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SUMMARY: This policy sets forth the rules and guidelines for hunting, fishing, and trapping within the boundaries of Redstone Arsenal, henceforth referred to as (RSA)

APPLICABILITY: It applies to all persons hunting, fishing, or trapping on RSA.

PROPONENT AGENCY: Directorate of Operations, Law Enforcement Division.

SUPPLEMENTATION: Supplementation to this regulation by subordinate commanders is Prohibited.

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1. **PURPOSE.**

- a. This policy establishes policy, assigns responsibilities, and prescribes procedures for hunting, fishing, and trapping on RSA.
- b. Seasons, hours, legal game, daily bag limits, hunting ages, and possession limits for all game and fish are set by federal and state laws and regulations.
- c. All federal and state laws on hunting, fishing, and trapping apply to RSA. This policy, as well as special notices, rules, and procedures are posted at the Outdoor Recreation Branch, also apply to RSA.
- d. Installation hunting, fishing, and trapping activities may be closed, as necessary, in support of installation activities, training, or security requirements.

2. **RESPONSIBILITIES.**

- a. The USAG-RSA Commander manages and directs hunting, fishing, and trapping on RSA. Any exceptions or special requests to this policy must receive approval from the Garrison Commander.
- b. The Directorate of Operations, with USAG-RSA Conservation Officers as its authorized agents, is the proponent for enforcement of all hunting, fishing, and trapping regulations as well as aiding in control of nuisance wildlife and conducting studies related to wildlife and habitat management in conjunction with the RSA Garrison Wildlife Biologists. All activities related to nuisance wildlife control, depredation hunts or scientific studies are exempt from all hunting and fishing permits and license requirements. The Directorate of Operations.
 - (1) Range Support in building 7390 will function as the central organization for collecting and reporting of hunting area availability.
 - (2) Range Support in building 7390 will create a weekly hunting area availability report using a weekly standing data call. All Redstone

organizations identified with missions using hunting areas will provide input identifying such areas necessary to close on a day by day basis for one week ahead of the report effective date.

- (3) Range Support in building 7390 will disseminate the weekly hunting report to the Safety Office, Directorate of Public Works (DPW), Directorate of Operations and MWR Outdoor Recreation.
- (4) Range Support in building 7390 will take reports for daily changes in hunting availability due to mission requirements that could not be predicted in the weekly report. Coordinate these daily changes with Outdoor Recreation.
- (5) All Hunters must register weapons with the law enforcement at building 3623.

c. The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, Community Recreation and the Outdoor Recreation (ODR) Program is responsible for:

- (1) Maintaining HuntTrac/TeleTrac call in hunting area assignment system.
- (2) Sale of RSA hunting permits.
- (3) Control access of hunters, trappers, and fishermen.
- (4) Post hunting areas in HuntTrac.
- (5) Provide RSA Hunting and Fishing Policy/ upon request
- (6) Conducting annual hunter safety orientations for all Redstone hunters prior to the beginning of each annual hunting season. Orientations may be requested periodically throughout the season upon request for new hunters unable to attend pre-season orientations.
- (7) Implementing "on-the-spot" changes to the size, numbers and sex of deer taken during the hunt, as directed by the USAG-RSA Wildlife Biologists.
- (8) In conjunction with the Directorate of Operations, collecting weekly reports from DPW, DPW approved reporting contractors, and Redstone tenant organizations to prepare for utilization of restricted areas for hunting and fishing when they become available.

d. DPW is responsible for:

- (1) Establishing responsible points of contact for reporting hunting areas needed to be closed for mission requirements NLT 45 days prior to the beginning of hunting season. This report will meet established hunting requirements and schedule and will be made available to the Directorate of Operations.

- (2) In coordination with Contracting Officers Representatives and Contracting Officers, establish a process for selected larger contractors working over the entire installation and who control their own work schedules to be able to report their work requirements in hunting areas directly to the Directorate of Operations.
 - (3) Reporting changes to the availability of hunting areas due to DPW mission requirements to the Directorate of Operations, as soon as a change is identified.
- e. DPW, Environmental Management Division is responsible for:
- (1) Conducting all fish and game management activities, to include the upkeep of food plots, wildlife clearings and designating fishing areas on RSA.
 - (2) Coordinating with federal and state officials to set the dates of game harvest within the boundaries of RSA.
 - (3) Setting hunting limits, creel limits and restrictions as necessary for proper management of all species according to accepted wildlife science and ecological principles.
 - (4) Designating trapping areas, allowable species, and trapping limits.
 - (5) Biologist will maintain harvest data.
 - (6) Controlling nuisance wildlife under current state and federal permits. These actions are exempt from all RSA hunting, fishing, and trapping permit and license requirements, including those duties performed by the US Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services.
 - (7) Conducting studies related to wildlife and habitat management. These actions will be exempt from all RSA hunting, fishing, and trapping permit and license requirements.
- f. All Redstone tenant organizations controlling hunting lands on RSA for mission activities are responsible for:
- (1) Establishing a single point of contact responsible for reporting to the USAG-R Directorate of Operations (DoO) hunting area availability and utilization, and meeting established reporting schedules.
 - (2) Make available for hunting purposes all hunting areas not directly and immediately required for mission.
 - (3) Reporting unexpected changes to the availability of hunting areas for recreation to Directorate of Operations as soon as a change is identified, to ensure that workers and hunters are safely in and out of the affected areas respectively.

- (4) All authorized hunting, fishing, and trapping persons, to include guests and family members, on RSA will know and abide by federal and state laws and this policy. By receiving/accepting a RSA Hunting/Fishing/Trapping Permit, the receiver agrees to abide by all applicable laws, regulations and this policy.
- (5) Sponsors are responsible for the conduct and safety of their guests/Family members. Penalties assessed for violations committed by guests/Family members will also be assessed against the sponsor.
- (6) Weeden Mountain (areas 7E and 7W) and Madkin Mountain (areas 12 and 13) are designated as co-usage areas. Co-usage areas enable the land within the designated boundaries to provide year round activities for multiple uses i.e. hiking, mountain biking, trail maintenance etc. During hunting season, hunters should be aware that these other activities may be taking place and should remain mindful of other users.

3. PROCEDURES.

a. Eligibility to hunt, fish and trap on RSA, including the Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) portion.

- (1) Active/Retired Military, their dependents (with ID card), reserve components while on Active Duty training status (not weekend drill), and Gold Star Family Members may hunt, fish and trap. Active/Retired Military may sponsor up to two (2) guests for a 72 hour period, without the guest(s), obtaining a hunting permit or orientation. Guests of Active/Retired Military desiring to hunt for longer than 72 hours, must obtain an RSA hunting permit and attend orientation. Guests and dependents must be sponsored and accompanied no matter the length of stay. Active/Retired Dependents must be under the age of 22, unless a spouse of the sponsor. OPORD Order 20-018 expanded eligibility to Purple Heart recipients, former prisoners of war and all Veterans with service-connected disabilities.
- (2) Civilian/Retired employees (no guests) of the United States Government assigned to RSA and their accompanied dependents (under age 22 unless a spouse) may hunt, fish and trap (no waterfowl hunting).
- (3) No one under age 9 may handle a weapon.

b. Licenses and Permits.

- (1) RSA Hunting and trapping permits, required if 16 years old or older, are available at the ODR, Building 5139.
- (2) State Licenses/Stamps as required by state law.
- (3) Hunter education certificate (any state or Europe) as required by state law.
- (4) RSA Hunter Safety Orientation Card (certain exceptions may apply)
- (5) RSA Weapons Permit if using shotgun, muzzleloader or pellet rifle. Not required if

using archery.

(6) Children between the ages of 9-15 may participate in youth hunts.

c. Hunting.

- (1) Hunting is authorized in designated areas only. Hunting, fishing and trapping are authorized 7 days a week when applicable seasons and areas are open. There is no Hunting on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Hunting will be open until noon on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. Hunting is available on all other Federal Holidays.
- (2) Hunters should request a hunting area by logging into the HuntTrac system to find an available area. Active Duty may reserve an available area between 1700-1800 for the next day's hunt. All others may reserve an available area after 1800.
- (3) Dash placards will be clearly displayed on the vehicle dash. Hunters must clear hunting areas within the prescribed time limits.
- (4) Hunters hunting within Wheeler NWR, will hunt only in the portion identified on the map with corresponding area numbers, e.g. hunters in Area 55 may also hunt in Area 55R. Only deer and raccoon (non-toxic shot #6 or smaller for raccoon) may be hunted on Wheeler NWR lands.
- (5) Hunters may, after contacting a Conservation Officer or ODR and getting approval, look for wounded game in another open hunting area.
- (6) Hunters must report all wildlife taken at the end of each hunting day on the harvest form at ODR. Bucks must have at least a 15" outside spread or at least one antler with a 15" main beam length. All deer and turkey must be checked by an ODR staff member or a Conservation Officer prior to the animal leaving RSA. The hunter that harvests a deer or turkey must check the animal in prior to donating to anyone else. Does must have milk sac intact.
- (7) Hunters will not: Cut trees, use more than 4 dogs while small game hunting, drive/participate in deer drives, construct/use permanent blinds/tree stands, leave hunting equipment in the field overnight, destroy evidence of sex of deer or turkey, discharge a weapon in an unsafe manner, hunt in unauthorized area, tamper with any property not their own, loan/alter any official document pertaining to hunting, fishing or trapping, use/possess/be under influence of any intoxicants or substances, drive vehicles into food plots, block roads/gates/firebreaks, use unauthorized equipment or violate federal/state laws.

d. Weapons and Ammunition.

- (1) Only shotguns (10 gauge – 20 gauge) muzzleloaders, pellet rifles and archery equipment may be used for hunting. Hunters must use weapons/ammunition/archery equipment that complies with federal/state law

which also corresponds to the animal species they are hunting. However, shotgun/rifle combination firearms are not allowed for possession/use on RSA. Buckshot, no larger than 00 buck, is authorized for use on coyotes from 10 May – 30 September. Use of pellet rifles are limited to squirrel hunters and trappers.

- (2) Weapons (archery equipment is exempt) must be registered with DoO-Div. of Law Enforcement where a weapons permit will be generated. Hunters will observe a 300 foot minimum distance from buildings, structures and boundaries. Hunters will not fire from or across any road.

e. Turkey.

- (1) Season: Spring season only – Alabama State Law dates.
- (2) Bag limit: One per day. Limits established annually by Wildlife Biologist.
- (3) Turkey hunters are required to wear a cap/hat of hunter orange while walking to/from set up sites. Once stopped and set up, the orange cap may be removed.
- (4) Legal weapons, ammunition, prohibited methods and devices is per Alabama State Law.
- (5) Legal turkey hunting hours are per Alabama state law.

f. Deer.

- (1) Season: Per Alabama state law
- (2) Bag Limit: Limits and buck restrictions are set annually by the Wildlife Biologist in conjunction with applicable Alabama state law.
- (3) Safety Garments: Per Alabama state law.
- (4) Prohibited Methods and Devices: Deer decoys, game cameras and salt (Including Trophy Rock) are prohibited to use or possess on RSA. Other prohibitions are per Alabama state law.
- (5) Hunting may begin 30 minutes before sunrise and ends 30 minutes after sunset.
- (6) RSA residents may dispose of non-edible animal parts in authorized wooded areas at least 1,000 feet from any road or building. Those not living on-post must dispose of remains off-post. This does not prevent hunters from field dressing animals while still in their assigned hunting area if desired.

g. Beaver, Groundhog, Coyote, Feral Hog, Feral Cat and Skunk.

- (1) Per Alabama state law using weapons and ammunition authorized for use on RSA. (Part e. sections 1 & 2 apply)

h. Raccoon and Opossum.

(1) Per Alabama state law. Note: While on Wheeler NWR, Part d. section (5) applies.

i. Other Game Species.

(1) Mourning dove, quail, squirrel and rabbit. Per Alabama state law, however Part e. Sections 1 & 2 still apply.

(2) Waterfowl maybe hunted by Active Duty and Retired Military only, the guest rule still applies.

(3) Dogs may be used to hunt the above listed species. Hunters must have owner contact information on the collar of each dog used. If a dog cannot be retrieved at the end of the day's hunt, the dog's owner must contact RSA Police at 256-876-2222 or Dispatch at 256-544-4356, report that dog as not retrieved, and give officials contact information. When notified by a RSA official that their dog has been located, the dog's owner will respond promptly to retrieve the dog. Failure to follow this procedure may result in a suspension, inability to use dogs in the future, or both.

j. Fishing.

(1) Fishing is authorized in designated areas which are posted at ODR. Bradford Sinks availability is posted on the weekly range report. When Bradford Sinks is open, anglers must sign up in person at ODR before going to fish. Creel/size limits, equipment and methods are per Alabama state law. Boats are limited to electric motors or manual propulsion on RSA. A state fishing license is required for those 16 – 64 years of age.

(2) Rock Pond and Large Rock Quarry are closed to fishing.

k. Dog Training.

(1) The Wildlife Biologist and ODR must approve dog training with No Training occurring during turkey season or the months of May and June. Alabama state law applies in addition to the aforementioned requirements.

l. Scouting.

(1) Scouting is permitted during daylight hours only after processing through ODR and obtaining permission to scout. Use/possession of weapons, calls or decoys is prohibited when scouting. There will be no scouting once archery deer season begins.

m. Trapping.

(1) Trapping is permitted in designated areas only which is posted at ODR. Those wanting to trap, will submit a written request to the Wildlife Biologist and ODR. If approved, trappers will provide a map showing trap locations to ODR and notify ODR when traps are removed.

- (2) Trappers will provide the Wildlife Biologist and ODR a weekly report listing all animals trapped that week. Traps will be checked daily and marked with owner information.
- n. Alabama state law applies in addition to the above listed requirements. There is no trapping allowed on Wheeler NWR.
- n. Safety.
- (1) ODR staff, Conservation Officers and Police Officers will refuse/cancel permission to hunt, fish or trap to anyone suspected of using, possessing or being under the influence of any substance that compromises safety.
 - (2) Boats launched from or on RSA will conform to all applicable federal and state requirements. Hunters using boats to access a hunting area, must launch from RSA, place dash placard in vehicle at launch and also leave the same information clearly visible on the boat. Use of an approved PFD is required while boating.
 - (3) No person will attempt to touch or move any item of equipment not belonging to them. Those encountering suspected UXO or any suspicious item (i.e. cameras/tree stands), will not touch the item(s). Personnel will mark the location and notify authorities. Note: Installation biologists and conservation law enforcement utilize game cameras and stands for mission related work.
 - (4) Hunters using tree stands must use a safety belt/harness that can support the hunter's weight and shall be attached to the hunter and tree at all times when the hunter is not on the ground.
 - (5) No hunter shall drive, drill, screw or otherwise insert any metal object into a tree or hunt from a tree which has been prepared in such a way
 - (6) Anyone involved in/knowledge of an unsafe shooting incident will report the incident to the Redstone Arsenal Police and ODR immediately.
 - (7) Those having knowledge of in-progress wildlife violations or violations less than 90 days old, should report such violations to Conservation Officers. Failure to report may result in a suspension of privileges per the discretion of the Garrison Commander.

o. Violations and Penalties.

The Hunting Violations Review Board (HVRB) consists of members from the Command Group and other agencies that interface with outdoor recreational activities. HVRB is an administrative body which will convene on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 1300 hours from September – May in the Command Conference Room (A-203) Building 4488 to adjudicate violations of this Policy. Any changes to the HVRB schedule will be announced. If a violation of this Policy occurs, the violator will be immediately suspended until they appear before the HVRB at the next Board meeting closest to the violation date. The HVRB will hear from all involved parties relating to the policy violation. The HVRB will evaluate the information given and provide a recommendation to the Garrison Commander regarding administrative sanctions of privileges. If a violation results in a criminal act, the violator will be immediately suspended from hunting/fishing activities.

The HVRB will convene after all court proceedings are completed to provide a recommendation to the Garrison Commander.

The following list of violations and administrative penalties should be considered the maximum administrative penalty for that corresponding offense. The Garrison Commander will make the final determination for administrative sanctions.

APPENDIX A
PENALTIES

Illegal take of state or federally protected species	Up to Permanent
	Administrative Penalty
Discharging a firearm from a vehicle or from/across a named road	Up to Permanent Revocation
Driving Under the Influence or possession of illegal substance	Up to Permanent Revocation
Hunting while under the influence of intoxicants	Up to Permanent Revocation
Hunting with unauthorized weapon or ammunition	Up to Permanent Revocation
Unauthorized trapping	Up to Permanent Revocation
Taking or attempting to take game illegally/hunting out of season	Up to Permanent Revocation
Hunting with or over bait	Up to Permanent Revocation
Failure to obey law enforcement officer/submit to legal search or inspection	Up to Permanent Revocation
Making a false statement to obtain permit and/or area assignment	Up to Permanent Revocation
Hunting in an off limits or restricted area, impact area, cantonment area	Up to Permanent Revocation
Unauthorized use of permit or automated system	Up to Permanent Revocation
Illegal use of artificial light for locating game or hunting	Up to Permanent Revocation
Criminal trespassing on Federal property	Up to Permanent Revocation
Collection of historical artifacts	Up to Permanent Revocation

	Revocation
Carrying a concealed weapon while hunting	Up to Permanent Revocation
Failure to check in big game or turkey harvest	Up to 3 Year Suspension
Drive hunting/Participating in a drive hunting deer	Up to 3 Year Suspension
Transporting loaded. weapon in vehicle	Up to 3 Year Suspension
Unauthorized photography/Placing camera(s)	Up to 3 Year Suspension
Hunting in area closed to hunting	Up to 3 Year Suspension
Failure to register weapon(s) on the installation with Directorate of Operations	Up to 2 Year Suspension
Participating in outdoor recreation activities without area assignment	Up to 2 Year Suspension
Participating in outdoor recreation activities without valid permit/license	Up to 2 Year Suspension
Shooting before or after legal shooting hours	Up to 2 Year Suspension
Firing a weapon within 300 feet of an occupied building	Up to 2 Year Suspension
Harvesting a deer not meeting required antler restrictions	Up to 2 Year Suspension
Possessing under sized fish or fish in slot limit	Up to 2 Year Suspension
Exceeding bag/creel limit	Up to 1 Year Suspension
Outdoor recreation activities outside assigned area	Up to 1 Year Suspension
Bypassing roadblock, cable or gate in a vehicle	Up to 1 Year Suspension
Target practicing or discharging firearms in an unauthorized area	Up to 1 Year Suspension
Hunting with firearm capable of holding more than 3 rounds total	Up to 1 Year Suspension

Exceeding authorized natural resource collection limits	Up to 1 Year Suspension
Transporting uncased weapon in vehicle	Up to 6 Month Suspension
Unauthorized use of any all-terrain vehicle	Up to 6 Month Suspension
Allowing minors (under 15) to hunt unattended	Up to 90 Day Suspension
Unauthorized use of firebreaks or unauthorized roads	Up to 90 Day Suspension
Littering or dumping	Up to 60 Day Suspension
Failure to have required PFD in boat	Up to 60 Day Suspension
Failure to wear required safety garments and/or equipment	Up to 60 Day Suspension
Failure to utilize a safety harness while hunting in a tree stand	Up to 60 Day Suspension
Failure to complete check out procedures	Up to 30 Day Suspension
Failure to operate a boat in a safe manner	Up to 30 Day Suspension
Parking in an unauthorized area	Up to 30 Day Suspension
Failure to display area assignment parking permit in vehicle window	Up to 30 Day Suspension

APPENDIX B

REDSTONE ARSENAL HUNTER ORIENTATION/CLASSES

Outdoor Recreation Briefing

- Redstone Permit purchase
 - HuntTrac sign in/sign out procedures
 - Do's and don'ts, fence crossing, game harvest reporting
 - Disposal of animal waste parts, storing game in walk in cooler, cleanup of skinning shed, etc
 - Basic safety items (proper target ID, back stop, people in areas not affiliated with hunting, accessing thru the gates with weapons for hunting)
 - How to ID and report UXO or suspicious items hunters may encounter (Video).
 - Special emphasis on behavior inside RTC test areas
 - Hunting area dash placard
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Conservation Law Enforcement Briefing

- Summarize the law Enforcement section of the hunting and fishing policy touching on each section
 - Game reporting requirements and how the State DCNR also tracks deer and turkey taken on-post
 - Re-enforce the importance of biological harvest criteria
 - Provide historical examples of violations that have occurred
 - Enforcement procedures by DA police officers who may check them and are authorized to enforce fish and game laws
 - Parking do's and don'ts, where you can and can't drive your vehicle while hunting
 - Explain the hunter review board
 - Commonly asked questions
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Garrison (Biologist) Briefing

- Provides an overview of the goal of Redstone's wildlife management team (allowing bucks to mature; at least 1 year of age/herd sustainability/overall health)
- Video clips/images used to provide examples to the hunters regarding size/age deer to avoid harvesting and what would be a desired harvest size
- Provides graphs to show the hunters historical harvest data
- Commonly asked questions

Hunter Orientation Dates (Virtual Classroom)

Aug 27, Sep 17, Oct 8, Nov 12, Dec 3	Face Book Live Garrison Facebook Page all classes begin @1630
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APPENDIX C HUNTING & FISHING MAP

