



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 SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: USAG FHL Policy #4-2, Wood Collecting on Fort Hunter Liggett

1. REFERENCES.

- a. 10 U.S.C. § 2241 – Availability of Appropriations for Certain Purposes.
- b. 7 Code of Federal Regulations Part 301, *Phytophthora Ramorum*; Quarantine and Regulations.
- c. AR 200-1, 4-3, Land Resources.
- d. California Code of Regulations, Title 3, Division 4, Chapter 4, Subchapter 6, Section 3700, Oak Mortality Disease Control.
- e. Memorandum, U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Hunter Liggett (USAG FHL) Installation Legal Office, IMHL-IL, 30 March 2010, subject: FHL Woodcutting Program.

2. PURPOSE. To provide guidance on the wood collection program at FHL. This policy revises and supersedes Policy #25 issued 18 June 2010.

3. APPLICABILITY. This policy applies to all Soldiers, Civilians employees, contractors, Family members, residents, and visitors to Fort Hunter Liggett (FHL).

4. BACKGROUND.

a. FHL has maintained a woodcutting program for many years. AR 200-1 requires fair market value be charged for wood products sold to non-Army entities, and that those funds be deposited into the Army Reimbursable Forestry Account (ARFA). Requests for reimbursements from the ARFA are consistently denied because FHL woodcutting is not part of an Army Forestry program. Therefore, funds are not available to cover the expenses related to managing a wood cutting program. Under 10 U.S.C. § 2241(b), appropriated funds may be used for all necessary expenses. The wood cutting program is not a necessary expense reasonably related to the accomplishment of any mission or environmental purpose on FHL. Additionally, Monterey County is a Federal and State quarantine area for unprocessed wood and wood products due to Sudden Oak Death syndrome. Therefore, FHL cannot continue the woodcutting program as

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previously implemented, and establishes the following policy to ensure regulatory compliance, fiscal responsibility, and environmental stewardship.

## 5. POLICY

- a. Wood cutting or collecting for personal or commercial use on FHL is prohibited.
- b. Wood collecting is allowed for organizational functions that support on-post activities for USAG FHL and tenants. Examples include barbeques, creative projects such as primitive benches and plaques, firewood at the Hacienda, and similar activities.
- c. Transfer or resale of wood to other parties or transport of unprocessed wood outside Monterey County is prohibited.
- d. Non-consumptive use of dead and downed wood for military training, such as road blocking, and site restoration is allowed.
- e. Cutting of live or standing dead trees is permitted only for maintenance activities reviewed by the Directorate of Public Works, Environmental Division and approved by the Directorate of Public Works (DPW).

## 6. PROCEDURES.

- a. FHL Fire Department (FD) maintains a cut wood pile derived from installation operations and maintenance actions. The proponent of an organizational function wanting wood collection privileges can contact the FD to request permission to remove wood from the storage site.
- b. If the site does not have sufficient wood stored to accommodate the request, the requestor can apply for a no-fee wood collecting permit from the FHL DPW Environmental Division. Permits will be issued by the Environmental Division, Conservation Branch Tuesday – Thursday from 0900-1130 and 1330-1500.
- c. Permits issued will describe limitations and requirements of the wood collecting program and are a signature agreement from the permit requestor.
- d. Permit holders will obtain a training area pass from Range Control prior to entering training areas and will abide by all training area access restrictions and requirements.

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7. PROPONENT. The DPW is the proponent for this policy. POC is the Environmental Division Chief at (831) 386-2365.

  
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