



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT COMMAND
HEADQUARTERS, US ARMY COMBAT SUPPORT TRAINING CENTER AND
US ARMY GARRISON FORT HUNTER LIGGETT
BUILDING 238 CALIFORNIA AVENUE
FORT HUNTER LIGGETT, CA 93928-7000

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7 August 2008

MEMORANDUM FOR US Army Combat Support Training Center (CSTC) Soldiers and Civilians

SUBJECT: CSTC Policy #26 - Lead Ammunition Restriction for Hunting on Fort Hunter Liggett, California

1. REFERENCE.

a. Programmatic Biological Opinion 2007 for activities at Fort Hunter Liggett (FHL), Monterey County, California prepared by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) for Combat Support Training Center (CSTC).

b. FHL Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan as amended 2007.

c. Endangered Species Act.

d. California Fish and Game Commission (CDFG) regulation Title 14, CCR, Subdivision 2. Games and Furbearers, Sections 311 (f), 353(h) and Chapter 6, Section 475.

2. PURPOSE. To provide guidance to CSTC Soldiers and civilians on lead ammunition restriction for hunting on Fort Hunter Liggett, California.

a. This policy contributes to the conservation of wildlife by reducing wildlife exposure to lead poisoning from spent lead ammunition deposited on the ground and in carcasses and "gut piles" generated from game and non-game hunting on FHL. The intent is to reduce the potential for take of California condors from the sport hunting use of lead ammunition at FHL.

b. All hunters will adhere to CDFG regulations and CSTC policy prohibiting the use of projectiles containing lead from a firearm for hunting deer, wild pig, elk, pronghorn, coyote, ground squirrels, and other non-game wildlife in the area defined as California condor range.

c. CDFG regulations specify that it is unlawful to use or possess any projectile containing lead in excess of 1% by weight and a firearm capable of firing the projectile while taking or attempting to take any big game or non-game within the California condor range.

d. CDFG regulations define a "projectile" for hunting non-game species as any bullet, ball, sabot, slug, buckshot, shot, pellet or other device which is expelled from a firearm through a barrel by force.

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e. CDFG regulations define a "projectile" for hunting big game species as any bullet, ball, sabot, slug, buckshot or other device which is expelled from a firearm through a barrel by force.

f. CDFG regulations stipulate that projectiles may not contain more than one percent lead by weight for hunting big game and non-game species. A CDFG list of certified non lead projectiles is available for bullets at www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/condor/certifiedammo.html, and for shot at http://migratorybirds.fws.gov/issues/nontoxic_shot/nontoxic.htm.

g. FHL lies within the area defined as California condor range and hunters on FHL are subject to CDFG regulations. FHL adopts as policy these regulations and further extends these restrictions to include hunting for small game bird and mammal species on FHL.

3. **APPLICABILITY.** These procedures apply to all civilian and/or military personnel assigned to and/or under the operational control of CSTC while hunting on Fort Hunter Liggett.

4. **POLICY.** The following actions are established to reduce lead poisoning of wildlife from exposure to spent lead ammunition deposited on the ground and in carcasses or in "gut piles". These agreements between CSTC and the USFWS are contained in the 2007 programmatic biological opinion for activities at FHL, Monterey County, California, as defined in the FHL Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan as amended 2007, meet Endangered Species Act requirements and comply with CDFG regulations.

a. Effective July 1, 2008 all hunters will use CDFG certified non-lead projectiles while hunting for big game species including pig, deer, and elk; non-game species including coyote and bobcat; and small game mammals including jackrabbit, cottontail rabbit, and tree squirrel. All hunters will use CDFG certified non-lead shot or pellets while hunting small game including dove, quail, band-tailed pigeon, turkey, jackrabbit, cottontail rabbit, and tree squirrel. CDFG certified non-lead shot consists of non-toxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for use in waterfowl hunting (Section 507.1, Title 14, California Code of Regulations). A full list of approved shot types can be found at http://migratorybirds.fws.gov/issues/nontoxic_shot/nontoxic.htm.

b. Hunters actively hunting big game species including pig, deer, and elk; non-game species including coyote and bobcat; and small game mammals including jackrabbit, cottontail rabbit, and tree squirrel on FHL with non-certified lead bullet ammunition after the effective date will be subject to criminal and/or administrative penalties ranging from verbal warnings through fines and incarceration consistent with State and federal laws and regulations.

c. Hunters actively hunting small game including dove, quail, band-tailed pigeon, turkey, jackrabbit, cottontail rabbit, and tree squirrel on FHL with non-certified lead shot ammunition or air gun pellets after the effective date will be subject to administrative penalties ranging from

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verbal warning through permanent suspension of FHL hunting and fishing privileges consistent with this policy.

d. CSTC Environmental Office will establish an open-ended two-way communication with hunters to inform and educate them about the threats to wildlife from lead ammunition, toxicity to people, and availability and performance of non-lead ammunition. Shared information will be used to refine our hunter awareness materials and actions.

e. CSTC Environmental Office will coordinate with federal and State agencies and private stakeholders to conduct open dialogue, develop more comprehensive and widespread approaches through research, and adapt these actions to minimize lead toxicity in wildlife and people.

f. Consistent with CDFG regulations, air rifles firing non-lead pellets are permitted for hunting small game species on FHL.

g. Hunters must display proof that ammunition they will use for hunting on FHL is certified by CDFG or meet the CDFG definition of a non-lead projectile and for air guns when hunting small game.

h. CSTC Environmental Office will include progress on these actions in our annual report to USFWS for the endangered species program at FHL.

5. PROCEDURES. CSTC Environmental Office will conduct all educational and coordination aspects of implementing this policy. Ammunition will be inspected for certification at registration into training areas. CSTC FHL Law Enforcement Activity will take appropriate administrative and enforcement action to promote hunters compliance.

6. PROPONENT. The Directorate of Public Works is the proponent for this CSTC policy. POC is the Environmental Chief at (831) 386-2365.


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