



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

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MEMORANDUM FOR All Military Personnel, Civilian Employees, Contractors, and Public Visitors to Pohakuloa Training Area.

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1. References.

- a. Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA) (16 USC 1531 et seq.)
- b. Archaeological Resources Protection Act 1979, as amended (ARPA) 16 USC 470aa-mm)
- c. Sikes Act Improvement Act, as amended (2013) (16 USC 670a-o)
- d. 10 United States Code 2671, *Military Reservations and Facilities: Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping*, 7 Jan 11
- e. Department of Defense Instruction (DODI) 5525.17, *Conservation Law Enforcement Program* (2013)
- f. Army Regulation (AR) 200-1, *Environmental Protection and Enhancement*, 13 Dec 07
- g. Hawaii Administrative Rules, Title 13 Chapter 123, *Rules Regulating Game Mammal Hunting*, 01 Jan 03.
- h. Hawaii Administrative Rules, Title 13, Chapter 122, *Rules Regulating Game Bird Hunting, Field Trials, and Commercial Shooting Preserves*, 01 May 15.
- i. Gun Control Act of 1968 (18 USC 921 et seq.), as amended in 1996 (18 USC 922).
- j. The Lautenberg Amendment to the Federal Gun Control Act of 1968, as amended in 1996).

2. Applicability. This policy applies to all individuals (military, civilian, contractors, and public persons) that hunt and/or participate in hunts within the installation boundaries of Pohakuloa Training Area (PTA), including the Keano Maneuver Area (KMA) (Enclosure - Figure 1 - Map). The U.S. Army Garrison, Pohakuloa Training Area (USAG-P), Policy Memorandum for Hunting at PTA, dated 19 Nov 2020, is expired and no longer applicable.

3. Policy.

a. This policy sets forth the requirements and procedures for hunting at the Pohakuloa Training Area (PTA), a U.S. Army military installation. Hunters at PTA are required to comply with all policy requirements and procedures described herein and references 1.a to h. Noncompliance with the PTA hunting policy requirements and other applicable requirements can result in potential fines and penalties, including but not limited to suspension and/or revocation of your hunting permit and/or access to PTA.

b. The Garrison Commander (GC) is the authority and decision maker responsible for training, operations, and installation management programs, including the PTA's hunting program. Through the re-issuance of this hunting policy, the GC updates the rules and requirements for hunting activities at PTA to ensure safety, security, protection of property, and accomplishment of USAG-P's missions pursuant to applicable federal, Department of the Army, State of Hawaii, and local laws and regulations. In case of conflict for hunting-specific requirements, the most stringent requirement shall apply where federal, state, and Hawaii county governments share concurrent jurisdiction at PTA.

c. The PTA hunting program supports recreation and sustainable ecosystem management that is consistent with applicable federal and Army requirements.

d. PTA is a military training area; its primary mission is to support military training. PTA is absent of areas designated for recreational purposes (i.e., hunting). Hunting opportunities are made available based upon area availability that do not conflict with military training, safety, or other management needs. Recreational hunting at PTA is a privilege, and not a right. USAG-P provides no guarantee for hunts or the presence of game on PTA.

e. By entering the installation, you consent to search and inspection of yourself, vehicle, and property by law enforcement personnel and the confiscation of personal property as evidence of unauthorized activities.

f. Any observed violation of federal, state, Hawaii County, and U.S. Army laws and regulations must be immediately reported to the PTA Conservation Law Enforcement Officer (CLEO) (808) 351-2368 or the PTA Police at (808) 969-2429.

g. Emergencies, accidents, or lost persons must be immediately reported to 911 and the PTA Police (808) 969-2429. If PTA Police is unavailable, contact PTA Fire Department (808) 969-2447 or Range Control (808) 969-2455.

h. Unless otherwise addressed in this policy, hunting on PTA will be conducted in accordance with applicable federal laws, Hawaii State and County requirements, any modifications or updates to policy requirements will be announced and/or posted on the iSportsman website. It is your responsibility to be aware of any added requirements that are applicable to you during a hunt.

i. Any person found to knowingly or negligently omit or submit false information to the U.S. government, including the iSportsman program, or is found to have used another person's information, PIN, or account number to access PTA can be barred from post or have their hunting/access privileges revoked.

4. Hunter Responsibilities.

a. Hunters will complete the policy requirements listed below, and possess all required permits, licenses, and stamps for hunts at PTA.

b. Hunters will comply with all PTA hunting policy described herein and applicable requirements listed in references 1.a-h.

c. Hunters are responsible for knowing and staying within the boundaries of opened hunting units, keeping all gates secure (shut), and will not enter fenced areas unless permitted. Immediately report any damaged fences or open gates to the PTA CLEO (808) 351-2368, or the PTA Police (808) 969-2429.

d. All hunters should carry a cell phone with the following numbers at all times when hunting on PTA.

- PTA Conservation Law Enforcement Officer (CLEO): (808) 351-2368
- PTA Police: (808) 969-2429
- PTA Fire Department: (808) 969-2448
- PTA iSportsman Line: (844) 232-0506 (Toll Free)
- PTA Game Manager: (808) 315-1545

5. PTA Hunting Permit Instructions.

a. To hunt at PTA, you must have/complete the following:

(1) Step 1: A valid Hunter Education Card. See 3.b. below.

(2) Step 2: A Hawaii Hunting license, including stamps for the game that will be hunted. Note: A valid Hawaii hunting license is required for all hunting within the State of Hawaii. See 3.b. below.

(3) Step 3: Create an account in iSportsman. The system features are described in Appendix A. All hunters must familiarize themselves with iSportsman to access PTA for recreational hunting.

(4) Step 4: View the PTA safety briefing video, and take and pass the safety quiz. The safety video and quiz are located on the PTA iSportsman website. The safety brief validation expires after three years.

(5) Step 5: Clear a criminal history (background) check. See 3.c. below.

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(6) Step 6: A firearms validation is required for game bird or turkey hunts at PTA. Firearms may be used for hunting game birds/turkeys only and must be registered with the PTA Police. Note: Firearms are not allowed for mammal hunting on PTA. See 3.d. below.

(7) Step 7: Purchase/obtain the appropriate PTA hunting permit via online through the iSportsman service.

b. Hunter Education Card and Hawaii Hunting License: Hawaii State law requires the completion of an accredited hunter education class. Obtaining a Hawaii Hunting License fulfills this requirement. For Hawaii residents, a Hawaii hunting license can be purchased online at <https://hunting.ehawaii.gov/hunting/license.html> at the State Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW) offices in Hilo and Waimea, or at select vendors in Hilo and Kona. For non-residents, a valid out-of-state hunter education card and a Hawaii letter of exemption are required to purchase a Hawaii hunting license. Contact the Hawaii Hunter Education Program (808) 587-0200 for more information.

c. Background Check: Individuals without a U.S. government-issued Common Access Card (CAC) must clear a background check for unescorted access on Army installations. The background check is initiated by the CLEO after an applicant registers in iSportsman and completes the safety brief. A background check validation will be added to the applicant's iSportsman account once he/she clears the background check. Individuals who do not clear the background check will be denied access to PTA and may request exception to policy from the PTA GC. A PTA hunting permit requires this background check validation, which expires on June 30th. Note: The annual background check process is automatically initiated by the CLEO for applicants who purchased permits in the previous permitting season.

d. Firearms Registration: All hunters that use firearms on PTA must register the weapon with PTA Police for use on the installation. To register a firearm, a hunter must complete and fax the "Pōhakuloa Army Training Area Registration of Personal Firearms" form to the PTA Police (808) 969-2432 (Appendix A), or mail to:

U.S. Army Garrison, Pōhakuloa Training Area
ATTN: Conservation Law Enforcement Officer
P.O. Box 4607
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Download the firearms registration form from the PTA iSportsman website. Once the registration has been reviewed and approved by the CLEO, a validation of the firearm registration will be updated to the hunter's iSportsman account. Hunters will not be able to obtain a game bird or turkey permit until the firearm registration has been approved and validated onto their account. Unless the firearm is sold or changes ownership, the firearm information will remain on file with the PTA Police, and additional registration is not required. Firearms owners are required to notify the CLEO of any change in registration information.

6. Safety.

a. **Blaze Orange:** No person shall hunt, accompany, or assist a hunter in any hunting unit where firearms are permitted without wearing an exterior garment (shirt, vest, jacket, or coat) made of commercially manufactured, solid blaze-orange material or solid blaze-orange mesh material with a maximum mesh size of one-eighth inch. All types of camouflage orange garments are prohibited. When carrying game or wearing a back pack, the blaze orange on the upper torso must be visible from both front and back

b. **No Hunting Safety Zones:** Safety zones may be traversed, but hunting is not permitted:

(1) Within 200 yards of the cantonment, fuel storage area, and the Bradshaw Army Airfield perimeter fence.

(2) Within 50 yards of all perimeter roads (paved or gravel) of the installation or specific hunting unit. Gravel roads within a hunting unit are not subject to this restriction.

(3) Within 50 yards of any structure, improvement, or equipment.

c. **Keeping a Safe Distance:** Hunters shall be mindful of each other's presence during hunts and will avoid entering areas where other hunters are present to avoid injuring others. Exercise care when sighting a target and consider the impacts to what lies beyond.

d. **Evacuation of Hunting Unit:** Hunters must immediately leave the hunting unit and return to their vehicle when:

(1) Upon contact with military personnel engaged in military training, which means that either military personnel or the hunter are in the wrong place. Immediately report the issue to the CLEO (808) 351-2368.

(2) Directed by the CLEO or other Law Enforcement personnel.

(3) Notified by the PTA iSportsman system by automated call, text message, or email to evacuate the unit.

e. **Safety Equipment:** PTA is a remote location with rugged terrain and limited emergency response resources. Hunters should come prepared and carry a first aid kit, flashlight, whistle, adequate water, food, personal protective equipment, including sun protection, and a way to report emergencies (e.g., cellular phone) all times. A GPS unit is also highly recommended. Use the PTA iSportsman website interactive map to identify hunter location and open, closed, and off limit areas.

f. **Unexploded Ordnance:** All hunting units are utilized for military training and have dangers inherent to military training such as unexploded ordnance (UXO). If you discover UXO while hunting, do not touch or disturb the UXO. Note: If you didn't drop it, don't pick it

up. If UXO is found, mark the area, not the UXO, and report it immediately to the CLEO (808) 351-2368.

g. Closed and Off-Limits Areas: Avoid closed or "off limits" areas (e.g., explosive impact area) on PTA. The following areas are off limits and closed to hunters and hunting activity at all times:

(1) The Impact Area.

(2) Ammunition Supply Point. A 100 yard buffer zone around the facility located in the Menehune Hunting Unit (between TA-5 and TA-6).

(3) Waiki'i Ranch Subdivision. In the KMA 1-3 Hunting Units, no hunter shall be within 2,000 feet of the Waiki'i Ranch boundary.

(4) FOB Warrior/Cooper Airstrip in the Humu'ula Hunting Unit (TA-3).

(5) The Quarry in the Ahi Hunting Unit (TA-13).

(6) Any fenced areas identified as "Environmentally Sensitive".

h. Wildfire Prevention: No smoking or open flames are allowed at any hunting unit. All vehicles must park in designated parking areas. Do not drive or park on tall/dry grass/vegetation to avoid starting a fire with the vehicle's catalytic converter.

7. Prohibited Activities and Restrictions: These activities and restrictions are specific to PTA, and are prohibited while hunting at PTA. Note: These prohibited activities and restrictions may differ from State of Hawaii and Hawaii County requirements.

a. Weapons in Vehicles: Weapons must be encased or broken down and unloaded while in a vehicle. Firearms and ammunition must be kept separate during transport.

b. Discharging a Firearm: Discharging a firearm for any purpose other than hunting is prohibited.

c. Shooting from Vehicle: Shooting from a vehicle is prohibited. Exceptions for disabled hunters may be requested, but are not guaranteed. See section 8.h(2).

d. Road Hunting: Driving on approved PTA roads and trails for any purpose other than commuting to/from an open hunting unit is prohibited. If persons are observed driving in a manner that appears they are searching for wildlife, it will be assumed that they are hunting from that vehicle and they may be stopped by the CLEO. Driving on roads not designated for hunter access is prohibited. Riding in the back of a pick-up truck is also prohibited.

e. Failure to Check-out by Assigned Time: Hunters must check out of their hunting unit in the PTA iSportsman system before departing PTA. Failure to check out of the unit in the

iSportsman system by the assigned time will automatically have their accounts placed on administrative hold.

f. Failure to Report Harvest: All game harvested at PTA must be accurately reported in the iSportsman system upon checkout. Harvest information collected is used to manage resources and plan hunts at PTA.

g. Spotlighting: Casting light to find game while in the possession of a weapon is prohibited.

h. Trespassing: Anyone found in an off limit or closed area risks having their PTA hunting privilege revoked. Individuals found poaching/trespassing will be subject to prosecution and/or administrative action. All equipment (weapons, vehicle, etc.) in the individual's possession may be impounded. Report violators to the CLEO (808) 351-2368 or the PTA Police (808) 969-2429.

i. Alcohol and Drugs: Alcohol and illegal drugs are strictly prohibited at PTA. Violators are subject to applicable enforcement action including penalties, fines, and revocation of hunting permit and access to PTA.

j. Government Property: Hunters shall not touch, disturb, collect, or deface any Government property at PTA, including any building, range structure, sign, equipment, materials, ordnance, munitions or parts, cultural resources/sites, natural resources, plants, minerals (rocks, gravel, soil, etc.) or animal, other than game mammals or game birds consistent with the days scheduled hunt.

k. Artifacts: No excavation or digging is allowed at PTA; the use of metal detectors is prohibited. Collection of any artifact (such as cultural artifacts, old bottles, etc.), and/or disturbance of any feature related to past human activity is prohibited. Violators can be subject to both the civil and criminal penalties under the ARPA (Ref 1.b)

l. Littering: No littering or dumping is allowed. Hunters shall collect, remove, and properly dispose of any trash generated while hunting.

m. Photography and Video: For national defense security reasons, do NOT photograph or video any PTA installation facilities/gates, vehicles/equipment, military personnel or training operations. Violators can be subject to federal civil and criminal prosecution.

n. Commercial Guiding: Guiding, assisting, or directing another hunter for monetary or other form of compensation is prohibited.

o. Removal of Live Animals: No trapping, capturing, or removal of any live game or other animal is allowed.

p. Threatened or Endangered Species: Harassing, harming, pursuing, hunting, shooting, wounding, killing, trapping, capturing, or collecting any federally-listed plant or animal species at PTA is prohibited. Any incidental take, even accidental, of federally-listed

threatened or endangered species must be immediately reported to the PTA CLEO (808) 351-2368. Violators can be subject to both civil and criminal penalties under the ESA (Ref 1.a.)

8. Violations.

a. A hunter is responsible for knowing and adhering to federal, state, county, and PTA hunting laws and/or regulations. Any hunter engaged in prohibited or unauthorized activities will be subject to penalty including having their PTA hunting privileges suspended or revoked, prosecution, and fines under applicable regulation. Unregistered violators are subject to any appropriate county, state and/or federal law. Violations and their associated penalties for registered hunters are shown in Appendix B.

b. Any evidence of unauthorized hunting or other forms of recreational activities to include but not limited to suspected unlawfully killed or caught game; unauthorized weapons, snares, traps, or explosives; natural resources collection will be confiscated and released to DES with Report of Offense. A receipt of the confiscated items will be furnished to the violator of the items seized. Violators may be subject to prosecution under 10 USC 2671, or applicable State of Hawaii and county law. Military personnel are subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ).

c. Immediate suspension: Any hunter cited for a violation of federal, state, county, Army, and/or PTA regulations by the CLEO or State of Hawaii Conservation Officers shall be immediately suspended from hunts at PTA and may have hunting privileges suspended for up to 45 days while their case is adjudicated.

9. Weapons Requirements: This section describes procedures and restrictions for the use of firearms for recreational at PTA (i.e., hunting). PTA Procedures for Background Checks and Firearms Registration provide the requirements for the transport and storage of firearms at PTA. Unless specifically authorized by the GC, possession and/or use of firearms on the installation is prohibited.

a. Authorized Weapons: Shotguns and archery equipment (traditional or compound bows) are authorized for hunting on PTA. Rifles, muzzleloaders, and handguns are not permitted for hunting use on PTA. Crossbows are not permitted, except for use by hunters with a Hawaii State and PTA Disabled Hunter Crossbow Validation. Refer to section 8h(2) below.

b. Transporting Weapons: On PTA, all privately owned firearms carried in a vehicle will be secured in the trunk. For vehicles without a trunk, firearms will be encased in a container other than the glove compartment and carried in a manner that is not be readily accessible to the driver or passengers. All weapons shall be unloaded while transported within PTA boundaries. Shotguns are considered unloaded when there are no shells in the chamber or magazine.

c. Registering Weapons: Hunters must register all firearm transported on PTA. Registration or possession of privately-owned firearms is prohibited for persons described below:

(1) Any person convicted of a felony (Federal Gun Control Act, 18 USC 921-922).

(2) Any person convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence (the Lautenberg Amendment to the Federal Gun Control Act of 1968, as amended in 1996).

10. Geographic Regulations.

a. Hunting Units: There are nine (9) hunting units established for hunting at PTA. Hunting units are a combination of two (2) or more military Training Areas (TAs). Hunters must use iSportsman to determine what hunting units and parking areas are available. Descriptions of the hunting units are as follows:

(1) Humu'ula. TAs 1-4 (3,399 acres). Game mammal and game bird.

(2) Menehune. TAs 5 and 6 (1,882 acres). Game mammal only.

(3) Keiki. TAs 7 and 8 (1,612 acres). Game mammal only.

(4) Ahi. TAs 9, 12-16, and 18 East (5,311 acres). Game mammal and game bird.

(5) KMA 1, 2, and 3. (22,640 acres). Game mammal, game bird, and turkey.

(6) Turkey 1 and Turkey 2. TAs 10-11 and parts of TA 2 (3,800 acres). Turkey hunting. Note: These areas are closed until further notice.

b. Hunter Density Limits: A maximum hunter density for each hunting unit by type of hunt is established for hunter safety. (See Table 1.)

Hunting Unit	Acreage	Type of Hunt		
		Mammal	Game Bird	Turkey
KMA 3	12,935	35	45	14
KMA 1	5,872	15	20	7
KMA 2	3,777	10	20	4
Ahi	5,311	35	45	10
Turkey 1&2	3,800	TBD	TBD	TBD
Humu'ula	3,399	30	45	10
Menehune	1,882	15	N/A	N/A
Keiki	1,612	10	N/A	N/A

Table 1. Maximum number of hunters per hunting unit for each types of hunt available at PTA. "N/A" means that type of hunt is not available in the hunting unit. The total area within all hunting units is 39,465 acres. The table does not include hunter assistants.

c. Bag Limits: Unless noted by exception, the bag limits for game harvested from PTA will generally be consistent with limits established by the State of Hawaii for hunting mammals and game birds (Refs 1.g.-h.).

(1) Game Birds: Refer to reference 1.h. for game bird bag limits for PTA.

(2) Game Mammals: There are no seasonal or annual limits to the number of game mammals a hunter may harvest; however:

(a) In PTA Hunting Units, Humu'ula, Menehune, Keiki, and Ahi (also HI State Hunting Unit E) limits daily mammal harvest to one pig, one goat, and one sheep per hunter per day.

(b) In Keamuku (KMA 1, 2, and 3), PTA has set the daily bag limits for game mammals at one pig, one goat, and one sheep per hunter per day, which may be subject to change based on management objectives.

d. Hunting Seasons, Days, and Hours: Unless noted or posted online by exception, the seasons, days, and hours for PTA shall be consistent with hunting seasons and times established by the State of Hawaii for hunting mammals and game birds (Refs 1.g.-h.).

(1) Hunting Seasons:

(a) Game Birds: The game bird hunting season at PTA will follow the State of Hawaii schedule.

(b) Turkey: Turkey season at PTA will follow the State of Hawaii schedule.

(c) Game Mammals: Game mammal hunts are year-round and may occur concurrent with the Game Bird and Turkey seasons.

(2) Hunting Days: Public hunts at PTA will typically occur on Saturdays, Sundays, and select federal holidays when not in conflict with military training.

(3) Hunting Hours: Hunting hours vary, but will be announced prior to all hunts. Hunters must abide by the hours designated for each hunt. Anyone found on PTA roads/trail system beyond hunting hours will be subject to administrative penalty.

e. Youth Hunters:

(1) Definition. A hunter between the ages of 10-15 with valid State of Hawaii hunting license. Hunters who qualify will be issued a PTA Youth permit. Youth hunters are eligible for all regular and special youth only hunts for the duration of their permit. Special youth-only hunts at PTA may be offered, but are not guaranteed each permitting season (See 12d below).

(2) Adult Supervision. Youth hunters must be under the direct supervision of an adult, age 18 and above, who is in possession of the appropriate State of Hawaii hunting license and PTA hunting permit(s). Direct supervision is defined as being within sight or hearing of an adult, aged 18 and above. During turkey season youth hunters must stay within 10 yards of the adult supervisor. Accompanying adult supervisor may hunt with the youth hunter; however, the adult may not hunt with the youth hunter during designated youth-only hunts. See appendix A for instructions on checking in as a Hunter Assistant.

(3) Check In/Out and Harvest Reporting. Youth hunters are required to check in and out as regular hunters, and report game animals harvested.

(4) Permits. Youth Permits are issued separately for both Youth Archery Mammal and Youth Game Birds/Turkey (Shotgun).

f. Senior Hunters:

(1) Definition. All hunters age 65 and above with valid State of Hawaii hunting license. Senior hunters are eligible for all regular hunting opportunities and any special senior hunting opportunities offered for the duration of their permit.

(2) Permits. Senior Permits are issued separately for both Senior Archery Mammal and Senior Game Birds/Turkey (Shotgun).

g. Disabled Hunters:

(1) Definition. A Disabled Hunter is defined as: Any person who is restricted to a wheelchair, non-ambulatory without walking aids (i.e. walkers, crutches, etc.) or a prosthesis, has lost a limb or a vital organ, or is otherwise physically impaired to the extent that they cannot hunt alone, unassisted, or in a normal manner.

(2) Disabled Hunters may request exception for crossbow and/or vehicle assistance use, which will be granted on a case-by-case basis. A valid State of Hawaii Disabled Hunting Permit is required and must be submitted to the CLEO to obtain a Disabled Hunter validation. Contact the CLEO (808) 351-2368 for assistance.

(3) If a disabled hunter requires an assistant, the assistant must possess a PTA Hunter Assistant Permit, as described in section 12e below.

(4) The Ahi and Keiki hunting units are areas designated for special disabled hunts. Hunters with a Disabled Hunter validation will be permitted to drive on the gravel roads within the hunting area. Disabled hunters may use crossbows with crossbow validations. Crossbows may not be fired from inside of a vehicle.

h. Special Hunts: Special Hunts may be held at PTA for select groups on federal property, as appropriate, with approval from the USAG-P GC. Examples of Special Hunts for select groups include hunts for Active Duty, Guard, and Reserves military members, disabled veterans, or other groups. Special Hunt requests may be requested through the

PTA Game Manager. All Special Hunt participants must comply the PTA hunting policy requirements detailed herein.

i. Disposition of Game: The following conditions apply for the handling, processing, and transport game birds and game mammals harvested at PTA:

(1) Game Birds: The feathered head of all games bird shall remain attached to identify sex and species.

(2) Game Mammals: Unless otherwise specified, hunters may debone harvested game mammals in the field.

11. Motor Vehicles: The following requirements apply for the use of privately-owned vehicles (POVs) at PTA. All vehicles entering PTA must have valid insurance, vehicle registration and safety sticker. A printed copy of all occupants' PTA iSportsman permit must be visible on the vehicle dash while on PTA.

a. Parking: Vehicles must be parked in marked designated parking areas, and shall not block any gates or trails. Parked vehicles must be visible from the road. Avoid parking in tall grass to prevent fires. Improperly parked vehicles may be removed at the hunter's expense.

b. Authorized Travel: When permitted, access to interior roads of the installation will be for point-to-point travel only. Stopping, scouting, or assisting other hunters by herding game animals with a vehicle is prohibited.

c. Vehicle Towing: Vehicle operation and parking is at the owner's risk. Vehicle owners are responsible for any towage or fees that may incur. If towing is needed, owners are responsible for contacting and immediate removal of vehicles. If a vehicle becomes stuck or breaks down, the owner must immediately notify the CLEO (808) 351-2368 or the PTA Police (808) 969-2429. The Government does not provide towing assistance.

d. Prohibited Vehicles: Motorcycles (off road), mopeds, motorized bikes, and all types of OHV (i.e., Polaris Ranger, John Deere Gator, etc.) may not be used while hunting.

e. Encountering Military Personnel: If driving and military or other installation personnel are encountered while on the road or on the road shoulders, the speed limit to pass is 5 mph and military personnel have the right of way.

12. Dogs.

a. Hunting with Dogs: Dogs may be used during the game bird season only. Mammal hunting with dogs is prohibited.

b. Collar and Tags: All dogs used for hunting must have collars and identification tags bearing their owner's name and contact information. The owner shall comply with all Hawaii

State and county dog licensing laws while hunting with a dog. USAG-P shall not be held responsible for the loss, death, or injury of dogs that occur while hunting at PTA.

c. Lost or Stray Dogs: If a dog is found, a hunter shall act responsibly and return the dog to its owner or take it to an animal shelter. There are no facilities at PTA to receive dogs.

13. Miscellaneous.

a. Hunter Assistants: A hunter assistant, as defined by the State of Hawaii, is "a person who accompanies a hunter and assists by carrying game or unloaded firearms or archery equipment. Hunter assistants may not have ammunition or arrows in their possession".

b. Blinds: Temporary, portable (pop-up) blinds may be used when hunting game mammals or during the spring turkey season. Permanent blinds or tree stands are not allowed. No cutting or removal of vegetation (trees, shrubs, groundcover) is allowed.

14. Permits and Fees: Due to physical security and safety requirements for military installations, all persons accessing PTA to hunt or assisting a hunter must possess a PTA hunting permit. PTA hunting permits expire on June 30th each year. Permit entitlements and associated fees are as follows:

a. PTA Combo Hunting Permit (Mammal and Bird): Allows hunters age 16-64 access to PTA for Game Mammal, Game Bird, and Spring Turkey hunts. \$40

b. PTA Game Mammal Hunting Permit: Allows hunters age 16-64 access to PTA for Game Mammal hunting ONLY. Note: Game mammal hunts is by archery only. \$25

***Note: Hunters who have been drawn in the lottery and participated in a hunt are withdrawn from the drawing pool until the next lottery; however, those hunters will be allowed to check in as spots become available on hunt days, and/or make reservations for non-lottery hunts (e.g. pig only hunt).*

c. PTA Game Bird Hunting Permit: Allows hunters age 16-64 access to PTA for Game Bird hunting ONLY during the fall Game Bird season and the spring Turkey season. Note: The State of Hawaii requires special tags for the spring Turkey season. \$25.

d. PTA Youth and Senior Hunting Permits: Allows youth hunters age 10-15, and Senior hunters, age 65 and over, access to PTA for Game Mammal, Game Bird, and spring Turkey hunts.

e. PTA Hunter Assistant Permit: Allows non-hunting individuals to accompany and assist permitted hunters with game retrieval and processing. Hunter Assistants may not actively participate in any hunting activity or possess a loaded weapon or ammunition. This permit also requires the Hunter Assistant to complete the Background Check and Safety Briefing. Contact the CLEO for assistance in receiving this permit.

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f. PTA Guest Observer Permit: This allows non-hunters that do not possess a hunting license and will not assist or engage in any hunting activity to accompany a hunter. This permit is appropriate for small children or others that will strictly observe and not participate in the hunt in any way. Contact the CLEO for assistance in receiving this permit.

g. Lottery Entry Permit: Lottery entry permits are free and available to anyone with a valid hunting permit. See Appendix A for more lottery information.

h. Special Permits: Special permits may be made available by the PTA Hunting Program to address management needs as they arise.

15. Expiration Date. This policy memorandum remains in effect until rescinded or superseded in writing.

16. Proponent. The USAG-P, Directorate of Public Works, Natural Resources. Points of Contact for the PTA Hunting Policy are Ms. Joy Anamizu, USAG-P, Biologist at (808) 864-1005 or email at joy.n.anamizu.civ@mail.mil, and Mr. Brian Leo, CEMML, Game Manager at (808) 315-1545 or email at pohakuloa.hunting@gmail.com

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1. Appendix A
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3. Figure 1 - Map



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Appendix A.

The PTA iSportsman User's Guide

PTA uses a commercial web service, iSportsman, to execute and administers its hunting program. The service and current hunting procedures differ from those that were established in the past. It is, therefore, necessary that prospective hunters that seek to hunt at PTA become familiar with both the PTA Hunting Policy and the iSportsman service. It is your responsibility to read, understand, and comply with the hunting policy and service procedures, and remain informed of any changes that are subsequently published.

To hunt at PTA, a hunter must create a user profile on the PTA iSportsman website (<https://pta.isportsman.net>). Hunters not registered in the iSportsman system will not be allowed to hunt at PTA. Hunter registration and acquisition of permits must be completed online; however, once registered, users can access the service's features using a touch-tone phone, home computer, or mobile device.

The PTA iSportsman Line is (844) 232-0506 to access telephone features.

The PTA iSportsman website is the main web portal for all online functions of the iSportsman service. While most features of the service can also be accessed via telephone, the following steps must be completed via the website:

a. User Profile and Account Setup. Prospective hunters must register and create a user profile in iSportsman. Account information including, but not limited to name, date of birth, physical and mailing addresses, payment information, and State of Hawaii hunting license is collected and encrypted on the iSportsman secure server. The user account setup includes a waiver of liability acknowledgement.

b. Validations. Validations are pre-requisites for obtaining a PTA hunting permit. Additional information for acquiring validations is available on the website.

1. Safety Briefing. All hunters must complete the Safety Briefing, located on your Account page under the My Safety Briefs link. The briefing covers hunter safety, UXO protocols, natural and cultural resource management information, and general personal conduct guidelines. Each hunter must then score 10 out of 10 on a quiz to receive the Safety Briefing validation. Upon successful completion of the quiz, your account will be awarded the validation.

2. Criminal History Check. All hunters must pass a criminal history (background) check to hunt at PTA. The personal information you provide when creating your iSportsman account is used to process your background check, so ensure the information entered is correct. The

average turnaround time for a background check is 3-4 weeks. Please direct all questions regarding background checks to the CLEO.

3. Firearms Registration. All firearms transported onto PTA for hunting must be registered with the PTA Police. A link to the registration form, and instructions for completing your firearms registration process can be found on the Registration page of the website. Your registration must be approved prior to entering PTA with any firearm.

4. Disabled Hunter. Hunters who qualify as a disabled hunter will be issued a Disabled Hunter validation (section 10g).

d. Permits. All PTA hunting permits must be purchased through the iSportsman website with a credit card. Cash, check, or other payment options are not available. Information on permit types and fees are located on the Permits and Fees page of the website.

e. User Features. The following features may be accessed by either telephone or online device:

1. Finding Open Areas and Hunting Information. Use the website to view area openings and any special conditions for each hunting opportunity offered. Hunting opportunities are designated according to scheduled military training and/or management objectives. Open areas, species that may be hunted, bag limits, and other information will be posted on the website. Open areas are also displayed in the Area Status link by selecting the date(s) up to 5 days in advance.

2. Reserving a Hunting Spot.

Reserving a Hunting Spot: Reservations must be obtained through the Lottery System. To enter the lottery, follow directions in the Lottery User Guide, found on the home page of iSportsman, under "Lottery User Guide" on the blue ribbon on the top of the page.

Pertinent information about the lottery:

- a. There is no additional cost to enter the lottery.
- b. Once you have been drawn (and participated in the hunt), you will be removed from the drawing pool until all others are drawn. If you are drawn for a hunt but unable to hunt that day, contact the Game Manager; your name will be returned to the lottery pool and another candidate will be drawn.
- c. If you fail to check in to your reserved spot before 7am the day of the hunt, your reservation will be lost. In this case, return to the lottery pool will be decided on a case-by-case basis.
- d. If you are drawn, you are awarded a reservation for one hunt. One lottery will consist of multiple hunts until all hunters are drawn, or

until fewer hunters remain than the capacity of the hunting unit to be opened. In that case, remaining hunters that were not drawn are guaranteed a reservation for the first hunt of the next lottery.

- e. Hunters who have already been drawn for – and participated in – a hunt are free to check into other hunts before the next lottery if spots become available as hunters check out of the unit.
- f. Generally, drawings will occur Tuesdays (noon) before the hunt, however, this is subject to change. Monitor iSportsman for updates. Hunters will only receive a notification (e-mail) if they were drawn. Reservation times will not change and will open at 6pm the day before the hunt. In the case for KMA hunts, a successful drawing will be good for a reservation in KMA 1, 2, or 3.

A reservation will hold your spot for 1 hour after the opening time of the hunt. Reservations can only be made for the following day, and hunters are still required to check in and out when beginning and ending their hunt. Reservations can only be made via the iSportsman website.

3. Hunter Check In. All checking in and out is done via an internet device or cellular phone. To check IN:

- a. Log into your account and select “Check-in/Checkout”.
- b. Choose the Activity you wish to participate in from the available options (if more than one is offered).
- c. If hunting with others, select “Yes” for the Participants option, and enter the Permit Number and the initial of that hunter’s last name for all members of your party (i.e. enter “D” for John Doe, for up to 6 total individuals).
- d. If you are checking in as a hunter that requires the assistance of a non-hunter with a Hunter Assistant Permit or a non-hunting Guest Observer Permit, select “Yes” for the “Guests” option, and enter the guest’s Hunter Assistant Permit Number.
- e. Select the Area you wish to hunt in, and then select the corresponding parking area you will be using.
- f. Select “Agree” to the Checkout Time Acknowledgement (you cannot proceed without doing so). There may be other Acknowledgements that appear, depending on the area and/or activity you are checking in for. You must agree to each one to proceed with the check-in process.
- g. Select “Confirm Check-in” to complete the check-in process.
- h. Conditions for using the iSportsman Check In/Out feature are as follows:
 - i. Whenever hunting on PTA, you must park in a designated hunter parking area, check in before entering the hunting unit, and check out when leaving.

- ii. When more than one hunting unit is available, hunters may only be checked into one unit at a time. If other units are open on the same day (and space is available), you may move to another unit by checking out of your current unit and checking into the next unit when you resume hunting.
- iii. Checking into one hunting unit and hunting in (or entering) a different unit is prohibited and will result in loss of hunting privileges. Hunters who check in to hunt an area and do not go hunting or allow others to check them into areas for the purpose of “locking up” openings to keep others out will have their privileges placed on administrative hold for a minimum of 45 days.
- iv. For group check-ins, each member of the party must have a valid PTA permit, and we recommend the owner of the vehicle in use that day initiate the check-in procedure. All hunters are required to check out individually.
- v. All hunters should be checked out by the designated closure time. If a hunter fails to check out by that time, the iSportsman system will automatically generate a reminder email to complete the checkout procedure. Failure to do so may result in the account being placed on administrative hold, and the hunter will not be permitted to check in to other hunts until the matter is resolved.
- vi. Any vehicle that is used for hunting or parked in any hunting area must be registered in iSportsman.
- vii. Hunters should make every effort to track and recover wounded game. In the event a hunter or group of hunters is searching for an animal, they must contact the CLEO and request permission to remain in the area beyond the designated closure time. Permission is granted at the sole discretion of the CLEO.

4. Hunter Checkout and Harvest Reporting. All game animals harvested on PTA must be reported in the iSportsman system. The removal of unreported game from the Installation will result in administrative penalties. To check OUT:

- a. Log into your account and select “Check-in/Checkout”.
- b. Indicate “Yes” or “No” when asked if you harvested any game. If Yes, select each appropriate species and enter the number of that species taken. Please ensure the values you enter are correct, and within the bag limits for your hunt.

- c. iSportsman allows you the opportunity to provide feedback on your hunt. This is optional, but we appreciate hearing from you if you choose to leave us feedback.
 - d. Review the information displayed, and if all is correct, select “Confirm Checkout” to complete your checkout process.
5. Occupancy Display. Registered hunters will have access to the number of reservations placed for a specific unit or the number of hunters checked into any open unit in real time. This feature (on the Area Status page from the Areas drop down on the home page) enables hunters to make informed choices on their hunting destination.
6. Interactive Map. For users with smart phones or tablets in the field, the Interactive Map feature shows your location at PTA in real time. You must have Location Services enabled on your device for the feature to work. The feature, also in the Areas dropdown, is useful in the event you are unsure of your location or need to notify others of your position (i.e., emergency responders, Range Control, etc.)

Appendix B.

Suspensions and Revocations of PTA Hunting Privileges.

The suspension of hunting privileges is an additional administrative action independent of any judicial or punitive actions at the state or federal level and is addressed on a case by case basis. All violations will result in an initial suspension of between 30 and 45 days, or at least 4 hunting opportunities, whichever is longer. Long-term suspensions shall be from the date of receipt of official notification from the PTA GC. All penalties may be appealed through the PTA Commander, who is the final authority on suspension or revocation of recreational access.

VIOLATION/OFFENSE	MAY RESULT IN (First Offense) ¹
Persons with three or more suspension violations within a five year period	Permanent Revocation
Killing, harassing, collecting, or otherwise taking protected, threatened or endangered species, or intentionally disturbing protected, threatened or endangered species or their habitats.	Permanent Revocation
Hunting while under suspension of hunting privileges	Permanent Revocation
Hunting with an unauthorized or illegal weapon and/or ammunition	Permanent Revocation
Possession or consumption of alcohol or illegal drugs while in training areas or designated hunter parking areas	Permanent Revocation
Carrying of a concealed weapon	Permanent Revocation
Camping or fire(s)	Five year Suspension
Hunting from range targets, structures, and equipment	Two year Suspension
Failure to cooperate or comply with PTA enforcement or State Conservation Officers while in execution of their duties	Two year Suspension
Failure to report a harvested mammal	Minimum 12 month Suspension
Harvesting game mammals or game birds identified as closed (Out of Season)	12 month Suspension
Hunting without a valid Hawaii license or stamp	12 month Suspension
Hunting without a valid PTA permit	12 month Suspension
Hunting before or after hours	12 month Suspension
Damaging federal property	12 month Suspension
Smoking in an area designated as no smoking	12 month Suspension
Entering a closed training or restricted area	Up to 12 month Suspension

Use of a vehicle(s) to intentionally block or corral game mammals	Up to 12 month Suspension
Littering or depositing debris on PTA	Up to 12 month Suspension
Failure to complete hunter check-in requirements	Minimum 6 month Suspension
Multiple safety or procedural offenses	Minimum 6 month Suspension
Operating vehicles off of established or authorized roadways	Minimum 6 month Suspension
Transporting a loaded or uncased weapon in or on a vehicle	Minimum 6 month Suspension
Violating PTA Regulation procedures or restrictions not specifically listed above	Minimum written warning and may involve suspension or permanent revocation

A person committing more than one of the above offenses may have his/her hunting privileges suspended for a period equal to the total of standard penalties for each offense. If the total period of suspension is in excess of 1 year, the person's privileges may be permanently revoked.

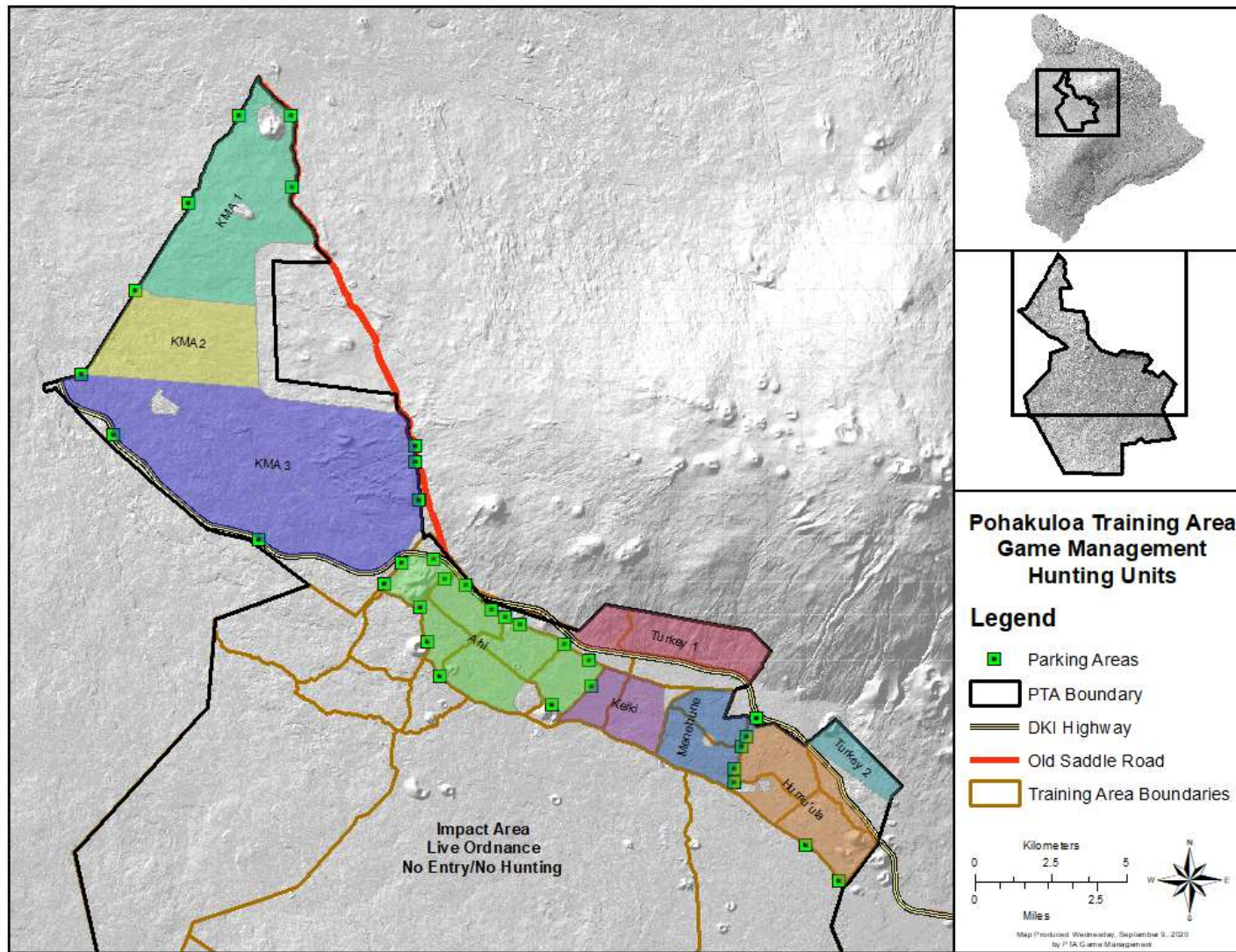


Figure 1. Hunting units in Pōhakuloa Training Area.