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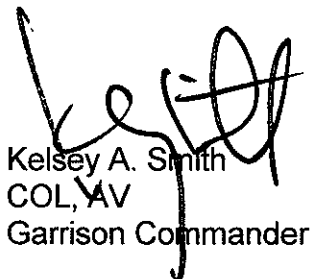
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SUMMARY. This policy establishes the hunting, fishing, and trapping plan for Redstone Arsenal (RSA). It establishes policy, procedures, and responsibilities for all activities to ensure compliance with federal, state, and RSA laws and regulations.

APPLICABILITY. This policy applies to all organizational elements, including tenant activities, on the installation.

PROONENT AND EXCEPTION AUTHORITY. The proponent of this policy is the Chief, Environmental Management Division, Directorate of Public Works, US Army Garrison-Redstone (USAG-RSA). The proponent has the authority to approve exceptions to this policy that are consistent with federal or state law or regulation.

MANAGEMENT CONTROL PROCESS. This policy does not contain management control provisions in accordance with Army Regulation 11-2. This Policy will be reviewed and published annually prior to the start of the fall hunting season on or about 1 SEP.

SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS. Users are invited to send comments and suggested improvements on DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) to USAG-RSA, Directorate of Public Works, Environmental Management Division, (IMRE-PWE), Redstone Arsenal, AL 35898.

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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, depravation hunts or scientific studies are exempt from all hunting and fishing permits and license requirements. The Directorate of Operations will:

(1) Function as the central organization for collecting and reporting of hunting area availability.

(2) 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) Disseminate the weekly hunting report to the Safety Office, Directorate of Public Works (DPW), Directorate of Operations and MWR Outdoor Recreation.

(4) 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) Register weapons.

c. The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, with the Outdoor Recreation Branch as its authorized agent, administers the hunting, fishing, and trapping programs to include:

(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 quotas, 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 quota.

(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 on 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.

g. 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. When a person receives a RSA Hunting/Fishing/Trapping Permit, he/she will sign a statement on the permit to indicate that he/she has received a copy of this policy and will abide by the rules herein.

h. Party leaders/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 their party leader

3. PROCEDURES.

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

(1) Military personnel and their dependents may hunt, fish, and trap on RSA. Military personnel include: Active duty, Retired, Military Dependents 18 years of age or older with a valid identification card, reserve and national guard components while on Active Duty training status, but not while on weekend drill status, and Allied Forces assigned for duty with US Forces when authorized US Army support.

(2) Civilian employees and their dependent Families may fish, trap, and participate in all authorized hunts, except waterfowl hunts. These individuals are limited to: Civilian employees of the United States Government assigned to RSA (as identified by RSA identification badges or Civilian Access Control (CAC) Cards), dependent Family members of eligible Civilians, and retired Civilian employees of RSA.

(3) Full-time RSA contractor employees, RSA subcontractor employees, and agricultural lessees (whose name appears on the lease) who have a RSA personnel identification badge may hunt (not waterfowl), fish and trap. These eligible employees may sponsor their dependents' participation in these activities. However, the employee must accompany his/her dependents during their participation, and supervise no more than 2 eligible dependents at one time. This is not intended to and does not authorize

participation of part-time and on-call contractor employees or part-time and on-call sub-contractor employees. This is also not intended to authorize participation by employees of agricultural lessees. All persons as indicated in this category will maintain a current statement of verification for their employment/lessee standing (RSA Form 200-3CH).

(4) Dependent Family Members.

(a) Military. Dependent Family members of eligible military personnel (paragraph 3.a.1) include spouses, children 17 years of age or younger, and those children 18 through 22 years who present a current student identification card and proof of age. Two Family members of military personnel may hunt when accompanied by their sponsor (maximum party of three people). Eligible dependents who are 18 years of age or older may participate during authorized hunts without being accompanied by their sponsor but are not entitled to bring guests or other minor (under 18 years of age) siblings.

(b) Civilian/Contractors/Subcontractors/Agricultural Lessees. Dependent Family members of eligible Civilians/contractors/subcontractors/agricultural lessees (Para 3.a.2 and Para 3.a.3) include spouses, children 17 years of age or younger, and those children 18 through 22 years who present a current student ID card and proof of age. A maximum of two of these Family members may hunt only when accompanied by their sponsor (maximum party of three people).

(5) Guests (defined as those who are not already eligible hunters on RSA):

(a) Military personnel may take two guests hunting (maximum hunting party of three people).

(b) Guests must be accompanied by their sponsor at all times and must remain within the assigned hunting area with their sponsor.

(c) Military personnel with guests not otherwise authorized to access RSA will escort their guests at all times while hunting on RSA.

(d) Civilian employees, contractors, subcontractors, and agricultural lessees are not authorized to have guests.

b. Licenses and Permits.

(1) Eligible personnel can obtain hunting and trapping permits at the Outdoor Recreation Branch, Building 5139.

(2) All persons 16 years or older who hunt or trap on RSA will have in their possession a valid state of Alabama hunting, fishing and/or trapping license, as well as any special

license, stamp or permit required by federal or state law. Additionally, an appropriate RSA Permit (Form 278-1) and hunter orientation (Form 278-4) are required, and valid shotgun/muzzleloader weapons permit.

(3) All hunters must possess a state approved hunter education certification (certified in any state or Europe) before being allowed the privilege of hunting on RSA. The only exception is for youth under the age of 16 participating in state-sponsored youth hunting activities.

(4) Outdoor Recreation Branch will issue RSA permits to persons 65 years or older, free of charge, if they present proof of age and a state approved hunter education certification.

c. Standards for Youth Hunts. The USAG-RSA allows children between the ages of 9-15 to participate in youth hunts.

d. Hunting.

(1) Hunting is authorized in designated areas only. There will be no hunting of any kind on Tuesdays or Wednesdays, except during selected holidays. A master chart of all hunting areas, the number of hunters allowed in each, and the type hunting allowed in each area will be available at the Outdoor Recreation facility.

(2) All persons who apply to hunt must have the following: Alabama State Hunting License, any state's Hunter Education Certificate or a valid Hunter Education Certificate from Europe, RSA Hunter Safety Orientation (Form 278-4), RSA Hunting Permit (Form 278-1) and a RSA weapon permit.

(3) Personnel should request assignment to hunting areas by calling in to the HuntTrac/TeleTrac system. Information on using the system will be passed out with your hunting permit, available at the Outdoor Recreation Branch, Building 5139. Requests will begin being processed on the day prior to the hunt at the designated times.

(4) Hunting areas will be assigned as they are called in to the HuntTrac system for each day. Active Duty may begin calling in on the HuntTrac system between 1700 (5PM) and 1800 (6PM) for the next day; all others may begin calling after 1800.

(5) Hunters will have a copy of the Hunter Vehicle Control Card, RSA Form 251, displayed on the dash of all vehicles in the hunting party in a manner such that the information can be read by enforcement personnel. Contractor personnel must also display RSA Form 200-3CH (Contractor Employment Certification Form), in the same manner as the RSA Form 251. Hunters must call to clear the hunting areas prior to the designated check-in times

(6) Outdoor Recreation may schedule special hunts prior to or during the regular hunting seasons. Dates for these special hunts will be announced at the Outdoor Recreation Branch.

(7) A hunter with authorized access to that portion of Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge which lies within RSA boundaries will hunt only in that portion of the refuge identified on the current RSA hunting and fishing map, with the same area designation, and the addition of the letter "R," e.g. hunters authorized to hunt in hunting area 55 are also authorized to hunt in area 55R if the refuge is open for hunting that day. It is the hunter's responsibility to confirm that the refuge is open on the day of the hunt. RSA hunters are only authorized to hunt deer and raccoon on portions of Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge that fall within RSA.

(8) ONLY after contacting a Conservation Officer or Outdoor Recreation will a hunter enter another open hunting area in search of wounded game,. Under no circumstance will hunters conduct "Hot Pursuit" into an adjacent, Restricted or closed hunting area without permission.

(9) Hunters must report all wildlife taken at the end of each hunting trip on the hunting harvest form. Bucks must have at least a 15" outside spread or a 15" beam length of at least one antler from base to tip. Donating a deer to another individual, the hunter must complete a donation certificate with name, address, phone number, hunting license number, and date of harvest. This requirement is for turkey and deer only.

(10) Hunters on RSA will not drive deer or participate in deer drives; enter any portion of Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge except when authorized; hunt in any area other than the area assigned; construct or use permanent blinds or tree stands; use dogs to hunt deer; leave areas at the end of the day's hunt without removing decoys, blinds, and portable stands; enter places designated on RSA hunting and fishing map as restricted areas (colored orange), unless authorized; destroy evidence of sex of deer or turkey; use or possess buckshot of any size; or discharge a weapon in the direction of a roadway.

(11) Hunters on RSA will not block any paved or unpaved roadway, gate, access drive, or building entrance; operate vehicles off existing roadways (Note: fire breaks are not roadways); litter; destroy, tamper with, or remove any property of the US Government, its contractors or lessees, including fences, gates, and signs; carry flame producing devices in areas where they are banned; loan, transfer, or alter a license, permit, vehicle control card (RSA Form 251), identification card, RSA identification badge, or Hunter Safety Orientation card; possess on their person, or in any vehicle, any weapon or ammunition, other than that authorized for the type game being hunted (Note: firearms transported in a vehicle must be unloaded and in a sealed case, separate from ammunition.); use, possess, or be under the influence of alcoholic beverages or other drugs or controlled substances, while hunting or otherwise on RSA property; or drive a vehicle on any food plot. There will be NO off-road

vehicle use allowed. This includes bicycles. Four-wheelers/ATVs are not authorized for use on RSA; their use in ANY capacity is prohibited. NOTE: ATV use is only for those engaged in official government duties/operations.

e. Weapons and Ammunition.

(1) The only firearms authorized for hunting on RSA are pellet guns (22 caliber or smaller), shoulder-fired shotguns and muzzleloaders of 40 caliber or larger. Shotguns must be incapable of or otherwise plugged to reduce shell carrying capacity of two in the magazine and one in the chamber.

(2) Weapons will be registered at the Directorate of Operations – Division of Law Enforcement, Building 3623.

(3) All hunters using shotguns and muzzleloaders will observe a 300-foot minimum distance from buildings, permanent structures, and RSA boundaries. Under no circumstances will hunters fire a weapon from or across any road.

(4) Deer hunters may use shotguns, 10 gauge through 20 gauge, or muzzleloaders, 40 caliber or larger, all of which must fire a single projectile/slug. Redstone Arsenal allows hunters to use the same type of weapons to deer hunt Wheeler Refuge lands that are authorized for deer hunting on RSA. Weapons and ammunition must comply with applicable state laws.

(5) Waterfowl hunters must comply with all Federal and Alabama state hunting regulations.

(6) Small game hunters may use 10 gauge or smaller shotguns using standard No. 4 shot or smaller. Raccoon hunters must use a No. 6 shot or smaller per state law. Air guns are acceptable for use to hunt squirrels only.

The only authorized projectile for use and/or have in possession while possessing an air gun is pellets; BB's are not authorized and their use and/or possession constitute illegal ammunition while possessing or transporting an air gun. Redstone regulates air guns equally with regard to shotguns and muzzleloaders and their transportation on RSA. All sighting devices shall comply with state law.

(7) Archery equipment authorized for hunting on RSA include compound bows, long bows, recurve bows, and crossbows. All archery equipment must be in compliance with Alabama state law specifications.

(8) Bow and crossbow hunters will not have in their possession any arrows that are not in compliance with the state of Alabama regulations.

(9) Small game bow hunters will not have in their possession arrows fitted with heads other than conventional field, target, or blunt tips of barbless design, except for closed season groundhog hunting.

(10) All scopes and sighting devices used on any weapon, including archery equipment, must be in compliance with state law.

(11) Raccoon hunters authorized for hunting on Wheeler Refuge lands shall use and/or possess only shot shells containing steel, or other approved non-toxic shot in a size compliant with state law.

(12) All other weapons and ammunition are prohibited for hunting purposes. The USAG-RSA Wildlife Biologists, USAG, Conservation Officers, and employees of the US Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services may use any means available and applicable by law in the performance of their official duties.

f. Turkey.

(1) Season: Spring season only.

(2) Bag Limit: Gobblers Only. One per day. Seasonal quota and limits established by the USAG-RSA Wildlife Biologists on an annual basis. The Outdoor Recreation Branch will post this information at the Outdoor Recreation facility.

(3) Authorized Hunters: All registered hunters, as previously defined.

(4) Required Safety Garments: Turkey hunters are required to wear a cap/hat of international orange while stalk hunting or walking to and from stands. Nothing in this policy is intended to prevent turkey hunters from removing orange hats while on "a stand" (sitting or standing in the same location for extended periods of time).

(5) Legal Weapons and Ammunition: Shotguns (including muzzle-loading shotguns), 10 gauge or smaller, using standard No. 2 shot or smaller; long bows and compound bows (no crossbows) shall be in compliance with state regulations.

(6) Assignment of Hunting Areas: Requests for assignment of hunting areas will be called in to the HuntTrac system the day before the hunt or as specified. There will be no turkey hunting on Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge.

(7) Prohibited Methods and Devices: In accordance with Alabama state law.

(8) Hunting Times: Turkey hunting is allowed only during the period between sunrise and 1200. Afternoon hunting is not allowed.

(9) Any person hunting turkey shall maintain and have in his/her possession an "Antlered Buck and Turkey Harvest Record," in accordance with Alabama state law. All turkey harvested must be recorded completely on the harvest record before the turkey is moved or field dressed.

(10) Each harvested turkey must be brought to the Outdoor Recreation Branch to be weighed, examined, registered, and recorded.

g. Deer.

(1) Season: As per Alabama state law.

(2) Bag Limit: Quotas/limits and buck harvest criteria shall be set by the USAG-RSA Wildlife Biologists on an annual basis, in conjunction with applicable Alabama state law. The Outdoor Recreation Branch will post this information at the Outdoor Recreation facility.

(3) Authorized Hunters: All registered hunters, as previously defined.

(4) Required Safety Garments: A cap and vest consisting of a minimum of 500 square inches of hunter safety orange is required. Your hunter's orange may be removed once you are elevated 12 feet in the tree. Prior to coming down the tree you must have your hunter's orange on as per Alabama state law.

(5) Legal Weapons and Ammunition: As per paragraph 3.e "Weapons and Ammunition," above.

(6) Assignment of Hunting Areas: As per paragraph 3.d "Hunting," above.

(7) Prohibited Methods and Devices: Deer decoys are not authorized for use on RSA. All other game decoys as per Alabama state law. Hunters will not place cameras on Redstone Arsenal. Use of bait is prohibited. Bait is considered anything used to attract wildlife in consumable form. Minerals, grains, plant matter and consumable (to include syrups/liquids) commercial attractants placed by a person(s) are considered bait. Piled salt or salt blocks are also prohibited.

(8) Hunting Times: Hunting may begin 30 minutes before official sunrise and must end 60 minutes after official sunset. Holiday hours are from 30 minutes before official sunrise until 1200.

(9) Any person hunting deer shall maintain and have in his/her possession an "Antlered Buck and Turkey Harvest Record," in accordance with Alabama state law. All antlered bucks harvested must be recorded completely on the harvest record before the deer is moved or field dressed.

(10) Each deer harvested must be brought to Outdoor Recreation Branch to be

weighed, registered, and examined by an MWR staff member or a Conservation Officer prior to the hunter(s) leaving post. A receipt will be issued to the hunter to retain as proof that the deer has been checked-in. Female deer will be brought to the check station whole or field dressed with the "milk sac" intact for examination. Field Dressing of male deer is at the hunter's discretion.

(11) Hunters will dispose of unwanted or non-edible animal remains processed at the Outdoor Recreation Branch's check station in an appropriate manner off-installation. RSA only allows Active Duty Military living on the installation to dispose of unwanted or non-edible animal remains in wooded areas, at a minimum distance of 1,000 feet from any roadways or buildings.

h. Beaver, Groundhog, and Coyote.

(1) No closed season; daylight hours only.

(2) No bag limit.

(3) Legal Weapons and Ammunition: Shotguns 10 gauge or smaller using No. 2 shot or smaller or slugs; muzzleloaders of 40 caliber or larger; long bow, crossbow, and compound bows. Coyotes may be hunted with buckshot no larger than 00 buck during times when there is no deer or turkey season open.

i. Raccoon.

(1) Season: As per Alabama state law.

(2) Bag Limit: As per Alabama state law.

(3) Authorized Hunters: All registered hunters, as previously defined.

(4) A request must be completed in person and approved by the staff at Outdoor Recreation based on the range report. All game harvested must be reported at the game building on the log sheet.

(5) Parties will have no more than four dogs in the field at one time.

(6) The party leader, who will carry No. 6 shot or smaller shells, is the only person authorized to be in possession of a shotgun. All other weapons, whether carried in the field or left in vehicles, are prohibited. You may not use or possess lead shot on Wheeler Refuge.

(7) Redstone allows hunters to carry and use lights to hunt raccoon only.

(8) Trees will not be cut.

j. Additional Game Species.

(1) These include Mourning Dove, Bobwhite Quail, waterfowl (ducks and geese only), squirrel, rabbit, and opossum.

(2) Season: As per Alabama state law.

(3) Bag Limit: As per Alabama state law or as designated by the USAG-RSA Wildlife Biologists. A hunter who attains his bag limit must immediately terminate hunting and check out of the area via HuntTrac.

(4) Authorized Hunters: All registered hunters, as previously defined.

(5) Personnel may hunt these additional game species from 30 minutes before official sunrise to sunset only or as specified by Alabama DCNR rules and regulations.

(6) Hunters may use dogs to hunt Bobwhite Quail, Mourning Dove, rabbits, raccoons, squirrel, and waterfowl. Hunters using dogs will have owner contact information on the collar of every dog used on RSA and make every effort to maintain custody/control of their dog(s) while on RSA. Hunters that cannot retrieve all dog(s) at the end of the day's hunt, must notify either the RSA Police Desk prior to leaving the installation at 256-876-2222 or Central Dispatch at 256-544-4356 that a dog(s) couldn't be retrieved and leave contact information (name & cell phone #) with the official taking their call. If notified by an installation official that their dog has been found, the hunter will respond immediately to retrieve the dog. Hunters failing to report an un-retrieved dog or who fail to immediately return and pick up a found or located dog, may be subject to suspension of hunting privileges, lose the ability to use dogs in the future or both.

k. Non-Game Species. May be taken during the regular hunting season, as per Alabama state law, include: feral dogs, feral hogs, feral cats, coyotes, skunks, groundhogs, and beavers.

l. Protected Species. All species of wildlife, including birds, mammals, reptiles, and amphibians not expressly listed above as "game species" and allowable "non-game species" are protected and their take while hunting, trapping, and fishing is prohibited.

m. Fishing.

(1) Fishing is authorized only in designated areas. A master chart showing the location of authorized fishing areas is posted at the Outdoor Recreation Branch. Eligibility is as specified in paragraph 3.

(2) Persons wanting to fish should first check in with the Outdoor Recreation Branch to ensure the desired fishing areas are available and sign-up in person to be assigned to fishing at Bradford Sinks. Bradford Sinks is available only on the weekends and holidays that range control releases it for recreational purposes.

(3) Game fish, to include daily limits, possession limits and size limits, are designated per Alabama state law.

(a) The use of firearms is strictly prohibited.

(b) Eligibility and application procedures are as specified in paragraph 3.

(4) Only an Alabama state license is required to fish.

(5) Redstone only allows boats with electric motors in Bradford Sinks.

(6) Littering is strictly prohibited.

n. Dog Training.

(1) The USAG-RSA Wildlife Biologists and Outdoor Recreation Branch must approve all dog training. Anyone training or hunting with dog(s) must comply with Section j. Part (6) of this policy.

(2) No dog training will occur during turkey season or in the months of May and June.

(3) Any licensed dog trainer or hunter may train their own dog(s) during the closed season, except as noted in paragraph 3.n(2). Licenses and permits are required. Trainers may use starter pistols loaded with blanks, not live ammunition, for training purposes.

(4) Training of hunting dogs for the hunting of raccoon, opossum, and rabbit is permitted during the closed season, except as noted in paragraph 3.n(2), by licensed hunters, provided that under no circumstances will anyone take, kill, or have in his/her possession any raccoon, opossum, or rabbit, or possess any device or gun that could aid in the capturing or killing.

o. Scouting.

(1) The scouting of areas is permitted during daylight hours only. Hunters desiring to scout will process through the Outdoor Recreation Branch and obtain approval.

(2) While scouting, the use or possession of weapons or any type of call is prohibited.

(3) Scouting for deer is not permitted once the bow deer season begins.

p. Trapping.

(1) Trapping is permitted only in designated areas. A master list of areas cleared for trapping and the species and numbers that may be taken will be posted at the Outdoor Recreation Facility.

(2) Eligibility is as specified in paragraph 3.

(3) An eligible person wanting to establish a trap line on RSA will submit a written request to a USAG-RSA Wildlife Biologist and Outdoor Recreation Branch. Traps will not be put out without written approval from a USAG-RSA Wildlife Biologist and Outdoor Recreation Branch.

(4) Any person trapping will provide the staff of the Outdoor Recreation Branch with a map showing the location of all traps and will immediately notify the Outdoor Recreation Branch staff when traps are removed.

(5) Trappers will submit a weekly, written trapping report to the USAG-RSA Wildlife Biologist. The report will list all animals by species trapped during that reported week.

(6) Personnel will check their traps daily. Trappers will immediately release any wildlife not authorized to be trapped.

(7) Trappers will permanently mark each trap with the owner's identification.

(8) Use of suspended bait is prohibited.

(9) Trapping in any portion of Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge is prohibited without written permission from the refuge manager.

(10) Trappers must carry and use choke sticks while checking traps. Trappers may use a pellet rifle to dispatch trapped animals.

(11) Trappers who wish to trap and hunt at the same time must gain authorization from Outdoor Recreation Branch to carry weapons (as defined in paragraph 3e) provided:

(a) The individual processes through the Outdoor Recreation Branch to check area availability.

(b) Trappers must check through Outdoor Recreation before entering different hunting areas.

q. Safety.

(1) The staff of the Outdoor Recreation Branch will refuse permission to hunt, trap, or fish to anyone they suspect of using, possessing, or being under the influence of alcoholic beverages, other drugs, or controlled substances. Conservation Officer(s) will cancel the permission to hunt, trap, or fish to anyone they suspect of using, possessing or being under the influence of alcoholic beverages, other drugs, or controlled substances in the field.

(a) USAG-RSA Conservation Officers are authorized to close any or all hunting areas for safety, enforcement, management, or mission purposes.

(b) No child under the age of 9 will carry or use a weapon. Sponsors of youth hunters are expected to instruct participants on firearm safety.

(2) A cap and vest consisting of a minimum of 500 square inches of hunter safety orange is required for all hunters during deer gun season. Hunter safety orange is not required for any other hunting season with the exception of Spring Turkey Season (as defined in paragraph 3f), but is encouraged at all times. Hunter safety orange garments must be in good condition and readily visible to other hunters. The staff of the Outdoor Recreation Branch may request proof that all hunters are so equipped before issuing authorization to hunt.

(3) Non Hunters requesting to participate in recreational activities during the Deer and Turkey Season will check in with Outdoor Rec to determine if hunting activities are ongoing in the area in which the Non-Hunter recreationalist is planning to utilize.

(4) Boats launched from or on RSA will conform to all federal and state regulations regarding equipment, lighting, operation, and registration. Hunters desiring to use boats to access a hunting area, must launch from within RSA, place dash placard in the vehicle at the launch and also put a note on the bow of the boat with the info required on a dash placard. Each occupant will wear a Coast Guard approved, personal flotation device.

(5) No person while hunting, fishing, or trapping will attempt to operate, remove or otherwise attempt to move or touch any item of equipment not belonging to that person. Items include, but are not limited to, missile and rocket fragments or whole portions thereof. Unexploded ordnance (UXO) is defined as any military ammunition, device, component, or container that failed to function as designed or has been discarded.

(6) Leave UXO or any suspicious item alone, mark its location without touching the item and notify the authorities by dialing 911.

(7) Personnel will not enter closed hunting or fishing areas. Buildings and other structures will not be entered without specific permission.

(8) Hunters using any type of tree stand must utilize a safety belt or full body harness that is capable of supporting the hunter's weight. The safety belt/harness shall be attached to the hunter and to the tree at all times while the hunter is elevated to any degree off the ground, including ascending or descending.

(9) No hunter shall drive, drill, screw or otherwise insert any metal object such as, but not limited to, spikes, bolts, nails, or the various types of tree steps, into a tree. No hunter shall hunt from a tree that has been "spiked" or otherwise prepared in any of the listed methods regardless of who actually prepared the tree. Hunters may not use or construct permanent stands and all tree stands shall be removed from the tree at the end of the day. An exception may be granted for authorized stands/blinds for handicapped/special needs hunters.

r. Enforcement.

(1) USAG-RSA Conservation Officers are tasked with the responsibility to ensure hunters are complying with federal, state, and RSA laws and regulations. Conservation Officers will be patrolling those areas assigned to hunters and those hunters not complying may be cited.

(2) All persons having knowledge of or involved in a shooting incident will report that incident to the military police and the Outdoor Recreation Branch personnel immediately. A shooting incident occurs when an individual discharges a weapon in an unsafe manner and injures or endangers himself or others. Individuals will be suspended immediately if they commit an unsafe act and will remain in that status until the USAG-RSA Commander directs reinstatement of privileges. Hunters having knowledge of in-progress hunting violations or violations less than 90 days old, will report such violations to Conservation Officers. Failure to report may result in a suspension of hunting privileges per the discretion of the Garrison Commander.

s. Violation and Penalties.

(1) Persons who violate federal or state laws will be referred to the appropriate authority for prosecution.

(2) Persons who violate this policy and/or federal and state law will have their hunting, fishing, and trapping privileges on RSA suspended or revoked, depending on the offense. Party leaders/sponsors will suffer such penalties as may be assessed against their guests/Family members. The following subparagraphs contain violations and the penalties assessed:

Violation	Administrative Penalty
Discharging a firearm from a vehicle or from/across a named road	Permanent Revocation
Driving Under the Influence or possession of illegal substance	Permanent Revocation
Hunting while under the influence of intoxicants	Permanent Revocation
Hunting with unauthorized weapon or ammunition	Permanent Revocation
Unauthorized trapping	Permanent Revocation
Taking or attempting to take game illegally/hunting out of season	Permanent Revocation
Hunting with or over bait	Permanent Revocation
Failure to obey law enforcement officer/submit to legal search or inspection	Permanent Revocation
Making a false statement to obtain permit and/or area assignment	Permanent Revocation
Hunting in an off limits or restricted area, impact area, cantonment area	Permanent Revocation
Unauthorized use of permit or automated system	Permanent Revocation
Illegal use of artificial light for locating game or hunting	Permanent Revocation
Criminal trespassing on Federal property	Permanent Revocation
Collection of historical artifacts	Permanent Revocation
Illegal take of state or federally protected species	Permanent Revocation
Carrying a concealed weapon while hunting	Permanent Revocation
Failure to check in big game or turkey harvest	3 Year Suspension
Drive hunting/Participating in a drive hunting deer	3 Year Suspension
Transporting loaded weapon in vehicle	3 Year Suspension

Unauthorized photography/Placing camera(s)	3 Year Suspension
Hunting in area closed to hunting	3 Year Suspension
Failure to register weapon(s) on the installation with Directorate of Operations	2 Year Suspension
Participating in outdoor recreation activities without area assignment	2 Year Suspension

Participating in outdoor recreation activities without valid permit/license	2 Year Suspension
Shooting before or after legal shooting hours	2 Year Suspension
Firing a weapon within 300 feet of an occupied building	2 Year Suspension
Harvesting a deer not meeting required antler restrictions	2 Year Suspension
Possessing under sized fish or fish in slot limit	2 Year Suspension
Exceeding bag/creel limit	1 Year Suspension
Outdoor recreation activities outside assigned area	1 Year Suspension
Bypassing roadblock, cable or gate in a vehicle	1 Year Suspension
Target practicing or discharging firearms in an unauthorized area	1 Year Suspension
Hunting with firearm capable of holding more than 3 rounds total	1 Year Suspension
Exceeding authorized natural resource collection limits	1 Year Suspension
Transporting uncased weapon in vehicle	6 Month Suspension
Unauthorized use of any all-terrain vehicle	6 Month Suspension
Allowing minors (under 15) to hunt unattended	90 Day Suspension
Unauthorized use of firebreaks or unauthorized roads	90 Day Suspension
Littering or dumping	60 Day Suspension
Failure to have required PFD in boat	60 Day Suspension
Failure to wear required safety garments and/or equipment	60 Day Suspension
Failure to utilize a safety harness while hunting in a tree stand	60 Day Suspension
Failure to complete check out procedures	30 Day Suspension
Failure to operate a boat in a safe manner	30 Day Suspension
Parking in an unauthorized area	30 Day Suspension
Failure to display area assignment parking permit in vehicle window	30 Day Suspension
Failure to report small game harvest	30 Day Suspension
Unsportsmanlike or disruptive conduct	30 Day Suspension
Fishing with unauthorized bait	30 Day Suspension

(h) Other suspensions as determined by the USAG-RSA Commander:
An individual alleged to have committed an unsafe act that results in a shooting incident will be placed under suspension of privileges immediately and remain in that status until the USAG-RSA Commander directs that privileges be restored.

APPENDIX A

ACRONYMS

ATV	All Terrain Vehicle
CAC	Civilian Access Control
DA	Department of the Army
DoO	Directorate of Operations
DFMWR	Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation
DPW	Directorate of Public Works
EMD	Environmental Management Division
IMRE-PWE	IMCOM Redstone Public Works Environmental
PFD	Personal Floatation Device
RSA	Redstone Arsenal
RTC	Redstone Test Center
TA	Test Area
USAG	United States Army Garrison
USAG-RSA	United States Army Garrison-Redstone Arsenal
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
UXO	Unexploded Ordnance

APPENDIX B

HUNTING & FISHING MAP

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RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

I, _____, am voluntarily participating in hunting and/or fishing and/or trapping activities on Redstone Arsenal. I understand and acknowledge that these activities are inherently dangerous activities. I agree that I am assuming the risk of all personal injuries, death, and property damage that may occur as a result of taking part in these activities. These include such injuries or damage as may be caused by:

(INITIAL BELOW TO ACKNOWLEDGE)

____ - Hazards incident to hunting/fishing/trapping on Redstone Arsenal; to include, but not limited to UXO, various wires/rocket parts and chemicals.

____ - The negligent acts of others.

____ - Any dangerous condition, known or unknown, that exists in the military training areas.

____ - Any other negligent act of Redstone Arsenal or its directorates.

I, on behalf of myself, my personal representatives, and my heirs voluntarily agree to release, waive, and hold harmless the United States Army, Redstone Arsenal, its agents, officers, and employees for any and all claims arising from participating in any hunting or fishing or trapping activity.

I certify on this date _____, that I/my child and/or guest(s) will follow all federal, state and installation laws, regulations and policies.

Signature: Hunter/Angler/Trapper _____

If participant is a minor child, in addition to initialing above, a parent or legal guardian must sign.

I, _____, parent/legal guardian of the above child, do consent to his/her participation in hunting and fishing activities and will abide by the above indemnity agreement.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____