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SUMMARY OF CHANGE

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- Changed “Fort Hood” to “Fort Cavazos” throughout document
- Updated regulation format
- Added responsibilities of 2-3. Directorate of Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (DFMWR) and 2-4. The Sportsmen’s Center to Directorate of Works Natural and Cultural Resources Management Branch responsibilities
- Removed references to collecting a DFMWR activity fee throughout document
- Added information to discontinue use of permanent stands, feeders, and fencing
- Changed recreation hours to 0400 to midnight. No overnight hunting or fishing of any species allowed.
- Eliminated the option to hunt in the live fire area of Fort Cavazos
- Changed “area access” to “vehicle range passes” and changed procedures accordingly
- Eliminated the guided hunt program on Fort Cavazos.
- Mandated the use of iSportsman for recreational activities in the training areas
- Removed the use of game/ hunting/trail cameras on Fort Cavazos
- Added Chapter 9 – Violations and Penalties section to include a table of penalties for common violations.
- Removed references to FH REG 210-3. This regulation is outdated and should be reviewed.

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History. This is an administrative revision. Portions affected by this revision are listed in the summary of change.

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

Applicability. This regulation applies to all personnel assigned, attached, or employed by Fort Cavazos and to all personnel authorized access to the natural resources of Fort Cavazos 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 or according to applicable sections of the United States Code (USC), and Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPWD) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife (USFWS) as applicable.

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

Suggested Improvements. The proponent of this regulation is the DPW. Users are invited to send comments and suggested improvements to the Commander, United States Army Garrison, Fort Cavazos, Texas 76544-5016.

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Chapter 1- 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 Cavazos military installation.

1-2. References

Required and related publications are listed in Appendix A.

1-3. Abbreviations and terms

The glossary explains abbreviations and terms used in this regulation.

Chapter 2- Responsibilities

2-1. Directorate of Public Works (DPW) Environmental Division

Supervises and directs the Environmental programs on Fort Cavazos, including the Natural and Cultural Resources Management Branch.

- 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 Natural and Cultural Resources Management Branch (NCRMB)

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

- a) Manages the Fort Cavazos 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 (INRMP)
 - Army Regulation (AR) 200-1 (Environmental Protection and Enhancement)
 - Fort Cavazos (FC) Regulation (REG) 200-1 (Environment and Natural Resources)
 - 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) Provides input to the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization, and Security (DPTMS), Range Scheduling, for activities scheduled between 150 and 180 days out.
- e) Supervises annual big game hunts and publishes an annual Hunting, Fishing, and Natural Resource Use Guide
- f) Coordinates with DPTMS, Range Operations, regarding areas available for recreational use
- g) 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, Natural and Cultural Resources Management Branch (NCRMB)

Under the supervision of DPW Environmental Division, the Chief, NCRMB:

- a) Is responsible for the operation of the branch, office functions, and deposits hunting and fishing permits fees
- b) sets permit fees annually
- c) Provides biological information to staff agencies on fish wildlife, natural resources conservation, and threatened and endangered species

2-4. Directorate of Emergency Services (DES)

DES includes the game warden section and enforces all water safety, hunting, fishing, and natural resources conservation laws and regulations on Fort Cavazos.

2-5. Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security (DPTMS)

- a) The DPTMS receives coordination and schedules from DPW prior to annual seasons.
- b) The DPTMS Range Support Operations (RSO):
 - Maintains a list of training areas scheduled by military units for 24-hour periods. Manages the closing of areas due to troop activity on the iSportsman system.
 - Maintains the Surface Danger Zone (SDZ) for each live-fire range.
 - Schedules environmental activities inside the live-fire area.
 - Schedules these activities on open range, set-up, clearing days when possible.
 - Monitor vehicle range passes.

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 persons

a) All persons, military and civilian, are responsible for complying with these regulations for the conservation of natural resources and their own safety.

b) Violations of local, state, and federal regulations are reported as stated in Chapter 8 of this regulation.

Chapter 3 – Permits and Fees

3-1. Hunting and Fishing Permits

a) All users will be required to register with iSportsman. Based on data provided, eligibility for permits will be determined IAW applicable laws, rules, and regulations within the system. Individuals are responsible for knowing and understanding the requirements for entry onto Fort Cavazos 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 Cavazos entry requirements is not the fault of DPW NCRMB and refunds will not be issued. More information can be found at the Fort Cavazos Marvin Leath Visitor Center.

b) Possession of a Fort Cavazos 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 Cavazos 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 Cavazos permits are not issued by mail.

h) Cost of hunting and fishing permits are established by the DPW NCRMB.

i) The natural resources management fees, established IAW the Sikes Act, are as follows:

- Hunting Permit: 75 dollars
- Fishing Permit: 25 dollars
- Youth Hunting Permit: 20 dollars
- Individuals 65+ Hunting Permit : 65 dollars

- Persons with Disabilities Hunting Permit: 65 dollars
- General Recreation Permit: 5 dollars

j) Hunters that have a disability, as defined below, may purchase a Disabled Hunting Permit in iSportsman. Failure to provide proof will result in a permit violation and associated penalties (see Chapter 6 for further information).

- A disabled person is defined as an individual with a significant ambulatory impairment of a permanent and total nature, either certified as such by the Department of Veterans Affairs, Social Security Administration, Medicaid, Medicare, or possesses a Handicapped Parking placard or license plate issued by the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles.

Chapter 4- Safety

4-1. Accident Prevention

a) Accident prevention is of utmost importance.

b) Individuals are responsible for familiarity with:

- Applicable statutes and regulations
- Procedures for hunting safety, water safety, range entry, and proper conservation practices.
- Area clearances are not issued to anyone suspected of alcohol or drug use.
- Always exercise safety throughout the conduct of activities contained in this regulation.
- Do not leave maintained roads without vehicle range pass.

c) Report found munitions in the field to DES Game Wardens. Do not touch or disturb.

Chapter 5 – General Rules for All Recreators

5-1. Requirements

a) All individuals must possess the following when fishing, hunting, or otherwise recreating on Fort Cavazos:

- A valid Fort Cavazos permit obtained through iSportsman.
- A valid Texas hunting license or fishing license or special license with applicable endorsements, if applicable for the activity.
- A valid vehicle range pass issued through iSportsman. Recreators are responsible for updating and maintaining current vehicle information in iSportsman prior to accessing Fort Cavazos.
- FC 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 Cavazos Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund.
- c) FC 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.
- d) Restrictions comply with federal and state regulations and, in some instances, may be more restrictive.
- e) Information regarding available recreation areas is available on iSportsman.
- f) All recreators 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 Big Game season each year. It is the recreator's responsibility to know the dates of Big Game season 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.

5-2. Prohibited Actions

- Possess a handgun on Fort Cavazos except when legally stored at a domicile or in legal transit to and from a range activity.
- Intentionally harassing, assaulting, or otherwise hindering recreational opportunity of other recreators
- Remove any equipment from areas that is not the property of the permitted recreator.
- Take or capture any wildlife species or natural resource from Fort Cavazos for commercial purposes.
- Live-capture any wildlife species for personal ownership (i.e. capturing wildlife to keep as a pet)
- Possess, pick up, move, or otherwise harass fawn deer or any other juvenile wildlife.
- 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.
- Introduce or release any species or individual animals on Fort Cavazos without written permission from DPW NCRMB.
- Excavate, dig for or otherwise remove, archeological resources or cultural artifacts.
- Spotlight wildlife from any vehicle while hunting and/or in possession of weapons, firearms, archery equipment, or pellet gun.
- Pursue, drive, flush, or otherwise harass wildlife with vehicles.
- Recreation between midnight and 0400 hours.
- Recreation including hunting and fishing in the live fire area of the installation.
- Harassing, assaulting, or otherwise hindering the duties of government and contract employees while on duty.
- Damaging, destroying, or threatening to damage or destroy, government property in the field.

- Trailblazing or construction of new roads except as surveyed and approved by DPW. Use existing roads and tank trails.
- 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.
- Use of another recreator's permit information without prior authorization from that permit holder.
- Recreation at and around Landfill Lake, to include fishing at Landfill Lake

Chapter 6- Hunting

6-1. Requirements

a) All individuals must possess the following when hunting or participating in a hunt on Fort Cavazos:

- A valid Fort Cavazos hunt permit obtained through iSportsman.
- A valid Texas Hunting license or special license with applicable endorsements.
- Proof of completion of a state-sponsored hunter safety course, as required by AR 350-19 (The Army Sustainable Range Program).
- A valid vehicle range pass issued through iSportsman. Recreators are responsible for updating and maintaining current vehicle information in iSportsman prior to accessing Fort Cavazos.
- FC 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 Cavazos Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund.

c) FC 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.

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) Hunters that have a disability, as defined below, may purchase a Disabled Hunting Permit in iSportsman. The hunter has 7 calendar days from purchase of permit to provide proof of disability to the DPW NCRMB (in-person at Bldg. 1939 or via email listed on the iSportsman website). Failure to provide proof within 7 calendar days will result in a permit violation and associated penalties.

- A disabled person is defined as an individual with a significant ambulatory impairment of a permanent and total nature, either certified as such by the Department of Veterans Affairs, Social Security Administration, Medicaid, Medicare, or possesses a Handicapped Parking placard or license plate issued by the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles.

h) 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 Big Game season each year.

- 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.

i) All firearms must be registered with the Provost Marshal prior to bringing them on the installation. Proof of registration, FC Form 190-19 (Privately Owned Firearms Registration), must be carried on the person while hunting. Refer to FC 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 FC 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 15 September to 30 January. All feeders must be removed prior to 1 February annually. Feeders must be clearly marked with owner's name and date of placement. 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, cameras, feeders, and fencing material will be disposed of. Items will not be stored for recreator retrieval at a later date.

o) Report harvest of, or encounter with, tagged fish and wildlife to DPW NCRMB. Tagged wildlife may be restricted from harvest. Restrictions will be stated in the Annual Hunting, Fishing and Natural Resource Use Guide.

- Bring the specimen to the 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 Cavazos military training exercise or in an official governmental duty capacity may not:

- Access training areas by boat for the purpose of hunting, except when hunting waterfowl.
- Possess a loaded weapon in or on vehicles.
- Hunt or shoot from a vehicle, boat, flotation device, or aircraft or airborne device, except as authorized for legal waterfowl hunting.
- 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.

- Hunt with, shoot, or possess a firearm in an “archery only” area.
- Hunt with birds of prey (for example, falconry) without a valid Fort Cavazos hunting permit and appropriate state and federal permits.
- Hunt with and/or train or run dogs without a valid Fort Cavazos hunting permit and Texas hunting license, unless specifically exempt in conjunction with a DPW authorized club event.
- Possess a weapon in a “no hunting” area or within 330 yards (300 meters) of Robert Gray Army Airfield or Yoakum-Defreenn Army Heliport.
- Possess a handgun on Fort Cavazos except when legally stored at a domicile or in legal transit to and from a range activity.
- Hunt with or possess a rifle in training areas.
- Hunt with a rim fire rifle.
- Possess a firearm while hunting big game during the archery-only hunting season.
- Shoot or aim toward any person, building, or vehicle that is within range of the weapon or load.
- Shoot targets, except on authorized ranges.
- Shoot on, along, or across any maintained road or across installation boundary.
- Shoot at birds or animals on utility lines or supporting poles.
- Hunt with firearms within 110 yards (100 meters) of maintained roads, installation boundaries, and Camps Arrowhead and Finlayson.
- Hunt within 550 yards (500 meters) of troops bivouacked, training, and/or maneuvering on the installation.
- Hunt within 164 yards (150 meters) of NCRMB pig traps.
- Trap, except fur-bearing animals, as authorized in paragraph 6-6 of this regulation.
- 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 less than 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.
- Hunt migratory game birds with the aid of baiting (placing corn, wheat, salt, or other feed to lure or entice).
- Harass other hunters while hunting.
- Solicit, advertise, or participate in hunting or fishing activities in exchange for goods, services, or compensation.
- Remove any equipment from areas that is not the property of the permitted recreator.
- Hunt with or possess a privately owned weapon within unimproved areas without a valid Texas hunting license, Fort Cavazos hunting permit, vehicle range pass, weapons registration, and proof of hunter safety course.
- Possess shotgun slug load or buckshot within unimproved areas without a valid hunt clearance.
- Use of buckshot ammunition except as authorized for pig hunting during the fall season.
- Discharge a firearm into, across, or at water surface except during legal waterfowl hunting.
- Hunt game or non-game animals from any vehicle with any light source.
- Use pellet rifles or BB guns on Fort Cavazos, except as authorized by FC Cir 210-22 for small game.

- Spotlight wildlife from any vehicle while hunting and/or in possession of weapons, firearms, archery equipment, or pellet gun.
- Pursue, drive, flush, or otherwise harass wildlife with vehicles.
- Use permanent stands on Fort Cavazos. All stands and blinds are pack in, pack out daily.
- 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.
- Hunt or fish outside of the approved hours of recreation. No hunting or fishing will be allowed between midnight and 0400 hours.
- Recreation including hunting in the live fire area of the installation.
- 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.
- 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)

6-3. Big Game Hunting and Check Station Requirements

- a) Big game hunting is outlined in the Annual Hunting, Fishing, and Natural Resource Use Guide.
- b) Bring deer, wild pig, or turkey harvested on Fort Cavazos 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 FC Circular 210-22.
- f) Harvesting of beardless hens is prohibited at any time.

6-4. Waterfowl Hunting

- a) Fort Cavazos regulations govern waterfowl hunting on streams and impoundments within Fort Cavazos and that portion of the Leon River that borders the military installation.
- b) Fort Cavazos 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 Cavazos must possess a valid permit and be signed in through iSportsman.
- d) Hunters must use non-toxic shot loads for all waterfowl hunting on Fort Cavazos.
- e) In addition to the requirements in paragraph 6-4c 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.
- 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 (for example, photography).
- d) Mountain lion, fox, and bobcat are protected on Fort Cavazos 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 Cavazos.
- 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 Cavazos 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 Cavazos 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 Cavazos. 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 Cavazos's streams and impoundments, fishermen must have:
 - A valid fishing permit for all persons 17 through 64 years of age.
 - A valid Texas fishing license as required by the state.
 - A current vehicle range pass issued through iSportsman. Recreators are responsible for updating and maintaining current vehicle information in iSportsman prior to accessing Fort Cavazos.

7-2. Prohibited Actions

- Use of gasoline-powered boat motors on all lakes and ponds, except Belton Lake.
- Driving or parking vehicles on dams.
- Trot lines, throw lines, jug lines, or shocking devices in lakes or ponds.
- Using or releasing live bait in lakes and ponds.
- Releasing an aquatic species into Fort Cavazos waters without written permission from DPW NCRMB.
- Swimming.
- Littering.
- Use of illegal devices as identified by federal and state laws.
- Possession of fish or aquatic life without a fishing or hunting permit as required.

7-3. Other Applicable Information

a) FC Circular 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. FC Circular 210-22 and posted “no fishing” signs identify areas closed to fishing.

c) Some lakes and ponds on Fort Cavazos are considered Special Fishing Access ponds and do not require signing in and out through iSportsman. These ponds can be found in FC REG 200-1 and Fort Cavazos Circular 210-22 annually, as well as the annual Hunting, Fishing, and Natural Resource Use Guide. All recreators who are NOT actively engaged in fishing must still sign into iSportsman to utilize these areas.

d) Pond stocking and other fishing information is available at DPW Natural and Cultural Resources Management Branch office (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:

- Tag number.
- Type of fish.
- Length.
- Weight.
- 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.

g) All motorized boats (including electric) must have Texas boat registration and all boat safety devices that are required by state law.

h) All boats, kayaks or flotation devices used in water anywhere on Fort Cavazos 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 Cavazos.
- b) Public use of Fort Cavazos'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 resource access is denied to persons who:
- Are barred from the military installation.
 - Violate resource conservation regulations.
 - Use these resources for commercial gain.
- d) Natural resource 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, FC Form 200-X10 (Coordination of Land Excavation and Water Use), as required by FC REG 200-1.
- g) Food plots for wildlife require a dig permit (FC Form 200-10) and will be IAW DPW NCRMB regulations. Any plant species planted on Fort Cavazos must be approved, in writing, by DPW NCRMB
- h) Return disturbed areas to original condition at project completion as required by FC 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 (ES) 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.
- Damage to fences or other structures will be:
 - Repaired by the unit or persons responsible.
 - Subject to citation by DES Game Wardens.

8-2. Prohibited Actions

- Digging or otherwise removing living plants, sod, topsoil, sand, rocks, fossils, antler sheds, bones/skulls or artifact resources.
- Excavating, digging for or otherwise removing, archeological resources or cultural artifacts.
- Cutting rooted or fallen trees or shrubs (living or dead) except as authorized, in writing, by DPW NCRMB.
- Trailblazing or construction of new roads or trails is prohibited, except as surveyed and approved by DPW, per FC REG 200-1.
- Willful damage or destruction of trees and brush using vehicles or other means.
- Gathering firewood.
- Christmas tree cutting.
- Entering, damaging, destroying, or altering caves or rock shelters and/or tampering with cave gates.
- Removing or damaging government property or equipment.
- Littering and dumping.
- Campfires.
- Remote or radio-controlled model watercraft, propelled by gasoline on all ponds or lakes.
- UAVs or drones
- Using metal detectors or magnet fishing
- ORV activity after the hours of darkness.
- 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 Off-Road Vehicles (ORVs), that is, 4x4 or 4x2 vehicles, dirt bikes, 3-wheel and 4-wheel All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs), and mountain 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 FC REG 200-1.

b) Camping is only permitted at:

- Belton Lake Outdoor Recreation Area.
- Montague Travel Camp at West Fort Cavazos.

Chapter 9 – Violations and Penalties

When a violation of this regulation, Texas state laws, or federal statutes is observed, all personnel should immediately notify the DES Game Warden Section and DPW NCRMB during duty hours, or the Police Desk during non-duty hours.

When any Fort Cavazos recreation permit is purchased, the permittee is responsible for the knowledge of all applicable rules, laws, regulations and the Annual Hunting, Fishing, and Natural Resource 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.

9-1. Suspension and Revocation of Fort Cavazos Recreation Privileges

a) This regulation does not preempt or replace applicable UCMJ, State laws, or Federal laws regarding recreation on Fort Cavazos. 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 Cavazos may have their privileges suspended immediately and their permit will be revoked. The DES Game Warden will inform DPW Natural Resources of the violation via email and law enforcement or DPW Natural Resources will inform the violator of the period of suspension. The violator will also be notified of the timeline and procedures for appeal.

d) 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 revocation of recreation privileges on Fort Cavazos. 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 with the dispute adjudication board.

e) Any recreator whose permit is suspended may appeal that suspension in writing within 10 calendar days from the date cited. To appeal, the individual must submit a written appeal via email to the DPW Natural Resources point of contact listed on the iSportsman website. The Natural Resources personnel will contact DES Game Wardens to provide case information and forward the appeal to a dispute adjudication board (including representatives from DES, DPW, and DPTMS) with recommendation for concur/non-concur.

- Failure to submit appeal within 10 calendar days will constitute a waiver of the right to appeal and the suspension shall stand.
- If an individual files an appeal, he/she may request an office appointment to give an explanation of the incident to the dispute adjudication board and present evidence to show good cause for the request to reconsider or modify the suspension.
- If an appeal is filed, the individual's recreation privileges will remain suspended until the matter is decided. The decision of the dispute adjudication board is final.
- 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.

9-2. Violations and Penalties

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

b) If a suspension of privileges occurs at or near the end of the license year, then the remaining suspension period will be carried over to the next license year. Any suspension imposed for a violation will not be shortened except through filing an appeal.

c) Any violation/offense may result in suspension or revocation of privileges to recreate on Fort Cavazos. The following is a list of common violations and the suggested suspension of privileges. Longer suspensions or permanent revocation of privileges may be applied based on the severity of the matter and/or multiple violations. This is not an all-inclusive list. Other violations and offenses will be considered on a case-by-case basis and penalties will be assessed.

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

e) The common violations/offenses and administrative suspension of privileges is only a guide and may change depending on the severity of the violation, the frequency of violations, and other factors as determined by DES Game Wardens and DPW NCRMB staff. This is not an all-inclusive list.

Common Violations/ Offenses	Minimum Period of Administrative Suspension of Privileges
Failure to have current Fort Cavazos permit and photo identification on your person while recreating	10 days
Failure to display appropriate vehicle forms in plain sight in your vehicle while recreating	10 days
Failure to accurately record all game harvested on state hunting license	10 days
Parking within 50 feet of any ammunition storage area, or any area that is deemed off limits for parking (i.e. dams)	10 days
Failure to sign in or out of an area in iSportsman	15 days
Failure to use the most direct route to and from assigned area	15 days
Failure to call in or notify staff that individuals will be tracking an animal after hours	15 days
Shooting an undersized buck, shooting a buck in a "doe only" area, or shooting a doe in a "buck only" area	45 days
Possessing a weapon in unimproved areas without being signed in for authorized hunting activities in iSportsman	45 days
Failure to wear Daylight Fluorescent Orange (Hunter Orange) as outlined in this regulation	45 days
Leaving any deer stand or blind in the training areas overnight.	30 days
Hunting from a stand that has been abandoned in the field. Hunting from any stand that was not packed in/out by the recreator is prohibited.	30 days
Leaving hanging feeders in the field outside allowable date range (15 September – 31 January), or not labeling feeders correctly	60 days - during feeder authorized dates
Participating in, or otherwise involved in, tournament hunting, including "varmint" or "predator" hunting contests and tournaments on the installation	90 days
Off-roading or mudding	90 days
Use of another recreator's permit information without the permit holder's authorization	90 days
Hunting, fishing, or pursuing game or otherwise recreating in any area other than the assigned area the recreator is checked in	90 days – 1 year (dependent on poaching)
Harassing, assaulting, or otherwise hindering the duties of government and contract employees while on duty	90 days – indefinite (dependent on severity)
Harassing, assaulting, or otherwise hindering other recreators while in the field	90 days – indefinite (dependent on severity)
Damaging, destroying, or threatening to damage or destroy, government property in the field	90 days – indefinite (dependent on severity)
Failure to bring deer, pig, or turkey harvested directly to game check station	180 days
Littering	180 days
Utilizing game cameras or other photographing equipment without express written permission of DPTMS Force Protection	One year

Intentionally disturbing the trapping area, equipment, or catch of individuals engaged in pest control, animal control, or wild pig management	One year
Recreating or trespassing in the live fire or impact area	One year
Use of unauthorized weapons or ammunition	One year
Failure to abide by instructions of Game Wardens or other law enforcement <i>in the field</i>	One year
Firing any weapon in an unsafe direction or manner	One year
Use or possession of alcoholic beverages, narcotics, or other recreational drugs	Indefinite
Withholding information, or conspiring with another to withhold information, hindering or otherwise obstructing law enforcement officers	Indefinite

Appendix A- References

Section I. Required Publications

AR 200-1

Environmental Protection and Enhancement

AR 350-19

The Army Sustainable Range Program

The Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act

Endangered Species Act

Fort Cavazos Circular 210-22 (updated annually)

Hunting and Fishing Bag Limits and Seasons

Fort Cavazos Regulation 190-11

Weapons

Fort Cavazos Regulation 200-1

Environment and Natural Resources

Fort Cavazos Regulation 40-5

Authorized Veterinary Care and Animal Control Program

Migratory Bird Treaty Act

Sikes Act

Section II. Related Publications

Annual Hunting, Fishing, and Natural Resource Use Guide

Section III. Prescribed Forms

This section not used

Section IV. Referenced Forms

FC Form 1853

Fort Cavazos Distribution Scheme

FC Form 190-19

Privately Owned Firearms Registration

FC Form 200-X10

Coordination of Land Excavation and Water Use

Appendix B –Contact Numbers

Table B-1. Hunting and fishing contact numbers Service	Telephone number
Game Warden On Duty	254-206-7777
Natural and Cultural Resource Management Branch (NCRMB)	254-287-2885 or 254-287-1088
Directorate of Emergency Services (DES) Police Desk	254-287-4001 or 254-287-1170 or 254-288-1062
Range Operations	254-287-3321 or 254-287-3130
DES Fire Department	911

Appendix C –Zebra Mussel Procedures

CLEAN, DRAIN, DRY PROCEDURES



1. Pull all plugs and drain all water including bilge, live well, pumps, motor, and bow 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 3 weeks, 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-infected water, please follow these guidelines.

- > Pull all plugs and drain all water including bilge, live well, motor and bail buckets.
- > 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.

V O R V

- > 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 Travis Fisheries Station 803-703-2200
> Region 2 Headquarters, Waco 254-867-7873

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
> Texas District Office 813-885-7211
> Ft. Worth District Office 817-496-1085