



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
UNITED STATES ARMY GARRISON FORT HUNTER LIGGETT
BUILDING 238 CALIFORNIA AVENUE
FORT HUNTER LIGGETT, CA 93928-7000

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MEMORANDUM FOR USAG Fort Hunter Liggett (FHL) Soldiers, Civilians, and General Public
SUBJECT: FHL Policy #68, Hunting and Fishing Policy

Eligibility

1. REFERENCES.

- a. Sikes Act Improvement Act (SAIA), 16 USC Section 670a, et seq.
- b. Army Regulation (AR) 200-1, Environmental Protection and Enhancement, 13 December 2007.
- c. AR 215-1 Military, Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Programs and Nonappropriated Fund Instrumentalities, 24 September 2010.
- d. California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 14, Natural Resources

2. PURPOSE. To provide responsibilities, procedures, and prohibitions relative to the operation and control of the hunting and fishing program at USAG FHL.

3. APPLICABILITY. This policy applies to all persons, military, DoD civilians, and non-DoD affiliated civilians, hunting or fishing at USAG FHL. All persons participating in hunting and fishing activities are required to comply with this policy and all applicable federal laws, state laws and regulations. This policy may be more restrictive, but shall not supersede the CCR Title 14, or other applicable federal and state statutes.

4. BACKGROUND. The first FHL Hunting and Fishing Regulation 420-26 was completed in 1999. This policy supersedes FHL Regulation 420-26.

5. POLICY.

a. RESPONSIBILITIES.

1. The Directorate of Public Works, Environmental Division (PWE) will manage the natural resource aspects of the program, and coordinate with the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization, and Security (DPTMS) to designate training areas (TAs) that are open and closed to hunting and fishing.
2. The Directorate of Family Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (DFMWR) will manage the recreational aspects of the program and shall coordinate with the Department of Emergency Services (DES) and DPTMS to track hunter and angler access into TAs and ponds.
3. DPTMS will manage TA use and access, and coordinate with PWE regarding the opening and closing of TAs for hunting and fishing activities. The DPTMS shall also coordinate with DFMWR and DES to ensure that hunters and anglers are accounted for at the end of the day.

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4. DES shall manage the law enforcement aspects of the program, and coordinate with DPTMS and DFMWR to ensure that hunters and anglers are within the training areas (TAs) and ponds assigned, and properly checked out of their TAs and ponds at the end of each day.

5. Hunters and anglers will obtain a FHL hunting or fishing permit and a vehicle pass in order to hunt or fish on the installation. The user will maintain the permit in their possession at all times, and the vehicle pass will be displayed on the dashboard of the vehicle being used at all times. Permits and vehicle passes are not transferable between persons or permit years. All permits and passes are subject to inspection at any time, and must be produced upon request by and federal or state officer or military personnel.

6. All hunters and anglers will report all game and fish harvested on FHL by the end of the day. Hunters will bring all harvested deer and elk, and any other additional harvested species to the Wildlife Check Station for data collection, if requested by PWE. All harvested game and fish, and carcass tags shall be accessible and subject to inspection by DES and PWE.

7. All recreational users are required to notify DES via telephone (831-386-2526) about incidents resulting in injury or death, uncontrolled fires, the location of unexploded munitions, fuel or other spills, and any observed violation of FHL, state, and federal regulations and laws.

b. PROCEDURES.

1. Recreational use is secondary to military mission requirements. All or any part of FHL can be closed at any time without notice at the discretion of the FHL Garrison Commander.

2. Per AR 190-11, all firearms will be registered with DES prior to using them on FHL or being brought into the cantonment.

3. Hunt Areas are based on training area boundaries, but they are not necessarily identical to TAs, and may be modified or grouped together for special hunts or specific requirements.

4. Hunting activities adjacent to TAs in use for military training or the civilian workforce will be closed to recreational purposes on a case-by-case basis by DPTMS. TAs not closed that are adjacent to TAs where military training or workforce operations are taking place shall be "buffer areas" in which only weapons with limited shooting ranges such as handguns, shotguns, muzzleloaders, and/or archery only equipment may be allowed. Closed TAs and buffer areas will be identified by DPTMS, and made available to the public by DFMWR.

5. Hunters and anglers are required to check-in and check-out of TAs and ponds. Check-in and check-out of TAs will primarily be accomplished using the FHL Rec Trak system. However, other methods of check-in and check-out may be utilized in the event that the Rec Trak system cannot be used. Hunters and anglers may change TAs and ponds assigned by checking out a HA or pond and then checking into a different HA or pond. Check-in, check-out, and area change procedures are established by and available through DFMWR. Hunters and anglers failing to properly check-in and/or check-out, or change TAs and ponds shall be subject to punitive measures including the loss of hunting and/or fishing privileges.

6. Each hunter/angler holding a valid FHL permit may sponsor one non-hunting or non-fishing visitor. Approval of more than one visitor will be made on a case-to-case basis (e.g., a second sibling

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accompanying a parent/guardian, or a second parent/guardian accompanying a junior hunter) by FHL Law Enforcement Officers. Visitors must be identified and associated with their sponsor. Hunters and anglers are subject to punitive measures for violations made by their sponsored guest including the loss of hunting and/or fishing privileges.

7. Hunting opportunities are generally open on weekends, federal holidays, and weekday evenings after 1700 hours during daylight savings time (DST). Weekday hunting is not allowed after 1700 hours during standard time. Hunting shall be allowed on weekdays before 1700 hours DST for special management hunts determined by PWE and approved by the Garrison Commander. The Fort Hunter Liggett PWE and DFMWR will brief the Garrison Commander on the requirement to execute special management hunts no less than 60 days prior to the special hunt commencing. Availability is dependent upon training, natural resources, and force protection requirements. Hunting permits may be issued through Rec Trac for each weekday, Monday through Friday based on TA's issued by Range control with a maximum of 20ea. hunters per open TA or max hunters allowed according to The Programmatic Biological Opinion matrix whichever is lower. However, that number may be increased or decreased depending on mission, safety, security, and/or fiscal constraints. Weekday hunting will not be allowed on the Friday before weekends with deer and elk hunting taking place. Weekday permits are available on a first come, first serve basis.

8. Fishing opportunities are typically open every day. In general, fishing hours are from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset. Anglers may enter TAs two hours before sunrise, and shall exit TAs by one hour after sunset each day.

9. The following game and non-game species may be hunted at FHL within seasons and limits specified by California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) regulations: deer, elk, pig, coyote, bobcat, jackrabbit, cottontail, tree squirrel, dove, quail, pigeon, turkey, duck, and geese. Species listed shall be removed or added based upon natural resource considerations.

10. Hunting hours on FHL are specified by California State Law and CDFW regulations. In general, hunters may enter TAs two hours before sunrise, and immediately begin exiting TAs at the close of the shooting time (as specified by CDFW regulations). Hunters attempting to retrieve game shall exit the TAs within two hours after sunset each day, or get DES approval via telephone (831-386-2526) to remain in TAs after hours. Ultimately, HA access hours are authorized by FHL, and are subject to change based upon mission, safety, or biological reasons.

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

12. All hunters and their visitors will wear blaze/hunter orange hat or blaze/hunter orange upper body clothing that is visible from 360 degrees or display at least 100 square inches of visible blaze/hunter orange (e.g., an orange hat or vest). Camouflage blaze/hunter orange is permitted.

13. Vehicles will be parked within or immediately adjacent to the TA or pond the hunter/angler checked into. All vehicles shall be parked in a manner that allows other vehicles to safely pass by,

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including not blocking access to roads or gates. To access TA 13E and TA 29, hunters shall park at designated parking areas (Appendix A, Figures 1 and 2 respectively).

14. TAs 13E and 29 are restricted to archery, shotgun, or muzzle-loading. TAs 3, 6B, 13A, 13B, and 16B are restricted to archery equipment only. Additional TAs may be restricted to specific weapon types or seasons based on mission, safety, or biological requirements.

15. Hunting with dogs is only allowed for the hunting of upland game and waterfowl. Such dogs shall wear a collar with proper owner contact information. All dogs shall be under control so that they do not harass or injure non-target wildlife, or create conflict with other hunters.

c. PROHIBITIONS.

1. At no time is anyone authorized to pass behind a "Live Fire" barrier or gate displaying a "Live Fire" sign, or to enter into any area marked as a "Dud" or "Military Traffic Only" area.

2. Public access in TAs 12A, 12C, 20, 21, and 22 is prohibited unless authorized by the FHL Garrison Commander. Hunters shall hunt only in their assigned HA using only the weapon types authorized. Anglers shall fish only at their assigned pond. All recreational users are prohibited from entering areas marked with "Off-Limit" signs or Seibert Stakes (Appendix A, Figure 3), either with vehicles or on foot.

3. Hunting with any projectile that contains more than one percent lead is prohibited.

4. The cutting or removal of vegetation and digging is prohibited. Portable tree stands shall be used if they cause no damage and are removed each day.

5. Fishing, swimming, or wading in FHL's creeks, rivers, and streams is prohibited, with the exception of the pursuit of game during hunting activities.

6. Motorized vehicle travel is prohibited in TAs 6B, 13A (with the exception of access to KD Reservoir), 13B, 13E, 16B, and 29. Exceptions for the disabled (i.e., handicapped and/or wounded warriors) may be authorized by the FHL Garrison Commander. Bicycles are allowed on maintained roads to access TAs and ponds.

7. Hunting in areas adjacent to inhabited structures or roadways shall be limited by applicable federal and state laws and regulations.

8. Discharge of a firearm within 150 yards (~137 meters) of FHL's perimeter boundary, cantonment, and campground is prohibited. Shooting within 50 feet of blacktop roads, excluding Bear Trap Loop, is prohibited.

9. Boats, canoes, and other floating devices used in ponds shall only be powered by electric, wind, or manual means. The use of boats, canoes, and other floating devices in any FHL river, stream, or creek is prohibited. All boats used for fishing shall be certified free of invasive quagga and zebra mussels before they can be launched at FHL.

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d. PENALTIES

1. Every applicable provision of the policy is enforceable by the Directorate of Emergency Services Fort Hunter Liggett Police Department.

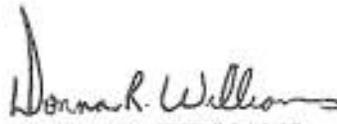
2. Violations of this policy may result in a permanent or temporary suspension of FHL hunting and/or fishing privileges, immediate seizure of game and/or fish (If applicable), and a citation under state or federal law

3. Military personnel violating this policy are subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

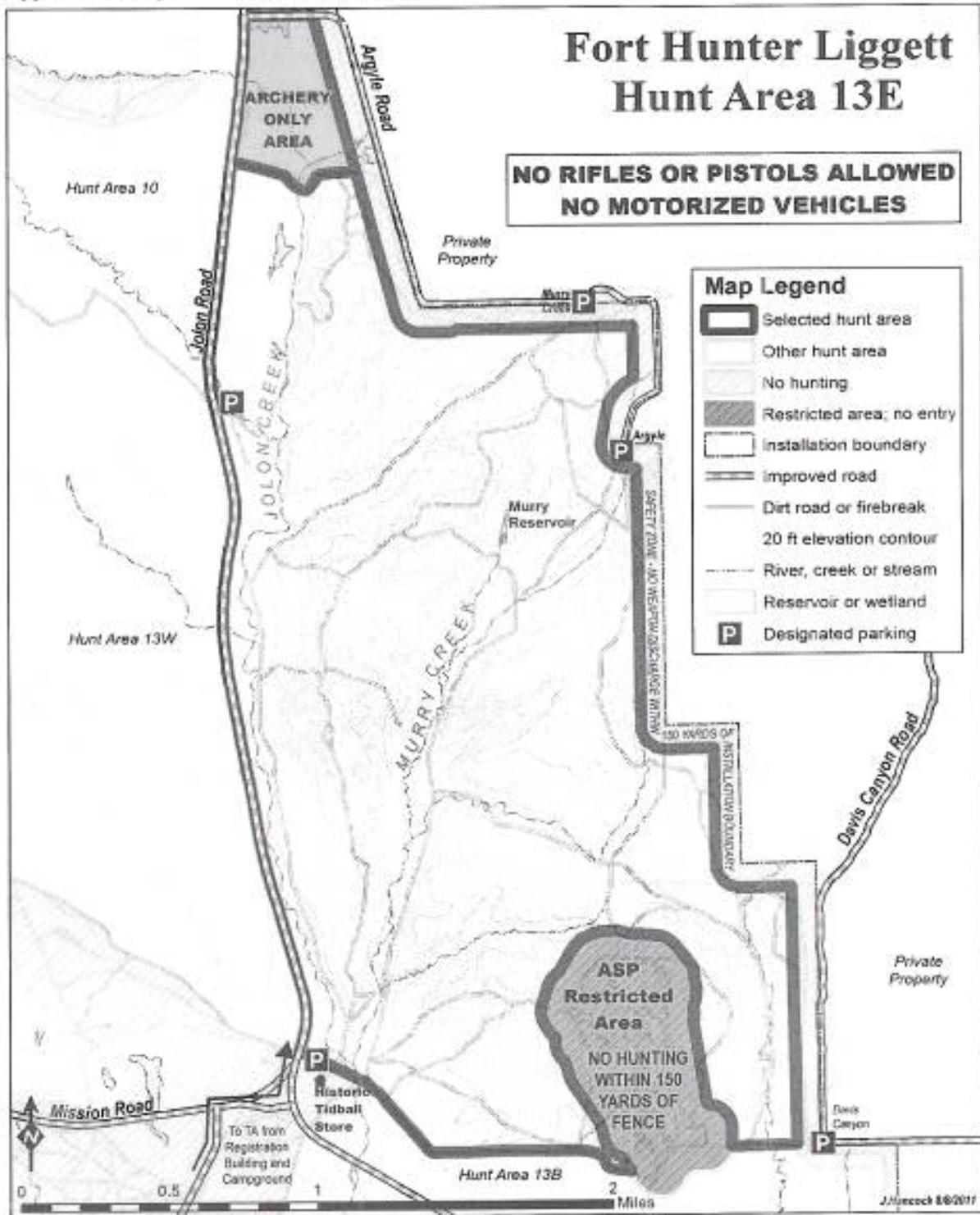
4. DoD Civilians violating this policy are subject to all federal laws, state laws and disciplinary action IAW AR 690-700; Chapter 751, Table of Penalties.

5. Non-DoD affiliated persons violating this policy are subject to all federal laws and state laws. Non-DoD affiliated persons violating this policy will result in a temporary suspension of all hunting and/or fishing privileges, additionally the Garrison Commander may issue a barment from the installation. Non-DoD affiliated persons must request in writing to the FHL Garrison Commander a request for re-instatement of their privileges and must complete an approved hunter education course.

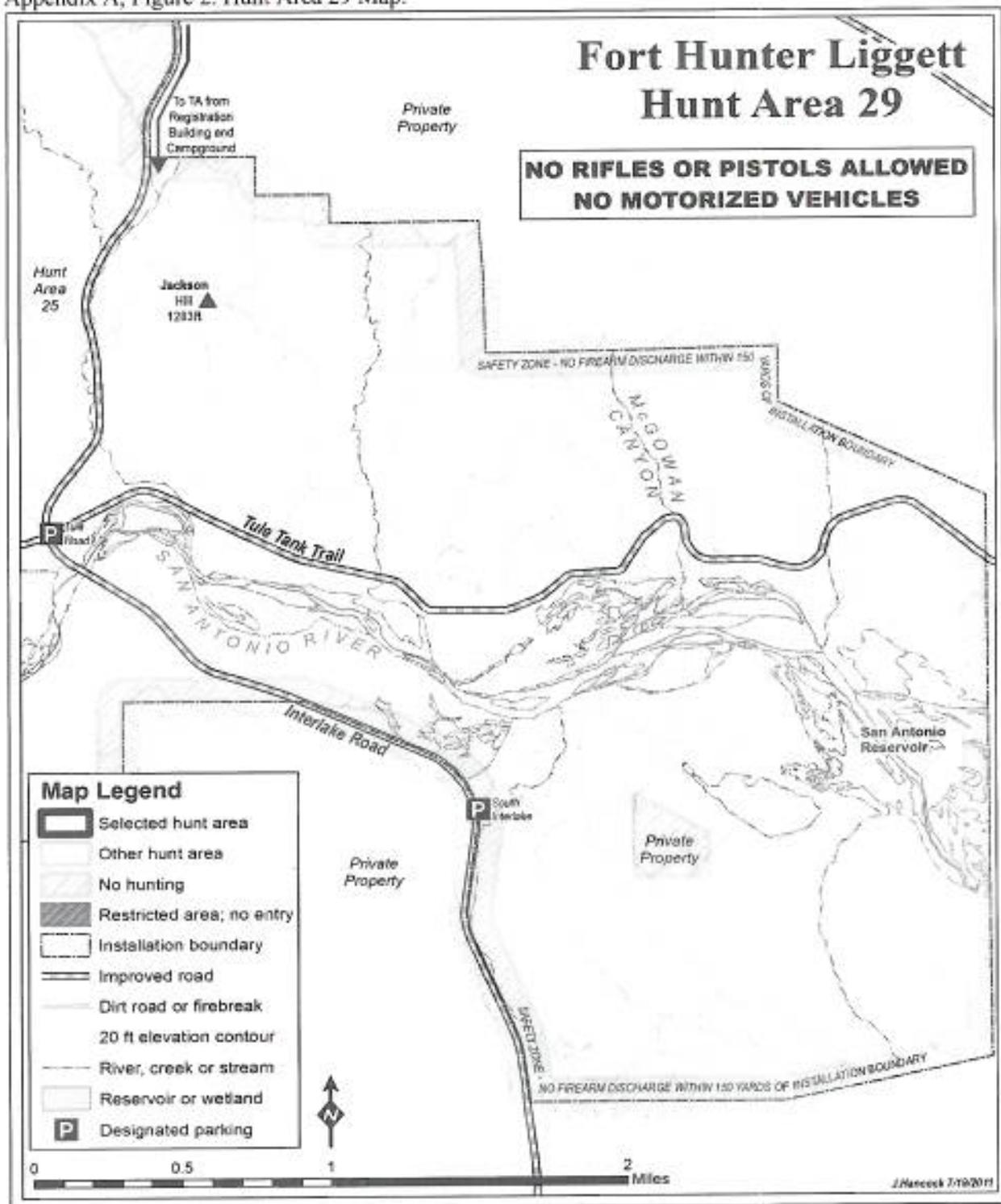
6. PROPONENT. The Directorate of Public Works, Environmental Division is the proponent for this policy. The POC is the Environmental Chief via telephone (831-386-2365). Send comments and suggested improvements on Department of Army Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publication and Blank Forms) to Directorate of Public Works, Environmental Division, IMHL-PWE, Bldg 233, California Avenue, Fort Hunter Liggett, CA 93928-7090.


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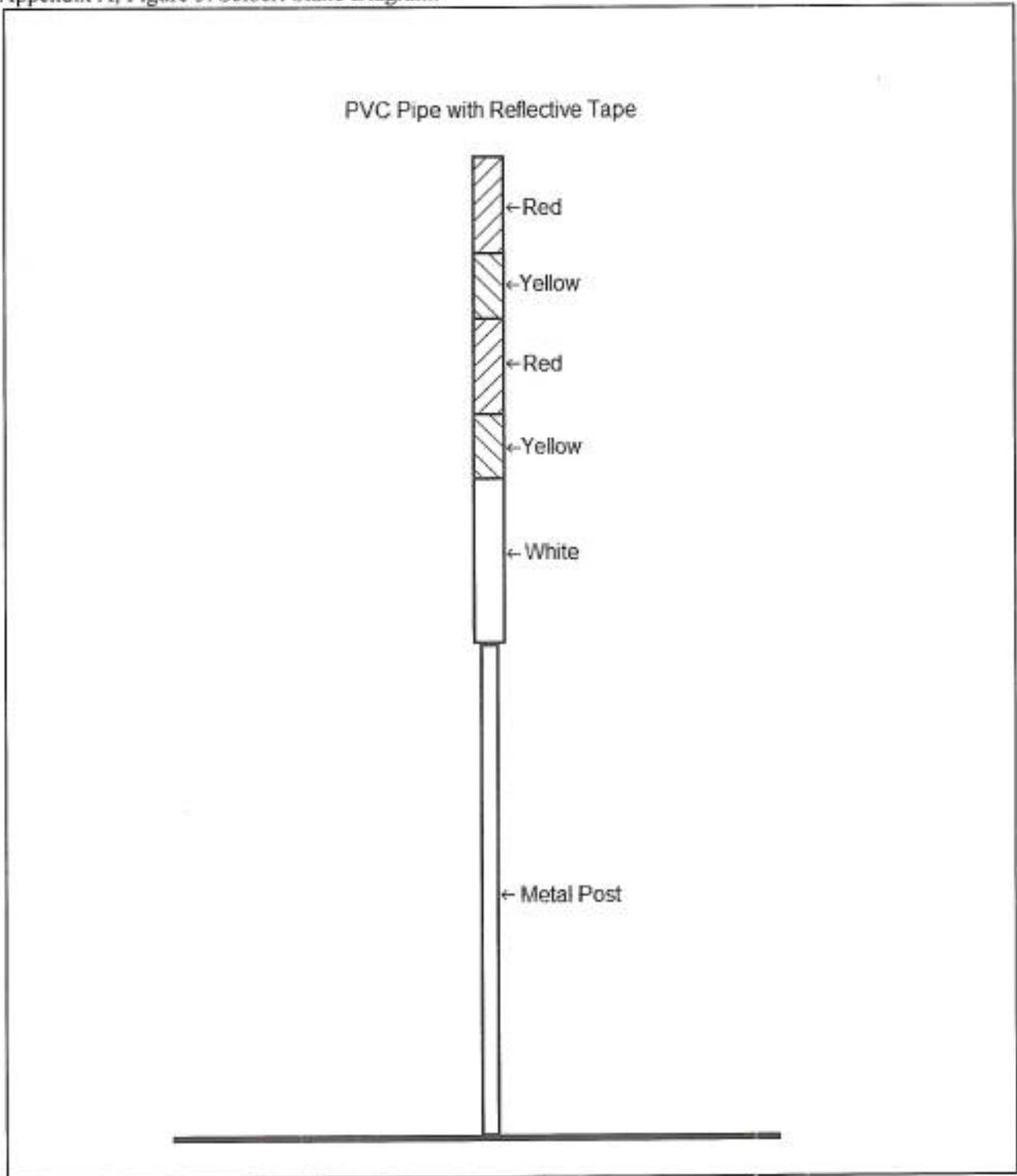
Appendix A, Figure 1. Hunt Area 13E Map.



Appendix A, Figure 2. Hunt Area 29 Map.



Appendix A, Figure 3. Seibert Stake Diagram.



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Appendix B. The suspension of hunting or fishing privileges is an additional administrative action independent of other judicial or punitive actions, and addressed on a case-by-case basis. Suspensions are from the date of receipt of official notification by the Garrison Commander.

VIOLATION/OFFENSE	PENALTY (1 st Offense) ¹
Persons with three or more suspension violations within a five year period.	Permanent Revocation
Being intoxicated while hunting, fishing, or while operating vehicles or watercraft.	Permanent Revocation
Taking or harassing protected species (both animals and plants).	Permanent Revocation
Hunting or fishing while under suspension of hunting or fishing privileges.	Permanent Revocation
Intentionally disturbing protected, threatened or endangered species or their habitats	Five Year Suspension
Consuming or possessing alcohol while in training areas (excludes campground).	Two Year Suspension
Hunting from range targets or structures except concrete observation points.	Two Year Suspension
Hunting any game out of season.	12-month Suspension
Hunting before or after hours.	12-month Suspension
Using FHL hunting/fishing program to illegally access adjacent property.	12-month Suspension
Shooting from or across 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 (Vehicle Pass).	12-month Suspension
Failure to make reasonable effort to retrieve downed game.	12-month Suspension
Hunting with a weapon type or ammunition not authorized for the hunt area assigned.	12-month Suspension
Damaging federal property (includes digging, and cutting or removal of vegetation).	12-month Suspension
Failure to cooperate with government officials when in execution of their duties	12-month Suspension
Failure to present harvested game for data collection, when directed by PWE.	12-month Suspension
Littering or depositing debris on FHL.	Up to 12-month Suspension
Multiple safety or procedural offenses.	Minimum 6 month Suspension
Tracking or pursuing wounded game without a FHL official into a closed area.	Minimum 60-Day Suspension

¹ A person committing more than one offense may have their hunting/fishing privileges suspended for a period equal to the total of standard penalties for each offense. In the event that the total period of suspension is in excess of 1 year, the person's privileges may be permanently revoked.

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VIOLATION/OFFENSE	PENALTY (1 st Offense) ¹
Operating vehicles off established and authorized roads.	Minimum 60-Day Suspension
Hunting with any projectile that contains more than one percent lead.	Minimum 90-day Suspension
Violating State or federal game codes or laws without notifying authorities.	Minimum 30-day Suspension
Transporting a loaded weapon in or on a vehicle.	Minimum 30-day Suspension
Failure to check-out of a hunting area/pond at the close of the day.	Minimum 7 day Suspension
Discharge of a firearm within 150 yards of the FHL outer boundary or cantonment.	Minimum 7-day Suspension
Shooting within 50 feet of blacktop roads, excluding Bear Trap Loop.	Minimum 7-day Suspension
Failure to have Training Area Pass/Vehicle Pass clearly displayed on vehicle dash.	Minimum 7-day Suspension
Failure to report all game and fish harvested at the close of the day.	Written warning
Failure to wear blaze/hunter orange hat or upper body clothing.	Written warning
Failure to park in designated parking areas in TAs 13E and 29, or parking in such a manner that blocks roads or gates, or does not allow vehicles safe passage.	Written warning
Violating Fort Hunter Liggett Policy 68 procedures or prohibitions not listed above.	Minimum written warning up to permanent revocation.