# Fort Hunter Liggett Regulation 420-26

Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division

# Hunting and Fishing Regulations

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# UNCLASSIFIED SUMMARY OF CHANGE

This Regulation updates and supersedes FHL Regulation 420-26, APR 2016. Major changes include:

- Incorporates iSportsman as the primary web-based software for utilizing the FHL Hunting and Fishing Program.
- Transfers Regulation proponent and management of the permit sales and access control (check-in/-out) from Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation to the Directorate of Public Works, Environmental Division.
- Incorporates Hunting Area modifications/additions to maximize recreational access and minimize program conflicts with mission, operations, and safety constraints.
- Requires Garrison Commander written approval for non-holiday weekday hunting.
- Matches FHL blaze orange requirements to coincide with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife requirements.

Department of the Army Installation Management Command U.S. Army Garrison Fort Hunter Liggett Fort Hunter Liggett, CA 93928-7000

#### **Hunting and Fishing Regulations**

**HISTORY.** Fort Hunter Liggett (FHL) Regulation 420-26 was first prepared in 1999. This is the sixth revision to FHL Reg. 420-26.

**SUMMARY.** This regulation sets forth policies and outlines responsibilities and procedures relative to the control of hunting and fishing on FHL.

APPLICABILITY. This regulation is applicable to all persons residing on, employed on or visiting FHL and is subject to change without prior public notice. Civilian, military, tenants, and training units are required to comply with this regulation. No activity is exempt from this regulation.

**PROPONENT AND EXCEPTION AUTHORITY.** The proponent of this regulation is the Directorate of Public Works. Only the FHL Garrison Commander may approve changes to this document.

**SUPPLEMENTATION.** Supplementation of this circular is prohibited without prior approval from the proponent.

SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS. Users are invited to send comments and suggested improvements on DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) to Directorate of Public Works, H&F Program, P.O. 7091, Fort Hunter Liggett, CA 93928-7091.

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# Chapter 1 - Overview

# 1-1. Purpose and Scope

The primary mission of Fort Hunter Liggett (FHL) is to provide training space and other related military use of land and water resources. Land and water resources deemed available for public recreational use and enjoyment will have controlled public access, subject to safety, military security and environmental requirements, and will not impair the military mission. Persons holding hunting and fishing permits will stand at par with each other for use privileges, except that participation will be within manageable quotas and within the capability of natural resources to support such use.

This regulation establishes specific restrictions enforceable in federal and state courts for hunting and fishing recreation on FHL. This regulation is additional and supplementary to State and federal laws, or other federal or state directives that may be applicable. Conflicts will be brought to the attention of the Directorate of Public Works, Environmental Division (PWE), Fort Hunter Liggett, California, 93928-7091. This regulation and adequate enforcement of such is a key component to the wildlife and fisheries management program on FHL.

- a. Fish and wildlife-oriented recreation on FHL is described and defined in the FHL Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP). An installation INRMP is required by the Sikes Act Improvement Act (16 United States Code [USC] 670) and Army Regulation (AR) 200-1. AR 200-1, 4-3.d authorizes hunting and fishing on FHL in accordance with 16 USC 670a.
- b. California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 14 describes natural resources laws in California. CCR Title 13 describes motor vehicle laws in California.
- c. PWE is the primary proponent of this regulation, in coordination with the Directorate of Emergency Services (DES), the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security (DPTMS) and the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (FMWR).
  - i. Management of the natural resource functions of the FHL Hunting and Fishing Program (H&FP) is the responsibility of the PWE.
  - ii. Sikes Act Improvement Act authorizes a public outdoor recreation program in accordance with the INRMP. Hunting, fishing, and other outdoor recreation are interrelated components of the Natural Resources Management Program. The hunting and fishing programs operate within FMWR oversight per AR 215-1.
  - iii. Natural resource related law enforcement is the responsibility of the DES. Two full-time Game Wardens are assigned to tasks associated with enforcement, including but not limited to violator apprehension and prosecution.
  - iv. Management of training area use and access is the responsibility of the DPTMS.
- d. This regulation is punitive in nature. Violators may be subject to administrative action (revocation of permit, etc.), may be barred from the Installation and/or prosecuted under federal or California law in court. In addition, military violators of these provisions may be prosecuted under the Uniform Code of Military Justice or may be subject to administrative action.

# 1-2. Applicability

This regulation is applicable to all persons participating in hunting and fishing activities on FHL. All persons engaging in hunting and fishing activity on FHL are required to comply with this regulation and all applicable federal and state laws and regulations. No one is exempt from this regulation.

# 1-3. Responsibilities

#### a. Command Group

- i. Commander U.S. Army Garrison Fort Hunter Liggett maintains all responsibility and authority for the installation to include all activities.
- ii. The U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Hunter Liggett Installation Legal Office will provide legal assistance and review.

#### b. Directorate of Public Works, Environmental Division (PWE)

- i. Management of the natural resource functions of the FHL hunting and fishing program.
- ii. Coordinate with all appropriate FHL Divisions in accordance with the INRMP.
- iii. Determine which available training areas are to be open for hunting and fishing, based on harvest data and hunting area usage, and other special environmental restrictions or management considerations that may be necessary.

### c. Directorate of Emergency Services (DES)

- i. Provide two full time game wardens to enforce and curtail activity contrary to hunting and fishing laws, regulations, and policies on FHL. Game Wardens are authorized to detain, question, apprehend/arrest, and search persons and/or possessions, including vehicles. All violations will be prosecuted in either U.S. Federal Magistrate Court and/or Monterey County Court.
- ii. Educate the public regarding applicable laws and regulations.
- iii. Monitor hunter and angler activity on FHL to detect and deter illegal hunting, fishing, and other outdoor recreation, and take appropriate legal action to deter future illegal activity, such as confiscate FHL hunting and fishing permits from person(s) in violation of this regulation and/or State laws. Game Wardens are authorized to confiscate any fish and/or game unlawfully taken from person(s) in violation of this regulation. Confiscated fish and/or game will be turned over to California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW).
- iv. Process FHL firearm registration forms.
- v. Provide background vetting and issue of clearance for entering FHL prior to the issue of a permit.

#### d. Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization, and Security (DPTMS)

- Evaluate training and other activities in training areas and release training areas that may be opened for hunting and fishing by 0900 Thursday each week to PWE, maximizing opportunities for hunting and fishing consistent with training, safety, and mission requirements.
- ii. Immediately inform PWE of all unscheduled changes to training schedules to ensure hunters are not posted in closed areas.
- iii. Open locked gates and remove barricades to permit recreational use of areas open for such use.
- iv. Schedule and conduct an "Unexploded Ordnance Briefing" as needed.

- e. Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (FMWR)
  - i. Provide coordination, planning, organization, and supervision of special sporting and outdoor related activities such as fishing tournaments as outlined in subparagraphs (a) through (f) below.
    - (a) Staff all special sporting and outdoor related actions at least 60 days prior to scheduled event. Actions will be coordinated with PWE, DES, Installation Safety Office, and DPTMS.
    - (b) Develop standard operating procedures (SOP) for all special sporting and outdoor related activities. The SOPs will be submitted for review to DPTMS-Range Control, PWE, DES, and Installation Safety Office, as appropriate. Ensure that all policies and procedures identified within appropriate SOPs are implemented prior to conducting the scheduled event.
    - (c) Provide risk assessments for all special events as required by Installation Safety Office IAW AR 385-10, Army Safety Program.
    - (d) Provide environmental documentation (checklist, environmental assessments, etc.) as appropriate for all scheduled events. Coordinate all events requiring special permits with PWE (e.g., fish stocking permit). Provide funding for the acquisition of all required permits related to these events.
    - (e) Ensure that event coordinators are onsite for the duration of the scheduled event. All training area requests will be submitted in writing to DPTMS-Range Control 45 days prior to the scheduled event. Copy of Risk Assessment, approved Environmental Review, and concept of operation will be submitted to Range Control prior to event.
    - (f) Sponsors are responsible for the conduct of their bona fide participant(s) and/or guest(s) while hunting or fishing on the installation. Observed violations of hunting and fishing laws and this regulation shall be reported to DES.

#### f. All Hunters and Anglers

- i. Know and abide by all FHL, State, and federal laws and regulations governing hunting, fishing, and vehicle operation on FHL, California.
- ii. Notify FHL DES authorities about poaching, uncontrolled fires, the location of unexploded munitions, fuel or other spills, and any observed violations of FHL, State, and Federal regulations and laws at (831) 386-2526/2513.
- iii. Cooperate with military officials, FHL law enforcement, Range Control, and Safety personnel.
- iv. Conduct themselves in a legal, safe, and ethical manner while hunting or fishing on FHL. Offenses of particular concern at FHL include use and possession of illegal substances, possession of illegal firearms, possession of loaded firearms in vehicles, off-road driving, spotlighting and night hunting, shooting from vehicles or roadways, trespassing, littering, unauthorized transplanting of fish and wildlife, baiting of wildlife and disturbance of government property, for example, equipment, natural and cultural resources, ordnance and munitions.

### 1-4. References and Definitions

References are hereby incorporated into this regulation in Appendix A. Definitions are found in Appendix B.

# **Chapter 2 - General Information**

#### 2-1. Installation Access

- a. All hunters / anglers will provide either a DoD issued ID card as proof of vetting to the H&F Program, or submit an FHL vetting "Installation Access Request" to DES prior to being issued a hunting / fishing permit. Guests of hunters / anglers will be required to complete the same vetting process prior to being allowed access to FHL.
- b. Per AR 190-11, all firearms will be registered with DES prior to using them on FHL or being brought into the cantonment.
- c. By entering FHL, individuals have consented to the search of their person or vehicle by law enforcement personnel, and confiscation of all evidence of unauthorized activities.
- d. Access to FHL is permitted, based on security requirements, through DES.
- e. Fort Hunter Liggett, and any part thereof, may be closed at any time without notice at the discretion of the Garrison Commander. Recreational use is secondary to requirements of the military mission and garrison operations.
- f. The speed limit on FHL is 10 mph when passing troops and 25 mph in all other areas, unless posted otherwise.
- g. Recreationists are prohibited from entering areas marked with "Off-Limits" or "No Access" signs, or Seibert Stakes (Appendix C - Figure 1), either with vehicles or on foot.

# 2-2. Hunting Areas/Training Area Access

- a. Hunt Areas are based on training area (TA) boundaries but may be modified or grouped together for special hunts or specific requirements. For example, for safety purposes Training Area 13W is split into two Hunt Areas and a closed zone: Hunt Area 13W north of KD Road, Hunt Area 13A south of KD Road, and a closed zone east of KD Road and south of Mission Road. Updated maps will be provided to hunters and anglers as needed.
- b. There are 37 Hunting Areas on FHL as follows: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6A, 6B, 7A, 7B, 8, 9A, 9B, 10A, 10B, 11, 12B, 13A, 13B, 13E, 13W, 14, 15, 16A, 16B, 17, 18, 19, 20A, 20B, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, and 29. Hunt Area maps of all designated hunting and fishing areas are available from the FHL iSportsman website at: https://fthunter.isportsman.net.
- c. Hunting Areas 12B, 20A, 20B, and 22 are designated as "Game Management Areas". These areas have specific access requirements and management considerations, and are not used for general hunting purposes.
- d. Public access in TAs 12A, 12C, portions of 20, 21, and 22 is prohibited.
- e. Hunters and anglers must obtain an FHL Hunting or Fishing Permit (hereinafter referred to as the "Permit") and register into hunting areas or fishing reservoirs using the iSportsman system for lawful and safe entry into FHL hunting areas. Permits are not transferable between persons or permit years, and are not refundable.
- f. The following 10 reservoirs may be available for fishing on FHL (Appendix C Figure 2): Coleman (TA 2), Milpitas (TA 2), Del Venturi (TA 9), KD (TA 13W), Generals (TA 19), Hughes (TA 24), Woodrow (TA 24), El Piojo (TA 24), Sycamore (TA 27), and Gravel Pit (Cantonment).
- g. Hunters may hunt only in their assigned area(s) using only authorized weapon types. Anglers may

- fish only at their assigned reservoir(s).
- h. Hunters and anglers must check out in iSportsman prior to changing hunting area(s) or reservoir(s) assignment.
- i. One non-hunting or non-fishing visitor may register to accompany registered hunters or anglers into training areas; additional visitors may be permitted on a case by case basis (e.g., a second sibling accompanying a parent/guardian, or a second parent/guardian accompanying a junior hunter). All visitors must accompany the registered hunter or angler at all times while in the hunting areas. Registered hunters or anglers are responsible for their registered visitors, and as such registered hunters or anglers may have their privileges revoked for violations made by their visitor.
- j. Hunt areas may be restricted to specified weapon types or seasons.
  - i. Hunt Areas 9B, 13E, and 29 are restricted to archery and/or shotgun and primitive weapons only.
  - ii. Hunt Areas 3, 6B, 7B, 13A, 13B, and 16B are restricted to archery equipment only.
  - iii. Additional limitations may be imposed for specific hunts or safety considerations.
- k. Vehicles must be parked within or immediately adjacent to their designated hunt area or reservoir. All vehicles must be parked in such a manner as to allow other vehicles safe passage, including not blocking access to roads or gates.
- Vehicles in hunting areas or at fishing reservoirs must have their vehicle pass clearly displayed on their dashboard. Vehicle passes are available from your account at the FHL iSportsman web portal.
- m. Hunters accessing Hunt Areas 13E or 29 must park at designated parking areas (Appendix C Figures 3 and 4, respectively). Motorized vehicle travel is prohibited in Hunt Areas 6B, 13A, 13B, 13E, 16B, and 29, except for access to KD reservoir in 13A.
- n. Bicycles are allowed on maintained roads to get to and from hunting/angling sites.

# 2-3. Check-In/Check-Out Requirement and Process

- a. All hunters and anglers must register using the FHL iSportsman web portal prior to entering hunting areas. Check-out from FHL iSportsman is required within two hours after sunset each day to ensure the areas are clear of public visitors. See Section 2-2 for training area access information.
- b. All game and fish harvested on FHL must be reported upon check-out through FHL iSportsman. Hunters are required to bring all harvested deer and elk to the Wildlife Check Station for data collection, when open. All other harvested animals may also be required to be brought in for Check Station data collection, when requested.
- c. All harvested game and fish must be available for inspection at check-out.
- Carcass tags must be accessible to Hunting and Fishing, and Law Enforcement personnel for inspection.

### 2-4. Hunting

a. The following game and non-game species may be hunted at FHL within seasons and limits specified by CDFW regulations: deer, elk, pig, coyote, bobcat, jackrabbit, cottontail, tree squirrel, dove, quail, pigeon, turkey, duck, and geese. Species listed may be removed or other species added based on natural resource considerations.

- b. Hunting opportunities are generally open to the public on weekends and federal holidays. Availability is dependent on training, natural resources, and force protection requirements.
- c. Hunting hours on FHL are typically from one half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset or as otherwise specified by CDFW regulations. Hunters may enter hunting areas two hours before sunrise and must begin exiting hunting areas immediately after hunting hours. Hunters attempting to retrieve game must exit the hunting areas within two hours after sunset each day, or get FHL DES (831) 386-2526 approval to remain in the hunting area.
- d. Hunting with any projectile that contains more than one percent lead is prohibited. This applies to all calibers and all weapon types including shotgun pellets and all projectiles carried in possession while hunting.
- e. Portable tree stands may be used if they cause no damage and are completely removed each day by the close of hunting hours.
- f. Cutting or removing of vegetation is prohibited.

### 2-5. Fishing

- a. The following fish species may be taken at FHL within seasons and limits specified by CDFW regulations at reservoirs designated as available for fishing: bass, catfish, bluegill, sunfish, thread-fin shad, trout, carp, and other game fish that may occur on FHL.
- b. Fishing hours are from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset.
- c. Boats, canoes, and other floating devises shall only be powered by electric, wind, or manual means, and are certified as mussel free.
- d. All watercraft will be inspected and certified as mussel free prior to being launched on FHL waters.

#### 2-6. Protected Resources

- a. It is unlawful to excavate, damage, alter, deface, sell, purchase, transport, or receive any archeological or historic resource (Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979), or any military equipment or munitions (spent or unspent) on FHL.
- b. The Endangered Species Act (ESA) prohibits take of any federally listed fish or wildlife species or removal or destruction of any federally listed plants. Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) prohibits take of protected migratory birds without a federal permit. Take means to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or attempt to engage in any such conduct.
- c. Animals on FHL protected by ESA, MBTA or other laws include but are not limited to: California condor, bald eagle, golden eagle, San Joaquin kit fox, arroyo toad, red-legged frog, vernal pool fairy shrimp, and migratory birds (including game birds out of season or without appropriate stamps).
- d. Plants protected by State and Federal laws include but not limited to: purple amole and Santa Lucia mint.
- e. Fort Hunter Liggett has areas that require protection from disturbance for restoration or other purposes. These areas are marked with Seibert stakes (Figure 1), flagging, cones, and/or signs and may not be entered or disturbed.

# Chapter 3 - Safety

#### 3-1. General

Safety is everyone's responsibility. To avoid injuries and possible loss of life, all recreational activities must be accomplished in a safe and responsible manner.

- a. At no time is anyone authorized to pass behind a "Live Fire" barrier or gate displaying a "Live Fire" sign.
- b. At no time is anyone authorized to pass behind any "Caution Radioactive Materials Keep Out" sign or to enter into the Radiation Control Areas (Appendix C Figure 5).
- c. At no time is anyone authorized to enter any area marked as a Dud / UXO area or "Military Traffic Only".
- d. Swimming or wading is prohibited in FHL lakes, reservoirs, streams, and rivers, except for wading for the direct purpose of hunting or fishing.

#### 3-2. Accidents and Casualties

Any person discovering or having knowledge of an accident or casualty (injury or death) occurring on FHL will notify the FHL DES at (831) 386-2526 by the fastest means available. Dialing 911 from a cell phone will reach State emergency responders, and not FHL DES, delaying response time.

#### 3-3. Fires

To report a forest or brush fire, notify FHL DES at (831) 386-2526 by the fastest means available. Dialing 911 from a cell phone will reach State emergency responders, and not FHL DES, delaying response time.

#### 3-4. Radiation Control Areas

The Radiation Control Areas (RCA) are located in TA 15, TA 24, and TA 27 (Appendix C - Figure 6). The RCAs are 1000 meter grid squares where Depleted Uranium is suspected to be found. These areas are off limits to all personnel until the RCA's are decommissioned by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

# 3-5. Unexploded Ordnance

An Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) is an explosive munitions (i.e., ammunition, explosive, or other dangerous material), which has not been armed as intended, or which has failed to explode after being armed. Included are such items as tank and artillery rounds, blasting caps, dynamite, flares, rockets, grenades, chemical munitions, and similar devices.

Note: UXOs are extremely sensitive and deadly, and must not be handled by anyone other than Explosive Ordnance Disposal personnel. If an object is discovered and suspected to be a UXO, the spot should be identified then marked nearby and the location immediately reported to Range Control at (831) 386-2403 and/or DES at (831) 386-2526.

# 3-6. Weapons Safety

a. Firearms shall not have unexpended cartridge or shell in or attached to the firearm, including in the firing chamber, magazine, or clip while in a vehicle on FHL. Muzzle-loaders shall be deemed to be loaded when they are capped or primed and have a powder charge and ball or shot in the barrel or cylinder. Bows may have arrows attached by means of a bow quiver provided arrow tips (e.g., broadhead, field trip) are secured and have a protective cover.

- b. Firearms shall not be carried loaded in a powered watercraft. Firearms shall not be fired from such watercraft unless the motor is shut off and the watercraft's motor momentum is halted (i.e., anchored or a drift).
- c. It shall be unlawful to discharge a firearm for any purpose within 150 yards (approximately 137 meters) of FHL's marked outer boundary or Cantonment area.

# 3-7. Hunting Safety

Faithful adherence to the essentials of safe hunting will prevent accidents and injuries and make this honored sport a safer, more enjoyable pastime for everyone. Know your weapon and handle it properly. Fulfill your responsibilities as a safe hunter.

- a. Before you start on a hunting trip at FHL:
  - i. Ensure that you know and understand the applicable rules and regulations.
  - ii. Ensure some responsible person knows, in detail, where you will be hunting and your estimated time of return. Report back to your contact person upon your return. It shall be the hunter's responsibilities to have their contact person notify the FHL Police Department (831-386-2526) if the contact person determines that the hunter has not reported back to them by the designated time. When notified by the contact person, it shall then be the responsibility of DES to conduct search and rescue efforts to account for the missing hunter(s).
  - iii. FHL follows the California Fish and Game Code and does not require hunters and their visitors to wear blaze/hunter orange. However, FHL does recommend wearing blaze/hunter orange.
- b. Any person who causes or is involved in a hunting accident, in which another person is injured or killed, must identify himself/herself, give what assistance he/she can to the victim, and immediately report the accident to DES at (831) 386-2526 by the fastest means available. Dialing 911 from a cell phone will reach State emergency responders, and not FHL DES, delaying response time by the fastest means.

# 3-8. Restricted Weapons Hunt Areas

- a. Areas adjacent to training areas in use for military training or the civilian workforce may have weapons restrictions. These weapons restrictions will be identified by Range Control on the approved hunting/fishing map, and at the iSportsman web portal.
- b. Areas adjacent to inhabited structures or roadways will be limited to the most stringent of the California Fish and Game Codes, and Army Regulations.
- c. Range control is the approving authority for identifying weapons allowed in open Hunting Areas.

# **Chapter 4 - Legal Requirements and Prohibitions**

# 4-1. State and Federal Laws and Regulations

All hunting and fishing on FHL shall be conducted in accordance with this regulation, California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 14, and all other applicable State and Federal statutes (See Appendix A - References). Violations may include but are not limited to criminal prosecution for State or Federal crimes as well as administration actions as listed in Appendix D. This regulation may be more restrictive but will not supersede California Code of Regulations or other applicable State and Federal statutes. Military commanders have inherent authority to regulate the morale, safety, health, good order, and

discipline of their installations. When a civilian knowingly makes an unauthorized entry or enters an installation for an unauthorized purpose, then that person can be charged with trespass under the Federal Trespass Statute, 18 U.S.C. 1382. The statute provides for maximum penalty of fine up to \$5,000 or imprisonment of up to six months or both.

# 4-2. Violations and Penalties of this Regulation

- Permanent or temporary suspension or revocation of FHL hunting and/or fishing privileges immediately or by written notification (Appendix D).
- b. Immediate seizure of all Hunting / Fishing equipment.
- c. Immediate seizure of carcass.
- d. Written warning.

# 4-3. FHL Hunting and Fishing Prohibitions

The following actions are prohibited on FHL:

- a. Hunting with any projectile including pellets that contains more than one percent lead in all calibers and all weapon types including air guns.
- b. Camping, except at designated campgrounds.
- c. Camp fires, except at designated campgrounds.
- d. Off-road vehicle or bicycle travel or using of off-road vehicles such as ATV's and motorcycles.
- e. Operating unlicensed vehicles.
- f. Operating boats with gasoline or diesel motors.
- g. Use of boats, canoes, and other floating devices in any river, stream, or creek.
- h. Fishing in any river, stream, or creek.
- i. Using or possessing live bait except for legally acquired invertebrates (e.g., night crawlers).
- j. Swimming in any river, stream, creek or reservoir.
- k. Target shooting and plinking.
- 1. Possessing of slingshots or spring loaded weapons.
- m. Firing weapons within 50 feet of any improved roadway.
- n. Driving on weapons ranges and loitering on or hunting from range towers /structures.
- o. Hunting in or around the Cantonment, Campground or Navy Compound.
- Discharge of a firearm within 150 yards (137 meters) of FHL marked outer boundary or Cantonment.
- q. Driving/hazing of wildlife.
- r. Scouting.
- s. Tracking wounded animals into a closed area unless accompanied by a FHL official.
- t. Having an unexpended cartridge or shell in or attached to the firearm, including in the firing chamber, magazine, or clip while in a vehicle on FHL; muzzle-loaders shall be deemed to be loaded when they are capped or primed and have a powder charge and ball or shot in the barrel or cylinder.

- Possessing a weapon with ammunition for that weapon in a hunt area where that weapon is not permitted (e.g., possessing a rifle with ammunition for that rifle in a shotgun, archery, crossbow, muzzle-loader hunt area).
- v. Hunting in the vicinity of Soldiers, civilian workforce personnel or in restricted areas. If Soldiers or civilian personnel are sighted, the hunter must leave the vicinity.
- w. Refusing to follow the direction of Range Control, Safety, or Law Enforcement Personnel.
- x. Possessing or consuming alcohol in the training areas (excluding the campground).
- y. Collecting any type of military munitions (dud or otherwise).
- z. Collecting any type of souvenir.
- aa. Collecting firewood.
- bb. Hunting in closed or restricted areas.
- cc. Using FHL hunting/fishing program for access to illegally trespass on adjacent properties.

# **Chapter 5 - Special Notices**

# 5-1. Weekday Hunting

Weekday hunting is a limited game management program. Due to safety, security, and personnel workforce concerns, weekday hunting has a greater security concern than weekend hunting because the core FHL workforce are at work Monday-Friday. The Weekday Hunting Program does not apply to holidays where the core workforce is off-duty or special mid-week management hunts where hunters are managed by mandatory pre-hunt orientation briefings. Any person holding a valid FHL hunting permit is eligible for weekday hunting. All weekday hunting requires written approval from the Garrison Commander, or his/her designated representative.

- a. FHL PWE will request weekday hunting approval from the Garrison Commander.
- b. Upon approval, FHL Range Control will provide PWE with areas that are available for weekday hunting contingent on military training and civilian workforce requirements.
- c. PWE will provide notification of areas open for hunting to FHL staff, so they can plan their workweek accordingly, e.g., through use of ALL FHL USERS emails and the Range Control front desk. For immediate unscheduled hunting area closures, Directorates shall call Range Control. Installation staff will be notified of immediate hunting area closures, e.g., through use of ALL FHL USERS emails and the Range Control front desk.
- d. Hunters are required to check-in through the FHL iSportsman web portal prior to entering the training areas. Hunters must have FHL hunting permit in their possession and vehicle training area pass in their vehicles.

# 5-2. Training Areas 20 & 22 Access

a. Hunting in portions of training areas 20 & 22 may be permitted for FHL specific management hunts proposed by PWE with the Garrison Commander's written approval.

### 5-3. Dogs

a. Hunting with dogs is limited to hunting dogs for upland game and waterfowl, or as authorized by the Garrison Commander for special management hunts that are coordinated through PWE.

- b. Dogs must wear a collar that can be used to identify and contact the owner.
- c. Dogs used for hunting must be kept under close enough control to ensure that they do not injure or harass non-target wildlife, or causes a nuisance to or a hindrance of other hunters.
- d. The dog owner who believes or knows his/her dog(s) has/have entered onto a closed area of FHL will contact DES for an escort to help locate the dog(s). Hunting dogs otherwise captured by law enforcement officials will be impounded and the dog's owner will be notified.
- e. If an unattended (stray) dog is observed, report the following to DES: Brief description of dog (color, size, etc.), location of dog, and time observed.

# Appendix A. References

The following references are hereby incorporated into this Regulation:

16 United States Code (USC) 35 - Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended

16 USC 470 - Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979, as amended

16 USC 670 - Sikes Act Improvement Act

16 USC 703-712 - Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918

18 USC 1382 - Federal Trespass Statute

CFR Title 50 - Wildlife and Fisheries

Army Regulation (AR) 200-1 - Environmental Protection and Enhancement. 2007

AR 215-1 – Military Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Programs and Non-appropriated Fund Instrumentalities. 2008

California Code of Regulations Title 14, Natural Resources

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# **Appendix B. Definitions**

**Cantonment** - That area on the U.S. Army Garrison FHL that contains barracks, motor pool, housing, shopping and dining facilities, military and civilian offices, etc.

Fish or Fishing – To catch, capture, take, or kill fish and includes all lesser acts such as attempting to catch, capture, or kill by any such act resulting in taking or not, and includes every act of direct assistance to any person in catching or attempting to catch fish.

Hunt or Hunting – Possessing a loaded weapon under any condition is considered hunting. To pursue, shoot, kill, take, or capture wildlife. This term also includes acts such as placing, setting, drawing, or using any device used to take wildlife, whether any such act results in taking or not, and includes every act of assistance to any person in taking or attempting to take such wildlife. However, accompanying a hunter as a spectator, assisting in building, maintaining or placing stands, or assisting a hunter to locate, track, or recover wounded or harvested game is not considered hunting. Therefore, hunters entering an area before legal shooting hours, or exiting an area after legal shooting hours must unload their weapons or they will be presumed to be hunting illegally.

Junior Hunter – Persons who possess a State of California Junior Hunting License. This is a person under 18 years of age and must be accompanied by a licensed guardian over 18 years of age.

Loaded Weapons – A firearm shall be deemed as loaded for the purpose of this regulation when there is an unexpended cartridge or shell, consisting of a case which holds a charge of powder and a bullet or shot, in, or attached in any manner to, the firearm, including, but not limited to, in the firing chamber, magazine, or clip thereof attached to the firearm; except that a muzzle-loader firearm shall be deemed as loaded when it is capped or primed and has a powder charge and ball or shot in the barrel or cylinder. A crossbow is considered to be loaded if the bow is cocked and there is a bolt in the crossbow. A bow other than a crossbow is considered to be loaded if the bow is strung and an arrow is nocked.

Motorized Vehicle - Any type of motor-driven land, air, or water vehicle.

**Road** – A road is defined as an area cleared of vegetation and/or prepared for vehicle traffic that is created and regularly maintained by road building equipment. An area created and maintained by repeated vehicle traffic is not considered to be road.

Seibert Stake (a.k.a. Siber Stake) – A 16-inch piece of PVC pipe with alternating rings of white, red, and yellow reflective tape mounted on a metal post approximately 4 feet above the ground. A black strip runs down the backside of each Seibert Stake (Appendix C – Figure 1). If this is visible, the recreationist is within a sensitive area and must leave immediately.

**Unloaded Weapon** – A shotgun, centerfire or rim fire rifle, or handgun that does not have any ammunition in the chamber, magazine or cylinder. A muzzleloader weapon that does not have a percussion cap affixed to or resting on the weapon's nipple or flash pan. An un-cocked crossbow with the bolt removed from the platform.

# Appendix C. Figures

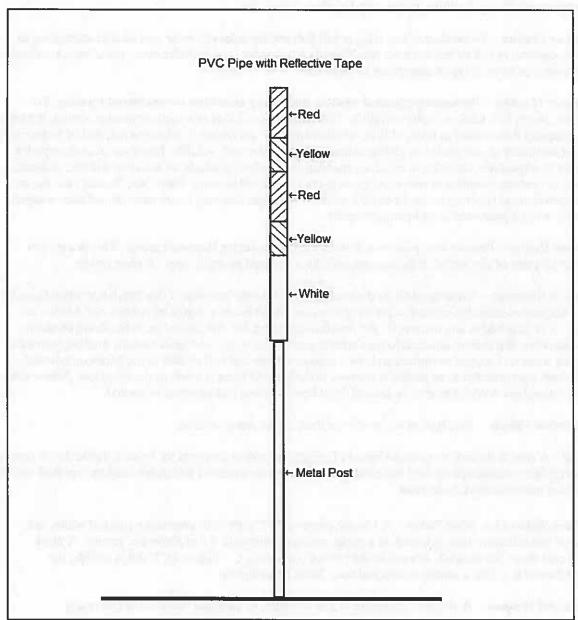


Figure 1. Seibert Stake (a.k.a. Siber Stake)

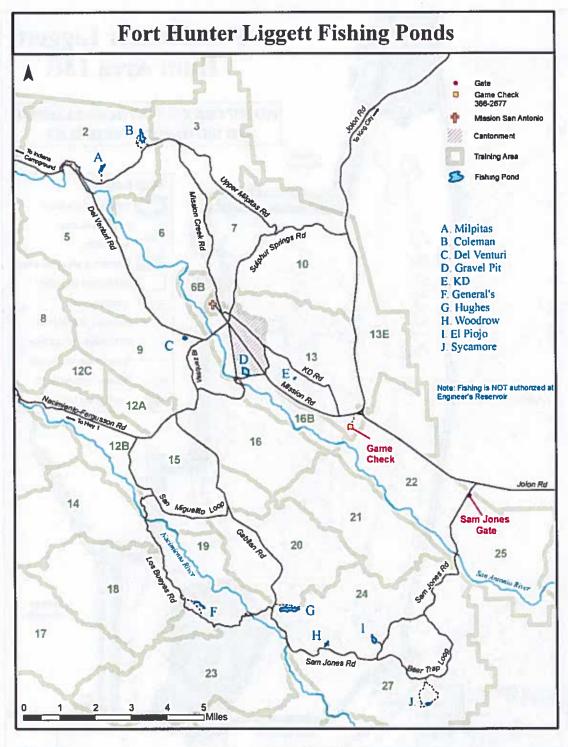


Figure 2. Fishing Reservoir Locations

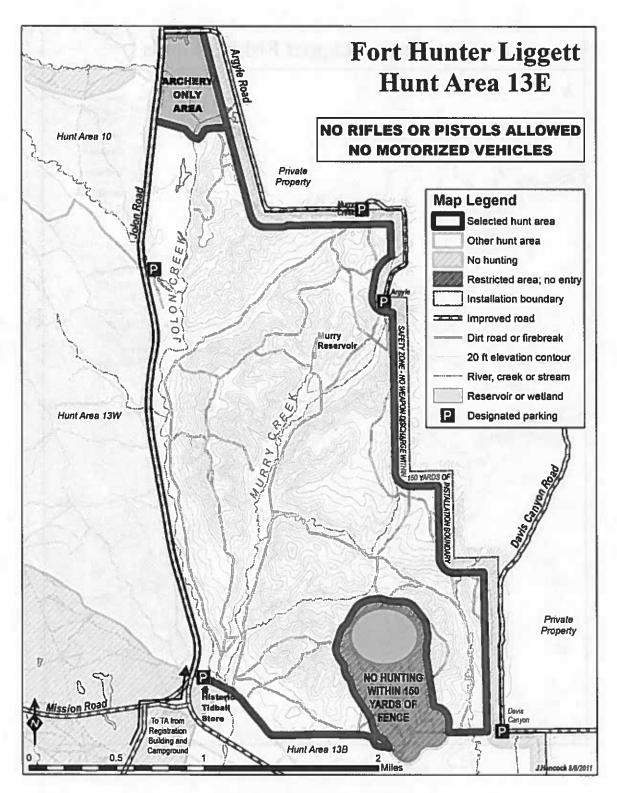


Figure 3. Hunt Area 13E Map

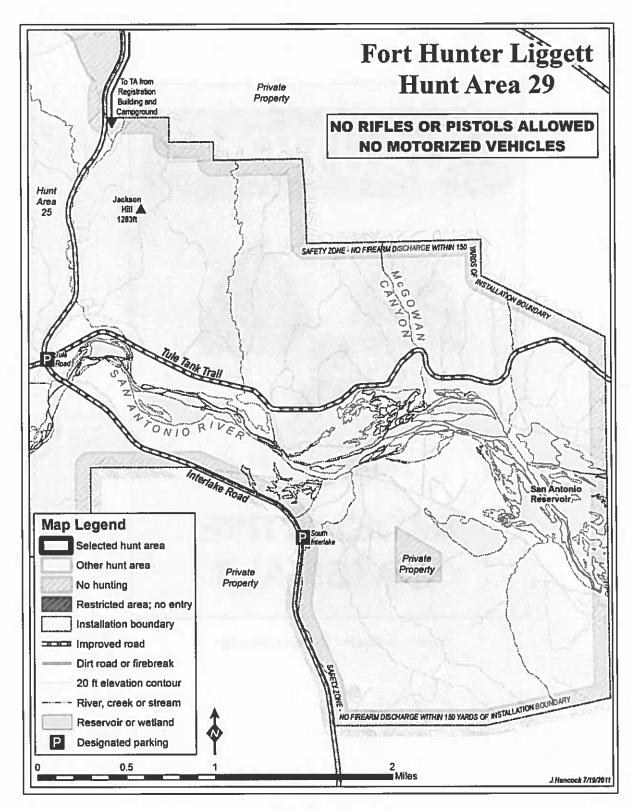


Figure 4. Hunt Area 29 Map

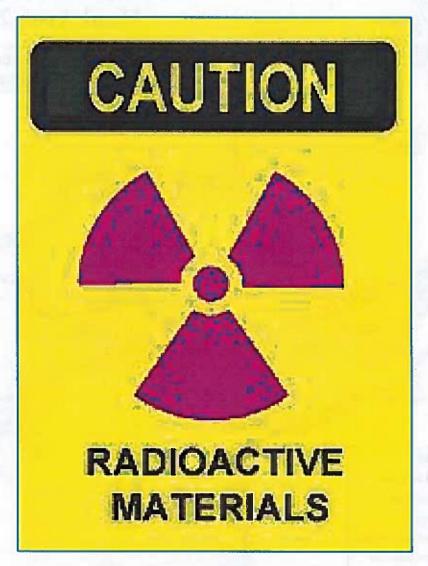


Figure 5. Radioactive Materials Caution Sign

Figure 6. Depleted Uranium Restriction Maps

# Appendix D. Suspensions and Revocations of Fort Hunter Liggett Hunting and Fishing Privileges

The suspension of game privileges is an additional administrative action independent of any judicial or punitive actions, and is addressed on a case by case basis. Suspensions shall be from the date of receipt of official notification by the Garrison Commander.

Violations include but are not limited too	MAY RESULT IN (First Offense)	
Persons with three or more suspension violations within a five year period.	Permanent Revocation	
Persons found to be legally intoxicated while hunting, fishing or while operating vehicles or watercraft	Permanent Revocation	
Killing or taking protected, threatened or endangered species; collecting protected, threatened or endangered plants	Permanent Revocation	
Hunting while under suspension of hunting privileges; fishing while under suspension of fishing privileges	Permanent Revocation	
Intentionally disturbing protected, threatened or endangered species or their habitats	Five Year Suspension	
Persons consuming alcohol while in training area (excluding the campground)	Two Year Suspension	
Hunting from range targets or structures except concrete observation points	Two Year Suspension	
Hunting any game out of season	12-month Suspension	
Hunting before or after hours	12-month Suspension	
Using FHL hunting/fishing program to illegally access adjacent property.	12-month Suspension	
Shooting from or across an improved roadway	12-month Suspension	
Hunting or fishing without a valid California license, stamps or tags	12-month Suspension	
Hunting or fishing without a valid FHL permit or signed checked-in through FHL iSportsman	12-month Suspension	
Failure to make reasonable effort to retrieve downed game	12-month Suspension	
Hunting with an unauthorized or illegal weapon or ammunition, or with a weapon type not authorized for the hunt area assigned	12-month Suspension	
Damaging federal property	12-month Suspension	
Failure to cooperate with government officials when in execution of their duties	12-month Suspension	
Littering or depositing debris on FHL	Up to 12-month Suspension	
Multiple safety or procedural offenses	Minimum 6 month Suspension	
Hunting, scouting, or tracking without a FHL official in a closed area	60-Day Suspension	
Operating vehicles off established and authorized roads	Minimum 60-Day Suspension	
Violating State or federal game codes or laws	Minimum 30-day Suspension	
Transporting a loaded weapon in vehicle	Minimum 30-day Suspension	
Accessing areas for hunting without registering on iSportsman	Minimum 7-day Suspension	
Failure to check-out of hunt area	Minimum of written warning	
Violating Fort Hunter Liggett Regulation 420-26 procedures or prohibitions not specifically listed above	Minimum written warning and may involve suspension or permanent revocation.	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A person committing more than one of the above offenses may have his/her hunting/fishing privileges suspended for a period equal to the total of standard penalties for each offense. In the event that the total period of suspension is in excess of 1 year, the person's privileges may be permanently revoked.