



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, NATIONAL TRAINING CENTER & FORT IRWIN
FORT IRWIN, CA 92310**

REPLY TO ATTENTION OF:
AFZJ-G3

10 April 2020

Standard Operating Procedures

1. **PURPOSE:** To outline the policies and procedures that the G3 will use to manage outdoor recreation on Fort Irwin's training complex.
2. **SCOPE:** This SOP applies to all Soldiers and family members desiring to use the Fort Irwin's training complex for recreation purposes.
3. **REFERENCE:** AR 385-63, DA PAM 385-63 and NTC 385-63.
4. **GENERAL:** In order to increase Outdoor recreation opportunities for Soldiers and family members assigned to Fort Irwin. Fort Irwin Range Operations will designate 5 recreational areas within the training complex that are suitable for camping and outdoor recreation.(See Annex A)
5. An in-depth Safety brief at range operations, building 6100, will discuss access, wildlife and safety hazards in the training area. The Safety brief is required for all personnel who access the training area. Family members are required to sign a "hold harmless agreement" available at Range Operations prior to accessing the recreation areas.
6. Safety briefs are conducted on Wednesdays at 0900 and 1300 in building 6100. Classes are limited to 6 personnel at a time and on a "first come' basis.
7. Recreational Vehicle, All-Terrain Vehicle use and hiking is authorized under the following conditions:
 - A. Area is scheduled for recreational use through Range Operations.
 - B. Use of recreational areas are available from 0600-1800 hours daily. All users are required to clear the recreational area before 1800 hours daily.
 - C. User are limited to Active Duty/Family member or Retiree ID card holder.
 - D. Minimum of one user in each party will have attended the safety brief and possess a Range Safety pass.
 - E. User will have current map of assigned area.
 - F. User will have current vehicle pass.

SUBJECT: Standard Operating Procedures for Outdoor Recreation within Fort Irwin's Range and Training Areas

- G. Users check in and out through range operations.
- H. Users clear areas with range operations prior to leaving.
- I. No grey or black water pits, compost toilets or equivalent are authorized. Pack in and Pack out policy in effect.
- J. Users may coordinate with Range Operations to dump grey and black water at Range 18 vault latrine upon completion of camping.
- K. Camp fires established in fire rings only and not left unattended at any time. No fires within MOUT sites.
- L. The use of All Terrain Vehicles and dirt bikes are authorized in assigned zones.
- M. Hiking is authorized in assigned zone.
- N. Must maintain communication with Range Operations for emergency purposes
- O. RCS is the required primary form of communication with cell phone back-up.
- P. Pets are on a leash at all times and not left unattended at any time.
- Q. Users are responsible for recovering all vehicles.
- R. No vehicles or equipment will remain past the scheduled event.
- S. Subject to cancellation based on training requirement or weather conditions.
- T. Must have hike plan on file at Range Operations prior to hike.
- U. No metal detecting authorized. Do not touch any unexploded ordnance present in training area.
- V. Personnel Protective Equipment is mandatory for ATV and Dirt Bike operation.
- W. No alcohol is permitted in any training area or recreational area.

7. Point of contact for this SOP is Range Operations @ 760-380-4624



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Annex A. Outdoor Recreation on Fort Irwin Training Complex Map. (24 MAR 2020)

Recreation Areas; RA-1, RA-2, RA-3, RA 4, RA-5.

Recreation Training MOU Village Sites; RA-6 (Langford Wells Village), RA-7 (Junction City), RA-8 (Tiefert City).

