

**Fort Hood Regulation 210-25**

# **Installation Hunting, Fishing, and Natural Resources Conservation**

**Department of the Army Headquarters,  
III Armored Corps and Fort Hood  
Fort Hood, Texas  
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# ***SUMMARY of CHANGE***

III Armored Corps and Fort Hood Regulation 210-25  
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This administrative revision, dated 31 August 2025 –

- Adds exception to orange requirement during fall hunting season to exclude Airfield Lake, Clear Creek Lake, and all cantonment area bodies of water (para 5-1j).
- Adds requirement for orange flagging to be attached to duck blinds (para 6-1h).
- Clarifies removal of all equipment associated with feeders (para 6-1k).
- Clarifies removal of all equipment associated with feeders (para 6-1n).
- Clarifies hunting restrictions around 2 lakes (para 6-2(rr)).
- Clarifies requirement for Personal Flotation Device (para 7-3i).
- Clarifies off-road vehicle prohibitions (para 8-4a).
- Clarifies suspension of privileges based on adjudication of citations (para 9-2c).
- Clarifies new process for removing administrative penalties (para 9-2d).
- Removes reference to prior appeal process (para 9-2(5-6)).
- Removes references to extended suspension timelines (para 9-2(2)).
- Removes reference to Appendix D (para 9-3(3)).
- Removes Table of Common Violations (para 9-3(5)).
- Removes Game Warden On Duty contact info (Appendix B).
- Removes the Suspension Memo (Appendix D).

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**History.** This regulation is an administrative revision. The portions affected by this administrative revision are listed in the summary of change.

**Summary.** This regulation implements policy for hunting, fishing, and natural resources conservation on the installation.

**Applicability.** This regulation is available in electronic media only and is intended for the Regular Army, the Army National Guard/Army National Guard of the United States, and the U.S. Army Reserve; personnel assigned, attached, or employed by Fort Hood; and to all personnel authorized access to the natural resources of Fort Hood military reservation including the bordering Corps of Engineers land extending to the shoreline of Belton Reservoir. Penalties for violations of this regulation apply to military and civilian personnel and include the full range of statutory and regulatory sanctions, encompassing criminal prosecution under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) for personnel subject to its provisions, as well as adverse administrative action and other adverse actions authorized by applicable sections of the United States Code (USC), Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPWD), and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

**Supplementation.** Local supplementation of this regulation is prohibited without prior approval by the Directorate of Public Works (DPW).

**Suggested improvements.** Users are invited to send comments and suggested improvements on DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) directly to the Commander, United States Army Garrison, ATTN: AMIM-HDP-E, Fort Hood, Texas 76544-5002.

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\*This regulation supersedes FH Reg 210-25, dated 31 August 2024.

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## **Overview**

### **1–1. Purpose**

This regulation establishes policy and promulgates rules and necessary procedures that must be followed for hunting, fishing, and other consumptive and non-consumptive uses of natural resources on the Fort Hood military installation.

### **1–2. References**

Required and related publications are listed in appendix A.

## **Chapter 2 Responsibilities**

### **2–1. Directorate of Public Works (DPW) Environmental Division**

Supervises and directs the Environmental programs on Fort Hood, including the Natural and Cultural Resources Management Branch (NCRMB).

- a. Oversees all aspects of environmental protection and coordinates review of major actions with environmental consequences to command group.
- b. Signature authority for major actions regarding environmental programs including, but not limited to, suspension of recreational privileges in accordance with this regulation.

### **2–2. DPW NCRMB**

Supervises, directs, and coordinates fish, wildlife and natural resources conservation activities on Fort Hood.

- a. Manages the Fort Hood hunting and fishing programs and issues permits and vehicle range passes through iSportsman.
- b. Maintains and improves fish and wildlife habitat according to the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan, Army Regulation (AR) 200-1 (Environmental Protection and Enhancement), Fort Hood (FH) Regulation (REG) 200-1 (Environmental and Natural Resources) and the Sikes Act.
- c. Determines the allowable harvest of fish and game, dates of harvest, other regulatory provisions, and all other related activities based on coordination with state and federal fish and wildlife authorities.
- d. Manages program for annual big game hunts and publishes an annual Hunting, Fishing, and Natural Resources Use Guide.
- e. Coordinates with DPTMS, Range Operations, regarding areas available for recreational use.
- f. Coordinates with the Chief, Force Protection Division United States Army Garrison, to close selected fishing and hunting areas during deployment operations or based upon the existing force protection condition.

### **2–3. Chief, NCRMB**

Under the supervision of DPW Environmental Division, the Chief, NCRMB will—

- a. Serve as the senior civilian responsible for the operation of the branch, office functions, and deposits hunting and fishing permits fees.
- b. Sets permit fees annually.
- c. Provide biological information to staff agencies on fish, wildlife, natural resources conservation, and threatened and endangered species.

### **2–4. Directorate of Emergency Services (DES)**

- a. DES includes the game warden section and enforces all water safety, hunting, fishing, and natural resources conservation laws and regulations on Fort Hood.
- b. Signature authority for major actions regarding law enforcement programs including, but not limited to, suspension of recreational privileges in accordance with this regulation.

### **2–5. Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security (DPTMS)**

DPTMS Range Operations (RO) will—

- a. Maintain a list of training areas scheduled by military units for 24-hour periods.
- b. Provide list to DPW of areas open/closed for recreation.

- c. Maintain the Surface Danger Zone for each live-fire range.
- d. Schedule environmental activities inside the live-fire area on open range, set-up, clearing days when possible.
- e. Monitor vehicle range passes.
- f. Schedule non-training unit/organizational uses of range areas.

## **2-6. Commanders and Supervisors**

Commanders and supervisors ensure their personnel, including those engaged in training exercises, follow natural resources conservation regulations.

## **2-7. All Personnel**

- a. All persons, military and civilian, are responsible for complying with all local, state, and federal regulations related to the conservation of natural resources for their own safety, and for the safety of the natural resources.
- b. Violations of local, state, and federal regulations are reported as stated in Chapter 9 of this regulation.

## **Chapter 3**

### **Permits and Fees**

#### **3-1. Hunting, Fishing, and General Recreation Permits**

- a. All users will be required to register with iSportsman. Based on data provided, eligibility for permits will be determined in accordance with applicable laws, rules, and regulations within the system.

***Individuals are responsible for knowing and understanding the requirements for entry onto Fort Hood prior to purchasing a permit on iSportsman.*** Eligibility for entry onto the installation is determined by DES Physical Security. Failure to read and understand Fort Hood entry requirements is not the fault of DPW NCRMB and refunds will not be issued. More information can be found at the Fort Hood Marvin Leath Visitor Center.

- b. Possession of a Fort Hood iSportsman permit (hunting, fishing, or general recreation) does not constitute authorization to access the installation to hunt, fish, or use natural resources, nor does it guarantee a reservation for such.
- c. Authorizations may be limited; access to game, fish, or other resources may be closed without advance notice or refund.
- d. Failure to comply with applicable statutes and regulations or falsifying permit information is grounds for revocation of Fort Hood permits without refund and other administrative actions and may result in criminal prosecution.
- e. Valid permits that are lost or destroyed may be replaced through iSportsman.
- f. Possession of multiple paper copies of permits is prohibited.
- g. Fort Hood permits are not issued by mail.
- h. Cost of hunting and fishing permits are established by the DPW NCRMB.
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- c. Always exercise safety throughout the conduct of activities contained in this regulation.
- d. Do not leave maintained roads without a vehicle range pass.
- e. Report found munitions in the field to DPTMS RO. Do not touch or disturb.

## **Chapter 5**

### **General Rules for All Recreators**

#### **5–1. Requirements**

- a. For fishing, hunting, or otherwise recreating on Fort Hood individuals must possess a valid Fort Hood permit obtained through iSportsman, a valid Texas hunting license or fishing license or special license with applicable endorsements, if applicable for the activity, and a valid pass issued through iSportsman.
- b. Recreators are responsible for updating and maintaining current vehicle information in iSportsman.
- c. Prior to accessing Fort Hood, FH Form 190-19 (Privately Owned Firearms Registration) must be obtained when in possession of a firearm.
- d. Permit fees are collected via iSportsman and deposited with the Finance Accounting Officer for credit to the Fort Hood Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund.
- e. FH Circular 210-22 (Hunting and Fishing Bag Limits and Season), updated annually, issues restrictions on game species, hunting seasons, bag limits, and means and methods of harvests.
- f. Restrictions comply with federal and state regulations and, in some instances, may be more restrictive.
- g. Information regarding available recreation areas is available on iSportsman.
- h. Entering a training area or unimproved area of Fort Hood for any purpose without required access documentation, permits, and clearances is prohibited and constitutes trespassing. Accessing training areas for recreational activities without authorization, entering the training area under false pretenses and participating in an activity for which the recreator is not authorized, and failure to obey applicable laws and regulations will subject violator to arrest, citations, and suspension of recreational access privileges.
- i. All recreators must be familiar with the information contained in this regulation and the regulations and other documents hereby incorporated by reference.
- j. All recreators must wear a minimum of 400 square inches (2,581 square centimeters) (total) of safety orange on the head and upper torso during the fall/winter hunting season each year as directed in the Annual Hunting, Fishing, and Natural Resources Use Guide. It is the recreator's responsibility to know the dates annually and comply accordingly. The only exception to the safety orange requirement is when fishing at Airfield Lake, Clear Creek Lake, and all cantonment area bodies of water.

#### **5–2. Prohibited Actions**

- a. Possess a handgun on Fort Hood except when legally stored at a domicile or in legal transit to and from a range activity.
- b. Intentionally harassing, assaulting, or otherwise hindering recreational opportunity of other recreators.
- c. Remove any equipment from areas that is not the property of the permitted recreator.
- d. Take or capture any wildlife species or natural resource from Fort Hood for commercial purposes.
- e. Live-capture any wildlife species for personal ownership (i.e. capturing wildlife to keep as a pet).
- f. Possess, pick up, move, or otherwise harass fawn deer or any other juvenile wildlife.
- g. Use chemicals, smoke, or petroleum products to evict or "gas" snakes and other reptiles, amphibians, or bats from caves, crevices, sinkholes, or other den sites.
- h. Introduce or release any species or individual animals on Fort Hood without written permission from DPW NCRMB.
- i. Excavate, dig for or otherwise remove, archeological resources or cultural artifacts.
- j. Spotlight wildlife from any vehicle while hunting and/or in possession of weapons, firearms, archery equipment, or pellet gun.
- k. Pursue, drive, flush, or otherwise harass wildlife with vehicles.
- l. Recreation between 2200 and 0400 hours.
- m. Recreation including hunting and fishing in the live fire area of the installation.
- n. Harassing, assaulting, or otherwise hindering the duties of government and contract employees while on duty.

- o. Damaging, destroying, or threatening to damage or destroy, government property in the field.
- p. Trailblazing or construction of new roads except as surveyed and approved by DPW. Use existing roads and tank trails.
- q. Leaving juveniles under 15 years of age in the training areas or other unimproved areas without adult supervision. Adult defined as someone 18 years and older that has appropriate permits.
- r. Use of another recreator's permit information without prior authorization from that permit holder.
- s. Recreation at and around Landfill Lake, to include fishing at Landfill Lake. Fishing at Gray or Bratcher Lakes.
- t. Possessing multiple/duplicate recreation permits and/or creating multiple profiles within iSportsman.

## Chapter 6 Hunting

### 6--1. Requirements

- a. All individuals must possess the following when hunting or participating in a hunt on Fort Hood--
  - (1) Valid Fort Hood hunting permit obtained through iSportsman
  - (2) Valid Texas hunting license or special license with applicable endorsements
  - (3) Proof of completion of a state-sponsored hunter safety course, as required by AR 350-19 (The Army Sustainable Range Program).
  - (4) Valid pass issued through iSportsman that is updated and current.
  - (5) FH Form 190-19 (Privately Owned Firearms Registration), only when in possession of a firearm.
- b. Permit fees are collected via iSportsman and deposited with the Finance Accounting Officer for credit to the Fort Hood Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund.
- c. FH CIR 210-22, updated annually, issues restrictions on game species, hunting seasons, bag limits, and means and methods of harvests.
- d. Restrictions comply with federal and state regulations and, in some instances, may be more restrictive.
- e. Information regarding available hunting areas is available on iSportsman.
- f. All hunters must be familiar with the information contained in this regulation and the regulations and other documents hereby incorporated by reference.
- g. All recreators must wear a minimum of 400 square inches (2,581 square centimeters) (total) of safety orange on the head and upper torso during the fall/winter hunting season each year as directed in the Annual Hunting, Fishing, and Natural Resources Use Guide. It is the recreator's responsibility to know the dates annually and comply accordingly. Duck, turkey, and archery hunters must wear orange while moving (at a minimum, both to and from hunt site) but may remove orange while stationary in the hunt site or blind. Hunter orange must be worn while retrieving game.
- h. For safety reasons, hunters must mark their temporary stand/pop-up/duck blinds with safety orange flagging for visibility by other hunters. Flagging must be attached directly to the blind/stand (not nearby tree) and be at least 12" in length. Flagging must be visible on all sides of the blind/stand for other recreators to see.
- i. All firearms must be registered with the Provost Marshal prior to bringing them on the installation. Proof of registration, FH Form 190-19, must be carried on the person while hunting. Refer to FH REG 190-11 (Weapons) for details on registration.
- j. All dogs (including hunting dogs) brought on the installation must meet all current vaccination requirements as set forth by the Texas Health and Safety Code or FH REG 40-5 (Authorized Veterinary Care and Animal Control Programs). This includes wearing a current rabies vaccination tag.
- k. Baiting to concentrate game is authorized; however, baiting of migratory game birds is not authorized. Feeding may occur on the ground or by using temporary feeders that hang from trees. No fencing or permanent feeders are allowed. Use of feeders is permitted from 1 September to 31 January. All feeders and associated equipment (e.g., ropes, pulleys, hoists, etc.) must be removed prior to 1 February annually. Feeders must be clearly marked with owner's name (as entered in the iSportsman system) and date of placement. Markings on equipment must be clear and easy to read when in place by persons standing at ground level. Any feeder not marked is subject to confiscation.
- l. Tournament or competitive hunting activities such as "predator" or "varmint" hunts are prohibited. Individuals found participating in these activities will be cited.

- m.* Stands, blinds, or other platforms from which hunting occurs that are left in the training areas overnight are prohibited. Any stand, blind, or other platform left overnight is subject to confiscation.
- n.* Confiscated stands, blinds, feeders, and fencing material will be disposed of. Items will not be stored for recreator retrieval later.
- o.* Tagged wildlife may be restricted from harvest. Restrictions will be stated in the Annual Hunting, Fishing, and Natural Resources Use Guide. Bring the specimen to the DPW NCRMB or report via telephone the tag number, species, date, and location of the find.

## **6-2. Prohibited Actions**

Hunters, and any other individual not engaged in a Fort Hood military training exercise or in an official governmental duty capacity may not—

- a.* Access training areas by boat for the purpose of hunting, except when hunting waterfowl.
- b.* Possess a loaded weapon in or on vehicles.
- c.* Hunt or shoot from a vehicle, boat, flotation device, or aircraft or airborne device, except as authorized for legal waterfowl hunting.
- d.* Shoot from a vehicle. *Note:* DES Game Warden may authorize an individual with a documented mobility disability and physician's statement to use a vehicle as a shooting stand. Authorization must be in writing and accompany any hunter hunting from a vehicle.
- e.* Hunt with, shoot, or possess a firearm in an "archery only" area.
- f.* Hunt with birds of prey (for example, falconry) without a valid Fort Hood hunting permit and appropriate state and federal permits.
- g.* Hunt with and/or train or run dogs without a valid Fort Hood hunting permit and Texas hunting license, unless specifically exempt in conjunction with a DPW authorized club event.
- h.* Possess a firearm in a "no hunting" area.
- i.* Hunt with a firearm within 330 yards (300 meters) of Robert Gray Army Airfield or Yoakum-Defreenn Army Heliport and designated Landing Strips in TA36 and TA22 (see Maps).
- j.* Possess a handgun on Fort Hood except when legally stored at a domicile or in legal transit to and from a range activity.
- k.* Hunt with or possess a rifle in training areas.
- l.* Hunt with a rim-fire rifle.
- m.* Possess a firearm while hunting deer or turkey during the archery-only hunting season.
- n.* Shoot or aim toward any person, building, or vehicle that is within range of the weapon or load.
- o.* Shoot targets, except on authorized ranges.
- p.* Shoot on, along, or across any maintained road or across installation boundary.
- q.* Shoot at birds or animals on utility lines or supporting poles.
- r.* Hunt with firearms within 110 yards (100 meters) of maintained roads, installation boundaries, Camps Arrowhead and Finlayson, or the PT running track in TA 70.
- s.* Hunt within 550 yards (500 meters) of troops bivouacked, training, and/or maneuvering on the installation.
- t.* Firing at or pointing a weapon or laser in the direction of aircraft.
- u.* Firing or pointing any weapon or laser device at another recreator.
- v.* Hunt within 164 yards (150 meters) of the DPW NCRMB pig traps.
- w.* Trap, except fur-bearing animals, as authorized in paragraph 6-6 of this regulation.
- x.* Engage in or participate in the act of hunting while possessing or consuming alcohol or drugs, or while impaired or intoxicated. Any person who is determined to have consumed alcohol or controlled substances within 8 hours prior to hunting activity will be denied the opportunity to hunt, and appropriate action will be taken. Refusal to consent to a blood alcohol test or breathalyzer test will result in an immediate suspension of hunting privileges.
- y.* Hunt migratory game birds with the aid of baiting (placing corn, wheat, salt, or other feed to lure or entice).
- z.* Harass hunters while they are hunting.
- aa.* Solicit, advertise, or participate in hunting or fishing activities in exchange for goods, services, or compensation.
- bb.* Remove any equipment from areas that is not the property of the permitted recreator.
- cc.* Hunt with or possess a privately owned weapon within unimproved areas without a valid Texas hunting license, Fort Hood hunting permit, vehicle range pass, weapons registration, and proof of hunter

safety course.

- dd.* Possess shotgun slug load or buckshot within unimproved areas without a valid hunt clearance.
- ee.* Use of buckshot ammunition except as authorized for pig hunting during the fall season.
- ff.* Discharge a firearm into, across, or at water surface except during legal waterfowl hunting.
- gg.* Hunt game or non-game animals from any vehicle with any light source.
- hh.* Use pellet rifles or BB guns on Fort Hood, except as authorized by FH CIR 210-22 for small game.
- ii.* Spotlight wildlife from any vehicle while hunting and/or in possession of weapons, firearms, archery equipment, or pellet gun.
- jj.* Pursue, drive, flush, or otherwise harass wildlife with vehicles.
- kk.* Use permanent stands on Fort Hood. All stands and blinds are pack in, pack out daily.
- ll.* Any tree cutting must be approved by DPW NCRMB before the cutting occurs. There will be no cutting of trees for the creation of brush blinds. Downed or fallen limbs and debris may be used.
- mm.* Hunt or fish outside of the approved hours of recreation. No hunting or fishing will be allowed between 2200 and 0400 hours.
- nn.* Recreation including hunting in the live fire area of the installation.
- oo.* Use permanent feeders. Feeding may be done on the ground or by hanging a temporary feeder from a tree. The feeder cannot cause damage to the tree. Feeders are permitted between 1 September and 31 January. Feeders must be removed outside this time frame, or they are subject to confiscation and disposal. All feeders and associated equipment (e.g., ropes, pulleys, hoists, etc.) must be removed prior to 1 February annually.
- pp.* Utilize game/hunting/trail cameras on the installation. Use of cameras in the training areas is prohibited (HQ USNORTHCOM Force Protection Directive 08-059; 18 USC 795; 18 USC 797; 18 USC 1382)
- qq.* Fencing around feeders or food plots. Existing fencing must be removed, even if permitted previously.
- rr.* Hunt within 330 yards (300 meters) of Clear Creek Lake or Airfield Lake.

### **6-3. Deer, Turkey, and Pig Hunting and Check Station Requirements**

- a.* Deer, turkey and pig hunting is outlined in the Annual Hunting, Fishing, and Natural Resources Use Guide.
- b.* Bring deer, wild pig, or turkey harvested on Fort Hood directly to the DPW NCRMB check station, located in Building 1944, for weighing, inspection, and record keeping.
- c.* Deer and wild pigs must be field dressed prior to arrival at the check station. Turkeys must be brought in whole.
- d.* Do not leave carcasses in the field or remove from the installation without clearing the check station.
- e.* Harvest limits for deer and turkey are set forth annually in FH CIR 210-22.
- f.* Harvesting of beardless hens is prohibited at any time.

### **6-4. Waterfowl Hunting**

- a.* Fort Hood regulations govern waterfowl hunting on streams and impoundments within Fort Hood and that portion of the Leon River that borders the military installation.
- b.* Fort Hood regulations do not regulate waterfowl hunting on Belton Lake or that portion of Cowhouse Creek east of East Range Road (Curry Crossing), provided access to these locations is by boat and hunters do not exit the boat.
- c.* Hunters accessing the Belton Lake shoreline through Fort Hood must possess a valid hunting permit and be signed in through iSportsman.
- d.* Hunters must use non-toxic shot loads for all waterfowl hunting on Fort Hood.
- e.* In addition to the requirements above, waterfowl hunters must possess a valid federal migratory bird hunting and conservation stamp (duck stamp), unless the individual is under 16 years of age. Federal duck stamps may be purchased from the United States Postal Service, or an endorsement may be purchased at facilities that sell state licenses, and the stamp will be mailed. The stamp must bear the individual's written signature in ink across the face of the stamp. Must also maintain a valid Texas waterfowl stamp on the Texas hunting license.

### **6-5. Non-Game Animals**

- a.* Trapping wild pigs is prohibited.

- b. Hunting wild pigs with dogs is prohibited.
- c. Electronic calling devices and decoys for hunting are authorized per state regulation. Use of calling equipment or other calling means is authorized for recreational purposes other than hunting.
- d. Mountain lion, fox, and bobcat are protected on Fort Hood and may not be hunted.

#### **6-6. Fur-Bearing Animals**

- a. Hunters and trappers of fur-bearing animals must possess a valid Texas trapper's license and a Texas Parks and Wildlife Department non-game permit as required by the State.
- b. Only live traps are authorized on Fort Hood.
- c. It is prohibited to use foot holding (steel leghold or conibear), deadfall, snare, pit- fall, or net traps.
- d. Each trap must be marked in an indelible medium with the trapper's name, address, and Fort Hood hunting permit number, and be checked a minimum of once every 36 hours.
- e. Although classified as fur-bearing animals per state regulations, hunting fox on Fort Hood is prohibited as stated in paragraph 6-5d above.

### **Chapter 7 Fishing**

#### **7-1. Requirements**

- a. This section applies to the streams and impoundments within Fort Hood. The section does not regulate use of the portion of the Leon River that borders the military installation, nor does it regulate use of Belton Reservoir and that portion of Cowhouse Creek east of Range Road (Curry Crossing). Access restrictions do apply, and a valid vehicle pass must be present.
- b. To fish Fort Hood's streams and impoundments, fishermen must have a valid Fort Hood fishing permit for all persons 9 years of age and older obtained through iSportsman, a valid Texas fishing license as required by the state and a current vehicle range pass issued through iSportsman. Recreators are responsible for updating and maintaining current vehicle information in iSportsman prior to accessing Fort Hood.

#### **7-2. Prohibited Actions**

- a. Use of gasoline-powered boat motors on all lakes and ponds, except Belton Lake.
- b. Driving or parking vehicles on dams.
- c. Trot lines, throw lines, jug lines, or shocking devices in any water on Fort Hood.
- d. Using or releasing live bait in waters located on Fort Hood. This includes bait that was caught fresh and frozen.
- e. Releasing an aquatic species into Fort Hood waters without written permission from DPW NCRMB.
- f. Swimming.
- g. Littering.
- h. Use of illegal devices as identified by federal and state laws.
- i. Possession of fish or aquatic life without a fishing or hunting permit as required.

#### **7-3. Other Applicable Information**

- a. FH CIR 210-22 issues restrictions of fish species, legal tackle, size limits, catch, and possession limits. Restrictions comply with federal and state regulations and, in some instances, are more stringent.
- b. All streams and impoundments may be fished except those closed for renovation or other reasons. FH CIR 210-22 lists impoundments and streams closed to fishing. Additionally, "no fishing" signs may be posted to identify areas closed to fishing.
- c. Some lakes and ponds on Fort Hood are considered "No Check-in/Check- out" locations and do not require checking in and out through iSportsman. These ponds can be found in the Fort Hood Annual Hunting, Fishing, and Natural Resources Use Guide. All recreators who are NOT actively engaged in fishing must still check-in to iSportsman to utilize these areas.
- d. Pond stocking and other fishing information is available at DPW NCRMB or on the iSportsman page.
- e. Report the catch of tagged fish to DPW NCRMB. Bring the fish to DPW NCRMB office, or report by telephoning the NCRMB (see Appendix B for telephone numbers). The following information will be collected: the tag number, type of fish, length, weight and date and location caught.
- f. Fishermen may use boats manually propelled or propelled by electric trolling motors on all lakes and

ponds except Cantonment B (Kids Pond).

*g.* All motorized boats (including electric) must have Texas boat registration and all boat safety devices that are required by state law. This includes personal flotation devices on both manually propelled and motorized vessels for each person on board.

*h.* All boats, kayaks or flotation devices used in water anywhere on Fort Hood must follow the Clean, Drain, and Dry procedures located in Appendix C.

## **Chapter 8**

### **Natural Resources Conservation**

#### **8-1. Requirements**

*a.* Recreators and users of natural resources must have a valid vehicle range pass. Recreators are responsible for updating and maintaining current vehicle information in iSportsman prior to accessing Fort Hood.

*b.* Public use of Fort Hood's natural resources is a controlled activity and may close without advance notice for training, safety, or at the convenience of the government.

*c.* Natural resources access is denied to persons who: are barred from the military installation, violate resource conservation regulations, or use these resources for commercial gain.

*d.* Natural resources users and recreators must stay clear of military units in training.

*e.* Recreators must use existing roads and tank trails.

*f.* Training and construction that includes excavation, earthmoving, or any turning of the soil requires an approved dig permit, FH Form 200-X10 (Coordination of Land Excavation and Water Use), as required by FH REG 200-1.

*g.* Food plots for wildlife require a dig permit (FH Form 200-10) and will be in accordance with DPW NCRMB regulations. Any plant species planted on Fort Hood must be approved, in writing, by DPW NCRMB. Food plots may not be fenced.

*h.* Return disturbed areas to original condition at project completion as required by FH REG 200-1

*i.* Do not cut or remove any vegetation except as approved by DPW. Vegetation removal may be permitted with written approval from DPW NCRMB, outside of migratory bird nesting season which is 15 March to 15 August annually. Projects that may be approved pending DPW NCRMB review include but are not limited to: DPW-approved brush control projects, removal of hunting stands, feeders, and fencing.

*j.* Report uncontrolled wildfires to the DES Fire Department. (See Appendix B for telephone numbers.)

*k.* When in endangered species habitat, follow training guidelines and the approved Endangered Species Management Plan.

*l.* Do not disturb fish and wildlife management or soil conservation projects, such as: wildlife food plots, trap sites, survey lines, fish habitat enhancements, flood control or silt retention sites.

*m.* Damage to fences or other structures will be repaired by the unit or persons responsible and will be subject to citation by DES Game Wardens.

#### **8-2. Prohibited Actions**

*a.* Digging or otherwise removing living plants, sod, topsoil, sand, rocks, fossils, antler sheds, bones/skulls or artifact resources.

*b.* Excavating, digging for or otherwise removing, archeological resources or cultural artifacts.

*c.* Cutting rooted or fallen trees or shrubs (living or dead) except as authorized, in writing, by DPW NCRMB.

*d.* Trailblazing or construction of new roads or trails is prohibited, except as surveyed and approved by DPW, per FH REG 200-1.

*e.* Willful damage or destruction of trees and brush using vehicles or other means.

*f.* Gathering firewood.

*g.* Christmas tree cutting.

*h.* Entering, damaging, destroying, or altering caves or rock shelters and/or tampering with cave gates.

*i.* Removing or damaging government property or equipment.

*j.* Littering and dumping.

*k.* Campfires.

*l.* Operate remote or radio-controlled model watercraft propelled by gasoline on all ponds, lakes, or streams.

- m. Flying unmanned aerial vehicles or drones.
- n. Using metal detectors or magnet fishing.
- o. Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) activity after the hours of darkness.
- p. Recreational ORV activities outside the authorized areas, including, but not limited to trail riding, cross country driving, mudding, hill and rock climbing.

### **8-3. Edible Plant Material Gathering**

- a. Gathering of edible plant material is allowed for personal use only and may not be used for commercial purposes.
- b. Gather pecans from the ground only.
- c. Gathering plant material by climbing or thrashing trees, using mechanical equipment, or any other practice that could in any way damage trees is strictly prohibited.
- d. The possession limit is 1 gallon (3.8 liters) of plant material per person per day.

### **8-4. Non-Consumptive Use**

- a. If authorized, recreational use of ORVs, that are, 4x4 or 4x2 vehicles, dirt bikes, 3-wheel, and 4-wheel all-terrain vehicles, utility vehicles, and mountain or e-bikes may operate only on designated approved trails. ORV use in endangered species habitat and riparian (creek beds) areas is prohibited at any time. Clubs and organizations must perform an environmental assessment for each individual ORV event according to FH REG 200-1.
- b. Camping is only permitted at the Belton Lake Outdoor Recreation Area and/or Montague Travel Camp at West Fort Hood.

## **Chapter 9**

### **Violations and Penalties**

#### **9-1. Violation of Regulations, State Laws, and Federal Statutes**

When a violation of this regulation, Texas state laws, or federal statutes is observed, all personnel should immediately notify the Fort Hood DES Police Desk at (254) 287-4001. When any Fort Hood recreation permit is purchased, the permittee is responsible for the knowledge of all applicable rules, laws, regulations and the Annual Hunting, Fishing, and Natural Resources Use Guide that pertain to the activity in which the permittee is conducting or participating. Violations of said rules, laws, and regulations are punitive and violators can be subject to all or parts of the following: citation, prosecution, suspension, or revocation of privileges.

#### **9-2. Suspension and Revocation of Fort Hood Recreation Privileges**

- a. This regulation does not preempt or replace applicable UCMJ, State laws, or Federal laws regarding recreation on Fort Hood. Violations of the provisions of this regulation, UCMJ, State laws, or Federal laws may result in severe disciplinary and administrative penalties.
- b. As a result of a recreation or administration violation, individuals may lose privileges and have their personal equipment confiscated. Additionally, individuals may face criminal charges in U.S. Magistrate Court or District Court. In these cases, in addition to the loss of recreation privileges, individuals may have to pay a fine and/or appear before the U.S. District Court and face more serious penalties.
- c. Individuals violating any regulation or law relating to hunting, fishing, or recreating on Fort Hood may have their privileges suspended immediately and their permit will be revoked. If an individual is cited for committing any criminal offense, privileges will immediately be suspended and/or revoked until the case is decided by forfeiture of collateral or pending trial in U.S. Magistrate Court or District Court.
- d. The DES Game Warden will inform DPW NCRMB of the citation. Privileges may be reinstated upon the recreator sending the final disposition or adjudication to the iSportsman Fort Hood email at: [usarmy.hood.id-readiness.mbx.dpw-isportsman@army.mil](mailto:usarmy.hood.id-readiness.mbx.dpw-isportsman@army.mil). The suspension will remain in place until proof is received via email and the suspension will be lifted no later than the 3rd business day after the email is received. When a suspension is activated for a user, the suspension of privileges applies to all recreation including "no check-in/check-out" fishing.
- e. The Environmental Division, NCRMB, may prevent individuals from purchasing a permit to recreate on the installation, or revoke recreational privileges once a permit is purchased, due to misconduct, dishonesty, or other unbecoming conduct regarding the hunting, fishing, and general recreation program. Any individual known to have made threatening comments or comments that threaten non-compliance



with the laws, regulations, and rules expressed in this regulation through any form of communication is grounds for permanent revocation of recreation privileges on Fort Hood. This also includes comments regarding the program, its staff members, or government equipment or resources. A person suspended or banned under this provision will be notified in writing and may file an appeal to the Garrison Commander. Recreator must send an email to: [usarmy.hood.id-readiness.mbx.dpw-isportsman@army.mil](mailto:usarmy.hood.id-readiness.mbx.dpw-isportsman@army.mil) with the detailed reason for the appeal. DPW NCRMB will staff the appeal to the Garrison Commander and will respond to the recreator once a decision has been made.

### **9-3. Violations and Penalties**

a. Violations of this regulation need only to be proven by preponderance of the evidence to impose administrative action. The suspension of recreation privileges is an additional administrative action in conjunction with any judicial or punitive actions.

b. There will be no refunds for permits for any recreator suspended based on a violation citation.

## **Appendix A References**

### **Section I Required Publications**

**AR 200-1**  
Environmental Protection and Enhancement

**AR 350-19**  
The Army Sustainable Range Program

### **Endangered Species Act**

**FH Circular 210-22\***  
\*Hunting and Fishing Bag Limits and Seasons (Updated Annually)

**FH REG 190-11**  
Weapons

**FH REG 200-1**  
Environmental and Natural Resources

**FH REG 40-5**  
Authorized Veterinary Care and Animal Control Program

### **Migratory Bird Treaty Act**

### **Sikes Act**

**Section II  
Related Publication**  
Annual Hunting, Fishing, and Natural Resources Use Guide

**Section III  
Prescribed Forms**  
This section contains no entries.

### **Section III Referenced Forms**

**FH Form 1853**  
Fort Hood Distribution Scheme

**FH Form 190-19**  
Privately Owned Firearms Registration

**FH Form 200-X10**  
Coordination of Land Excavation and Water Use

## Appendix B


### Contacts

Contact	Telephone Number
DPW Natural and Cultural Resource Management Branch	(254) 287-2885 or (254) 535-3295
DES Police Desk	(254) 287-4001
DPTMS Range Operations	(254) 287-3321 or (254) 287-3130
DES Fire Department	911


## Appendix C

### Zebra Mussels Procedures

# CLEAN, DRAIN, DRY PROCEDURES



**ZEBRA MUSSELS HIDE HERE.**  
CLEAN, DRAIN AND DRY YOUR BOAT.




1. Pull all plugs and drain all water including bilge, live well, pumps, motor, and bait bucket
2. Inspect the equipment, vehicles, boat, trailer, etc. for attached zebra mussels
3. Scrape off any zebra mussels and remove all vegetation, mud, and debris
4. Dry equipment at least 1 week, opening all compartments and areas where there may be moisture, before entering another training area, waterway, pond, lake, or washrack

-OR-

Wash the outside of the equipment with high pressured, hot (140F or more) water and remove all attached plants and mussels. Flush all internal components and plumbing with a 10% chlorine solution. Finish with a clean water rinse.

### BOATERS' ADVISORY

**ZEBRA MUSSELS HAVE BEEN  
FOUND IN THESE WATERS**



If your boat was in a lake that has Zebra Mussels, you may still be carrying live mussels with you. Adults, eggs and larvae can survive out of water for 5 days during summer and up to 30 days in cool, wet weather.

Zebra Mussels vary from 1/8 to 2 inches long and have a striped yellow-brown shell. Zebra Mussels are very prolific and harmful.

**To prevent damage to your boat or transportation to non-infested water, please follow these guidelines.**

- Pull all plugs and drain all water including bilge, live well, motor and bait bucket
- Inspect the boat and trailer for attached Zebra Mussels
- Scrape off any Zebra Mussels and remove all vegetation, mud or other debris
- Dry boat and trailer for at least 1 week, opening all compartments and areas where there may be moisture, before entering another waterway

**Y OR Y**

- Wash boat, motor and trailer with high-pressure, hot (140°F) water. (most commercial carwash facilities will suffice), a 10% chlorine and water solution, or a hot saltwater solution. Finish with a clean water rinse. Don't wash at the ramp.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:**

**Texas Parks and Wildlife Department**

- Lake Somers Point State Natural Area
- Region 2 Headquarters, Waco

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**

- Texas District Office
- 101 South Street Office

800-785-0180  
254-857-7575

915-896-7471  
917-885-3600

## **Appendix D**

### **Glossary**

#### **AR**

Army Regulation

#### **CIR**

Circular

#### **DES**

Directorate of Emergency Services

#### **DPTMS**

Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security

#### **DPW**

Directorate of Public Works

#### **FH**

Fort Hood

#### **NCRMB**

Natural and Cultural Resources Management Branch

#### **ORV**

Off-Road Vehicle

#### **RO**

Range Operations

#### **TPWD**

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

#### **UCMJ**

Uniform Code of Military Justice

#### **USC**

United States Code