

Fort Hunter Liggett Regulation 420-26

Public Works

Hunting and Fishing Regulations

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SUMMARY OF CHANGE

Regulation 420-26 Hunting and Fishing Regulations

This Revision

- Adds clarification for transporting muzzle-loaders in vehicles
- Adds clarification for transporting unauthorized weapons in hunt areas
- Adds clarification for transporting weapons in vehicles
- Provides access to Training Area 20 for Active Duty Military
- Defines weapon restrictions in Training Area 20
- Removes prohibition for use of air-guns
- Updates and clarifies the responsibilities of LED, PWE and FMWR
- Updates contacts for hunting and fishing program information
- Prohibits the collecting of firewood
- Updates suspensions for violations

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History. Fort Hunter Liggett (FHL) regulation 420-26 was prepared in 1999. This is the third revision to 420-26.

Summary. This regulation sets forth regulations for hunting and fishing on FHL.

Applicability. This regulation is applicable to all activities on FHL and is subject to change without prior notice. All changes will be enforceable only to the extent that persons are provided notice of those changes. Civilian, military, tenants, and training units are required to comply with this regulation. No activity is exempt from this regulation.

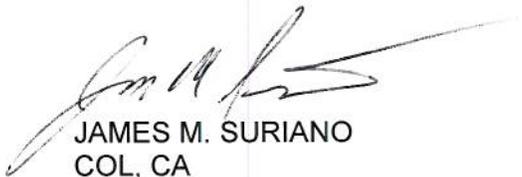
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1 General Overview

1-1 Purpose and Scope

- a) This regulation establishes specific restrictions enforceable in federal and state courts for hunting and fishing recreation and wildlife management on Fort Hunter Liggett (FHL). This regulation is additional and supplementary to State and federal laws, or other Federal or State directives that may be applicable. Conflicts will be brought promptly to the attention of the Environment Division (IMWE-CST-PWE) and Law Enforcement Division (IMWE-CST-ESPH), Fort Hunter Liggett, CA 93928. This regulation and adequate enforcement of such is a key component to the wildlife and fisheries management program on FHL.
- b) Fish and wildlife-oriented recreation on FHL is described and defined in the FHL Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP). An installation INRMP is required by the Sikes Act (16 United States Code [USC] 670) and Army Regulation (AR) 200-1. AR 200-1, 4-3.d authorizes hunting and fishing on FHL in accordance with 16 USC 670a.
- c) California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 14 describes natural resources laws in California. CCR Title 13 describes motor vehicle laws in California.
- d) Directorate of Public Works Environment Division (PWE) is the primary proponent of this regulation, in coordination with the Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation (FMWR), and the Directorate of Emergency Services Hunter Liggett Training Site Law Enforcement Division (LED).
 - i) Management of the biological functions of the FHL hunting and fishing program is the responsibility of the PWE.
 - ii) Natural resource related law enforcement is the responsibility of the LED. Two full-time Game Wardens are assigned to tasks associated with enforcement, including but not limited to violator apprehension and prosecution.
 - iii) Sikes Act (16 USC 670c) authorizes a public outdoor recreation program in accordance with the INRMP. Hunting, fishing, and other outdoor recreation are interrelated components of the total Fish and Wildlife Management program. The hunting and fishing programs operate within FMWR oversight as per AR 215-1.

1-2 Applicability

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

1-3 Responsibilities

- a) Directorate of Public Works, Environmental Division
 - i) Management of the biological functions of the FHL hunting and fishing program.
 - ii) Coordinate with all appropriate FHL Divisions in accordance with the INRMP.
 - iii) Determine which available training areas to open for hunting and fishing, based on harvest data and hunting area usage, and any special environmental restrictions that may be necessary.
- b) Law Enforcement Division
 - i) Provide sufficient staff to enforce and curtail activity contrary to hunting and fishing laws and regulations on FHL.

- ii) Monitor hunter and angler activity on FHL to detect and deter illegal hunting, fishing, and other outdoor recreation.
- iii) Take appropriate legal action to deter future illegal activity and to educate the public of applicable laws and regulations.
- c) Command Group
 - i) The US Army Garrison, Fort Hunter Liggett Judge Advocates Office will provide legal assistance and review.
- d) Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization, and Security, Range Control
 - i) Evaluate training and other activities in training areas and release training areas that may be opened for hunting and fishing by Wednesday close of business each week to PWE.
 - ii) Schedule and conduct an "Unexploded Ordnance Briefing" as needed.
- e) Directorate of Family, Moral, Welfare, and Recreation
 - i) Develop, enhance, operate, and maintain a viable outdoor recreation program on FHL, including the recreational pursuit of fish, fowl, small and large game.
 - ii) Plan and coordinate recreational aspects of the hunt and fish program to include, selling and managing hunting and fishing permits, check-in and check-out of hunters and anglers to hunting and fishing activity areas, distribution of FHL issued big game tags, and management of hunt and fish customer service area.
 - iii) Announce areas open for hunting and fishing on the Hunting and Fishing Program Information Line (831) 386-3310, the FHL Hunting and Fishing Program web page <<http://www.liggett.army.mil/sites/fishhunt/>>, and by email to FHL offices and interested parties.
- f) Hunter and Angler Responsibilities
 - i) Know and abide by all FHL, State, and Federal laws and regulations governing hunting, fishing, and vehicle operation on FHL, California.
 - ii) Notify FHL authorities about uncontrolled fires, the location of unexploded munitions, fuel or other spills, and any observed violations of FHL, State, or Federal Regulations.
 - iii) Cooperate with military officials and FHL law enforcement personnel.
 - iv) Conduct themselves in a legal, safe, and ethical manner while hunting or fishing on FHL. FHL will strictly enforce State and federal laws in addition to this regulation. Offenses of particular concern at FHL include use and possession of illegal substances, possession of illegal firearms, possession of loaded firearms in vehicles, spotlighting and night hunting, shooting from vehicles, trespassing, littering, unauthorized transplanting of fish and wildlife, and disturbance of government property, for example, equipment, natural and cultural resources, ordnance and munitions.

1-4 References and Definitions

References are found in Appendix A. Definitions are found in Appendix B.

2 General Information

2-1 Installation Access

- a) Access to FHL is permitted through the Main Gate. Present a valid driver's license or photo identification, valid vehicle registration, and proof of automobile insurance.

- b) The speed limit on FHL is 10 mph when passing troops and 25 mph in all other areas, unless posted otherwise.
- c) Public access is prohibited in Training Areas 12A, 12C, 20 and 21, except travel along Gabilan Road when authorized. Active Duty Military personnel permanently stationed on FHL may be authorized access into Training Areas 20 and 21 provided the installation training posture allows and upon completion of an "Unexploded Ordinance Safety Briefing".

2-2 Training Areas Access

- a) There are thirty-four (34) training areas on FHL as follows: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 6B, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12A, 12B, 12C, 13W, 13E, 14, 15, 16, 16B, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, and 29.
- b) Hunters and anglers must obtain a FHL hunting or fishing permit and register at the Hunting and Fishing Center each trip to obtain a Training Area Pass for lawful and safe entry into FHL training areas. Permits and passes are not transferable between persons or permit years, and are not refundable.
- c) Hunt Areas are based on training area boundaries but may be modified for specific requirements (Appendix C). For example, for safety purposes Training Area 13W is split into two Hunt Areas and a closed zone: Hunt Area 13W north of KD Road, Hunt Area 13A south of KD Road, and a closed zone east of KD Road and south of Mission Road. Updated maps will be provided to hunters and anglers as needed.
- d) The following 11 ponds and portions of San Antonio Lake may be available for fishing on FHL: Coleman, Milpitas (Training Area 2), Del Venturi (Training Area 9), KD, (Training Area 13W), Generals (Training Area 19), Hughes, Woodrow, El Piojo (Training Area 24), Twin Valley, Sycamore (Training Area 27), San Antonio Lake (Training Area 29), and Gravel Pit (Cantonment).
- e) Hunters may hunt only in their assigned area(s) using weapons as otherwise stipulated. Anglers may fish only at their assigned ponds.
- f) Access to and from assigned hunting area(s) or fishing pond(s) is per designated routes only. Hunters and anglers must return to the Hunting and Fishing Center to change hunting area or pond assignment.
- g) One non-hunting or non-fishing visitor may register to accompany registered hunters and anglers into training areas; additional visitors may be permitted on a case by case basis (e.g. a second sibling accompanying a parent hunter, or a second parent accompanying a junior hunter). Registered hunters or anglers are responsible for their registered visitors. All visitors must accompany the registered hunter or angler at all times while in the training areas.
- h) Hunt areas may be restricted to specified weapon types or seasons.
 - i) Hunt Areas 3, 13E, 22 and 29 are restricted to archery and/or shotgun and muzzle-loading weapons only.
 - ii) Hunt Areas 6B, 13A, 13B, and 16B are restricted to archery only.
 - iii) Additional limitations may be imposed for specific hunts.
 - iv) Training Areas 20 and 21 are restricted to muzzle loading weapons, archery equipment and crossbows.
- i) Vehicles must be parked within or immediately adjacent to the training area noted on the Training Area Pass, or within a designated parking area.
- j) Vehicles in training areas must have the vehicle portion of the Training Area Pass clearly displayed on the vehicle dashboard.
- k) To access Hunt Area 13E, hunters must park at designated parking areas (Tidball Store or Davis Canyon). To access Hunt Area 29, hunters must park at

either the north or south gates off Interlake Road. Do not block gates. Bicycles are allowed on maintained roads to get to and from hunting/angling sites, and for game retrieval in Hunt Areas 13E and 29 only.

- l) Motorized vehicle travel is prohibited in Hunt Areas 6B, 13A, 13B, 13E, 22, and 29.

2-3 Check-Out Requirement

- a) All hunters and anglers are required to return their Training Area Pass to the Hunting and Fishing Center. Check-out is required within two hours after sunset on the last valid day to ensure the training areas are clear of public visitors.
- b) All game and fish harvested on FHL must be reported on the Training Area Pass upon checkout. Hunters are required to bring all harvested deer, elk and turkeys to the wildlife check station for data collection.
- c) All harvested game and fish must be available for inspection at check-out.
- d) Carcass tags must be accessible to Hunting and Fishing personnel for inspection as required by State law.

2-4 Hunting

- a) Deer, elk, pig, coyote, bobcat, jackrabbit, cottontail, tree squirrel, dove, quail, pigeon, turkey, duck, and geese may be hunted at FHL in accordance with California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) regulations if listed as open by FMWR.
- b) Hunting hours on FHL are from half an hour before sunrise to half an hour after sunset or as otherwise specified by CDFG regulations. Hunters may enter training areas two hours before sunrise and must exit training areas by two hours after sunset each day.
- c) Tree stands may be used if they cause no damage and are completely removed each day by the close of hunting hours.
- d) Hunting opportunities are generally open to the public on weekends and federal holidays. Availability is dependent on training, natural resources, and force protection requirements.

2-5 Fishing

- a) The following fish species may be taken at FHL within seasons and limits specified by CDFG regulations at ponds listed as open by PWE: large-mouth bass, small-mouth bass, channel catfish, bluegill, red-eared sunfish, green sunfish, thread-fin shad, trout, carp, and other game fish that may occur on FHL.
- b) Fishing hours are from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset, except at Gravel Pit and Del Venturi Reservoirs where fishing is open 24 hours a day, 7-days a week. Anglers may enter training areas two hours before sunrise and must exit training areas by two hours after sunset each day. Fishing is allowed only at designated fishing ponds that are listed as open by PWE.
- c) Boats and all other floating devices with gasoline motors are not allowed on FHL reservoirs.

2-6 Protected Resources

- a) It is unlawful to excavate, damage, alter, deface, sell, purchase, transport, or receive any archeological or historic resource on FHL (Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979).
- b) The Endangered Species Act (ESA) prohibits take of any federally listed fish or wildlife species or removal or destruction of any federally listed plants. Migratory

- c) Animals on FHL protected by ESA, MBTA or other laws include migratory birds (including game birds out of season or without stamps), California condor, bald eagle, golden eagle, San Joaquin kit fox, arroyo toad, red-legged frog, and vernal pool fairy shrimp.
- d) Plants protected by State and federal laws include purple amole and Santa Lucia mint.
- e) Fort Hunter Liggett has areas that require protection from disturbance for restoration or other purposes. The areas are marked with Siebert stakes, flagging, cones, and/or signs and may not be entered or disturbed.

3 General Regulations

3-1 State and Federal Laws and Regulations

All hunting and fishing on FHL shall be conducted in accordance with this regulation, California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 14, and all other applicable State and federal statutes (See Appendix A References). This regulation may be more restrictive but will not supersede California Code of Regulations or other applicable State and federal statutes. Military commanders have inherent authority to regulate the morale, safety, health and good order and discipline of their installations. When a civilian knowingly makes an unauthorized entry or enters an installation for an unauthorized purpose, then that person can be charged with trespass under the Federal Trespass Statute, 18 U.S.C. 1382. The statute provides for maximum penalty of fine up to \$5,000 or imprisonment of up to six months or both.

3-2 Violations and Penalties of this Regulation

- a) Permanent or temporary suspension or revocation of FHL hunting and/or fishing privileges immediately or by written notification (Appendix D).
- b) Written warning.

3-3 FHL Prohibitions

- a) Hunting with any projectile that contains more than one percent lead in all calibers and all weapon types.
- b) Camping, except at designated campgrounds.
- c) Camp fires, except at designated campgrounds.
- d) Off-road vehicle travel or use of off road vehicles such as ATV's and motorcycles. Use may result in violations of other federal laws with criminal or civil penalties.
- e) Operation of boats for hunting or angling with gasoline motors.
- f) Use of boats, canoes, and other floating devices in any creek, river or stream.
- g) Fishing in creeks, rivers or streams.
- h) Live bait except for legally acquired invertebrates (e.g. night crawlers).
- i) Swimming.
- j) Dogs (except dogs on leash at open fishing ponds, voice trained bird dogs for game retrieval, and medical assistance dogs).
- k) Target shooting and plinking.
- l) Possession of slingshots or spring loaded weapons.
- m) Driving on weapons ranges and hunting from range towers/structures except concrete observation points.
- n) Hunting in or around the Cantonment, Campground or Navy Compound.

- o) Hunting within 150 yards of FHL outer boundary or Cantonment.
- p) Scouting for game outside of designated hunt areas and hunt times.
- q) Tracking wounded animals into a closed area unless accompanied by a FHL official.
- r) Having an unexpended cartridge or shell in or attached to the firearm, including in the firing chamber, magazine, or clip while in a vehicle on FHL; Muzzle-loaders shall be deemed to be loaded when they are capped or primed and have a powder charge and ball or shot in the barrel or cylinder.
- s) Having uncased firearms or bows in a vehicle on the installation – they must remain secured in a fully enclosed hard or soft case.
- t) Possessing a weapon with ammunition for that weapon in a hunt area where that weapon is not permitted. (e.g. possessing a rifle with ammunition for that rifle in a shotgun, archery, crossbow, muzzle-loader hunt area).
- u) Hunting in the vicinity of Soldiers or civilian personnel. If soldiers or civilian personnel are sighted, the hunter must leave the vicinity and notify FHL authorities.
- v) Possession or consumption of alcohol in the training areas (excluding the campground).
- w) Collecting of firewood.

Appendices

A. References

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

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

California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 13, Motor Vehicles.

California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 14, Natural Resources.

Fort Hunter Liggett Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan 2004-2008 (INRMP)

16 USC 35 – Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA)

16 USC 470 – Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979, as amended (ARPA)

16 USC 670 – Sikes Act

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

18 USC 1382 – Federal Trespass Statute

B. Definitions

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

Junior Hunter – Persons who qualify for a junior hunting license. Usually persons under 16 years old.

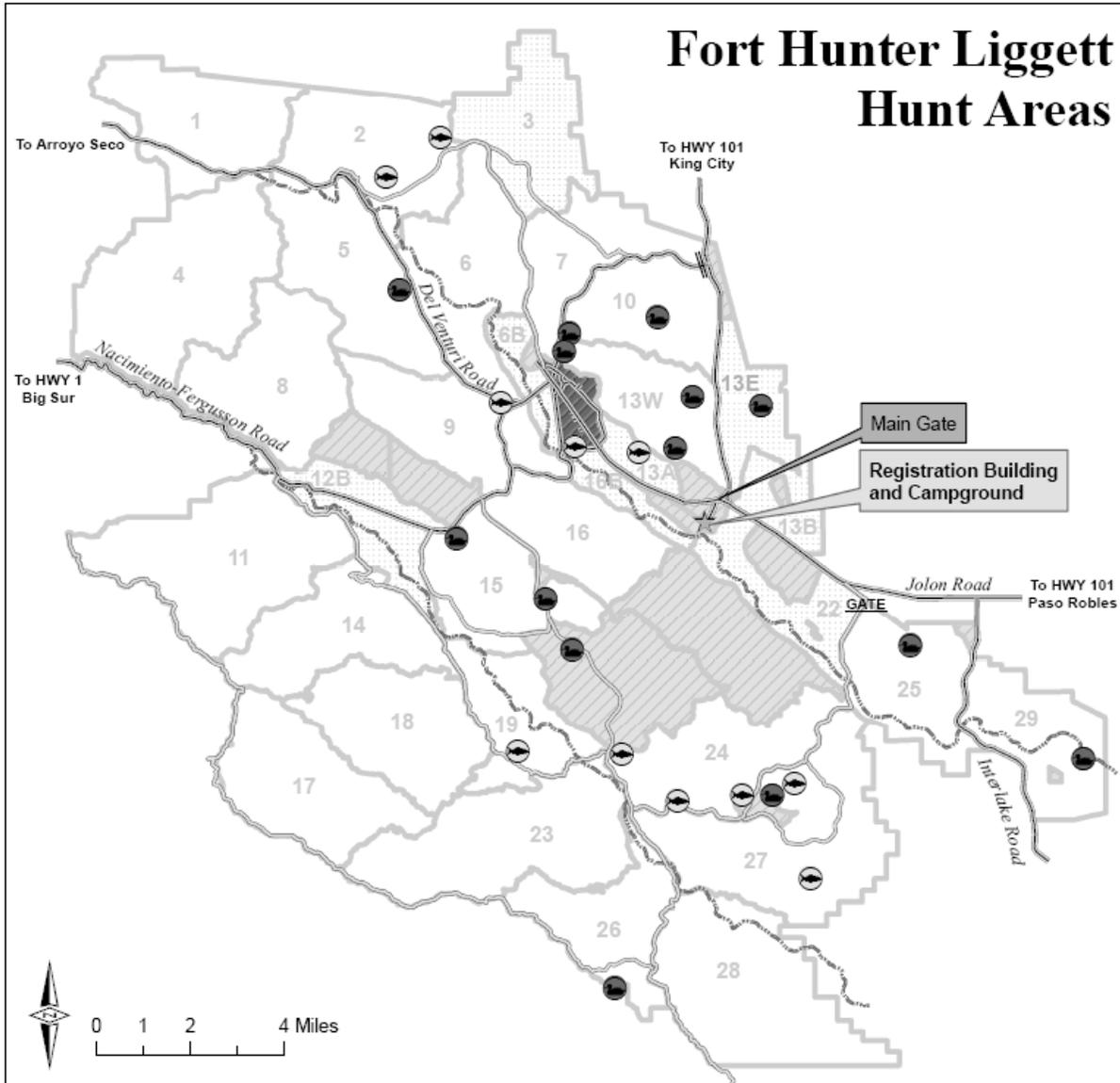
Junior Angler – 15 years old or younger.

Minor – Persons under 18 years old.

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

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

C. Example Hunt Area Map. Updates will be provided to hunters upon check-in.



Map Legend

- Hunt Area
- Hunt Area; Special Condition
- Restricted Area; No Public Entry
- Cantonment
- Paved Road
- Access Road
- River
- Fishing Reservoir
- Wildlife Pond

Access to FHL is permitted through the Main Gate on Mission Road. Entry requires that each person present a valid driver's license or photo identification, valid vehicle registration, and proof of automobile insurance.

D. Suspensions and revocations of Fort Hunter Liggett hunting and fishing privileges.

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

VIOLATION/OFFENSE (First Offense)	MAY RESULT IN
Persons found to be legally intoxicated while hunting, fishing or while operating vehicles or watercraft	Permanent Revocation
Killing or taking protected, threatened or endangered species, collecting protected, threatened or endangered plants	Permanent Revocation
Hunting while under suspension of hunting privileges; fishing while under suspension of fishing privileges	Permanent Revocation
Intentionally disturbing protected, threatened or endangered species or their habitats	Five Year Suspension
Hunting before or after hours	Three Year Suspension
Persons consuming alcohol while in training area (excluding the campground)	Two Year Suspension
Hunting from range targets or structures except concrete observation points	Two Year Suspension
Hunting any game out of season	12-month Suspension
Entering a Restricted Area, e.g., bypassing live-fire barricades, closed gates, areas marked for avoidance, areas closed to hunting, etc.	12-month Suspension
Shooting from or across a road	12-month Suspension
Hunting or fishing without a valid California license, stamps or tags	12-month Suspension
Hunting or fishing without a valid FHL permit or Training Area Pass	12-month Suspension
Failure to make reasonable effort to retrieve downed game	12-month Suspension
Hunting with an unauthorized or illegal weapon or ammunition, or with a weapon type not authorized for the hunt area assigned	12-month Suspension
Damaging federal property	12-month Suspension
Failure to cooperate with government officials when in execution of their duties	12-month Suspension
Littering or depositing debris on FHL	Up to 12-month Suspension
Multiple safety or procedural offenses	Minimum 6 month Suspension
Hunting, scouting, or tracking w/o a FHL official in a closed area	Up to 12-month Suspension
Operating vehicles off established and authorized roadways, trails, or roads	Minimum 60-Day Suspension
Violating State or Federal game codes or laws without notifying authorities	Maximum of Lifetime Revocation
Transporting a loaded or uncased weapon in or on a vehicle	Five Year Suspension
Accessing areas for hunting without Training Area Pass/Registration Form clearly displayed on vehicle dash	Minimum 7-day Suspension
Failure to turn-in Training Area Pass/ Registration Form at the close of the hunt or fish day(s). Notice may be given by phone or email	Minimum Written Warning
Violating Fort Hunter Liggett Regulation 420-26 procedures or prohibitions not specifically listed above	Minimum written warning and may involve suspension or permanent revocation.