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# 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 Human Resources (DHR), Administrative Services Division (ASD), 4700 Mow Way Road, G-06, Fort Sill, OK 73503.

**Suggested Improvements.** The proponent of this regulation is the Directorate of Public Works, Environmental Quality Division (DPW, EQD). Users are invited to send comments and suggested improvements on Department of the Army (DA) Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) directly to DPW, EQ.

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<sup>\*</sup>This regulation supersedes Fort Sill Regulations 200-1, Recreation Use, Management, Harvest, and Protection of Natural Resources, 29 December 2009.

# CHAPTER 1 Introduction

- **1-1. Purpose.** This regulation establishes policies, procedures, rules and responsibilities concerning recreational use of range training areas on Fort Sill. Training requirements have priority over recreation. This regulation provides rules and procedures for harvesting fish, wildlife and other resources. It does not apply to the recreational use of paved roads or 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 Army Regulation (AR) 25-400-2, The Army Records Information Management System (ARIMS) and DA Pamphlet 25-403, Guide to Recordkeeping in the Army. Record titles and descriptions are available on the ARIMS website: (https://www.arims.army.mil/arims/Default.aspx).

# **Chapter 2** Responsibilities

2-1. Directorate of Public Works, Environmental Quality Division, Natural Resources and Enforcement Branch (DPW/EQD/NREB).

- a. NREB has overall responsibility for management of natural resources to include control of game harvesting in accordance with AR 210-20, AR 200-1, and Cooperative Agreement between the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, 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) Assist game wardens in the investigation of fish, wildlife, environmental, and range recreation violations on the installation.
- (5) Issuing hunting/fishing passes and permits, and suspending/revoking permits in accordance with guidelines in appendix B. Addressing any appeals concerning suspensions/revocations to the Chief, EQD
- b. NREB will coordinate with Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization, and Security (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. The Post Veterinary Activities will act to prevent and control communicable diseases of wildlife on the installation in cooperation with NREB. Veterinary activities will also provide assistance, as required, for Conservation Education Center animals.
- d. 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 laws and regulations.
- **2-2. Natural Resources Management.** Improvement of wildlife habitat and manipulation of animal populations are the primary means of fish and wildlife management accomplished by NREB. Control of sportsmen is an integral function of population manipulation. Conservation education is critical to both long-term and short-term management goals.
- a. Stocking of any species of fish or wildlife will be proceeded by proper coordination with the State and Federal agencies by NREB.

- b. Accomplish natural resources research in cooperation with State, Federal, or private conservation agencies. Fort Sill may provide assistance for such research as outlined in appropriate Memorandum of Understanding.
- c. NREB will act as the control agent of predators and nuisance animals on the range & upon special request will assist with pest control inside the cantonment area.

#### 2-3. Administration.

- a. NREB will maintain and issue Fort Sill permits NREB 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). NREB supervisory personnel will act to maintain a check on procedures. NREB will expend these funds for management, protection, and harvest of fish and wildlife in accordance with DA regulations.
- b. Opportunities for recreational use of natural resources will be to eligible persons, as defined in chapter 3, with no special privileges granted to any person.
- c. Fort Sill Game Wardens are authorized to perform law enforcement functions granted by virtue of their appointments and commissions.
- d. NREB will prepare drafts of regulations concerning natural resources management. Drafts will be forwarded to each concerned staff agency. NREB will finalize and forward through proper channels for publication.

# Chapter 3 Requirements

# 3-1. Eligibility.

- a. Hunting, Fishing, Wood cutting, and Boating. Participation in these activities is limited to—
- (1) Military personnel: active duty (Common Access Card (CAC) required), retired veterans (Department of Defense (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 Leave and Earnings Statement 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 full time permanent 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 3-5 of this regulation.
- (3) Dependents (i.e., spouses and children of personnel listed in paragraph 3-1a (1and 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. Participation in Bicycle Riding, Pecan Picking, Hiking, Picnicking, and Horseback Riding 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 are not permitted. Separate rules apply to these activities at Lake Elmer Thomas.

#### 3-2. Licenses and Permits.

- a. Veteran's with a Service Connected Disability rating of 100%, or a person who is receiving benefits for a Social Security Disability, are eligible for a free Fort Sill Post Hunting or Fishing Permit, if they possess an Oklahoma or Veteran's Affair issued Disability License.
- 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. Persons on leave that do not possess a Fort Sill range safety card, must be sponsored.
- d. Tags or stamps required by the State of Oklahoma such as turkey, elk and deer tags or State duck stamps are also required for Fort Sill hunters.
- e. A Federal migratory bird-hunting stamp is required for hunting ducks and/or geese at Fort Sill. Purchase Federal duck stamps. 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.
- 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. 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 10 years of age will not participate in any special Fort Sill youth hunts. A hunting adult(s) may pair up with a minor for hunting exactly the same as any other hunter. Two hunting slots will be needed in an area. A nonhunting adult may supervise a minor but may not carry a firearm. This adult must have a hunter's safety card, unless exempt and will be there for the sole purpose of mentoring the young hunter. 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, all weekends of muzzleloading deer season and opening weekend of spring turkey hunting. 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 B).
  - e. No more than two quests 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 and same area. 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 of age.

# Chapter 4 Procedures

#### 4-1. Recreational 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 B). Violations of state or federal laws and/or this regulation may be cause for appropriate administrative action that may result in the revocation or suspension of recreational privileges on the installation (appendix B). 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. Group recreational events may not be conducted without prior approval. Onpost private organizations and off-post agencies must submit request to the Public Affairs Office, 7305 NW McNair Avenue, Suite 216, Fort Sill, OK 73503. At a minimum, the Public Affairs Office, 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 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, scouters, 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.

- 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 designated at sportsman services. 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 used for legal hunting, 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 Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (DFMWR). For more information phone LETRA at 442-5850 or Outdoor Adventure at 442-8270.
- I. 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, all-terrain vehicles (ATV's) and utility vehicles (UTV's) are restricted to the off-road vehicles site (Pig Farm Crossing) with the exception of recovering downed animals if authorized by NREB. 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 ATV's, UTV'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. A UTV is defined as any recreational motor vehicle other than an ATV, motorbike or snowmobile designed for and capable of travel over designated unpaved roads, traveling on four (4) or more low-pressure tires of twenty (20) psi or less, maximum width less than seventy-four (74) inches, maximum weight less than two thousand (2,000) pounds, or having a wheelbase of ninety-four (94) inches or less. 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.—(NREB 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. NREB may use drawings as needed to assign numbers when first-come-first-served is not feasible. 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. 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 NREB, 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) 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 Directorate of Emergency Services, 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 and minors.
- 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. NREB may authorize other weapons as appropriate, such as centerfire rifles or pistols for deer, elk and predator hunting. Suppressors are prohibited on Fort Sill.
- 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 NREB. 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.
- I. 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, archers in archery only areas 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 hunting migratory birds or predators.
- o. It is illegal to carry on your 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 light enhancement devices, thermal imaging, spotlights from vehicles or any other powerful light at night 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 NREB.
- t. Hunting is prohibited while under the influence of intoxicants. Any open container held by a hunter will be prima fascia evidence of the use & 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. The use of trail cameras or UAV's is prohibited. Baiting/feeding wildlife or hunting over baited areas is illegal without NREB 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 waterfowl hunting-only.
- y. The use of permanent affixed stands or blinds are prohibited. Portable blinds and stands are allowed, but must be conspicuously marked with name and range safety card number identifying owner.
  - z. Appendix C on hunting and boating safety is applicable as written.
- **4-3. Hunting Compartments.** NREB 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 NREB. 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 NREB 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 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: The nonambulatory/youth only ponds, Owl and

Mascot along with 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. Fishing west of Hoyle Bridge to I-44 requires a fishing pass.

- 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-limits: 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. NREB 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. NREB may close ponds for chemical control of waterweeds, deer hunting, waterfowl hunting, or any natural resources management or safety 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. The use of trotlines, throwlines, limblines, yo-yos, juglines and fish traps are not a legal fishing method on Fort Sill.
- 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. No person may take or possess more than 25 nongame baitfish harvested from a stream.
- h. Hand gigs and bows and arrows may be used to take nongame fish in streams only. Nongame fish are defined in Oklahoma State Regulations. Noodling is allowed for catfish & nongame fish (see state regulations).

- i. On Fort Sill, all boat occupants will wear life preservers at all times. The use of small electrical trolling motors is allowed on all water areas. Use small gasoline motors (10 horsepower or less) only on Lake George, Ketch Lake and Engineer Lake. 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. All state boat regulations apply.
- 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.
  - I. Commercial fishing or fishing for monetary gain is not permitted.
- m. Fishing tournaments are prohibited (except MWR sponsored events at LETRA) unless approved by NREB.
- n. It is unlawful to stock or transplant fish into any waters including streams, ponds and lakes
- **4-6. 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 NREB.
- 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. NREB, Natural Resources Branch has authority to change bag limits, weapon requirements, and hunting activities as needed within limits imposed by the State. NREB may impose these measures prior to any hunting day.

# Appendix A References

# Section I Required Publications

#### AR 200-1

**Environmental Protection and Enhancement** 

### Fort Sill Reg 385-1

Post Range Regulation

#### AR 210-20

Real Property Master Planning for Army Installations

#### Section II

**Related Publications** 

#### Fort Sill Circular 15-11-01

Fish and Wildlife Council

#### Fort Sill Circular 200-11-02

Deer and Elk Hunting on Fort Sill

### Section III

**Prescribed Forms** 

This section contains no entries.

#### Section IV

**Referenced Forms** 

#### **DD Form 2RET**

Armed Forces of the United States – Geneva Conventions Identification Card (Retired)

#### DD Form 2

Armed Forces of the United States – Geneva Conventions Identification Card (Retired)

#### **DD Form 1173**

Uniformed Services Identification and Privilege Card

#### **DD Form 2765**

Department of Defense/Uniformed Services Identification and Privilege Card

#### **DD Form 2RES**

Armed Forces of the United State – Geneva Conventions Identification Card (Reserve)

#### **DA Form 2028**

Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms

# Appendix B Post Permit Suspension/Revocation Guide

- **B-1. Policy.** Chapter 2 of this regulation governs the privileges of hunting, fishing, and other range recreation on the Fort Sill Military Reservation.
- **B-2.** Authority. NREB 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, NREB.
- **B-3. Violations.** The following is a list of common violations and administrative actions, which NREB 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, NREB 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 phone or check in at the Sportsmen Services Center within	Up to 30 days	
required time for restricted areas		
Violate road closure restrictions	Up to 30 days	
Failure to carry pass or properly display parking pass	Up to 30 days	
Failure to wear a Coast Guard-approved life preservers while in boat	Up to 30 days	
Littering	Up to 60 days	
Failure to wear safety garments	Up to 60 days	
Failure to comply with boating safety Laws and regulations	Up to 60 days	
In wrong areas, compartment, or range	Between 30 and 365 days	
Failure to return protected fish to water	Between 30 and 365 days	
Fishing in a closed or restricted pond, lake or stream	Between 30 and 365 days	
Keeping protected bass and/or channel catfish	Between 30 and 365 days	
Failure to obtain an access and parking pass or sign out	Between 30 and 365 days	
Operating a boat in a reckless or negligent manner	Between 30 and 365 days	
Exceeding bag limits for fish or game (except deer, elk, or turkey)	Between 30 and 365 days	
Failure to return Gate Key within allotted time	Between 30 and 365 days	
Illegal use of tree stands or blinds	Between 30 and 365 days	
Allowing minors (under 16) to hunt unattended by an adult	Between 60 and 365 days	
Allowing guests to hunt or fish when not accompanied by sponsor	Between 60 and 365 days	
permit holder		
Illegal use of game cameras or UAVs	Between 60 and 365 days	

Illegal use of electronic calls and/or decoys (except for predators)	Between 60 and 365 days
Illegally baiting of fish or wildlife	Between 60 and 365 days
In an off-limits area	Between 60 and 365 days
Failure to follow regulations regarding night hunting	Between 60 and 365 days
Entering or departing through other than an authorized gate	Between 60 and 365 days
Possession of night vision, thermal, laser or any other light	Between 60 and 365 days
enhancement equipment	

- 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
  - Hunting under the influence of intoxicants or controlled substances
  - Spotlighting without authorization
  - Cutting, altering, or damaging boundary fences or gates
  - Illegally stocking or transplanting fish or wildlife
- c. Permanent Revocations of Permits
  - Shooting or attempting to shoot deer or elk out of season
  - Shooting or attempting to shoot deer or elk at night
  - Shooting turkeys from roost trees
  - Having explosives (other than legal ammunition) in a boat
  - Fishing with unauthorized equipment (trotlines, shockers, nets, etc.)
  - Willful destruction of property
  - Failure to check in wildlife
  - Habitual violations (2 or more in a three year period) during recreational use
  - Misusing, duplicating, or possessing a duplicated gate key
  - Spotlighting with a weapon on person or within vehicle
  - 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 NREB.

# Appendix C HUNTING AND BOATING SAFETY

- **C-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.
  - I. Assume responsibility for the actions and safety of your quest.

### C-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. 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 (PFD).
- 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.

# **Glossary**

# Section I Abbreviations

#### AR

**Army Regulation** 

### **ASD**

Administrative Services Division

### ATV

All-terrain Vehicle

#### DHR

Directorate of Human Resources

#### DPW/ EQD

Directorate of Public Works/ Environmental Quality Division

#### **LES**

Leave and Earning Statement

#### **LETRA**

Lake Elmer Thomas Recreation Area

#### **POV**

**Privately Owned Vehicle** 

#### UTV

**Utility Vehicle** 

### Section II

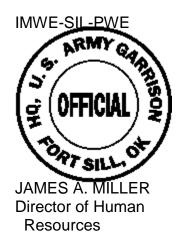
**Terms** 

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#### Section III

**Special Abbreviations and Terms** 

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