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Fort Huachuca Hunting Information, Regulations and Guidelines



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**FORT HUACHUCA HUNTING POLICY, 2015-2016
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Introduction

US Army Garrison Fort Huachuca allows access to natural resources to the extent appropriate and consistent with the military mission, safety, security requirements, and the sustainability of these natural resources. Hunting activities are allowed only in areas not being used for military training and when mission, security, natural resource, and safety conditions allow. Portions of the installation may be closed to hunting because of security, safety, military training requirements, fires, potential fire danger, inclement weather, or wildlife management concerns. In training areas, recreational activities are limited to avoid conflicts with training exercises. All recreational activities, including hunting, are subject to all applicable federal, and state laws, and installation regulations.

Each hunter is responsible for knowing information, procedures, and regulations contained in this publication, and each hunter is required to fully read and comprehend the entire document. The future of hunting on Fort Huachuca depends on every hunter acting in a responsible way and abiding by all rules, regulations, and policies contained within this document and Arizona state law.

This document will be updated each year to reflect changes in policy and to announce new, altered, and/or cancelled hunts. It is the responsibility of each hunter to be aware of these changes and to accurately choose which hunts they wish to participate in. Hunters are advised to not simply flip to the hunt numbers to gain the information needed to apply for a hunt, but to review this entire document to make an informed decision about the hunts that best fit the needs of the individual hunter. Failure to abide by Post and/or state hunting regulations, laws, rules, or command directives may result in loss of Post and state hunting privileges, as well as applicable military, state and federal criminal sanctions.

Points of Contact

Environmental Natural Resource Division, Hunting Program Management

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Branch Chief, ENRD 520 533 1867 Check in/out (Deer season only) 520 678 8112

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Changes and New Information

New policies have been adopted that all hunters need to be aware of. The following represent changes from previous year's regulations.

- Training areas (T1, T2, T3) have been closed to all hunting. These areas will not be accessed by anyone for the purpose of hunting, scouting, or any other hunting related activity, or any other non-mission related activity.
- The use of any attractant to lure wildlife for the purpose of hunting is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: commercially and home-mixed feeds, salt licks or powders, and non-sanctioned water sources.
- Tree stands and blinds may be used for hunting purposes provided they are used in compliance with the policy set forth on page 16 of this document.
- For security reasons, the use of wildlife cameras is prohibited on the installation.
- Physical check in is no longer required to show proof of blaze orange apparel. It is the responsibility of the hunter to abide by all policies set forth in this guide.
- Fort Huachuca in conjunction with the Arizona Game and Fish Department has trained several military police officials in wildlife law enforcement and they will have an increased presence in hunting areas. These officials will enforce all laws and regulations set by both the garrison and the state regarding hunting.

Hunter check in/check out procedures

Required Documents

- Fort Huachuca Post Permit
- Fort Huachuca Safety Brief Completion Certificate
- Proof of bonafide hunter education course completion Certificate
- Proof of Fort Huachuca Weapons registration
- Arizona State Game and Fish Hunting or Combo License
- Arizona State Game and Fish Hunt Tag (if required)

Procedures

November and December Deer Hunts

- Hunters must provide a copy of the required documents to the Environmental and Natural Resources Division (ENRD) prior to first sign-out. Documentation can be scanned and emailed to mark.j.mccabe2.ctr@mail.mil, or you can bring copies to Mr. Mark McCabe in Building 22526, starting two weeks prior to the opening day of the hunt.
- Physical sign-out on the opening day of the hunt is no longer required, as long as required documents have been received by ENRD before-hand.

- Hunters can either call-in or physically come to Building 22526 to sign-out to a hunting area beginning at 0500 each day of the general deer hunts. The phone number for sign-out/in (for deer hunts only) is 520-678-8112.
- Harvested game shall be weighed and information recorded at the self-check station located in the back of the Sportsman Center.
- Hunters are required to sign-in from a hunting area prior to moving to a different training area.
- Hunters are required to sign-in at the end of each day and must be signed-in no later than 1930 each day.
- Hunters who wish to hunt on federal holidays will be required to call the MP station at 520-533-3000 to sign-out or sign-in for hunting areas.

Other hunts- non-permit archery deer, small game, game birds, predators; turkey, puma, javelina, pronghorn, and bear

- All hunters are required to check in with the MP desk at 520-533-3000 prior to going afield.
- Hunters are required to sign-in from a hunting area prior to moving to a different training area.
- Hunters are required to sign-in at the end of each day and must be sign-in each day.

Hunting Rules

WHO CAN HUNT ON POST?

- All active and retired military personnel, their spouses, and legal dependents 10 years old or older. All active and retired National Guard, their spouses, and legal dependents 10 years or older. Active Reservists and their dependents are eligible. Current full-time civil service and non-appropriated fund employees of Fort Huachuca, their spouse and legal dependents 10 years old or older. Proof of civilian status requires showing a Fort Huachuca common access card. Having a Fort Huachuca permit from a previous year is not sufficient proof of eligibility.
- A valid Arizona licensed hunter and Fort Huachuca permit holder who is 21 years or older may sponsor two (2) guest hunters for a one-week period. The start of the week period begins when the guest hunter signs his permit. A sponsor is authorized five (5) guest hunts per hunting year (July 1-June 30). Sponsors are required to validate their responsibility for the guest(s) by countersigning on the guest(s) permit OR to sign a statement provided by the Sportsman Center guaranteeing their guest hunter's competence with hunter safety, firearms used on the hunt, and that each guest is in compliance with Arizona and Fort Huachuca Hunting Regulations. A guest hunter is authorized to hunt only upland game birds and rabbits. A guest hunter is required to sign a statement of liability provided by the Sportsman Center in order to receive a guest hunter permit.

- Guest hunter permit fee is \$20 per one week period.
- Guest hunters must register their firearm(s) at the Military Police station (533-3000 or 533-3120) in accordance with FH Reg 190-14. A guest hunter must remain within visual and voice range of the sponsor at all times while hunting.
- A guest hunter may hunt with more than one sponsor, but may not exceed five (5) hunts for the year. All guest hunter requirements apply for each sponsor.
- All hunters on Fort Huachuca must possess a valid Arizona hunting license. See Appendix 3 for residency requirements. Hunters may use either a resident or a non-resident hunting license to fulfill this requirement.

Weapons:

- All weapons must to be registered with the provost marshal prior to hunting. Weapons must be re-registered every three years. Weapons registration is located at the MP Station, Building 22336 (0800 – 1600). DO NOT bring the un-registered weapon with you! Only the bill of sale or other documentation indicating the make, model, and serial number is required for weapons registration. If documentation doesn't exist, a statement listing the required information and witnessed by the unit commander or a notary public is required.
- ALL personnel including but not limited to active duty, retired, National Guard, and reserve military and their family members; Department of Defense employees and their family members; and civilians who are not affiliated with Fort Huachuca who desire to possess a privately owned weapon on this installation will register the weapon with the Provost Marshal Office.
- Under no circumstances will loaded weapons be transported in a vehicle while on Fort Huachuca to include while in the field. The only exception to this rule is muzzle loading weapons and then the firing cap or flash pan has to be removed.
- Hunters using muzzleloading or cap and ball type blackpowder firearms must remove the cap 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 sabot, conical or ball projectiles.
- Bow hunters must transport arrows in a quiver.
- These restrictions also apply when a hunter walks across a fort safety zone (No Hunting area).
- Weapons will be transported to and from the hunting area or check-in station only. Only emergency stopping is allowed.
- Under no circumstances will concealed weapons be allowed.

Army Regulation 190-11/Fort Huachuca Regulation 190-11 states:

- The carrying of privately owned weapons, explosives, and ammunition on Army installations is prohibited unless authorized by the Military Police.
- Carrying of a concealed weapon on the installation is prohibited regardless of whether a state or county permit has been obtained.
- Registration is required for all weapons coming onto the installation (even for temporary/one-time use).

- Required that registration document be presented upon request (copy to be kept with weapon at all times).
- Commanders verify proof of legal ownership and individuals are not prohibited from owning a firearm (para 4-5c(4)(a)—4-5c(4)(f))
- Carrying a loaded firearm in a vehicle is prohibited.
- Privately owned weapons in vehicles will be placed unloaded in a holster case or scabbard and placed in the vehicle trunk or luggage or glove compartment or placed in plain view if the vehicle is not equipped with these storage areas. Ammunition will be transported separately from the weapon(s) in a location where both the privately owned weapon(s) and ammunition are not within reach of the driver and/or passengers
- Privately owned weapons taken from authorized storage areas will be transported directly to places of authorized for use by the most direct route.

Weapons requiring registration:

- Shotguns, Rifles, Handguns, All war trophy weapons, Antique and replica firearms with operational firing mechanisms, Fully automatic weapons (if properly registered with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Fireman's, U.S. Department of Treasury), Curios and relics (such as shot pistols), Shoulder stocked pistols and revolvers, Muzzle loading weapons, Cross bows, privately owned weaponeer guns, Martial Arts "throwing stars," and Stun guns.

Weapons that do NOT require registration:

- Air rifles and pistols, BB, pellet, and dart guns, Bows and/or arrows, Hatchets, knives, daggers, swords, spears, or similar instruments with a blade or cutting edge, Sling shots, Boomerangs, Spear guns or similar devices.

Discharge of weapons (also see Appendix 2)

- Target practice and sighting in are not authorized away from an established shooting range.
- 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 and signed-out hunter.
- 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.
- Hunting and/or shooting within a radius of 200 yards with a bow and 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/UAS area, etc.) when in use.
 3. Libby Army Airfield.
 4. Garden Canyon and Huachuca Canyon picnic areas.

5. Ammunition Storage Areas.
6. Recreation 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. Hunting is not allowed within 100 yards of any major road or a road likely to have regular traffic.

General Rules: (Also review Appendix 1)

- Blaze orange is the standardized, required color of the upper garment and hat that ALL OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL USERS of Post training lands must wear during deer and javelina rifle big game seasons. Failure to adhere to this rule will result in an immediate one-week suspension of hunting privileges. Quail, squirrel and cottontail rabbit hunters also must wear blaze orange when hunting.
- Alteration of the terrain to create water basins/catchments; bait; salt or mineral licks; powders; granules; urine; chemical or natural attractants; live or deceased animals; to attract game to an area for the purpose of present or future hunting is prohibited.
- Hunters are reminded to stay in the area they are checked into.
- All deer will be checked at the check station when they harvest a deer (or other big game and predators).
- Remember to be courteous to other hunters; there may be small game hunters and other recreational users in your area as well.
- Any hunter issues/violations arising in the field should be coordinated directly with the MP station by calling 533-3000.
- Under no circumstances are vehicles allowed to be driven off designated roads or trails, including, but not limited to, retrieval of downed game. Hunters will not attempt to harvest game that cannot be retrieved on foot. Accommodations can be arranged for hunters with a valid CHAMP hunting status.
- For security reasons, the use of wildlife cameras and unmanned aerial vehicles for the use of hunting is prohibited on the installation. The only exception is for the Directorate of Public Works Environmental and Natural Resources Division, the Directorate of Emergency Services, and Federal and State Wildlife Management officials for game management and law enforcement purposes.
- Tree stands and blinds may be used for hunting purposes under the following conditions: Tree stands and blinds must be identified/labeled with a tag that includes the owner's name, contact information, hunting license and post hunting permit number, date installed, and game being hunted. Unlabeled items will be removed when discovered, taken to the Military Police Station, and disposed of in accordance with applicable rules and regulations. Further, violators of this policy may have their Fort Huachuca hunting privileges suspended or revoked. Altering of landscape for the purposes of installing a tree stand or blind (i.e. limbing or cutting of trees, etc.) is prohibited. Tree stands and blinds may not be placed more than 7 days in advance of

any hunt requiring a tag and must be removed not more than 7 days after the hunt. For hunts not requiring a tag (i.e. predator, waterfowl, small game, etc.), tree stands or blinds must be set up and removed the same day. To comply with blaze orange requirements during general deer hunts only, any manmade material ground blinds deployed in areas that allow firearm hunting must display solid blaze orange material. The blaze orange material must be at least 100 square inches (10 by 10 in.) on each side or at least a 400 square inch cap on top of the blind. Either way, it must be visible from all around the blind.

- Predator hunters: Hunters, especially predator tag holders, must be familiar with identifying features of Mexican wolves, jaguars and ocelots (see pp. 68, 69 and 105 in “2014-15 Arizona Hunting Regulations”). All three species are protected by state and federal law. An ocelot has been documented in the Huachuca Mountains in several times recently and a jaguar in an adjacent mountain range. Responsible, prudent hunters will know exactly what they are shooting. Shooting a protected species on the fort could significantly restrict hunting opportunities in the future, for all hunters.
- Legalities of picking up wildlife parts: Contact AGFD (or if on Fort Huachuca, Conservation Mgmt. Branch at 520-533-5529) prior to picking up vertebrate wildlife parts found afield (other than shed antlers). Arizona law requires evidence of legality when possessing or transporting wildlife carcasses or parts. Furthermore, collecting ANY natural resource on the fort is authorized ONLY by written permission. Post hunting permit authorizes possession of legally taken wildlife. Other collecting requires specific written permit.
- Other active recreation areas: Post hunters should be cognizant of where other outdoor recreationists are likely to be (such as golfers and equestrians). Bow hunters must not park on or walk through golf course grounds to hunt. Hunters also should avoid walking through Buffalo Corral exterior fences or horse pasture fences. Hunters desiring to use area 6-10 must contact the Corral Manager prior to hunting. Do not cut any fences for any reason. Contact the Corral Staff for assistance.
- Possess all licenses, stamps and tags required by AGFD for the game hunted.

Additional laws, rules, and guidelines

- Abide strictly by all hunting regulations published yearly by the Arizona Game and Fish Department.
- Be familiar with and abide by all fort and AZ hunting, firearms and safety regulations. Fort Huachuca Game Management Area Maps (Main Post, East Range, and Archery Areas) also contain information hunters must follow.
- Anyone entering Fort Huachuca will be required to show identification at the gate before being allowed access to post. Vehicle operators must have vehicle registration and proof of insurance.
- Eligible dependents under 16 years of age must be accompanied by a properly licensed adult when hunting. Properly licensed means the accompanying adult must have an Arizona Hunting License and a Post Hunting Permit.
- ALL deer, pronghorn, lion, bear, javelina and turkey harvested on Post must be checked in at the Sportsman Center on the DAY HARVESTED. After duty hours, a hunter must

weigh an animal on scales located under the ramada behind (east of) the Sportsman Center on Garden Canyon Rd (Bld. 15423). At this big game check station, fill in a self-check harvest information card with a telephone number or electronic mail address. Keep the lower jaw or head for at least 1 duty day in case a biologist requests to examine it. The AGFD also requires hunters to report archery deer harvest and to report and physically present to AGFD their harvested bear and/or lion; see AGFD regulations.

- Trapping on Post is not authorized for private individuals.
- There are specific areas for Archery-Only hunting on post. The map of these areas lists special rules hunters must follow when using them.
- All waterfowl hunting must be conducted with steel shot.
- Legal shooting times are during daylight hours (except for migratory bird hunts, which run according to federal regulations).
- Waterfowl and dove hunters must pay close attention to the policies laid out in the "Discharge of Firearms" section of this document. Several ponds (Gravel Pit parking area, Lakeside Terraces, Golf Course) are adjacent to regularly used roads and are not acceptable hunting areas.
- Vehicles, including motorcycles, Off Road Vehicles and All Terrain Vehicles are NOT authorized to travel off road or cross-country. Firebreaks and dirt roads maintained for vehicle access may be used for access to Game Management Areas by properly signed-out hunters. CHAMP hunters may hunt and shoot from a vehicle, but the weapon may not be loaded (or discharged) while the vehicle is in motion.
- Military training and firing schedules have priority over all hunts. Therefore, some or all Game Management Areas may be closed to hunting on any specific day.
- Hunting may be closed with little or no notice due to changes in training requirements.
- If hunt control personnel advise you that there is a caution in your chosen area, be extra alert and careful. The caution means there either is training or non-hunting recreational activities scheduled to occur in that area. 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 and sign-out for a different area.

Obtaining big game tags

- You may purchase a Non-permit (or "over the counter") tag for cougar, Archery-Only deer, and fall bear hunting from any AGFD license dealer. You can purchase an Archery-Only deer Non-permit tag and still apply for a Hunt Permit-tag deer hunt; however, you may fill only one of your two deer tags. A 2015 Archery deer tag is invalid on 1 Jan 2016.
- To draw Hunt Permit-tags (for rifle deer, spring and summer bear, pronghorn, javelina and turkey hunts) for use on Fort Huachuca, you must apply to AGFD. Be sure to use current AGFD application forms, confirm mail addresses for each draw application, and be aware of deadlines. See printed AGFD "2015-16 Arizona Hunting Regulations", or online at www.azgfd.gov, and other regulations published throughout the hunting year for hunts for other big game species.

- Applications for deer hunts that require Hunt Permit-tags must reach AGFD by a deadline each June. If you are drawn, AGFD will mail the Permit-tag in August. First-come, first-serve applications are accepted by AGFD for any leftover tags not issued in the draw. Check the AZGFD regulations for the acceptance date of left-over tag applications. Early applications arriving before that date will be returned. Leftover tags can be obtained **only** by US mail to AGFD, until about one week after the start. Permits still available can be purchased in person at any AGFD offices.
- Archery-Only and General javelina, spring and summer bear, turkey and pronghorn hunts also require Hunt Permit-tags. You can apply in 2014 for 2015 javelina, bear, turkey and pronghorn Hunt Permit-tags, but you must use a 2015 Arizona hunting license number or an application for a 2015 hunting license.
- Applications for javelina, bear and turkey hunts on Fort Huachuca must reach AGFD by a date TBD in early fall. That date is published by AGFD in late summer, in their Spring Hunt Draw Information. Application for a drawing or first-come, first-serve allocation is the same procedure as the draw for deer hunts.
- Pronghorn application deadline is TBD in early winter.
- A Hunt Permit-tag will be mailed by AGFD directly to each successful applicant(s). Hunters must sign their tag(s), a legal document, before hunting with it.

Big Game Hunts

Fall 2015

Deer

<u>Hunting Dates</u>	<u>Hunt No.</u>	<u>Comments (open area, legal weapons, legal game, # of Permit-tags) & Requirements *</u>
Youth-Only Deer: Nov 13-29, 2015	1901	Fort Huachuca in Unit 35A. 15 Antlered deer Hunt Permit-tags. Post permit required. (See 2015-16 AZ Hunting Regulations for definition of Youth.
General Deer: Nov 20-29, 2015	1903	Fort Huachuca in Unit 35A. 12 Hunt Permit-tags for Antlered mule deer . Post permit required.
Nov 20-29, 2015	1904	Fort Huachuca in Unit 35A. 70 Hunt Permit-tags for Antlered white-tailed deer . Post permit required.
Dec 11-31, 2015	1905	Fort Huachuca in Unit 35A. 130 Hunt Permit-tags for Antlered white-tailed deer . Post permit required.
Muzzleloader: Nov 20-29, 2015	1906	Fort Huachuca in Unit 35A, 15 Antlered deer Hunt permit-tags. Post permit required.

Dec 11-31, 2015	1902	Fort Huachuca in Unit 35A, 8 Antlered deer Hunt Permit-tags. Post permit required.
Archery-Only:		
Aug 21 - Sep 10, 2015	none	<i>Mandatory harvest reporting to AGFD (and on Post)</i> Non-permit-tag required. Any antlered deer.
Aug 21, 2015- Jan 31, 2016	none	Non-permit-tag required. Any deer within Libby Army Air Field perimeter fence; open ONLY if deer control is needed and announced sometime within these authorized dates.
Jan 1-31, 2016	none	Non-permit tag required. Any antlered deer.

There is no December Archery-Only hunting open on Fort Huachuca. To hunt deer on the fort in December, you **must** possess a Permit-tag for General Deer Hunts No. 1902 or 1906.

* **NOTE:** If you receive ANY ARIZONA DEER HUNT PERMIT-TAG in the Drawing, you MAY NOT APPLY for a deer Hunt Permit-tag during the first-come, first-serve application period. If you were an unsuccessful applicant, or missed the Draw for deer hunts, you may apply for remaining deer permits during the first-come, first-serve period BEGINNING early August

Black bear

Mandatory physical check-in with AGFD (and on post)

<u>Hunting Dates</u>	<u>Hunt No.</u>	<u>Comments (open area, legal weapons, legal game, # of Permit-tags) & Requirements</u>
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Fall Archery-Only Bear:

Aug 21 - Oct 1, 2015	none	Hunt will not open unless a population management (bear control) need exists and may not be open during deer hunts. Any bear except sows with cubs. Female harvest objective is 1. Post permit required.
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Pronghorn antelope

There are no Pronghorn Antelope hunts on post during 2015. The Arizona Game & Fish Commission did not approve a pronghorn antelope hunt on the Fort because of low reproduction of fawns. From 2013 and 2014 surveys, surveyors found only 1 and 0 fawns that were recruited into the population.

Spring 2016 (Proposed, not final)**Black bear****General Spring Bear:**

Mar 18-Apr 28, 2016	8901	Fort Huachuca in unit 35A. 2 Hunt Permit-tags for any bear except sow with cubs. Female Harvest Limit is 1. Post permit required.
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Archery-Only Bear:

Apr 29-July 31, 2015	8902	Fort Huachuca in unit 35A. 2 Hunt Permit-tags for any bear except a sow with cubs. Female Harvest Limit is 1. Post permit required.
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Javelina**Archery-Only Javelina:**

Jan 1-31, 2016	5901	Fort. Huachuca in unit 35A. 16 Hunt Permit-tags for Any Javelina . Post permit required
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Jan 1-31, 2016	5903	Fort. Huachuca in unit 35A. 30 hunt permits for Any Javelina . Post permit required, only valid for Fort Huachuca hunt units 3-1, 3-2, G, K (<u>See note 1 below</u>)
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Note 1:

This hunt is offered as a management hunt to reduce the incursion of javelina onto Libby Army Airfield (LAAF). These tags are meant to be used in areas directly surrounding the airfield and will be enforced as such. Any use of these tags to take javelina in other areas is prohibited. Hunting within the perimeter of LAAF is prohibited. These tags are available during the regular draw process or may be purchased as a left-over tag (if there are still tags available after the draw). AZ regulation allows for the take of two (2) javelina per calendar year (see AZGFD Regulations for details).

General weapons Javelina:

Feb 12-18, 2016	5902	Fort Huachuca in unit 35A. 16 Hunt Permit-tags for Any Javelina . Post permit required
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Turkey**Limited Weapon-Shotgun****Shooting Shot Spring Turkey:**

Apr 22-May 19, 2016	4901	Fort Huachuca in unit 35A. Limited Weapon-Shotgun Shooting Shot. 3 Hunt Permit-tags for Bearded turkey . Post permit required.
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Roles and Responsibilities

Garrison directorates and their organizations have the following responsibilities.

Directorate of Public Works/ Conservation Mgmt. Branch:

- Provide factual updated Fort Huachuca Hunting Fact Sheet.
- Interface with Arizona Game and Fish Dept. for all matters pertaining to the hunting program.
- Establish policy for hunting on Fort Huachuca.
- Provide overall management of the hunting program.
- For all rifle deer hunts on Fort Huachuca, act as the central hunter control for hunter sign out and in.
- Maintain records of game harvest.

Directorate of Emergency Services/Ft Huachuca Military Police (Law Enforcement Division):

- Provide game management law enforcement for the hunting program.
- Maintain a Fort Huachuca hunting sign-out log to ensure hunters are in legal areas while hunting. (Other than general deer hunt)
- Maintain positive control of number of hunters in each open area.
- Coordinate with the Conservation Mgmt. Branch and the MWR Sportsman Center when required to enforce hunting regulations.

Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation/Ft Huachuca Sportsman Center:

- Act as the sole sales agent for on post hunting permits.
- Provide facility for hunter self-check station for harvested animals

Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security/Range Control:

- Ensure updated and accurate information on range closures is being passed to the Sportsman Center, especially during rifle deer hunts.
- Ensure barricades are being removed as soon as possible when an area is reopened for hunting.
- Provide Fort Huachuca safety brief certification.

Individual Hunters

- Ensure all stated policies in the Hunting Fact Sheet are being adhered to.

- Ensure hunting ethics and common courtesy for your fellow hunter is maintained.
- Bring all disagreements for resolution to the Conservation Mgmt. Branch and/or the MPs.

Appendix 1-FH Policy 15-087. Fort Huachuca Hunting Policy



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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: POLICY 15-067 – Fort Huachuca Hunting Policy

1. All personnel who hunt on Fort Huachuca must comply with Arizona Game and Fish Department Hunting Regulations and all applicable Federal, State and Army policy requirements. This includes US Army Garrison POLICY 15-062 – Wildlife Feeding Policy; and Fort Huachuca Regulation 190-11, which outlines the policy on the registration, possession and use of privately owned weapons and ammunition on the installation.

2. All personnel who hunt on Fort Huachuca must have a current Arizona hunting license. Hunters can purchase hunting licenses online at www.azgfd.gov. Hunters can purchase licenses, tags, and/or stamps from any of 340 license dealers (information is online at www.azgfd.gov), or Arizona Game and Fish Department offices statewide. For some species hunters must also purchase a stamp or stamp privilege for the license to be valid. Hunters will need a tag in addition to a valid license to hunt big game (Gould's Turkey, deer, black bear, javelina, mountain lion, pronghorn). Hunters must also sign all tags before going afield for them to be valid. There are several different seasons in which hunters can hunt a species in accordance with Arizona Game and Fish regulations (information is online at www.azgfd.gov). In addition to Arizona Game and Fish hunting license requirements, all personnel hunting on Fort Huachuca must have a valid Fort Huachuca hunting permit.

3. Tree stands and blinds may be used for hunting purposes under the following conditions. Tree stands and blinds must be identified/labeled with a tag that includes the owner's name, contact information, hunting license and post hunting permit number, date installed, and game being hunted. Unlabeled tree stands, blinds, and related items will be removed when discovered, taken to the Military Police Station, and disposed of in accordance with applicable rules and regulations. Altering of vegetation or landscape for the purposes of installing a tree stand or blind (i.e. limbing or cutting of trees, etc.) is prohibited. Tree stands and blinds may not be placed more than 7 days in advance of any hunt requiring a tag and must be removed not more than 7 days after the hunt. For hunts not requiring a tag (i.e. predator, waterfowl, small game, etc.), tree stands or blinds must be set up and removed the same day.

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4. Any attempt to attract game to an area for the purpose of present or future hunting is prohibited. This includes putting out bait; salt or mineral licks; powders; granules; urine; chemical or natural attractants; live or deceased animals; or improvement of the terrain to create water basins/catchments.
5. For security reasons, the use of wildlife cameras and unmanned aerial vehicles for the use of hunting is prohibited on the installation. The only exception is for the Directorate of Public Works Environmental and Natural Resources Division, the Directorate of Emergency Services, and Federal and State Wildlife Management officials for game management and law enforcement purposes.
6. All weapons must to be registered with the provost marshal prior to hunting. Weapons must be re-registered every three years. Weapons registration is located at the MP Station, Building 22336 (0800 – 1600). DO NOT bring the un-registered weapon with you! Only the bill of sale or other documentation indicating the make, model, and serial number is required for weapons registration. If documentation doesn't exist, a statement listing the required information and witnessed by the unit commander or a notary public is required.
7. Under no circumstances will loaded weapons be transported in a vehicle while on Fort Huachuca. The only exception to this rule is muzzle loading weapons and then the firing cap or flash pan has to be removed. Weapons will be transported to and from the hunting area or check-in station only. Under no circumstances will concealed weapons be allowed.
8. Blaze orange will be worn by all parties while in the field and consist of a minimum of a vest and hat. Blaze orange does not need to be worn during archery-only hunts. Failure to adhere to this rule may result in a minimum of an immediate one-week suspension of hunting privileges.
9. Under no circumstances are motor vehicles of any type allowed to be driven off designated roads or trails.
10. All hunters are expected to review identification traits of Mexican wolves, Jaguars and Ocelots in the Arizona Hunting Regulations (see www.azgfd.com). Rifle hunters, especially predator hunters, must be aware that jaguar and ocelots might be in the area and are fully protected by state and federal law. Criminal penalties may include imprisonment of not more than one year and a fine of up to \$50,000 and/or a civil penalty of up to \$25,000. State penalties include a fine of \$8,000 per endangered animal and \$72,500 and a class 1 misdemeanor for the take of a jaguar.
11. All hunters are required to sign-out to a hunting area and also sign-in prior to moving to a different hunting area. All hunters must sign-in when done hunting for the day.

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12. This policy is punitive in nature, failure to abide by this policy is a violation of Article 92 of the Uniform of Military Justice. Any non-active duty person(s) in violation of this policy may be subject to prosecution and to a bar from the installation under Title 18, United States Code, Section 1382. Additionally, violators of this policy may have their Fort Huachuca hunting privileges suspended or revoked.

13. The proponent for this Policy Memorandum is the Directorate of Public Works, Environmental and Natural Resources Division, IMHU-PWB, at 533-1867.



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Appendix 2- Restricted weapon areas

Weapons for use in Restricted or Limited Weapons Areas on Fort Huachuca, AZ

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Centerfire Rifle																	
Centerfire Handgun	X	X									X				X	X	X
Muzzleloading Rifle or pistol (single shot) See note 1	X	X									X				X	X	X
Black Powder Handgun See note 2	X	X									X				X	X	X
Crossbow- See note 3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Archery	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Shotgun w/ slug or buckshot	X	X									X				X	X	X
Shotgun w/ bird-shot	X	X									X				X		X
5mm or .22 RFM																	
Pneumatic Weapons	X	X									X				X	X	X
Slingshots	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

* Consult current Arizona Game & Fish Commission Orders & Regulations for allowable weapons for taking a particular species.

** All hunters, including those using pneumatic weapons (i.e. air rifles) & slingshots, must be properly licensed and signed out.

Notes

1) Muzzleloading firearms allowed for hunting by AGFD are authorized on post, e.g. traditional or modern in-line ignitions, shooting sabot, conical or ball projectiles.

2) Refers to "Cap and Ball" pistols and revolvers only.

3) Allowable during General Weapons Hunts, only for persons holding the appropriate Hunt-Permit tag.

Appendix 3-State Residency Requirements



Do I qualify as an Arizona resident?

When applying for a hunting or fishing license.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department recently revised its residency definitions, please read carefully.

The term "Domicile" is defined as a person's true, fixed and permanent home and principal residence. The term domicile means the same as residency in the state of Arizona.

Applying for Hunting and Fishing Licenses

You are eligible to apply for a hunting or fishing license, permit, tag or stamp as an Arizona resident, if you are a person who is:

- (a) A member of the armed forces of the United States who is on active duty and stationed in this state for either permanent or temporary duty may purchase a resident license permitting the taking of wildlife.
- (b) A member of the armed forces of the United States on active duty and stationed in another state or another country and who lists this state as that member's home of record at the time of an application for a license, permit, tag or stamp.
- (c) Domiciled in this state for at least six consecutive months immediately before the date of the application for a hunting or fishing license, permit, tag or stamp and who does not claim residency for any purpose in any other state or country.

If the residency of the applicant is in question, the following factors will be considered. The applicant:

1. Does not claim residency for any purpose in any other state or jurisdiction.
2. Has been issued an Arizona driver's license or an Arizona commercial driver's license. The possession of an Arizona ID card is not considered evidence of residency.
3. Is employed full-time in Arizona.
4. Files federal and/or state income taxes as an Arizona resident.
5. Is registered to vote in Arizona.
6. Is enrolled in, or has minor children enrolled in an Arizona public school without payment of non-resident tuition.

Additional Information

One can spend a large portion of every year in Arizona and not be a true Arizona resident. Ownership of property in Arizona does not entitle the owner to claim residency and has little bearing on determination of domicile. If you obtain resident rates for hunting, fishing, tags or any other special licenses or tuition in another state, you cannot apply for resident rates in Arizona. Likewise, if you exercise resident privileges for the purposes of hunting or fishing in Arizona, you cannot do so in another state. It is unlawful to claim two states as your place of domicile at the same time.

ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT

Phoenix (602) 942-3000	Pinetop (928) 367-4281
Flagstaff (928) 774-5045	Kingman (928) 692-7700
Yuma (928) 342-0091	Tucson (520) 628-5376
Mesa (480) 981-9400	www.azgfd.gov

The Arizona Game and Fish Department prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, age, or disability in its programs and activities. If anyone believes that they have been discriminated against in any of the AGFD's programs or activities, including employment practices, they may file a complaint with the Director's Office, 5000 W. Carefree Hwy, Phoenix, AZ 85086, (602) 942-3000, or with the Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 N. Fairfax Dr. Mail Stop: WSFR-4020, Arlington, VA 22203. If you require this document in an alternative format, please contact the Director's Office as listed above or by calling TTY at 1-800-367-8939.

ATTENTION SPORTSMEN: Wolves, Jaguars and Ocelots may be Encountered in Arizona

Know your animal

Sportsmen may encounter wolves, jaguars or ocelots while engaged in outdoor activities. All three species are listed as endangered in the United States under the Endangered Species Act (Act), and Take, which under federal law means "to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct" is generally unlawful and may subject you to federal and state prosecution. Criminal penalties may include imprisonment of not more than one year and a fine of up to \$50,000 and/or a civil penalty of up to \$25,000. You are responsible for identifying your target before shooting.

Once hunters are aware that they or their dogs are in pursuit of a jaguar or ocelot, they should stop the pursuit immediately. Dogs, if present, should be called off immediately. Sportsmen should let the animal leave the area and take all necessary steps to not intentionally harass or pursue the animal. Wolves, jaguars and ocelots that have been trapped and cannot be safely released should be reported to the Arizona Game and Fish Department immediately.

Jaguar tracks are similar to mountain lion tracks. The front feet of jag-

uars are larger than the hind feet (both pads and toes). Typically, jaguar tracks have rounder toes and shorter pad height than mountain lions. Overall, jaguar tracks tend to be wider than those of mountain lions (measuring up to six inches). There is considerable overlap in size between the two species however and their tracks are often difficult to distinguish. Scats are also similar.

The Department asks sportsmen to contact its 24-hour dispatch at (623) 236-7201 **immediately** if a jaguar or ocelot encounter is believed to represent a threat to either the animal or public safety. All other sightings should be reported at the same number as soon as possible, providing location and a description of any physical evidence that may be available. You also may send sighting information (location, physical description and photographs) to rarewitnessings@azgfd.gov.

The Arizona Houndsmen have offered a reward of up to \$5,000 to any individual who provides information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person who intentionally kills a jaguar. If you believe that you have witnessed a violation, please notify Game and Fish Department (Operation Game Thief) at 1 (800) 352-0700.



OCELOT



JAGUAR



BOBCAT



MOUNTAIN LION

Know the Difference

Coyote (*Canis latrans*)

Ears are prominent, pointed, relatively long.



Muzzle is slender and pointed.

*1-2 feet tall; 4 feet long with tail;
Front paw, 2.5 inches long x 2 inches wide*

- Nose is more pointed
- Usually displays skittish behavior, tends to flee immediately
- Legs and feet are smaller, more delicate
- Weighs 20 - 35 pounds
- Fur color is very similar to wolves:
 - Grizzled gray, rust or buff
 - Rarely white or black

Mexican Wolf (*Canis lupus baileyi*)

Ears are more rounded, relatively short.



Muzzle is large and blocky.

*2-3 feet tall; 5 feet long with tail;
Front paw, 4.5 inches long x 3.5 inches wide*

- Nose is broad
- Sometimes displays curious behavior and may not flee as quickly
- Legs are longer, giving wolves a more lanky appearance; feet are larger
- Weighs 50-80 pounds
- Fur color is very similar to coyotes:
 - Grizzled gray, black, rust or buff
 - Not all white or all black
- Not all wolves have radio collars

ATTENTION SPORTSMEN: Wolves, Jaguars and Ocelots may be Encountered in Arizona

Mexican Wolves in Arizona

During the past several years, many wolves have been illegally shot in Arizona and New Mexico, causing significant setbacks to the Blue Range reintroduction project. It is possible that some of these shootings were cases of mistaken identity, where the shooter believed the target was a coyote. It can be difficult to distinguish wolves from coyotes, especially when the sighting is brief, the animal is far away, if it's a juvenile wolf, or a wolf in its summer coat. Coyote hunters should exercise extra caution from July to November because wolf pups are active, and their appearance and behavior make them appear like coyotes. You are responsible for identifying your target before shooting.

If you are hunting in or near Unit 1 or 27, or near the United States/Mexico border east of Nogales, please be aware that Mexican wolves may be present. Mexican wolves are protected under the Endangered Species Act (Act). Take, which means "to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct," is generally unlawful, and may subject you to federal and state prosecution. Criminal penalties may include imprisonment of not more than one year and a fine of up to \$50,000 and/or a civil penalty of up to \$25,000.

Helping wolves and humans coexist

The gray wolf (*Canis lupus*) is classified as an endangered species in Arizona and New Mexico except between Interstate Highway 10 and Interstate Highway 40. Between these two highways, the wolf is classified as a non-essential, experimental population under section 10(j) of the Act (see map).



MEXICAN GRAYWOLF/flickrphoto



COYOTE BY GEORGE ANDREIKOVIC/Flickr

All wolves in Arizona are protected, and outside of specific exceptions contained in the 10(j) rule pertaining to the non-essential experimental zone, you may only kill a wolf in defense of human life. If you kill a wolf, you must report it to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service within 24 hours.

Ways to avoid wolf conflicts

Wolves normally avoid human contact. Like all wildlife, they can be curious and could become habituated to humans. This is especially true if when camping, people feed wolves (or leave dog food out at night).

If a wolf should approach you, raise your arms and look as big as possible. Yell or throw rocks to scare it away. Back away slowly – never run.

Some other tips

- Keep a clean camp.
- Prepare and store food and wash dishes away from sleeping areas.
- Properly store garbage in camp and dispose of trash in predator-proof receptacle.
- Keep pets close to you. Do not leave them unattended or allow to run free.
- Never feed wildlife – including wolves.

To report wolf sightings, possible livestock depredations, or harassment of wolves call:

Mexican Wolf Interagency Field Team – (928) 339-4329
 Operation Game Thief hotline – (800) 352-0700
 White Mountain Apache Tribe – (928) 338-1023

Non-essential Experimental Population Area



Mexican Wolf Non-essential Experimental Population Area

Sunrise and Sunset

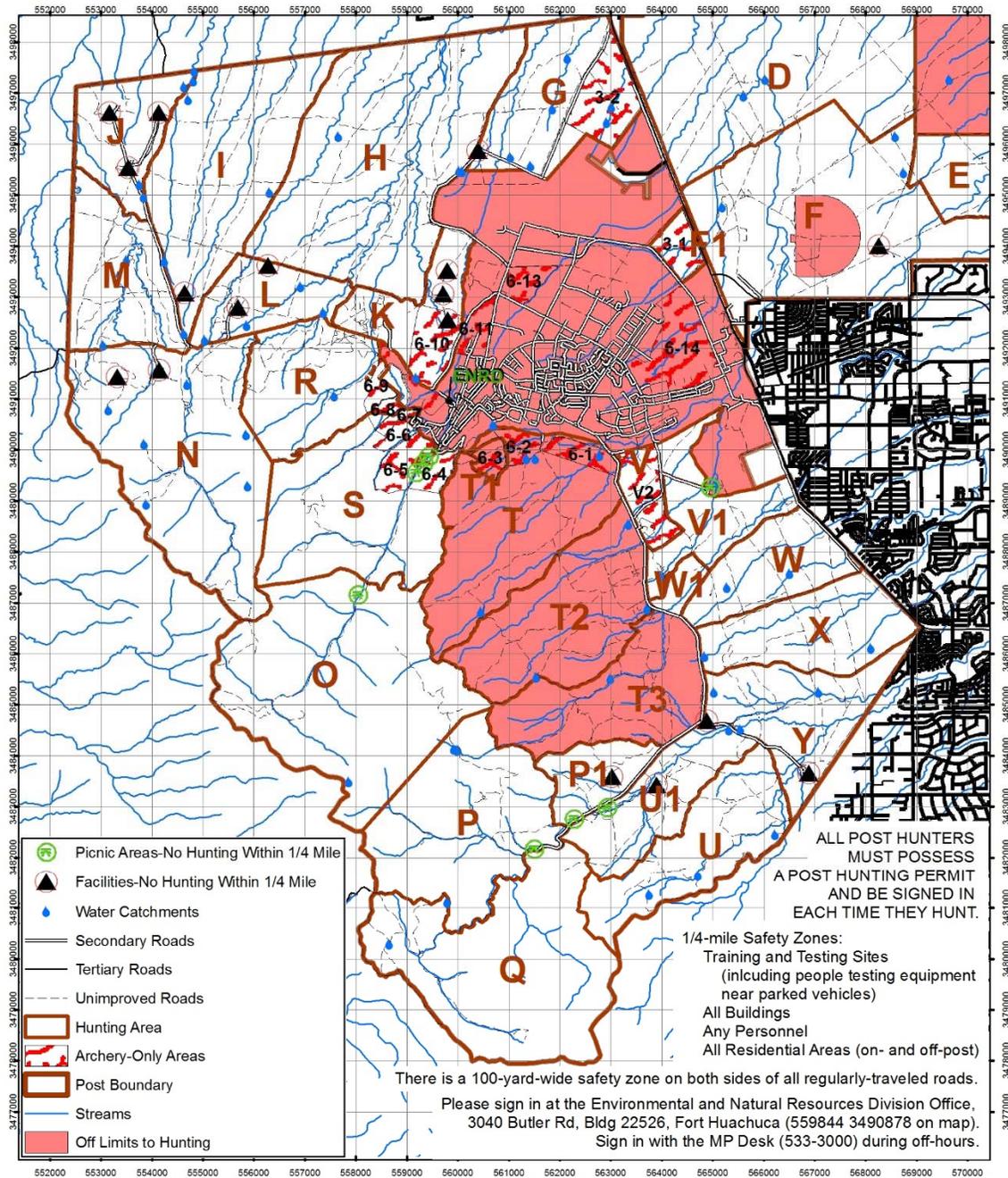
Sunrise and Sunset July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

Times shown are for Phoenix, Arizona. Figure up to nine minutes earlier for eastern areas, nine minutes later for western areas.

DATE	RISE	SET	DATE	RISE	SET	DATE	RISE	SET	DATE	RISE	SET
July 1	5:22	7:42	Sept. 30	6:22	6:14	Dec. 30	7:32	5:30	Mar. 31	6:16	6:48
July 8	5:25	7:41	Oct. 7	6:27	6:05	Jan. 6	7:33	5:35	April 7	6:07	6:54
July 15	5:29	7:39	Oct. 14	6:32	5:56	Jan. 13	7:33	5:41	April 14	5:59	6:59
July 22	5:34	7:35	Oct. 21	6:38	5:48	Jan. 20	7:31	5:48	April 21	5:50	7:04
July 29	5:39	7:30	Oct. 28	6:43	5:40	Jan. 27	7:28	5:55	April 28	5:43	7:09
Aug. 5	5:44	7:25	Nov. 4	6:50	5:34	Feb. 3	7:23	6:01	May 5	5:36	7:15
Aug. 12	5:48	7:18	Nov. 11	6:56	5:28	Feb. 10	7:17	6:08	May 12	5:30	7:20
Aug. 19	5:53	7:10	Nov. 18	7:02	5:24	Feb. 17	7:11	6:14	May 19	5:25	7:25
Aug. 26	5:58	7:01	Nov. 25	7:09	5:22	Feb. 24	7:03	6:21	May 26	5:21	7:30
Sept. 2	6:03	6:52	Dec. 2	7:15	5:20	Mar. 3	6:53	6:27	June 2	5:19	7:34
Sept. 9	6:08	6:43	Dec. 9	7:21	5:21	Mar. 10	6:44	6:33	June 9	5:18	7:38
Sept. 16	6:12	6:33	Dec. 16	7:25	5:22	Mar. 17	6:35	6:38	June 16	5:18	7:40
Sept. 23	6:17	6:24	Dec. 23	7:29	5:25	Mar. 24	6:26	6:43	June 23	5:20	7:42
									June 30	5:22	7:42

Appendix 4- Hunt Unit Map

Fort Huachuca South/West Range Game Management Areas



Created by Joshua Swanson
 ITAM GIS Analyst
 Range Control, Fort Huachuca
 April 23, 2007
 Updated by Pam Landin
 XCEL Engineering
 ENRD, Fort Huachuca
 July 27, 2015

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Fort Huachuca Emergency (9-1-1 on Fort Huachuca): 533-2111
 Mark McCabe, hunting coordinator: 533-5529

Weapons will be unloaded during transportation and during the time a hunter is in a safety zone or closed zones.

ENRD hotline: 520-678-8112
 Range Control Fire Desk: 533-7093

ALL WEAPONS MUST BE REGISTERED AT THE MP DESK BEFORE THEY ARE BROUGHT ON POST.

1:100,000 MP Desk: 533-3000
 NAD 83/WGS 84 Buffalo Corral: 533-5220