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**Fact Sheet for 2015-2016 Hunting Seasons
on Fort Huachuca, Arizona**

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EACH HUNTER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR KNOWING INFORMATION, PROCEDURES, AND REGULATIONS CONTAINED IN THE ANNUAL HUNTING FACT SHEET, AND EACH HUNTER IS REQUIRED TO READ AND COMPREHEND THE ENTIRE DOCUMENT, NOT JUST HUNT NUMBERS, AS A CONTRIBUTION TO THE FUTURE OF HUNTING ON FT HUACHUCA.

SPECIFIC HUNT NUMBERS AND TAG INFORMATION BECOME OBSOLETE AS THE TAGS ARE ISSUED. A NEW FACT SHEET WITH CURRENT INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE BY EARLY MAY EACH YEAR.

****2015 ADVISORIES****

* This document finalizes **fall hunt information** for Ft Huachuca. Arizona Game & Fish Dept (AGFD) has 3 draws for big game hunts each year, which include post hunts. Always check for published application information for game species and hunts on post: mid-May for deer; mid-August for javelina, bear and turkey; and mid-December for pronghorn antelope.

* **Predator hunters:** Hunters, especially predator tag holders, must be familiar with identifying features of Mexican wolves, jaguars and ocelots (see pp. 68, 69 and 105 in “2015-16 Arizona Hunting Regulations”). All 3 species are protected by state and federal law. An ocelot has been documented in the Huachuca Mountains in several times recently and a jaguar in an adjacent mountain range. Responsible, prudent hunters will know exactly what they are shooting. Shooting a protected species on the fort could significantly restrict hunting opportunities in the future, for all hunters.

* **Legalities of picking up wildlife parts:** Contact AGFD or, if on post, DPW/ ENRD/ Conservation Mgmt. Branch at 520-533-7083 prior to picking up vertebrate wildlife parts found afield (other than shed antlers). Arizona law requires evidence of legality when possessing or transporting wildlife carcasses or parts. Furthermore, collecting ANY natural resource on post is authorized ONLY by written permission. Post hunting permit authorizes possession of legally taken wildlife. Other collecting requires specific written permit.

* **Firearms and ammunition transport in vehicles:** Mandatory firearms registration on post is done at the MP Station. Call ahead at 520-533-3000 or 533-2181 for the hours of registration. See section II.E.,p.3.

* **Other active recreation areas:** Post hunters should be cognizant of where other outdoor recreationists are likely to be (such as golfers and equestrians). Bow hunters must not park on or walk through golf course grounds to hunt. Hunters also should avoid walking through Buffalo Corral fences.

* **Blaze orange** is the required color of the upper garment and hat that ALL RECREATIONAL USERS of post training areas must wear **during rifle seasons for deer and javelina** (i.e., not just hunters). Quail, squirrel and cottontail rabbit hunters also must display blaze orange when hunting. (See section II.L, p.4).

* **Ground blinds:** To comply with blaze orange requirements **during general deer hunts only**, any man-made material (i.e., camouflaged tent) deployed in areas that allow firearm hunting must display **solid** blaze orange. The blaze orange material must be at least 100 square inches (10 by 10 in.) on each side or at least a 400 square inch cap on top of the blind. Either way, it must be visible from all around the blind.

For statewide changes, see the AGFD “2015-16 Arizona Hunting Regulations” (online at www.azgfd.com or <http://www.azgfd.gov/eservices/draw.shtml>) and for other information for spring turkey, javelina, bear and pronghorn hunt draw information as approved by the AGF Commission.

F. Open hunting dates and hunt numbers for those hunts on Post requiring an AGFD Hunt Permit-tag are:

DEER

<u>Hunting Dates</u>	<u>Hunt No.</u>	<u>Comments (open area, legal weapons, legal game, # of Permit-tags) & Requirements *</u>
Youth-Only Deer: Nov 13-29, 2015	1901	Ft Huachuca in Unit 35A. 15 Antlered deer Hunt Permit-tags. Post permit required. (See 2015-16 AZ Hunting Regulations for definition of Youth.
General Deer: Nov 20-29, 2015	1903	Ft Huachuca in Unit 35A. 12 Hunt Permit-tags for Antlered mule deer . Post permit required.
Nov 20-29, 2015	1904	Ft Huachuca in Unit 35A. 70 Hunt Permit-tags for Antlered white-tailed deer . Post permit required.
Dec 11-31, 2015	1905	Ft Huachuca in Unit 35A. 130 Hunt Permit-tags for Antlered white-tailed deer . Post permit required.
Muzzleloader: Nov 20-29, 2015	1906	Ft Huachuca in Unit 35A, 15 Antlered deer Hunt Permit-tags. Post permit required.
Dec 11-31, 2015	1902	Ft Huachuca in Unit 35A, 8 Antlered deer Hunt Permit-tags. Post permit required.
Archery-Only: Aug 21 - Sep 10, 2015	none	<i>Mandatory harvest reporting to AGFD (and on Post)</i> Non-permit-tag required. Any antlered deer .
Aug 21, 2015- Jan 31, 2016	none	Non-permit-tag required. Any deer within Libby Army Air Field perimeter fence; open ONLY if deer control is needed and announced sometime within these authorized dates.
Jan 1-31, 2016	none	Non-permit tag required. Any antlered deer .

There is no December Archery-Only hunting open on Ft Huachuca. To hunt deer on the fort in December, you **must** possess a Permit-tag for General Deer Hunts No. 1902 or 1906.

* **NOTE:** If you receive ANY ARIZONA DEER HUNT PERMIT-TAG in the Drawing, you MAY NOT APPLY for a deer Hunt Permit-tag during the 1st-Come, 1st-Serve application period. If you were an unsuccessful applicant, or missed the Draw for deer hunts, you may apply for remaining deer permits during the 1st-Come, 1st-Serve period BEGINNING early August (See section V. C.).

<u>Hunting Dates</u>	<u>Hunt No.</u>	<u>Comments (open area, legal weapons, legal game, # of Permit-tags) & Requirements</u>
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BLACK BEAR

Mandatory physical check-in with AGFD (and on post)

Fall Archery-Only Bear:

Aug 21 - Oct 1, 2015	none	Hunt will not open unless a population management (bear control) need exists and may not be open during deer hunts. Any bear except sows with cubs. Female harvest objective is 1. Post permit required.
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General Spring Bear:

~Mar 18 - Apr 28, 2016	8901	<i>Proposed but NOT finalized by AZGF Comm; see late Aug revision</i> Ft Huachuca in unit 35A. ___ Hunt Permit-tags for any bear except sow with cubs. Female Harvest Limit is 1. Post permit required.
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Archery-Only Bear:

~Apr 29 - July 29, 2016	8902	<i>Proposed but NOT finalized by AZGF Comm; see late Aug revision</i> Ft Huachuca in unit 35A. ___ Hunt Permit-tags for any bear except a sow with cubs. Female Harvest Limit is 1. Post permit required.
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JAVELINA

Archery-Only Javelina:

Jan 1-31, 2016	5901	<i>Proposed but NOT finalized by AZGF Comm; see late Aug revision</i> Ft Huachuca in unit 35A. ___ Hunt Permit-tags for Any Javelina. Any Javelina. Post permit required.
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General weapons Javelina:

Feb 12-18, 2016	5902	<i>Proposed but NOT finalized by AZGF Comm; see late Aug revision</i> Ft Huachuca in unit 35A. ___ Hunt Permit-tags for Any Javelina. Post permit required.
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TURKEY

Limited Weapon-Shotgun

Shooting Shot Spring Turkey:

Apr 23-May 20, 2016	4901	<i>Proposed but NOT finalized by AZGF Comm; see late Aug revision</i> Ft Huachuca in unit 35A. Limited Weapon-Shotgun Shooting Shot. ___ Hunt Permit-tags for bearded turkey. Post permit required.
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PRONGHORN ANTELOPE

There are no Pronghorn Antelope hunts on post during 2015.

The Arizona Game & Fish Commission did not approve a pronghorn antelope hunt on the fort because of low reproduction of fawns. From 2013 and 2014 surveys, volunteer surveyors found only 1 and 0 fawns that were recruited into the population.

G. OTHER POST HUNTS: All other hunting seasons held on Ft Huachuca will run concurrently with hunting seasons open in AGFD Game Management Unit 35A. These hunting seasons are as listed in the "2015-2016 Arizona Hunting Regulations" or supplemental pamphlets for migratory bird hunting. If Youth-Only Waterfowl hunting is open in AGFD Game Management Unit 35A, it also will be open on the fort to eligible hunters.

Appendix A to Hunting Fact Sheet

Weapons for use in Restricted or Limited Weapons Areas on Fort Huachuca, AZ

	3-1	3-2	6-1	6-2	6-3	6-4	6-5	6-6	6-7	6-9	6-10	6-11	6-13	6-14	F	T1A	V-1
Centerfire Rifle																	
Centerfire Handgun																	
Muzzleloading Rifle or pistol (single shot)	1	1									1				1	1	1
Black Powder Handgun	2	2													2	2	2
Crossbow	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Archery	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Shotgun w/ slug or buckshot	X	X									X				X	X	X
Shotgun w/ bird-shot	X	X													X		X
5mm or .22 RFM																	
Pneumatic Weapons	X	X									X				X	X	X
Slingshots	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

* Consult current Arizona Game & Fish Commission Orders & Regulations for allowable weapons for taking a particular species.

** All hunters, including those using pneumatic weapons (i.e. air rifles) & slingshots, must be properly licensed and signed out.

1) Muzzleloading firearms allowed for hunting by AGFD are authorized on post, e.g. traditional or modern in-line ignitions, shooting sabot, conical or ball projectiles.

2) Refers to "Cap and Ball" pistols and revolvers only.

3) Allowable during General Weapons Hunts, only for persons holding the appropriate Hunt-Permit tag.