 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 dependents.

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

h. Hunters may conduct predator hunting and calling as a specific sport-hunting activity. Special predator hunting, such as using greyhounds, is illegal unless authorized by EQD. 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 no larger than 10-gauge, .22 caliber rimfire rifles and pistols, muzzle loading guns, and bows and arrows. The sportsmen map shows areas, which exclude .22 caliber weapons. **You may use the 22 caliber rimfire weapons on the East Range with approval from the Natural Resources Administrator.** 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. Hunters are not permitted to have harvested raccoons in vehicles on the installation during the closed season, regardless of harvest location. There is no harvesting of raccoons on East Range due to firearms restrictions.

k. Persons are not permitted to carry chamber/magazine/clip-loaded weapons in any land-borne vehicle.

l. Persons are not permitted to fire a weapon from a vehicle or within 20 feet of a vehicle.

m. Gun-deer, gun-elk, and primitive firearms hunters must conspicuously wear both a head covering and an outer garment above the waistline of solid daylight fluorescent orange, totaling 500-square-inches or more of clothing, during the gun-deer and primitive firearms 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.

n. Quail hunters will restrict their parties to no more than four hunters.

o. No hunter may obtain a pass for nondeer hunting prior to 0600 on the day of the hunt during the gun-deer season.

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

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

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

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

t. The use of spotlights from vehicles is illegal except for official military activities, legal hunting, and wildlife management.

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

v. Trapping is prohibited unless authorized by EQD.

w. Bullfrog hunting with firearms, pellet guns, or BB guns is prohibited.

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

y. Game Wardens are authorized to conduct game and game fish 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.

z. 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.

aa. 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.

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

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

3-3. PROCEDURES FOR FISHING RESTRICTED PONDS AND STREAMS.

a. Fishermen who fish at restricted ponds and streams including: all Quanah Range ponds; and that portion of Medicine Creek between 4-Mile and 10-Mile crossing on West Range; and Elgin, Jocelyn, Barrett, Badger, South RETS, Red, [Recon](#), and Pocahontas ponds on East Range must first obtain a range safety card. EQD will issue range safety cards to persons who have attended the Fort Sill Sportsmen Safety Class. [The following ponds are permanently off-limit: I-See-O, Beef and Wrattan on East range and Buck, West Lake, and Carlton Mountain on West range and Chippewa and Pawnee on Quanah Range.](#)

b. Fishermen must obtain a pass before fishing in the restricted ponds and streams listed in paragraph 3-4a, above, and must check out at the end of their fishing activities. Fishermen are responsible for checking firing overlays to determine which fishing areas are outside firing fans. Only one restricted pond, or Medicine Creek between 4-mile and 10-mile Crossings, 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.

c. 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.

d. 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.

e. 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.

f. 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.

g. Use hand gigs and bows and arrows to take nongame fish. Nongame fish are defined in Oklahoma State Regulations.

h. Use boats, rafts, and floats on water areas. You can use small electrical trolling motors. 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.

i. Fort Sill has special regulations regarding length and number of bass and channel catfish, which are legal. These may vary by body of water. Fishermen should check the annual USAFACFS Circular on bag limits to get this information regarding bass and channel catfish. Return protected bass and channel catfish to the water as soon as they are caught.

j. Owl and Mascot ponds are reserved for youngsters 15 years and under. A responsible adult must supervise youngsters 12 years and under while they are fishing in these ponds.

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

l. Fishing tournaments are prohibited unless approved by EQD. EQD will not approve tournaments if they significantly impact on normal recreational fishing on the installation.

3-4. SEASONS 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.

a. Bag limits, season dates, and special hunting provisions are indicated in annual USAFACFS Circulars concerning hunting and fishing seasons and bag limits, deer hunting, waterfowl hunting, and additional circulars as may be published. USAFACFS 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.

3-5. HUNTING COMPARTMENTS. We have 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.

3-6. 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.

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 lake	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
Hunting with more than four people in a party - quail hunting only	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 to 60 days
Allowing minors (under 16) to hunt unattended by an adult	Between 60 and 90 days
Allowing guests to hunt or fish when not accompanied by sponsor permit holder	Between 60 and 90 days
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.

VIOLATIONS

- 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 shall 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.

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.

b. While engaging in boating activities, personnel unable to swim and children under 12 years of age must wear a personal flotation device vest-type preserver. Other personnel will have life preservers immediately available for use.

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