



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 #4-3, Hunting and Fishing

1. REFERENCES.

- a. Sikes Act Improvement Act, 16 USC Section 670a, et seq.
- b. AR 200-1, Environmental Protection and Enhancement.
- c. AR 215-1 Military, Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Programs and Nonappropriated Fund Instrumentalities.
- d. AR 190-11. Physical Security of Arms, Ammunition and Explosives.
- e. 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.

3. APPLICABILITY. This policy applies to all individuals hunting or fishing on Fort Hunter Liggett (FHL).

4. POLICY.

a. All persons participating in hunting and fishing activities are required to comply with this policy and federal and state laws and regulations. This policy shall not supersede CCR Title 14, or other applicable state and federal statutes.

b. The Directorate of Public Works, Environmental Division (PWE) shall manage the natural resource aspects of the program, and coordinate with the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization, and Security (DPTMS) to designate training areas (TA) that are open and closed to hunting and fishing.

c. The Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (DFMWR) shall manage the recreational aspects of the program and shall coordinate with the DPTMS to track hunter and angler access into TA and ponds.

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d. The Directorate of Emergency Services (DES) enforces this policy as well as state and Federal laws. The DES monitors hunter and angler access to TA and ponds.

e. Hunters and anglers shall obtain a FHL hunting or fishing permit and a vehicle pass in order to hunt or fish on the installation. The permit shall be in possession of the user at all times, and the vehicle pass shall be displayed on the dashboard of the vehicle at all times. Permits and vehicle passes are not transferable between persons, vehicles, or permit years. All permits and passes are subject to inspection and must be produced upon request by any Federal or state officer or range operations personnel.

f. All hunters and anglers shall report all game and fish harvested on FHL prior to two hours after sunset. Hunters shall 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.

g. All recreational users are required to notify DES via telephone (831-386-2526/2513) about incidents resulting in injury or death, uncontrolled fires, the location of unexploded munitions, fuel or other spills, and any observed violation of this policy, state, and federal regulations and laws.

5. PROCEDURES.

a. Recreational use is secondary to military mission requirements. All or any part of FHL can be closed at any time without notice.

b. All firearms shall be registered with DES.

c. Hunting Areas (HA) are based on TA boundaries, but they are not necessarily identical to TA, and may be modified or grouped together for special hunts or specific requirements.

d. HA adjacent to TA in use for military training or the civilian workforce shall be closed to recreational purposes on a case-by-case basis by DPTMS. TA not closed that are adjacent to TA 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 TA and buffer areas shall be identified by DPTMS and provided to DFMWR.

e. Hunters and anglers are required to check in and out of HA and ponds. Checking in and out of HA will primarily be accomplished using the FHL Rec Trak system. However, other methods of checking in and out may be utilized in the event that the Rec

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Trak system cannot be used. Hunters and anglers may change HA and ponds assigned by checking out of 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 HA and ponds shall be subject to punitive measures including but not limited to the loss of hunting and/or fishing privileges.

f. Each hunter or angler holding a valid FHL permit may sponsor non-hunting or non-fishing visitors. All non-hunting visitors will be on the vehicle pass.

g. Hunting is generally open on weekends and federal holidays. Hunting can also be open weekday evenings after 1700 hours during daylight savings time (PDT). Hunting shall be allowed on weekdays before 1700 hours PDT for special management hunts determined by PWE and approved by the Garrison Commander. The FHL PWE and DFMWR will brief the Garrison Commander on the requirement to execute special management hunts at least 60 days prior to the special hunt commencing. A maximum of 20 weekday hunting permits per day per open HA may be issued (primarily through Rec Traks). Weekday hunting will not be allowed on the Friday before weekends with deer and elk hunting. Permits are available on a first come, first serve basis.

h. Fishing opportunities are typically open every day. Fishing hours are from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset. Anglers may enter TA two hours before sunrise, and will exit TA two hours after sunset each day.

i. Hunters retrieving game after established closed hours will get DES approval via telephone (831-386-2526) to remain in HA. Hunters will notify the DES and check out of Rec Trak upon departure of the HA. HA access hours are subject to change based upon mission, safety, or biological reasons.

j. Firearms and bows shall be secured in a fully enclosed case (hard or soft) when in a vehicle. 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. 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.

k. 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.

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l. Vehicles will be parked immediately adjacent to the HA or pond the hunter/angler checked into. All vehicles shall be parked in such a manner as to allow other vehicles safe passage, including not blocking access to roads or gates. To access HA 13E and HA 29, hunters shall park at designated parking areas (Appendix A, Figures 1 and 2 respectively).

m. HA 13E and 29 are restricted to archery, shotgun, or muzzle-loading. HA 3, 6B, 13A, 13B, and 16B are restricted to archery equipment only.

n. Dogs are authorized 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 they do not harass or injure non-target wildlife, or create conflict with other hunters.

6. PROHIBITIONS.

a. Violations of this policy may result in a permanent or temporary suspension of FHL hunting and/or fishing privileges, immediate seizure of carcass (if applicable), and a citation under state or federal law. Appendix B provides the list of penalties for violations to this policy.

b. 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.

c. Public access in TA 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.

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

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

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

g. Motorized vehicle travel is prohibited in HA 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 HA and ponds.

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

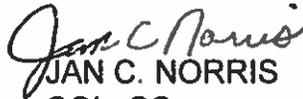
i. Discharge of a firearm within 150 yards (~137 meters) of FHL's perimeter boundary, cantonment, and campground is prohibited. Shooting within 50 feet of blacktop roads, excluding Bear Trap Loop, is prohibited.

j. 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.

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

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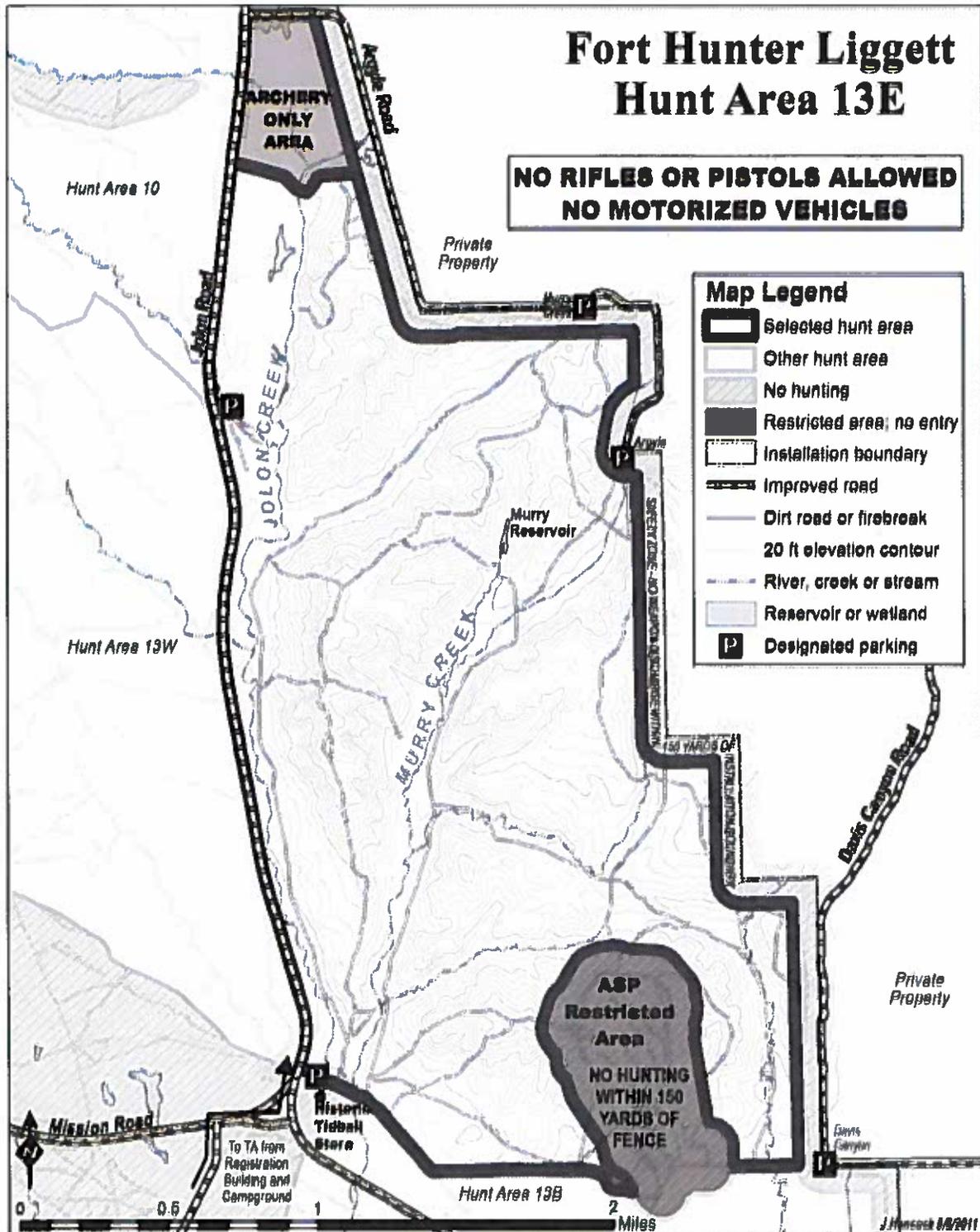
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2. Hunting Area 29 Map
3. Seibert Stake Diagram
4. Offense/Penalty Table


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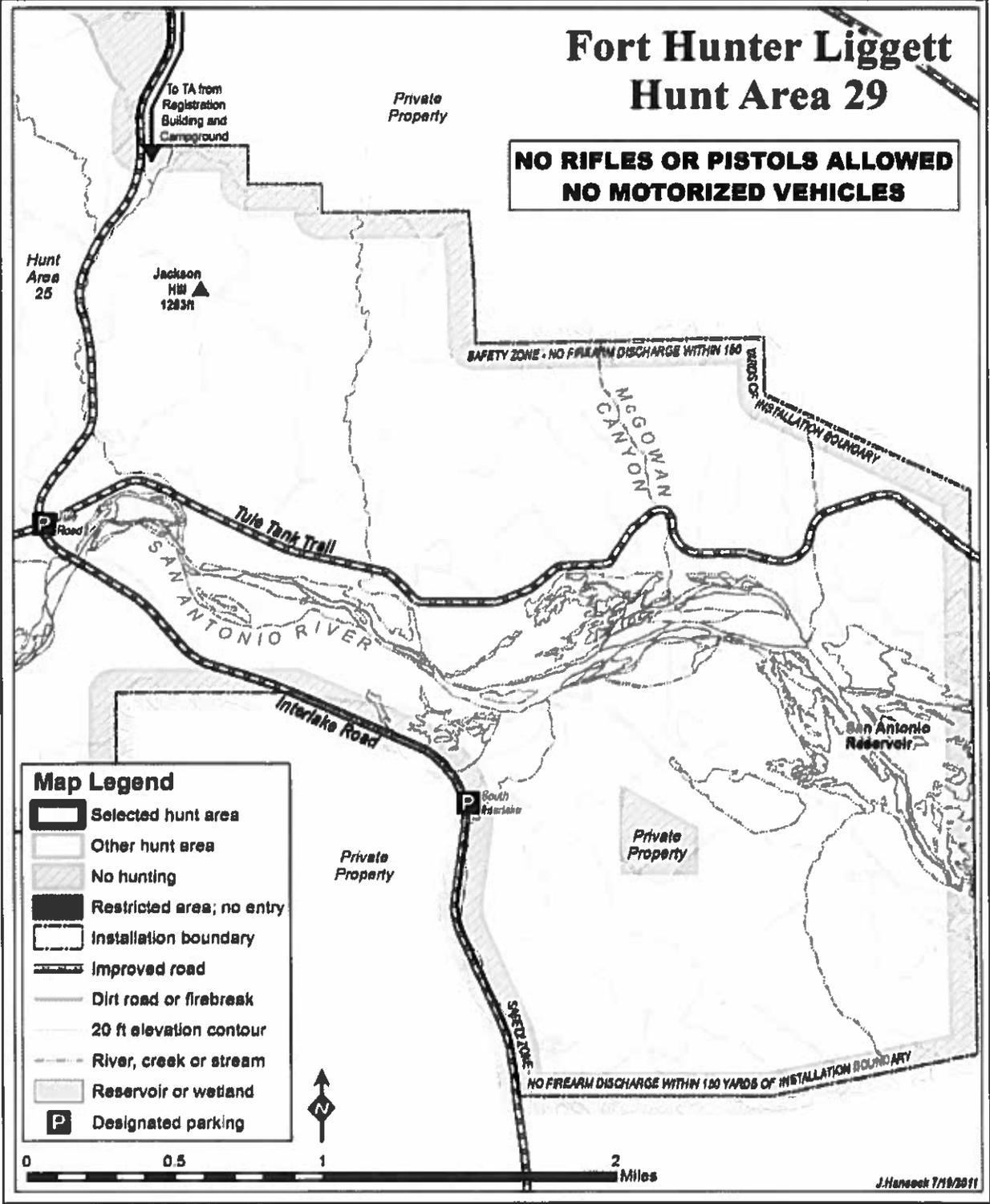
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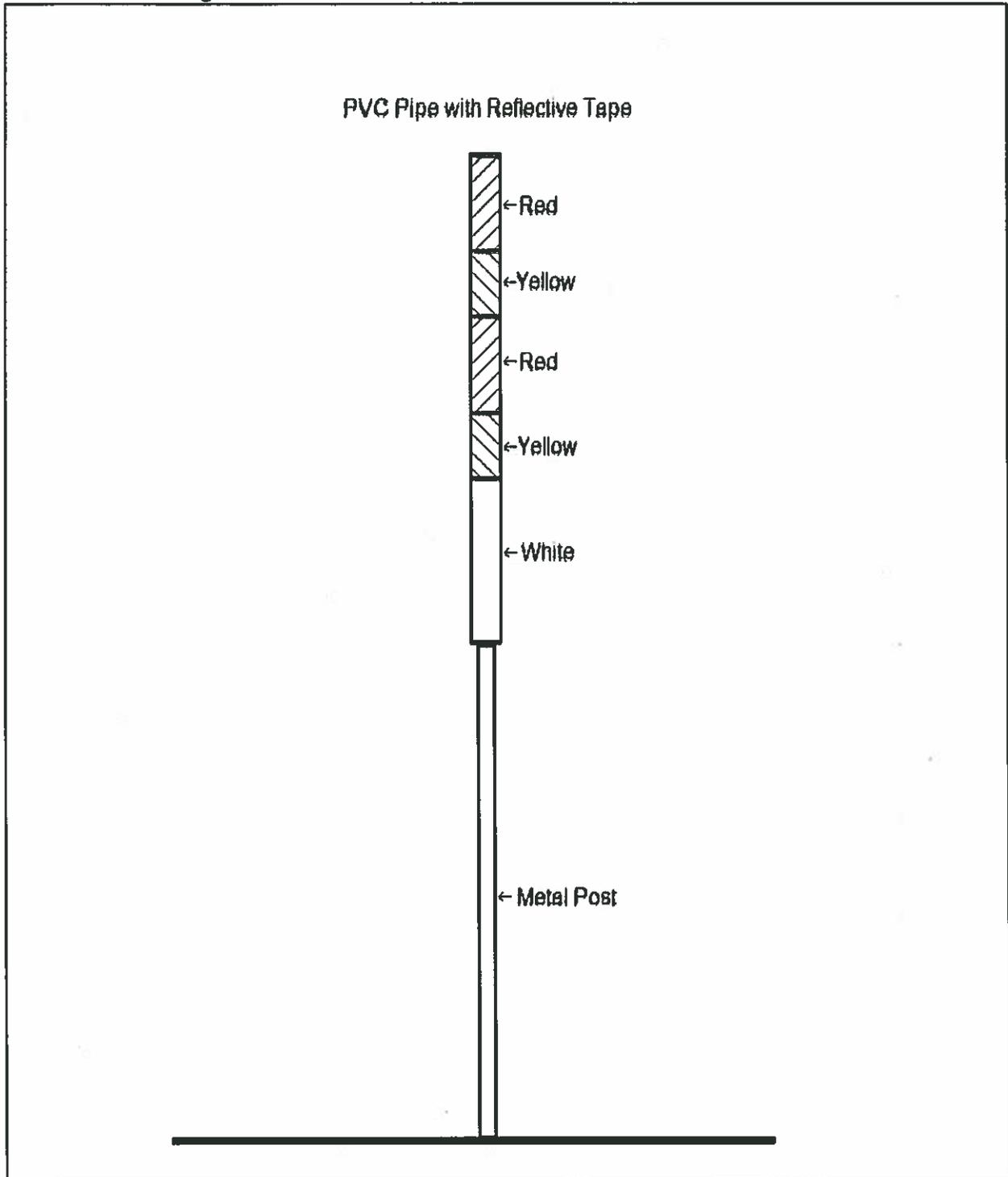
Hunting Area 13E Map



Hunting Area 29 Map.



Seibert Stake Diagram.



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 (1st 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
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
Failure to report known violations of state or Federal game codes or laws.	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 HA 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 4-3 procedures or prohibitions not listed above.	Minimum written warning up to permanent revocation.

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.