

Installation
HUNTING, TRAPPING, AND FISHING REGULATION

History. This is a revised publication.

Summary. Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC) and Fort Polk (FP) Regulation 210-18 prescribes rules, policies, and regulations for hunting, fishing, trapping, and wildlife conservation on the Fort Polk Military Reservation (including Peason Ridge) under the provisions of Army Regulation (AR) 200-1, the Fort Polk Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP), and in accordance with federal and state game laws and regulations. Persons violating this regulation or federal laws will be subject to suspension or revocation of hunting, trapping, and fishing privileges and/or disciplinary action. Violation of hunting, trapping, and fishing regulations is punishable under federal or state law.

Applicability. This regulation applies to all persons within the boundaries of the Fort Polk Military Reservation (including Peason Ridge). The pronouns he, his, and him when used in this regulation are intended to include both the masculine and feminine genders. Any exceptions will be so noted.

Proponent and Exception Authority. The proponent for this regulation is the Garrison Commander. The proponent has the authority to approve exceptions to this regulation that are consistent with controlling law and regulation.

Supplementation. Supplementation and establishment of command publications and local forms are prohibited without prior approval from the

DHR, Admin Services, IMWE-POL-HRAA, 7700 Alabama Avenue, Building 1947, Fort Polk, La. 71459-5412.

Suggested Improvements. Users of JRTC & FP Regulation 210-18 are invited to send comments and suggested improvements on Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms (Department of the Army (DA) Form 2028) directly to the Garrison Provost Marshal, AFZX-PM, Fort Polk, Louisiana 71459-5000.

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1. Purpose. Joint Readiness Training Center and FP Regulation 210-18 prescribes rules, policies, and regulations for hunting, fishing, trapping, or other activities involving the utilization of wildlife and botanical resources on the Fort Polk Military Reservation (including Peason Ridge) under the provisions of AR 200-1, the Fort Polk INRMP, and in accordance with all applicable federal and state game laws and regulations. Persons violating this regulation or federal or state game laws will be subject to suspension or revocation of hunting, trapping, and fishing privileges and/or disciplinary action. Violation of hunting, trapping, and fishing regulations is punishable under federal or state law.

2. References.

- a. AR 200-1, Environmental Quality: Environmental Protection and Enhancement
- b. 16 USC 670, Sikes Act, as amended.
- c. 16 USC Chapter 7, Protection of Migratory Game and Insectivorous Birds, as amended.
- d. 10 USC 2671, Military Reservation and Facilities: Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping.
- e. 16 USC 1538-1543, and 50 CFR 17 & 23, Endangered Species Act and Convention.
- f. JRTC and FP Regulation (Reg) 190-3, Privately-Owned Weapons.
- g. DA Pamphlet 385-63, Range Safety.
- h. Fort Polk Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP) 2004-2008.
- i. Executive Order 11644: Use of Off-Road Vehicles on Public Lands
- j. 32 CFR part 656: Installations, Use of Off-Road Vehicles on Army Land
- k. Louisiana Revised Statute 56, Wildlife and Fisheries, and all other applicable Louisiana Hunting, Fishing, Trapping and Motorboat Regulations

3. Responsibilities.

- a. Directorate of Plans, Training, and Mobilization (DPTM). The DPTM, Range Division will:
 - (1) Prepare daily hunting maps for Fort Polk and Peason Ridge that will include the areas open for hunting. Closed areas indicated on the map will include, as a minimum, a 300-meter safety zone.
 - (2) Electronically completed maps will be distributed to the Directorate of Emergency Services (DES), Game Enforcement Office utilizing the Hunt Control Database and according to existing protocol. Additional electronic copies of hunting maps will be copied to DOIM for posting to the JRTC and Fort Polk hunting website within the same time periods indicated below. All electronic maps will contain electronic signatures of the approving authority prior to transmission. DPTM Range personnel will prepare hard copy hunting maps in duplicate when applicable electronic systems are non-functional. Signature and date-time group will be entered by the preparer at the bottom right margin. The period for which the map is valid will be placed at the top right margin by the preparer. The Range Division will notify the DES, Game Enforcement Section, telephone number 531-5715/5222, when the maps are ready.
 - (3) Ensure that map preparation and Game Enforcement Section notification is accomplished by 1000 the day prior to the date for which the map is valid.
 - (4) Coordinate the use between military needs and hunting, fishing, trapping, or other activities involving the utilization of wildlife resources in a manner to fully satisfy the military needs while at the same time providing maximum utilization of the areas, to include coordination with DFMWR facilities.
 - (5) Ensure that the DES, Game Enforcement Section is notified of the cancellation or early completion of scheduled training activities.
- b. Garrison Provost Marshal. The Garrison Provost Marshal will:
 - (1) Have overall staffing responsibility for the Fort Polk Hunting, Trapping, and Fishing Program.
 - (2) Designate an Installation Hunt Control Officer, who will be assigned to the Game Enforcement Section.
 - (3) Ensure appropriate staffing levels for wildlife enforcement officers sufficient to ensure mission support.
 - (4) Provide adequate training and logistical support for assigned personnel.
- c. The Installation Hunt Control Officer will:
 - (1) Coordinate, administer, and supervise the Installation's Hunting, Trapping, and Fishing Program.
 - (2) Conduct a voluntary Hunter Safety Certification Program for interested hunters. All persons born on or after 1 September 1969 must show proof of satisfactorily completing a Hunter Safety Course, approved by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, in order to purchase a basic hunting license.
 - (3) Ensure installation hunting, trapping, and fishing registration is not completed until the applicant is in compliance with Federal and State licensing requirements and installation regulations, as appropriate.
 - (4) Organize an effective Law Enforcement Program for on-post fish and wildlife management in accordance with AR 200-1.

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(5) Develop and maintain an effective working relationship with the U.S. Forest Service; Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries; Directorate of Public Works (DPW), Environmental and Natural Resources Management Division; G3/DPTM; and civilian law enforcement agencies.

(6) Ensure that signed and dated hunting maps are received from G3/DPTM, Range Division and copies prepared for self-clearing stations and information points. The maps will be posted NO LATER THAN 1530 on the day that the map is received.

(7) Closely coordinate with DPW, Environmental and Natural Resources Management Division, to specifically ensure that enforcement of rules and regulations is adequately addressed in the INRMP, including any cooperative agreements with federal and state wildlife enforcement officials.

(8) Maintain an alphabetical file listing of personnel registered to hunt, fish, and/or trap on the installation. The file will consist of a separate card with each registrant's name, signature, address, phone number, installation registration number, state license number, Hunter/Safety Certification Program over stamp, if applicable, and date of issue. Each registrant will receive a portion of the registration to be carried on the registrant's person and vehicle as field certification of registration, which will contain the registrant's printed name, registration number, and date of issue. Future development of any electronic database for registration will include the above information items.

(9) Conduct in-service training of assigned Game Enforcement Section personnel to include basic first aid, hunter safety, applicable fish and game laws or regulations, or other appropriate items vital to the conduct of enforcement duties.

(10) Plan, coordinate, and supervise special operations to include stake-out and joint air-ground operations with state, federal, local, and military agencies as required to enforce federal, state, and installation hunting, trapping, and fishing regulations.

(11) Ensure that assigned enforcement personnel record the hunting permit registration number of all persons checked in the field.

(12) Ensure that section and other law enforcement personnel are prepared and present for scheduled court appearances.

(13) Supervise animal control for Fort Polk and Peason Ridge.

(14) Ensure that revised check-in/out procedures are in effect during special either-sex deer hunts.

(15) Ensure that check-in/out cards are removed on a daily basis from self-clearing stations and that this information is provided to the Environmental and Natural Resources Management Division.

(16) Supervise preparation of applicable Military Police Reports (DA Form 3975) by military and civilian Game Warden enforcement personnel.

d. Directorate of Public Works. The Chief, DPW, Environmental and Natural Resources Management Division, will:

(1) As directed by AR 200-1, be responsible for implementing the INRMP, and ensure proper coordination for maintaining a cooperative management agreement with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Forest Service, and Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

(2) Coordinate annually with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Forest Service, and Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries in technical aspects of habitat management and coordinate setting of harvest regulations and seasons.

(3) Monitor and manage wildlife in order to ensure the maintenance of healthy and sustainable wildlife populations.

(4) Compile statistics on recreational usage and game harvested.

(5) Periodically review and coordinate updates to the Fort Polk Hunting, Trapping, and Fishing Regulations as required, to ensure compliance with Army, Federal, State, and administrative regulations.

(6) Coordinate yearly update of hunting maps.

4. Eligibility. All persons may fish and hunt in areas open to hunting, trapping, and/or fishing on Fort Polk and Peason Ridge when the requirements of all post regulations and the licensing requirements established by federal and Louisiana laws have been met.

5. Hunting Areas, Permits, and Clearances.

a. Controlled recreational access to Fort Polk and Peason Ridge is provided within manageable quotas, subject to safety, military security, threatened and endangered species restrictions, and the capacity of the natural resources to support such use; and at such times as such access can be granted without impairment of the military mission, as determined by the installation commander.

b. The portion of land area open to hunting, fishing and other recreational activities will be shown daily on the official hunting maps. Official maps will be posted at all self-clearing stations and at the Game Enforcement Office, Bldg 7654, during normal hours. All users must be familiar with the official daily map. Handout maps with general area descriptions and locations for self-clearing stations will be provided for use as a reference when available. Maps and station locations may also be viewed at: www.jrtc-polk.army.mil/hunt2/hunt/default/htm.

c. A Fort Polk hunting, fishing, and trapping permit must be obtained by each user prior to utilizing self-clearing stations. Permits may be obtained from the Game Enforcement Office, Bldg 7654, North Fort Polk. Applicants must possess all pertinent licenses and have fulfilled any eligibility requirements prior to issuance of a Fort Polk permit.

d. All hunters, trappers, fishermen, and other recreational users must check in and out each day by utilizing the self-clearing stations located on Fort Polk and Peason Ridge. Selected self-clearing stations may be closed dependent upon changing training environments. Fishermen and other users must follow special instructions outlined in Section 6b below. Permits must be kept in possession at all times and vehicle permits must be prominently displayed when a vehicle is parked.

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e. Instructions for self-clearing will be posted at each station and must be strictly adhered to. All information must be completed and clearly marked on check in/out cards. Users may check in no earlier than two hours before legal shooting time and check out no later than two hours past legal shooting time. Separate stations may be utilized for clearing as long as they both occur on the same land unit (Fort Polk or Peason Ridge separately).

f. Daily permits will be issued by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for hunting during selected either-sex firearm hunts. Successful hunters will be required to take their deer to designated check stations prior to clearing. Check in/out times will remain as stated in Section e above.

6. Hunting Seasons, Regulations, and Limits.

a. All persons participating in outdoor recreational activities on Fort Polk or Peason Ridge will comply with State and Federal game and natural resources laws, Wildlife Management Area regulations, all Army and Fort Polk regulations, and will cooperate fully with representatives of Federal and/or State law enforcement agencies. Methods of harvest will conform to State and Federal regulations.

b. Fort Polk and Peason Ridge hunting seasons, state regulations, and harvest limits are published in a pamphlet issued by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and may be obtained free of charge from the Game Enforcement Office, Bldg 7654, North Fort Polk when available. Season pamphlets may also be obtained from local sporting goods stores or by viewing: www.jrtc-polk.army.mil/hunt2/hunt/default/.htm or <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/>.

c. General Regulations*:

(1) No person shall harvest any animal on the installation except as authorized by State and Federal laws and Army and installation regulations.

(2) It is unlawful to enter any restricted area on Fort Polk or Peason Ridge. All impact areas are off limits.

(3) The use of artificial lights for locating, taking, or harassing wildlife is illegal.

(4) The placing of bait for the intended purpose of luring or concentrating wildlife is prohibited. Baiting is defined as the placement of shelled, shucked, or unshucked corn, wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed capable of luring, attracting, or enticing game and is directly or indirectly placed, exposed, deposited, distributed with the intent of luring a game animal or hog. Commercial attraction scents, cover scents, or tarsal glands are not considered baiting.

(5) The use of motorized vehicles to chase, herd, or assist in the direct harvesting of wildlife is prohibited.

(6) Camping is unauthorized on Fort Polk or Peason Ridge. Camping facilities are available on adjacent U.S. Forest Service lands.

(7) Hunting outside legal shooting hours is prohibited.

(8) Transporting a loaded firearm in or on a motorized vehicle is prohibited.

(9) Erecting or affixing a deer stand to Red-Cockaded Woodpecker (RCW) cavity trees is prohibited. RCW trees are identified by double white painted bands, approximately 1 foot apart around the base of the tree.

(10) Parking vehicles within the 200 ft. boundary of a RCW cluster is prohibited. Cluster boundaries are identified by triangular yellow signs placed on trees.

(11) Disorderly conduct, possession of, or hunting under the influence of alcoholic beverages, chemicals, and other substances is illegal.

(12) Littering, dumping, or disposing of trash or other items is prohibited.

(13) Portable deer stands must be removed upon the close of shooting hours and may not be left overnight. Unattended stands will be confiscated and disposed of.

(14) Construction of and/or hunting from permanent tree stands or permanent blinds is prohibited.

(15) The use of tree climbing spurs, spikes, or screw-in steps is prohibited.

(16) The use of dogs is limited to waterfowl, upland birds, and squirrel hunting during applicable seasons.

(17) Any purposeful disruption, harassment, or interference with the legal harvest of wildlife resources is prohibited.

(18) Utilizing organized drivers and standers, or using noises or noise making devices to drive animals with the intent to harvest is prohibited.

(19) Driving or parking vehicles on food plots or strips is prohibited.

(20) It is unlawful to obscure the sex or age of any game bird or animal by mutilation of the carcass.

(21) A reasonable effort will be made to locate and retrieve harvested game.

(22) Target shooting or indiscriminate discharge of firearms in hunting areas is prohibited.

(23) During any firearms deer season, to include muzzleloader, all hunters (including archers and small game hunters) must display a minimum of 400 square inches of hunter's orange above the waist in addition to a hunter's orange cap or hat worn on the head. Hunter's orange garments and hats must be of a continuous color without a camouflage or disruptive pattern. EXCEPTIONS: Waterfowl hunters, Mourning Dove hunters, and archery hunters within the cantonment area are not required to display hunter's orange.

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(24) Deer hunters hunting from concealed ground blinds must display a minimum of 400 square inches of hunter orange above or around their blinds which is visible from 360 degrees.

(25) During modern firearms either-sex segments, all small game, migratory bird, or other type hunting is prohibited.

(26) Small game hunters, turkey hunters, and deer hunters using archery equipment are prohibited from hunting within 100 meters (110 yards) of specified roads, occupied buildings, and closed areas.

(27) Deer hunters using firearms are prohibited from hunting within 300 meters (330 yards) of paved roads, occupied buildings, closed areas, Lookout Road between Louisiana Highways 399 and 463, and the Peason Ridge perimeter road.

(28) Persons 17 years of age and younger hunting on Fort Polk and Peason Ridge must be in a party containing at least one adult 18 years of age or older.

(29) The use of military weapons and ammunition currently under the control of the Department of Defense is prohibited for hunting purposes.

(30) The willful introduction of non-indigenous or undesirable and invasive wildlife or plant species is prohibited.

*Regulations in the above section are general in nature and do not cover the full aspect of regulatory compliance. State and Federal regulations must be reviewed and adhered to, including those outlined above, and to include any other pertinent Army and Fort Polk regulations.

7. Fishing.

a. All fishermen must be in compliance with Louisiana licensing requirements when fishing the waters of Fort Polk or Peason Ridge.

b. No special permitting or registration is required to fish in Alligator Lake, Marion Bonner Lakes, or the unnamed lakes located adjacent to the security fence at North Fort. Catfish Cove requires no registration; however, this pond is designated as youth only and is closed to fishing for all persons 16 years and older. A permit will be required to access all other water bodies and may be acquired at the Game Enforcement Office, Bldg 7654, North Fort Polk during normal duty hours.

c. In accordance with the provisions of paragraph 5b above, all persons fishing on reservation waters, other than those listed above, must examine the current military use map at the Game Enforcement Office, Bldg 7654, North Fort Polk during normal duty hours to determine the areas open to fishing and then sign in on the sheet provided for that purpose. Persons wishing to check in during non-duty hours must utilize clearing station #1 located adjacent to Bldg. 7654 and follow the posted clearing instructions. No check-out is required.

d. Equipment used and methods of harvest will be in compliance with State fishing regulations except:

e. Capture of fish with any form of net is prohibited on all waters. Landing nets may only be used to assist in retrieving hooked fish.

f. The intentional stocking or willful introduction of any fish species is prohibited.

g. The use of carp or goldfish as bait is prohibited.

h. Boaters must comply with all applicable Fort Polk and State regulations.

i. The use of internal combustion engines is prohibited on all waters.

j. The placing of grains, foods, or any other substance in a stream or lake for the expressed purpose of concentrating fish for harvest is prohibited.

k. Daily creel limits will be as follows unless otherwise posted:

(1) Catfish Cove, Marion Bonner lakes, and the unnamed lakes at North Fort:

Bass: 3 per person, minimum 14 inches in total length, only 1 fish over 19 inches

Bream*: 20 per person, no size limit

Catfish: 5 per person, no size limit

Crappie: No limit

(2) Alligator and Engineer lakes:

Bass: 5 per person, minimum size of 14 inches, of which only 1 fish may be over 19 inches

Bream*: 25 per person, no size limit

Catfish: 5 per person

Crappie: 15 per person, no size limit

(3) All other lakes:

Bass: 3 per person, minimum 14 inches in total length

Bream*: 20 per person, no size limit

Catfish: 5 per person, no size limit

Crappie: No limit

(4) State creel limits apply for all streams.

l. Recreational angling is prohibited in the North Fort and South Fort wash rack ponds

m. Swimming is prohibited in all Fort Polk and Peason Ridge waters.

n. Frog harvesting is allowed on all Fort Polk waters with the exception of Catfish Cove.

(1) All State seasons, methods, and regulations for frog harvesting will be adhered to. No firearms allowed.

(2) Check in/out procedures will be identical to those outlined in paragraphs 5a&b and 6c above.

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*Bream limits include all Lepomis species (Redear, Longear, Dollar, Spotted, Green, Sunfish, Bluegill and Warmouth).

8. Trapping.

a. Fur trapping, as prescribed by State and Federal law and WMA regulations, will be available on Fort Polk and Peason Ridge.

b. Trappers must register at the Game Enforcement Office, Bldg 7654, North Fort Polk, and must check in/out through the Self-clearing Stations as outlined above.

c. During trapping season, areas open to trapping will be marked on the daily hunting map that is posted at all Self-clearing Stations.

9. Non-Game Wildlife, Plants, and Wildlife Viewing.

a. Non-Game Wildlife.

(1) Non-Game wildlife includes all species of wild animals not classified as game under state and federal regulations.

(2) Of the non-game vertebrate wildlife (other than hogs, coyote, and armadillo), only venomous snakes may be killed if determined to be an immediate threat to personnel.

(3) Indiscriminate killing of non-game animals will be deemed as willful destruction of wildlife and violators will be penalized accordingly.

(4) Capture or removal of all species of non-game wildlife from Fort Polk and Peason Ridge is prohibited without special permitting and the approval of the Fort Polk Environmental and Natural Resources Division, except as outlined in this section.

(5) Armadillos may be taken for food by legally authorized means and according to State regulations.

(6) Coyotes may be harvested with firearms only when other hunting seasons are in progress and subject to normal hunting regulations.

(7) Bobcats may only be harvested by licensed trappers during appropriate seasons and according to state trapping regulations.

(8) Unmarked hogs may be legally harvested from Peason Ridge and/or Fort Polk from the beginning of archery season until the last day of deer firearm season. Trapping hogs is prohibited.

b. Plants.

(1) Users wishing to harvest edible plants may do so throughout the year, subject to State regulations.

(A) Users must obtain a post permit and adhere to self-clearing guidelines as outlined in paragraphs 5a & b, and 6c above.

(B) Users must possess a valid hunting, fishing, or Wild Louisiana Stamp prior to issuance of permit.

(2) Plants listed as threatened, protected, rare, or sensitive as identified under the Fort Polk, State, United States Forest Service, and Federal listings may not be removed, damaged, or destroyed.

c. Wildlife viewing and other uses. Personnel wishing to view wildlife, hike, or other non-consumptive uses must be in possession of a valid hunting, fishing, or Wild Louisiana stamp, obtain a post permit, and adhere to self-clearing procedures outlined in paragraphs 5a&b, and 6c above.

10. Closed Areas.

a. Hunters entering Army reservation lands that are closed to hunting, fishing, trapping, or other uses will be cited for violation of regulations under DA pamphlet 385-63, Range Safety, Louisiana Revised Statutes, and other applicable regulations.

b. Areas closed to hunting, fishing, trapping and other uses will be clearly marked on the official daily hunting map compiled by the G3/DPTM, Range Division.

c. Some areas permanently closed to gun hunting will be opened for the hunting of deer with legal archery equipment and will be marked on the official daily hunting map. A special permit will be required for bow hunting in these areas and special check-in/out cards issued to assist in data gathering.

d. Some areas permanently closed to gun hunting will be opened on a periodic basis for the taking of small game or turkey. Hunters will use shotguns with shot not larger than number 2. These areas will be marked on the official daily hunting map.

e. Impact areas that are permanently closed will be clearly delineated on all maps. All personnel are strictly prohibited from entering these areas.

11. Weapons Registration/Transportation.

a. For non-military personnel and military personnel not living on Fort Polk or in government quarters, the regulations pertinent to hunting do not require the registration of firearms brought on Fort Polk or Peason Ridge if they are used solely for hunting during open seasons.

b. For military personnel living on Fort Polk or in government quarters, JRTC & Fort Polk Regulation 190-3 requires that personnel register all weapons brought on Fort Polk. Personnel living off post in non-government quarters are not required to register weapons.

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c. While being transported in vehicles, firearms will be separated from ammunition and will be outside the immediate reach and inaccessible to the driver and all occupants of the vehicle. At no time will weapons be transported under the driver's seat or in a console between the driver's and passenger's seat. Transport of firearms will be in compliance with Fort Polk Regulation 190-3.

12. Animal Vaccination. All dogs used for hunting must be vaccinated against rabies. Dogs brought on the military reservation for hunting must wear a current rabies vaccination tag and/or the hunter must have in his possession written proof of such vaccination.

13. Off-Road Vehicles. On Department of Defense (DOD) owned lands associated with Fort Polk and Peason Ridge, recreational use of Off-Road Vehicles is strictly prohibited, subject to the exceptions outlined below.

a. Off-Road Vehicles are defined by federal regulation as: Any motorized vehicle designed for or capable of cross-country travel on or immediately over land, water, sand, snow, ice, marsh, swampland, or other natural terrain; except that such term excludes:

- (1) Any registered motorboat,
- (2) Any fire, military emergency, or law enforcement vehicle when used for emergency purpose, and
- (3) Any vehicle whose use is expressly authorized by the respective agency head under a permit, lease, license, or contract.
- (4) Use by an employee, agency, or designated representative of the Department of Defense or one of its contractors in the course of his employment or agency representation.
- (5) For the purpose of this regulation, Off-Road Vehicles are further categorized as follows:

b. All Terrain Vehicles (ATV) are defined as: vehicles that are not legal for use on roadways. These vehicles generally include 4-wheelers, 3-wheelers, motorcycles, mules, Argos, and vehicles of similar type. For the purpose of this regulation, enduro type, or highway legal motorcycles are included in the category of all terrain vehicles.

(1) Prohibitions: Recreational use of ATVs on DOD property is prohibited, with exceptions...Any use of ATVs on the USFS property known as the Intensive Use Area, from approximately the 38 grid line south to Lookout Road, is prohibited without exception. Maps indicating this area may be viewed at the Game Enforcement Office, Bldg 7654, North Fort Polk, or at: http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/kisatchie/images/ohv/ver_map.pdf.

(2) Exceptions for DOD properties: ATVs that comply with LDWF specifications for WMAs may be utilized for the retrieval of downed large game only on Peason Ridge and DOD owned property for Fort Polk.

(3) ATV specifications for WMAs are: off-road vehicles with factory specifications not to exceed 750 lbs. in weight, 85 inches in length, and 48 inches in width. ATV tires are restricted to those no larger than 25 x 12 with a maximum 1 inch lug height and a maximum allowable tire pressure of 7 psi as indicated on the tire by the manufacturer. Use of all other ATVs or ATV tires is prohibited.

(A) ATVs having wheels with a wheel-tire combination radius of 17 inches or more from the center of the hub are prohibited, as are dual tires.

(B) Motorcycles, mules, and Argos are prohibited for use in game retrieval.

(C) Racing, speeding or unusual maneuvering is prohibited

(4) Regulations outlined in paragraphs 13a and 13b above do not apply to the Motorcross Park located on North Fort.

(5) Physically Challenged Hunters. Hunters in possession of a valid physically challenged permit issued by the LDWF may utilize WMA compliant ATVs under the following conditions:

(A) ATVs can not be operated on surfaced roadways

(B) ATVs may only be used to travel directly to and from stand sites, small game areas, and for large game retrieval.

(C) Firearms must be unloaded and either cased or booted, with ammunition separate from the firearm, when the vehicle is under operation.

(D) Physically challenged hunters may hunt from parked ATVs, but cannot impede trails and must be a minimum of 100 meters (110 yards) from surfaced roads, buildings, and closed areas.

c. Limited Vehicle Access Areas:

(1) Non-physically challenged hunters wishing to access Castor 1 and 2 can request a special ATV pass from DES, Game Enforcement for those areas only, due to limited road access. Hunters may utilize ATVs to access this area under the following conditions:

(A) ATVs must only be operated to travel directly to and from stand sites, small game areas, and for large game retrieval.

(B) Firearms must be unloaded and either cased or booted, with ammunition separate from the firearm, during vehicle operation.

d. Highway Legal Vehicles.

(1) Highway legal vehicles are restricted to existing roads on all DOD properties, and are allowed only for the purposes of hunting, fishing, trapping, and wildlife viewing. Highway legal vehicles may only be utilized 2 hours before and after legal shooting hours.

(2) Recreational driving, mud riding, etc. with 4-wheel drive vehicles is prohibited on all DOD and U.S. Forest Service properties. Highway legal vehicles are restricted to specified roads on the U.S. Forest Service owned property known as the Intensive Use Area, from approximately the 38 grid line south to Lookout Road, without exception. Roads specified for highway legal vehicles may be viewed by map at the Game Enforcement Office, Bldg 7654, North Fort Polk, or at: http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/kisatchie/images/ohv/ver_map.pdf.

14. Suspension/Revocation of Privileges.

a. An individual, upon receiving a citation issued by a Game Warden (civilian or military) for a violation of federal, state, or installation hunting, fishing or trapping regulation, will be required to appear before the Federal Magistrate, Fort Polk, Louisiana or other Federal authority, as designated.

b. Persons cited for violations of State, Federal, Fort Polk, or other regulations may have their Fort Polk/Peason Ridge hunting privileges suspended.

c. Persons committing offenses outlined in Appendix B or other applicable offenses will have their Fort Polk/Peason Ridge privileges revoked by the Provost Marshal. Violators will have their hunting/fishing permit confiscated on the spot and be issued a citation. The permit will be reissued upon completion of the suspension period or as directed by the Garrison Commander.

d. The Garrison Provost Marshal, as the designee of the commander, is responsible for initiating action, for restricting self-clearing privileges and for suspension/revocation of hunting privileges.

e. Persons who have their installation hunting privileges suspended or revoked must submit, in writing, through the Garrison Provost Marshal's Office to the Garrison Commander, a request for reinstatement of hunting privileges on Peason Ridge and the Fort Polk Military Reservation. All appeals will be routed in the same manner.

Appendix A
Information for Sportsmen on Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping in the Fort Polk and Peason Ridge Wildlife Management Areas

(Hand Out)

1. Introduction.

a. The Fort Polk Military Reservation, which includes the Peason Ridge Training Area, is used by the Department of Defense primarily for military training. Hunting, fishing and trapping, are permitted to the fullest extent possible, but only as the military mission allows.

b. Due to the long history of military use, it is possible that unexploded ordnance may be encountered anywhere in the area. While greater concentrations are mapped as Impact Areas and are marked off limits to all persons, recreational users should nonetheless be very careful anytime they are in the field. Suspected unexploded ordnance should not be picked up or disturbed. The presence and location of any unexploded ordnance encountered by recreational users should be immediately reported to the Game Enforcement section at 531-5715/5222.

c. Compliance with state and federal regulations, JRTC & FP Reg 210-18, as well as all other pertinent post regulations, is required for all users of these areas.

2. Revocation of Privileges.

a. An individual, upon receiving a hunting citation issued by a Game Warden (military or civilian) for violation of federal, state, or installation hunting, will be required to pay a fine or appear before the Federal Magistrate, Fort Polk, Louisiana, or other federal court as designated.

b. Persons receiving a hunting citation will have their hunting privileges suspended by the Provost Marshal. Violation of the suspension will result in a revocation. All appeals will be made to the Garrison Commander.

c. Persons failing to comply with the self-clearing check-in/out procedures will temporarily lose their self-clearing privileges. In order to hunt, fish, or trap during this period of restriction, those persons will be required to check in and out with the Game Enforcement Office, Bldg 7654. Violation of the restriction may result in the suspension of hunting privileges. Subsequent violations of the self-clearing restriction and/or suspension will result in the revocation of hunting privileges for the remainder of the hunting season.

d. The Garrison Provost Marshal is authorized and responsible for initiating action as the designee of the commander for restricting self-clearing privileges and for suspension or revocation of post hunting privileges.

e. Persons who have their installation hunting privileges suspended or revoked must submit, in writing through the Garrison Provost Marshal's Office to the Garrison Commander, a request for reinstatement of hunting privileges on the Fort Polk installation.

f. Listed below are some examples of violations that could result in suspension of hunting privileges. See Appendix B for an extensive list of additional violations.

- (1) Hunting within 300 meters (rifle) or 100 meters (shotgun or bow) of paved roads, occupied buildings, closed areas, and Lookout Road between Louisiana Highways 399 and 463 and the Peason Ridge perimeter road.
- (2) Target shooting or indiscriminate weapon discharge.
- (3) Not wearing orange hat and 400 square inches of hunter's orange during gun season for deer.
- (4) Hunting from a vehicle, parked or moving.
- (5) Hunting out of season.
- (6) Failure to check in/out.
- (7) Using illegal weapons; e.g., unplugged shotgun, fully automatic shotgun/rifle, military weapon, etc.

3. Registration.

- a. In order to hunt, fish, or trap on Fort Polk or Peason Ridge, recreational users must register at the PMO, Game Enforcement Office, Bldg 7654, North Fort Polk.
- b. Registration is valid for the entire season from 1 September through 31 August. When hunting on either Wildlife Management Area (Fort Polk or Peason Ridge), a copy of this registration must be carried on the individual at all times and a vehicle display card will be placed in the hunter's windshield. Vehicle display cards are issued when a person registers and are valid all season.
- c. Installation registration is not required to fish in Alligator Lake, Marion Bonner Lakes, the unnamed lakes located adjacent to the security fence at North Fort, or Catfish Cove (age rules apply); however, users must have a valid Louisiana fishing license.
- d. Prior to fishing in any area, except those listed above, users must check the current map of restricted areas posted at the Game Enforcement Office, Bldg 7654 or utilize Clearing Station #1 located adjacent to the Game Enforcement office if outside normal duty hours. Instructions for clearing will be posted inside.
- e. All hunters, trappers, fishers, and other users must check in and out each day by utilizing the self-clearing stations located on Fort Polk and Peason Ridge. Selected self-clearing stations may be closed dependent upon changing training environments.
- f. Instructions for self-clearing will be posted at each station and must be strictly adhered too. All information must be completed and clearly marked on check in/out cards. Users may check in no earlier than two hours before legal shooting time and check out no later than two hours past legal shooting time. Separate stations may be utilized for clearing as long as they both occur on the same land unit (Fort Polk or Peason Ridge separately).
- g. Fort Polk registration and appropriate Louisiana State licenses must be carried at all times while in the field.

4. Basic Rules/Information.

- a. No camping is allowed on Fort Polk or Peason Ridge. Two U.S. Forest Service camping areas are located on the Limited Use area south of Lookout Road for hunters utilizing the Fort Polk WMA. The U.S. Forest Service, Kisatchie District also offers adjacent camping for hunters utilizing the Peason Ridge WMA.
- b. Pick up a free copy of Louisiana hunting, fishing, trapping, and motorboat regulations at Bldg. 7654, North Fort Polk, when available. Carefully read the section on Wildlife Management Area regulations and the Fort Polk-Peason Ridge Wildlife Management Area regulations before hunting. Seasons and regulations for the Fort Polk and Peason Ridge areas may also be obtained at local sporting goods stores or by viewing www.jrtc-polk.army.mil/hunt2/hunt/default/.htm or <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/>.
- c. Current/additional information may be obtained by calling the following:
 - (1) Local residents, telephone 531-5715/5222.
 - (2) Persons outside the local area may telephone 1-337-531-5715/5222.

**Appendix B
Suspension/Revocation of Hunting/Fishing Privileges**

Table B-1 Offenses and Penalties Chart

STANDARD PENALTY

<u>Offense*</u>	<u>First Offense</u>	<u>Second Offense</u>
Illegal use of artificial light for locating game or hunting	Permanent	
Possession of illegally shot game	1-year suspension	5-year suspension
Taking of game from a baited area	1-year suspension	5-year suspension
Hunting before or after legal hours	1-year suspension	5-year suspension
Discharging of a firearm from a vehicle	1-year suspension	5-year suspension
Removal of a deer head prior to registration	1-year suspension	5-year suspension
Exceeding creel/bag limit	1-year suspension	5-year suspension
Failure to check in/out	90-day suspension	1-year suspension
Taking of fish by unauthorized methods	1-year suspension	5-year suspension
Hunting by organized drive	1-year suspension	5-year suspension
Transporting a loaded firearm in or on a motorized vehicle	90-day suspension	1-year suspension
Littering	90 day suspension	1-year suspension
Failure to record game taken	1-year suspension	5-year suspension
Catching or trapping live hogs	INDEFINITE SUSPENSION	
Hunting without prescribed amount of fluorescent material	90-day suspension	1-year suspension
Hunting/fishing without a valid state license	1-year suspension	5-year suspension
Hunting/fishing without a valid installation permit	1-year suspension	5-year suspension
Hunting/running deer with dogs	1-year suspension	5-year suspension
Erecting or affixing deer stand to RCW trees	1-year suspension	5-year suspension

Table B-1, Offenses and Penalties Chart (cont.)

<u>Offense*</u>	<u>STANDARD PENALTY</u>	
	<u>First Offense</u>	<u>Second Offense</u>
Hunting with unauthorized weapon or ammunition	6-month suspension	1-year suspension
Hunting ducks without a duck stamp	1-year suspension	5-year suspension
Hunting/fishing in a temporarily closed area	1-year suspension	5-year suspension
Hunting in off limits or permanently closed area	1-year suspension	INDEFINITE
Bypassing a roadblock, cable, or gate	1-year suspension	5-year suspension
Hunting in a closed season	INDEFINITE SUSPENSION	
Possession of firearms while hunting during archery season	1-year suspension	5-year suspension
Disorderly conduct, possession of, or hunting under the influence of alcoholic beverages, chemicals, and other substances	1-year suspension	5-year suspension
Permitting others to use state/installation hunting or fishing permit	1-year suspension	5-year suspension
Willful destruction of wildlife	1-year suspension	5-year suspension

* All violations not covered under the penalty section, depending on the severity of the violation, and at the discretion of the arresting officer, will carry as a minimum a 90 day suspension.

NOTE: A person committing more than one of the above offenses will have his 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.

Appendix C
Sample Letter of Revocation

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
Headquarters, Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Polk
Fort Polk, Louisiana 71459-5000

Office of the Garrison Provost Marshall

Dear _____,

The records of this office indicate that on _____ you were cited for a hunting/fishing violation. Under the provisions of JRTC and Fort Polk Regulation 210-18, your hunting/fishing privileges on Fort Polk, Louisiana are immediately suspended for _____ months. Additionally, if you hunt/fish on Fort Polk while under suspension, your privileges on Fort Polk will be revoked for _____.

If you wish to appeal, sign the acknowledgement below and return the original copy of this letter to arrive at the Provost Marshal Office no later than 5 working days after you receive this letter. The Garrison Provost Marshal's Office will notify you of the date, time, and place of your hearing. Even if you do not wish to appeal, you must sign the acknowledgement below and return the original copy of this letter promptly to the Provost Marshall Office.

****NOTE****

A person committing more than one offense 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.

If you wish to have your installation hunting/fishing privileges restored upon completion of your term of suspension/revocation or if you request an appeal, you must submit a written request to the Garrison Provost Marshal's Office, ATTN: Suspension/Revocation Clerk.

If you have any questions concerning the requirements of this letter, please contact the Garrison Provost Marshal's Office, Game Enforcement Section, (337) 531-5715/5222.

Sincerely,

Garrison Provost Marshal

ACKNOWLEDGMENT: I have read and fully understand the requirements of this letter.

() I do not request a hearing to appeal the revocation of my hunting/fishing privileges on Fort Polk.

() I do request a hearing to appeal the revocation of my hunting/fishing privileges on Fort Polk.

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

Phone Number: _____