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**Fact Sheet for 2003-2004 Hunting Seasons
for Fort Huachuca, Arizona**

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EACH HUNTER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR KNOWING INFORMATION, PROCEDURES, & REGULATIONS CONTAINED IN THE ANNUAL HUNTING FACT SHEET, & ARE REQUIRED TO READ & COMPREHEND THE ENTIRE DOCUMENT, NOT JUST HUNT NUMBERS, AS A CONTRIBUTION TO THE FUTURE OF HUNTING ON FT HUACHUCA.

SPECIFIC HUNT NUMBERS & TAG INFORMATION BECOME OBSOLETE AS THE TAGS ARE ISSUED. A NEW FACT SHEET WITH CURRENT INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE LATE APRIL EACH YEAR, & UPDATED EACH AUGUST.

****2003 CHANGES & HIGHLIGHTS****

- * This document & updates will be posted on the Internet at <http://huachuca-www.army.mil/USAG/DIS/hunting.html>
- * Application for Ft Huachuca Hunt Permit-tags **cannot** be done on-line or by telephone, & can be submitted **only** by US mail with the AGFD application form & envelope.
- * Leftover tags for FORT hunts **cannot** be applied for online for 1st-Come, 1st-Serve, & can be obtained **only** by US mail to: AGFD; Attn: Hunt Draw; 2221 W Greenway Rd; Phoenix, 85023; **not** the PO Box & ZIP printed on AGFD application envelopes.
- * The restriction is lifted against using optical sights (scopes) on muzzleloading rifles for the Dec muzzleloader deer hunt. (See section II.H.2.)
- * CHAMP hunters must arrange a hunting area ground orientation with a local hunt-volunteer prior to actually signing out to hunt with their deer Permit-tag. (See section I.D.)
- * Fort hunters are encouraged to apply to be in the Hunter Pool for bear Population Management Hunts, in case a need for such a hunt emerges. For details, see pp. 38-41 of "Arizona Hunting Regulations for 2003-2004" (<http://www.azgfd.com> or http://www.gf.state.az.us/pdfs/h_f/fall_hunt_regs.pdf).
- * Hunters who see wildlife wearing collars, ear or wing tags, or radiotransmitters (such as coati, skunks, & turtles) are encouraged to report details to 533-7083 or 1867.

I. WHO CAN HUNT ON POST?

A. All active & retired military personnel (worldwide). Arizona requires a 30-day residence for military personnel before an Arizona Hunting License may be purchased.

B. Full-time civil service employees of Ft Huachuca, & the spouse & legal dependents 10 years old or older, of the above individuals. Proof of civil service status will require showing a Ft Huachuca Identification Card.

C. A valid Arizona Licensed Hunter & Ft Huachuca Permit holder who is 21 years or older may sponsor 2 guest hunters for a 72 hour hunt. The sponsor is authorized 4 guest hunts per year. The sponsor is required to sign a statement provided by the Sportsman Center vouching for the guest hunter's competence with the firearms used on the hunt, hunter safety, & that the guest hunter is in compliance with Arizona Hunting Regulations & Ft Huachuca's Hunting Fact Sheet. A guest hunter is only authorized to hunt game birds, rabbits, & coyotes. **No one** who is eligible to hunt on Ft Huachuca under paragraph I. A or B of the Ft Huachuca Fact Sheet is authorized to hunt as a guest.

1. A guest hunter is required to sign a statement of liability provided by the Sportsman Center in order to receive a guest hunter permit.
2. Guest hunter permit fee is \$3.00 per year.
3. Guest hunters must register their firearm(s) through the Military Police Weapons Registration section (533-1840 or 0897), as required by FH Reg 190-14. See section II.E.
4. A guest hunter must remain within visual & voice range of the sponsor at all times during the hunt.
5. A guest hunter may hunt with more than one sponsor, but may not exceed three hunts for the year. All guest hunter requirements apply for each sponsor.

D. Those who qualify for & receive a 2003 AGFD Challenged Hunter Access/Mobility Permit (CHAMP) & are drawn for a Ft Huachuca CHAMP deer tag. No other eligibility is required, but disabled hunters must abide by all CHAMP requirements established by commission rules outlined in the 2003-2004 Arizona Hunting Regulations, & must have a valid Ft Huachuca hunting permit (See II.B.2). Prior to signing out to hunt, CHAMP hunters must obtain a list of local hunt-cooperators from the Post Wildlife Section (520-533-1867 or 7083). They must then arrange & complete an on site orientation with this volunteer on access roads & boundaries for at least 2 Training/ Game Management Areas of their own choosing. This orientation may be done, & notification made to the Wildlife Section, any day from receiving their deer Permit-tag to the first day they come to hunt. This requirement will help hunters new to the fort, & help maintain maximum hunter access to hunting areas.

II. AS A HUNTER, WHAT RULES DO I NEED TO KNOW TO HUNT ON POST?

* All post hunters are expected to review "Arizona Hunting Regulations for 2003-2004" regarding **jaguar** identification (See <http://www.azgfd.com>). Rifle hunters, especially predator hunters, should be aware that jaguar may be in the area & are fully protected.

A. Possess all licenses, stamps & tags required by the Arizona Game & Fish Department (AGFD) for the game hunted.

B. A post hunting permit is required of **all** post hunters.

1. Post hunting permits are sold only at the post Sportsman Center, 533-7085, open Wednesday through Sunday (i.e. they are **not** available Mondays, Tuesdays or holidays).
2. Proof of completion of a bonafide **hunter education course** is required to obtain a Ft Huachuca hunting permit.

a. Bonafide courses are AGFD Hunter Education Courses, any state sponsored hunter education course (i.e. a card or certificate of completion from the issuing state, **NOT** just a license from a state requiring hunter education), an NRA Hunter Safety Course, or the German Hunting Course. The only exception to this requirement is for a guest hunter.

b. If you have any doubts about your hunter education card, check with the Sportsman Center well before you plan to purchase your post hunting permit. Each year a few hunters fail to do this & end up not being authorized to use their deer tag (i.e. their AZ Hunt Permit-tag for a Ft Huachuca Deer Hunt) at all.

c. You may register for an AGFD Basic Hunter Education Course at the Sportsman Center. This course is offered on post during August, October, & January if at least 20 participants enroll. It lasts 20-hr. spread over 5 evenings (2 wk.) & a Saturday morning range day, so plan accordingly.

d. Sale of Arizona hunting & fishing licenses for 2003 at the Sportsman Center may stop about 24 Dec 2003; thus, if you (or someone you know) want to hunt or fish from 24 December to 1 January, be sure to buy a license before 24 December, 2003.

3. The Sportsman Center also has maps of post Game Management Areas.

C. Abide strictly by all hunting regulations published yearly by the Arizona Game & Fish Department.

D. Be familiar with & abide by all Ft Huachuca hunting regulations (FH Supplement 1 to AR 200-3). Ft Huachuca Game Management Area Maps (sheet 1--Main Post, 2--East Range, & 3--Archery Areas) also contain information hunters must follow.

E. All firearms used on post must be registered through the Military Police Weapons Registration section (533-1840 or 0897) as required by FH Reg 190-14.

F. Anyone entering Ft Huachuca will be required to show identification at the gate they enter.

G. Eligible dependents **under 16** years must be accompanied by a properly licensed adult when hunting. Properly licensed means the **accompanying adult** must have an Arizona Hunting License & a Post Hunting Permit.

H. All weapons will be transported in a completely unloaded condition on post.

1. Loaded weapons (rounds in barrel **OR** in an attached magazine) are unlawful in a vehicle on post.

2. Hunters using muzzleloading or cap & ball type blackpowder weapons must remove the cap(s) from a percussion weapon, or the powder from the pan of a flintlock. Muzzleloading firearms allowed for hunting by AGFD are authorized on post, e.g. traditional or modern in-line ignitions, shooting sabots, conical, or balls.

3. Bow hunters must transport arrows in a quiver.

4. These restrictions also apply when a hunter walks across a post safety zone (no hunting area).

I. Target practice & sighting in are not authorized away from an established shooting range.

1. Any shot fired (except as noted below) in a Game Management Area must be in an attempt to take legal game by a legally licensed & signed-out hunter.

2. A hunter using a muzzleloading type weapon may, at the end of the hunt, discharge the weapon in a safe manner, rather than having to pull the charge or charges.

J. Hunting &/or shooting within a radius of 200 yards with a bow & arrow or 1/4 mile with a rifle, shotgun or pistol near the following locations, people, or situations is prohibited:

1. Any building, tent, maneuver or bivouac area when in use.

2. Any test site (i.e. Scott Peak, Aerostat, Black Tower, etc.).

3. Libby Army Airfield.

4. Garden Canyon & Huachuca Canyon picnic areas.

5. Ammunition Storage Areas.

6. Recreation areas or other places when non-hunting public, including horseback riders, or post personnel are congregating.

7. Any location or situation in which a prudent person would perceive danger to life or property is not authorized for hunting. No hunting is allowed within 100 yards of any major road or a road likely to have regular traffic.

K. All hunters must sign out each time they go hunting. During firearms hunts for deer & javelina, all hunters must also sign in upon returning from hunting (See sections III. & IV. for the required procedures).

L. ALL HUNTERS anywhere on post must wear safety colored (red, yellow, or orange) upper garments & hats during any firearms deer or javelina hunt, unless in an Archery-only Area (See III.I, p. 6). Members of their party going afield must also wear safety colored clothing.

M. ALL deer, lion, bear & javelina harvested on post must be checked in at the SPORTSMAN CENTER ON THE DAY KILLED. After duty hours, a hunter must weigh an animal on scales located behind the Sportsman Center on Garden Canyon Rd (Bldg 15423). Fill in a self-check harvest information card with phone number, & keep the animal's lower jaw or head for at least 1 duty day in case a biologist requests to examine it. AGFD also requires hunters to report bear & lion harvest, & collects a tooth for aging.

N. Trapping on post is not authorized for private individuals.

O. There are specific areas for Archery-only hunting on post. The map of these areas (Sheet 3) lists special rules hunters must follow when using them.

P. All waterfowl hunting must be conducted with steel shot

Q. Legal shooting times are during daylight hours (except for migratory bird hunts, which run according to federal regulations).

R. Vehicles, including motorcycles & Off Road Vehicles, are **NOT** authorized to travel cross-country. **Firebreaks & dirt roads maintained for vehicle access** may be used for access to Game Management Areas by properly signed out hunters. **CHAMP** hunters may hunt from a vehicle, but the weapon may **not** be loaded while the vehicle is in motion.

S. A hunter may not possess or transport any alcoholic beverage while hunting.

T. Each hunter is responsible for informing someone other than hunt control where they will be hunting & at what time they should be considered late in returning. Each hunter must be sure the informed person knows the license plate number & description of the vehicle used while hunting. This informed person will contact the Military Police Desk (533-2181), & provide this information if the hunter fails to return as scheduled.

U. Military training & firing schedules have priority over all hunts; therefore, some or all, Game Management Areas may be closed to hunting on any given day.

1. Because of training requirements, hunting may be closed with little or no notice.
2. If hunt control personnel advise you that there is a **caution** in your chosen area, be extra alert & careful.

- a. The caution means there either is training or non-hunting recreational activities scheduled to occur in that area.

- b. If upon reaching the assigned area, you feel there are too many other people in the area, or you are hunting in an area that may cause adverse comments, please leave & sign-out for a different area.

- c. CHAMP hunters may be allowed to sign-out for an exclusive Game Management Area on a specific day(s), depending upon the number of hunters in the field.

V. Failure to abide by post & state hunting regulations, laws, rules, or command directives may result in loss of post & state hunting privileges, as well as fines & imprisonment.

III. HOW DO I SIGN-OUT DURING PERIODS OF GENERAL WEAPONS DEER (i.e. FIREARMS) HUNTS IN NOVEMBER & DECEMBER?

A. **ALL** hunters must sign-out & sign-in at the Sportsman Center on Garden Canyon Road (Bldg 15423) in person or **using telephone no. 533-7085 only**. (See III.F. & III.G.) For javelina, see IV. A & F.

B. **Other hunters** may sign-out during these big game hunts. However, the first hour of hunter sign-out each day is reserved for Hunt Permit-tag holding hunters. **These other hunters are limited to using shotguns with no. 4 or smaller lead shot, or no. 1 or smaller steel shot, & they also must wear the required safety colored clothing.**

C. Hunting area reservations are made on a 1st-Come, 1st-Serve **daily** basis. **No** prior day area sign-out is allowed. Game Mgmt Areas G-M (West Range) may be open for sign-out the first 3 days of the Nov &/or Dec deer hunts only for hunters with a tag that allows mule deer as legal game.

D. Hunter sign-out will begin **before or at** 0500 HRS for November hunts, & 0530 HRS for December through February hunts; approximately 1.5 hours prior to first shooting light.

E. **Hunters must sign-in by 1900 hours.**

1. This can be done in person or by telephone.
2. **Not signing-in can lead to loss of hunting privileges.**
3. Members of a hunting party may have one group member sign everyone in (& are encouraged to do so), but each individual hunter is ultimately responsible for ensuring you have been signed-in, & should not merely assume you have been.

F. The **first time** a hunter signs-out for a Nov or Dec deer hunt it **must be done in person, & each member of the party must be wearing the required safety colored clothing.** After a hunter has signed-out the first time in person, you may sign-out & in by telephone at **533-7085.**

G. **Telephone sign-out** will not begin until 0530 for Nov & 0600 for December through February hunts. If telephones are not operational, hunters must sign-out & sign-in, in person.

H. When a line is present during sign-out, **each** hunter must be physically present & standing in the line.

I. Hunters holding a deer Permit-tag can hunt in Archery-only areas during their hunt, & are **not** required to wear safety colored clothing while in these areas.

1. Legal crossbows & legal archery gear are the only weapons allowed in most of these areas during these hunts (Note: crossbows are **not** legal during Archery-only hunts).
2. In addition, some special areas allow use of muzzleloading rifles & shotguns with slugs during general deer hunts.

J. Any **harvested big game** must be brought to the check station under the ramada at the Sportsman Center **on the day it is taken.** (See section II.M).

K. All hunters must comply with II.V above.

IV. HOW DO I SIGN OUT DURING ALL OTHER HUNTING SEASONS?

A. Hunter sign-out for the General Weapons Javelina hunt in February is done through the MP Desk.

B. Mandatory hunter sign-out is conducted by the Military Police Operations Desk (telephone 533-3000 or 2181). MPs CONTROL HUNTER SIGN-OUT, AS A SERVICE TO HUNTERS, TO PROVIDE SAFETY CLEARANCE & TO CONTROL ACCESS INTO HUNTING AREAS, AS PART OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFETY & SECURITY ON POST. MPs ARE **NOT** RESPONSIBLE FOR KNOWING OR PROVIDING HUNTING REQUIREMENTS OR INFORMATION. EACH HUNTER IS ACCOUNTABLE FOR KNOWING SEASON DATES, WEAPONS RESTRICTIONS & ALL OTHER HUNTING REGULATIONS ON POST & IN ARIZONA.

1. Have your 6 digit, post permit number available, & call 533-3000 or 2181.

2. Ask to sign out for hunting, & wait if asked.
3. Provide post permit no., area(s) desired, & game hunted, as the information is requested.
4. Wait for the MP to check information & clear you.
5. If the MP says there is no Hunter Control Card on file under your post permit no. & name, you may go to the MP station in person, show your post hunting permit (or leave them a copy), & sign out for your hunt.

C. Hunter sign-out is mandatory for each hunting trip. Re-signing out is required to change hunting areas.

D. Signing-in from hunting is not normally required during times the MP Desk conducts hunter control; however, checking of big game is still required (See section II.M).

1. The MP Desk **may** request hunters to sign-in at the end of hunting. If so, hunters should follow any such directive.

E. All hunters must comply with II.V above.

F. During small game, archery, predator, & some Hunt Permit-tag requiring hunts a **hunter may sign out for up to 3 adjacent Game Management Areas**, if requested areas are not full or closed by firing or training.

1. These 3 areas **must be adjacent** to reduce problems the Military Police might have in emergency notifications, or in having to locate a hunter who did not return as scheduled.

2. These 3 areas may include **ONLY 1 Archery-only Area.**

G. START: Hunter sign-out through the MP Desk begins at 0430.

H. END: Hunters will not be permitted to sign out after 1730.

I. Hunters must be out of the field by 1.5 hours after sunset.

J. Hunters with a javelina General Weapons Permit-tag who choose to hunt in Archery-only areas with bow or crossbow during their hunt are **not** required to wear safety colored clothing while in these areas.

V. HOW DO I GET BIG GAME TAGS?

A. You may purchase a Nonpermit (or "over the counter") tag for mountain lion, fall bear, & archery deer hunting from any AGFD license dealer, including the Ft Huachuca Sportsman Center. You may purchase an archery deer Nonpermit tag & still apply for a Hunt Permit-tag-requiring deer hunt; however, you can fill only one of these deer tags. The 2003 Archery deer tags are invalid on 1 Jan 2004. You must use a 2004 hunting license number or an application for a 2004 AZ hunting license, to apply for javelina or bear Hunt Permit-tags.

B. Big game Hunt Permit-tags (for rifle deer, spring & summer bear, & all javelina hunts) for use on Ft Huachuca **cannot be applied for on-line or by telephone** & must be obtained from AGFD **only by US mail** through regular AGFD procedures. Application procedures & fee schedules are given on pages 6-9 of the "Arizona Hunting Regulations 2003-2004" (See <http://www.azgfd.com> or http://www.gf.state.az.us/pdfs/h_f/fall_hunt_regs.pdf).

C. Applications for deer hunts that require Hunt Permit-tags must reach the Arizona Game & Fish Department by 7:00 PM, 10 June 2003. . If you are drawn, the Permit-tag will be mailed by 25 July 2003. See AZ Hunt Regulations about tags left after 11 August, available on a 1st-Come, 1st-Serve basis. **Leftover tags for FORT hunts CANNOT be applied for on-line or by telephone, & can be obtained ONLY by US mail to: AGFD; Attn: Hunt Draw; 2221 W Greenway Rd; Phoenix, 85023; NOT the PO Box & ZIP on printed application envelopes.**

D. Archery-only & general weapons javelina hunts & spring & summer bear hunts require Hunt Permit-tags. Applications for javelina & bear hunts must reach AGFD by 7:00 PM on 14 October 2003. If **2004** AZ Licenses are not locally available at the time you wish to apply, you must use an application (AZ Form 390) for a 2004 AZ Hunting or Combination License with your Permit-tag application. If you are drawn, the license & tag will be mailed by 21 November 2003. See AZ Hunt Regulations about tags left after 24 November, available by 1st-Come, 1st-Serve. **Leftover tags for FORT hunts CANNOT be applied for on-line or by telephone, & can be obtained ONLY by US mail to: AGFD; Attn: Hunt Draw; 2221 W Greenway Rd; Phoenix, 85023; NOT the PO Box & ZIP on printed application envelopes.**

E. A Hunt Permit-tag will be mailed directly to each successful applicant. Hunters must sign-out in person at the Sportsman Center the first time they choose to hunt. (See III.X).

F. Open hunting dates, & hunt numbers for those hunts on post that require being drawn for an AGFD Hunt Permit-tag, are:

HUNTERS ARE REMINDED TO READ & **BE FAMILIAR WITH THIS ENTIRE FACT SHEET, NOT JUST HUNT NUMBERS.** THIS WILL HELP DIRECTLY TO CONTINUE THE AVAILABILITY OF BIG GAME HUNTING ON FT HUACHUCA, & ITS COMPATIBILITY WITH OTHER ACTIVITIES.

DEER

Archery-only: Two bowhunting periods are open on post. The first period is Aug 23-Sept 19, 2003. Legal game is any antlered deer. The second is Jan 1-31, 2004. Legal game is any deer. **There is no December Archery-only hunt open on Ft Huachuca.** You must possess a Permit-tag for Hunt No. 1196 or 1199 to hunt deer on post in December.

<u>Hunting Dates</u>	<u>Hunt No.</u>	Comments (open area, legal weapons, legal game, # of permits) & Requirements * _____
!! ALL DEER TAGS HAVE BEEN ISSUED !!		

General Weapons:

Nov 7-18, 2003	1200	Ft Huachuca in Unit 35A CHAMP Hunt**, 010 ***Designated whitetail or mule deer Permit-tags.
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Nov 7-18, 2003	1197	Ft Huachuca in Unit 35A, 010 Antlered mule deer Hunt Permit-tags.
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Nov 7-18, 2003	1198	Ft Huachuca in Unit 35A, 090 Antlered white-tailed deer Hunt Permit-tags.
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Dec 12-30, 2003	1199	Ft Huachuca in Unit 35A, 0120 Antlered white-tailed deer Hunt Permit-tags.
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Muzzleloader:

Dec 12-30, 2003	1196	Ft Huachuca in Unit 35A, 010 Antlered deer Hunt Permit-tags.
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* NOTE 1: If you receive ANY ARIZONA DEER HUNT PERMIT-TAG in the Drawing, you MAY NOT APPLY for a deer Hunt Permit-tag during the 1st-Come, 1st-Serve application period. If you were an unsuccessful applicant, or missed the Drawing for deer hunts, you MAY apply for any remaining deer permits during the 1st-Come, 1st-Serve period BEGINNING 11 August 2003, **by US Postal mail only for Ft Huachuca leftover tags** (See section V. C.)

** NOTE 2: CHAMP hunters must arrange & complete a hunting area orientation with a local hunter-cooperator prior to actually signing out to hunt with their deer Permit-tag. (See section I. D.)

*** NOTE 3: Limited harvest of antlerless deer will be allowed in specific hunt areas.

<u>Hunting Dates</u>	<u>Hunt No.</u>	<u>Comments (open area, legal weapons, legal game, # of permits) & Requirements</u>
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PRONGHORN ANTELOPE

No seasons are open on Post in 2003.

BLACK BEAR

General Weapons:

Fall Bear:

Aug 22-~~Oct 23~~, 2003, none

SEASON CLOSED ON POST -- HARVEST OBJECTIVE FILLED

~~Non-permit tag required. Any bear except sows with cubs. Female harvest objective =1. Post permit required.~~

Spring Bear:

Mar 19-Apr 27, 2004, 8899

Ft Huachuca in unit 35A, **General Weapons**, 2 Permit-tags for any bear except sow with cubs. Female harvest objective =1. Post permit required.

Archery-only:

April 28-Aug 29, 2004, 8898

Ft Huachuca in unit 35A, **Archery-only**, 2 Permit-tags for any bear except sow with cubs. Female harvest objective =1. Post permit required.

JAVELINA

Archery-only:

Jan 1-31, 2004, 5598

Ft. Huachuca in unit 35A. **Archery-only**, 20 Hunt Permit-tags for Any Javelina. Post permit required.

General weapons:

Feb 13-19, 2004, 5599

Ft Huachuca in unit 35A. **General Weapons**, 20 Hunt Permit-tags for Any Javelina. Post permit required.

TURKEY

No seasons are open on Post in 2003 or 2004.

G. OTHER POST HUNTS: All other hunting seasons held on Ft Huachuca will run concurrently with hunting seasons open in Unit 35A. These hunting seasons are exactly as listed in the current "Arizona Hunting Regulations for 2003-2004."