

U.S. Army Garrison Pōhakuloa
Public Hunting Policy Requirements and Procedures

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1. References

- a. The Endangered Species Act of (1973)
- b. The Archaeological Resources Protection Act (1979)
- c. Sikes Act as Amended (2013)
- d. 10 United States Code 2671, *Military Reservations and Facilities: Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping*, 7 Jan 2011
- e. Department of Defense Instruction (DODI) 5525.17, *Conservation Law Enforcement Program* (2013)
- f. Army Regulation (AR) 200-1, *Environmental Protection and Enhancement*, 28 Aug 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 2015.

2. Applicability. This policy applies to all individuals (military, civilian, and public persons) that hunt and/or participate in hunts within the military installation boundaries of Pōhakuloa Training Area (PTA), which includes the Keamuku Maneuver Area (KMA) (Enclosure/Figure 1– Map). The USAG-P, Administrative Rules and Access Policy for Public Hunting, dated 30 Jun 2018, is expired and no longer applicable.

3. Policy.

- a. This policy sets forth the requirements and procedure for hunting at PTA, a U.S. Military installation. Compliance with all requirements and procedures described herein policy and listed in 1.a to h. above is required. Noncompliance of the PTA hunting policy and other applicable statutes and regulations could result in 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 updated hunting policy, the GC renews the rules and minimum restrictions for hunting activities at PTA to ensure safety, security, protection of property, and efficient 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, the most stringent requirement shall apply where federal, state, and Hawaii county governments share concurrent jurisdiction at PTA.
- c. The PTA hunting program supports wildlife management and wildlife-oriented recreation in accordance with applicable federal and Army requirements that are consistent with the use of the military installation and do not conflict with its missions.
- d. PTA is a military training area; its primary mission is to support military training, and is absent of areas solely designated for recreational purposes only (i.e., hunting). Recreational hunting opportunities provided at PTA are a privilege; they are not a right.
- e. Hunting areas are made available or closed based upon scheduled military training, safety, or other management needs. USAG-P provides no guarantee for hunts or the presence of game on PTA.
- f. By entering the installation, every individual consents to search inspection of their person, vehicle, and property by law enforcement personnel and the confiscation of personal property as evidence for unauthorized activities.
- g. 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) 864-3897 or the PTA Police at (808) 969-2429.
- h. 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.
- i. Unless otherwise addressed in this policy, hunting on PTA will be conducted in accordance with Hawaii State laws, applicable federal laws, and supplemental orders issued by the PTA GC. Should circumstances require, added requirements not included in this policy will be posted on the iSportsman website. It is the hunter's responsibility to be aware of any added requirements that are applicable to the hunter during a hunt.
- j. Any person found to knowingly or deliberately 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.

2. Hunter Responsibilities

- a. Hunters will complete the permit conditions listed below, and be in possession of all required permits, licenses, tags/stamps and registration information prior for hunts at PTA.
- b. Hunters will comply with all PTA hunting requirements within this policy, and applicable federal and State of Hawaii statutes and regulations.
- c. Hunters are responsible for knowing and staying within the boundaries of the hunting areas that they have been granted access. Keep all gates secure (closed), and do not enter fenced areas unless permitted to do so. Immediately report any damage fences or open gates to the PTA CLEO (808) 864-3897, or the PTA Police (808) 969-2429.
- d. All hunters should carry and/or program the following phone numbers into their cell phone, and carry a cell phone at all times when hunting on PTA.

PTA Conservation Law Enforcement Officer (CLEO): (808) 864-3897

PTA DA Police: (808) 969-2429

PTA Fire Department: (808) 969-2448

PTA iSportsman Line: (844) 232-0506 (Toll Free)

PTA Game Manager: (808) 315-1545

3. What You Will Need to Hunt at Pōhakuloa Training Area

a. To be eligible to participate in hunting on PTA you must possess, or have accomplished, the following:

(1) Step 1- Must possess a valid Hunter Certification Card. See 3.b. below.

(2) Step 2- Must possess all required state and federal hunting licenses as well as stamps for the species that will be hunted.

(3) Step 3- Create a user profile in the iSportsman system. Descriptions of the features of this service are given in Appendix A. All hunters must familiarize themselves with the service, as it will be the **only** mechanism available to hunters to access PTA for recreational hunting.

(4) Step 4- To gain access at PTA two prerequisites or validations (e.g., criminal history check, safety briefing) are required. All validations expire at the end of the permitting season, June 30th. Background check validations must be renewed for each new permitting season.

(5) Step 5- A criminal history check must be completed before being granted access to PTA. See 3.c. below.

(6) Step 6- A PTA safety briefing video must be viewed. All hunters must take a quiz on the safety material and pass before being granted access to PTA. The safety video and quiz are located on the PTA iSportsman website. The iSportsman system will not allow hunters to acquire permits until the PTA safety video and quiz have been completed. This validation expires three years after the quiz is passed.

(7) Step 7- All firearms used for hunting at PTA must be registered at PTA. **Only** hunters participating in fall upland game bird or spring bearded turkey hunts must complete this validation. Firearms are **not** permitted for mammal hunting on PTA. See 3.d. below.

(8) Step 8- Purchase or obtain the appropriate PTA hunting permit(s) via the iSportsman service.

b. Hunter Certification Card: Hawaii law requires the completion of an accredited hunter education class to obtain a State of Hawaii Hunting License. Possession of a valid State of Hawaii Hunting License addresses this requirement. For Hawaii residents, hunting licenses may be purchased online (<https://hunting.ehawaii.gov/hunting/license.html>), at the State Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW) offices in Hilo and Waimea, or at selected vendors in Hilo and Kona. Out-of-state hunters must pass an out-of-state education class or request a Hawaii letter of exemption and apply/purchase a hunting license or permit. To avoid delays, prospective out-of-state hunters are advised to contact the Hawaii Hunter Education Program (808) 587-0200 in advance of any planned visits for more information.

c. Criminal History Checks: For all unescorted access to military installations, a check of records through the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) Interstate Identification Index (III) (the Army minimum baseline background check for entrance onto Army installations for non-Common Access Card holders) must be completed. The FBI permits the use of NCIC-III for vetting visitors to ensure the security of military installations. As such, all hunters must agree to a Criminal History Check before being granted access to PTA. Applicants who appear on the NCIC-III may appeal their case to the PTA Commander for permission to hunt on PTA. All hunting permits require this validation, which expires at the end of the permitting season (June 30th). The background check process is

automatically initiated by the CLEO once the applicant registers on iSportsman. The background checks of those applicants who purchased permits in the previous permitting season will be processed before those who registered and did not purchase a permit in the previous season. The background check turnaround time can be lengthy, so hunters are encouraged to register to iSportsman as early in the season as possible.

d. Firearms Registration: All firearms to be used on a military installation for recreational purposes must be registered with the installation. For hunters participating in fall upland game bird or spring bearded turkey hunts, a firearms registration must be secured with this validation. To register a firearm a hunter must complete and fax the "USAG-HI Pōhakuloa Army Training Area Access and Registration of Personal Firearms" form to the PTA Police (808) 969-2432 (Appendix A). The form can also be mailed to:

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

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

4. Safety

a. Blaze Orange. For the fall upland game bird season, hunters will wear blaze orange upper body clothing (shirt, vest, jacket or coat) with at least two square feet of blaze orange visible from 360 degrees. Camouflage blaze orange body clothing is acceptable.

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. 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 believed to present to avoid interfering or injuring others. Exercise extra care when sighting a target and consider impacts to what lies beyond.

d. Evacuation of Hunting Areas. Hunters must immediately leave the hunting area 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 area. Immediately contact and report the issue to the PTA CLEO (808) 864-3897. The hunter will either be allowed back into the area once cleared, or will be directed to another area, if available.

(2) Directed by the PTA CLEO.

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

e. Safety Equipment. PTA is an extremely remote location with rugged terrain; emergency response service across much of the installation. Hunters shall be prepared and are recommended to 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.

f. Unexploded Ordnance. All hunting areas are utilized for military training and dangers inherent to such training are present. It is possible to find unexploded ordnance (UXO) anywhere on the installation. Do not touch or disturb the UXO. As a general rule when hunting on PTA, **if you didn't drop it, don't pick it up.** If a UXO is found, mark the area, not the UXO and report it immediately to PTA CLEO (808) 864-3897.

g. Closed and Off Limits Areas. **Never**, for any reason, enter a closed hunting unit, explosive impact area, or "off limits" areas on PTA. Use the PTA iSportsman website **interactive map** to identify hunter location and open, closed, and off limit areas. It is imperative that hunters know their location at all times. The following areas are off limits to all hunters and hunting activity:

(1) Impact Area. **DO NOT ENTER THE IMPACT AREA FOR ANY REASON.**

(2) Ammunition Supply Point. A 100 yard buffer zone around the facility located in the Menehune Unit, located between TA-5 and TA-6, is off limits at all times.

(3) Waiki'i Ranch Subdivision. No hunter shall be within 2,000 feet of the Waiki'i Ranch boundary, or 1,000 feet from the grazing lease perimeter fence.

(4) FOB Warrior/Cooper Airstrip in TA 3.

(5) TA13 Quarry. Until further notice, the quarry in TA13 is closed to all hunter access.

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

h. Wildfire Prevention. No smoking or open flames are allowed within any hunting area. All vehicles must park in designated parking areas. Do not drive over or park on any uncut grass due to the risk of starting a fire with the vehicle's catalytic converter.

5. Prohibited Activities and Restrictions. The following list are PTA specific restrictions and activities that are prohibited while hunting at PTA. These prohibited activities may differ from state and county laws or ordinances.

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

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

c. Driving Hunting. Drive hunting is prohibited. Drive hunting is defined as an organized sweep by one or more moving people designed to push or drive animals to one or more hunters.

d. Shooting from Vehicle. Shooting an animal from a vehicle is prohibited. Exceptions can be made on a case by case basis for disabled hunters, although not guaranteed --refer to section 8.h.(2)

e. Road Hunting. Driving on approved PTA roads and trails for any purpose other than to reach or leave the assigned hunting area 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 strictly prohibited.

f. **Failure to Check-out of Area by Assigned Time.** **Hunters must check out of their hunting area in the PTA iSportsman system before departing PTA.**

Hunters who fail to check out of the areas in the iSportsman system by the assigned time will automatically have their accounts placed on administrative hold. The first offence in a permitting season will result in the administrative hold remaining until the offender calls the CLEO (808) 864-3897 to resolve the matter. A second offense of not checking out of an area will result in a mandatory administrative hold on their account for 14 days. If a hunter fails to check out of an area three times in a permitting season, a mandatory minimum administrative hold will be placed on their account for 30 days.

g. **Failure to Report Harvest.** All game harvested at PTA must be accurately reported in the iSportsman system upon checkout. The information is used to establish and optimize future hunts at PTA given harvest levels and game abundance.

h. **Spotlighting.** Casting a light to find game while in the possession of a shotgun or archery tackle is prohibited.

i. **Trespassing.** Anyone found in an off limit area or in any other closed area (Training Area, Controlled Access area) without approval may have their PTA hunting privileges revoked. Personnel found poaching/trespassing will be subject to prosecution and/or administrative action. All equipment (weapons, vehicles, etc.) in the individual's possession may be impounded. Report violators to the CLEO (808) 864-3897 or the PTA Police (808) 969-2429.

j. **Alcohol and Drugs.** Alcohol and illegal drugs are strictly prohibited at PTA. Any hunter found in use or possession of alcohol or illegal drugs while hunting is subject to permanent revocation of hunting privileges and prosecution under federal and/or state law. Law enforcement personnel may inspect, detain, escort, and cite the hunter(s), vehicles, and their personal property, if alcohol or illegal drugs are suspected present or used. Violators are subject to applicable enforcement action including penalties, fines, and revocation of hunting permit and access to PTA.

k. **Government Property.** Hunters shall not touch, disturb, collect, or deface any physical Government property at PTA, including any building, range structure, sign, equipment, materials, ordnance, munitions or parts, including natural resources, plants, animals other than game mammals and game birds, and minerals (rocks, gravel, soil, etc.).

l. **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 will be prosecuted under both the civil and criminal provisions of the Archeological Resources Protection Act, 16 USC 470ee-470ff.

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

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

o. Access Under False Pretenses. Any person with a hunting permit to gain access to PTA not for the purposes hunting can be criminally prosecuted. That person may be permanently banned from the installation.

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

q. Removal of Live Animals. No trapping, capturing, or removal of any live game bird or game mammal from PTA is allowed.

r. Horseback hunting. Horses may not be used for riding or hunting at PTA.

s. 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.

6. Violations

a. Each hunter is responsible for knowing and adhering to federal, state, Hawaii County, and PTA hunting laws and/or regulations. Any registered hunter engaged in the following activities may be excluded from the installation and have their PTA hunting privileges revoked and issued applicable citation: destroying/tampering with government property; entering into an off-limits area; failing to comply with any hunting laws; and/or engaging in any activities hazardous to life, health, safety. Military personnel, DOD civilian employees, cooperators and contractors at PTA are also subject to administrative penalty for violations of these regulations. 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. All 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 will be confiscated and may be released to DES with Report of Offense. A receipt of the confiscated items will be furnished to the hunter from whom the items were seized. Violations of this regulation may result in prosecution under code 10USC 2671, or applicable State

of Hawaii law. Military personnel are subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ).

c. Immediate suspension: Any hunter cited with a violation, misdemeanor and/or felony of any provision of the State of Hawaii HAR Chapter 122 or 123, applicable federal Laws, Army and/or PTA Regulations, by PTA CLEO or State of Hawaii Conservation Officers shall be immediately suspended from all hunting privileges for a period of up to 45 days while their respective cases are being adjudicated.

7. Weapons Regulation. This section describes procedures and restrictions on the use of firearms for recreational hunting only. PTA Procedures for Background Checks and Firearms Registration determine the proper protocol regarding the transport and storage of firearms. Unless specifically authorized by the Garrison Commander, the possession and/or use of firearms on the installation are prohibited. This policy will be strictly enforced.

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.

b. Transporting Weapons. 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 such a manner that they will not be readily available to the driver or passengers. All weapons shall be unloaded and inaccessible to the driver and passengers while transported within the boundaries of PTA. Shotguns are considered unloaded when there are no shells in the chamber or magazine.

c. Registering Weapons. Hunters must register any firearms that will be transported on PTA. Registration of privately owned firearms is prohibited for persons described below:

(1) Any person convicted of a felony (Gun Control Act of 1968 (Title 18, USC Section 921 et seq. [18 USC 921 et seq.], as amended in 1996 [18 USC 922]).

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

(a) Makes it a felony for any person to sell or otherwise dispose of firearms or ammunition to any person he or she knows or has reasonable

cause to believe has been convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence.

(b) Prohibits anyone who has been convicted of misdemeanor crime of domestic violence from shipping or transporting in interstate or foreign commerce, or possessing in or affecting commerce, any firearm or ammunition; or receiving any firearm or ammunition which has been shipped or transported in interstate or foreign commerce.

(c) Prohibits any person who is a fugitive from justice.

(d) Prohibits any person who has been convicted in any court of the possession, use, or sale of marijuana, dangerous or narcotic drugs (the term convicted includes non-judicial punishment under Uniform Code of Military Justice, Article 15).

(e) Prohibits any person who is presently declared mentally incompetent or who is presently committed to any mental institution. Hunters will need to present serial numbers, make, and model of their weapons for registration.

8. 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 established Training Areas. Using the PTA iSportsman interactive area map allows hunter access to navigate and check what hunting units are open/closed, parking areas, off limit areas and it displays a location of where the hunter is physically positioned on the map when using their cellular mobile device. Hunters are expected to be familiar with the hunting units and their boundaries. Descriptions of the hunting units are as follows:

(1) Humu'ula. Training Areas 1-4 (3,399 acres) will be used for game mammal and upland game bird.

(2) Menehune. Training Areas 5 and 6 (1,882 acres) will be used for game mammal hunting only.

(3) Keiki. Training Areas 7 and 8 (1,612 acres) will be used for game mammal hunting only.

(4) Ahi. Training Areas 9, 12-16, and 18 East (5,311 acres) will be used for game mammal, upland game bird.

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

(6) Turkey 1 and Turkey 2. Training Area 10 and parts of Training Area 2 (3,800 acres) will be used for spring bearded turkey hunting; however these areas will remain closed until further coordination with the State to determine proper boundaries and safety practices.

b. Hunter Density Limits. A maximum hunter density is designated for the three types of hunting available at PTA. Hunter density levels are implemented to promote hunter safety and enhance the overall hunting experience by restricting the number of hunters in a single unit at a given time. Table 1 shows the maximum number of hunters, by hunting type, allowed in each hunting unit at one time.

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

Hunting Unit	Acreage	Type of Hunt		
		Archery Mammal	Fall Game Bird	Spring Turkey
KMA 3	12935	29	43	14
KMA 1	5872	13	20	7
KMA 2	3777	8	20	4
Ahi	5311	30	45	10
Turkey 1&2	3800	TBD	TBD	TBD
Humu'ula	3399	30	45	10
Menehune	1882	15	N/A	N/A
Keiki	1612	10	N/A	N/A

c. Bag Limits.

(1) Game Birds. All game bird hunting is regulated by H.A.R. Title 13, Chapter 122. All game bird bag limits shown in this Chapter are applicable for all areas of PTA and KMA (KMA 1, 2 and 3).

(2) Game Mammals. All game mammal hunts at PTA require each hunter to have at least one (1) unused Game Mammal Allotment (see 12g below) on their account to check in. At present there are no seasonal or annual limits to the number of game mammals a hunter may harvest, but all harvested mammals (sheep and goats) require that an allotment be used.

(a). PTA, including Humu'ula, Menehune, and Ahi units are regulated by H.A.R. Title 13, Chapter 123. These lands are leased by the US Army from the State of Hawaii and are included in Unit E

of the State's hunting classification system. Daily mammal hunting bag limits are set at **one pig, one goat, and one sheep** per hunter per day.

(b). In Keamuku (KMA 1, 2, and 3), the daily bag limits for game mammals will be determined for each hunting opportunity based on relative abundance, and management objectives for the unit or for specific game mammal species; however, bag limits for this area are the same as 8.c.(2)(a) within this document unless otherwise noted.

d. Hunting Seasons, Days, and Hours.

(1) Game Birds. The fall upland game bird hunting season is regulated by H.A.R. Title 13, Chapter 122. This Chapter was recently revised. The new season dates as shown in this Chapter, the first Saturday in November through the last Sunday in January, are applicable for all areas of PTA and Keamuku.

(2) Spring Bearded Turkey. This season is also regulated by H.A.R. Title 13, Chapter 122. The new season dates allow turkey hunting daily from March 1 through April 15.

(3) Game Mammals. Game mammal hunts may be offered year-round, with consideration for the above Game Bird and Spring Turkey seasons.

(4) Hunting Days. All hunts may be offered on Saturdays, Sundays and selected federal holidays when not in conflict with military training activity.

(5) Hunting Hours. Hunting hours may vary by season. Hunters should know and abide by the hours designated for each hunt. Anyone found to be on the roads/trail system outside these times may be subject to administrative penalty. In some cases, early close times will be used because of a lack of PTA staff to patrol/close gates.

f. Youth Hunters.

(1) Definition. All hunters between the ages of 10-15 in possession of a valid State of Hawaii hunting license. Hunters who qualify will be issued a PTA Youth permit. Youth hunters are eligible for all regular hunting opportunities, and any special youth hunting opportunities offered for the duration of their permit. Special youth-only hunts may be offered depending on area availability and training activity; however, we do not guarantee that youth-only hunts will be offered for any given permitting season. Consult iSportsman for updates. (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 PTA hunting permit(s). Direct supervision is defined as being within sight or hearing of an adult, aged 18 and above. During spring gobbler season youth hunters must stay within 10 yards of the adult supervisor. Accompanying adult supervisor may hunt with the youth hunter.

(3) Check In and Harvest Reporting. Youth hunters are required to check in and out as regular hunters.

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

(5) Firearms. If participating in hunts with a firearm, the firearm must be registered at PTA as described in section 7 above.

g. Senior Hunters.

(1) Definition. All hunters age 65 and above in possession of a valid State of Hawaii hunting license. Hunters who qualify will be issued a PTA Senior permit. Senior hunters are eligible for all regular hunting opportunities and any special senior hunting opportunities offered for the duration of their permit. Note: No special senior hunts are planned until further notice, although continued effort is being applied to reinstate special hunts. Consult iSportsman for updates.

h. Disabled Hunters.

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

(2) Crossbow or vehicle privileges will be determined on a case by case basis for persons with a disability. A valid State of Hawaii Disabled Hunting Permit is required and must be presented to the PTA CLEO. To initiate this process, email the Game Manager at pohakuloa.hunting@gmail.com.

(3) Hunters who qualify will have a Disabled Hunter Validation added to their permit, enabling the use of a crossbow or Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV). Off-Highway Vehicle use, in most cases, will only be permitted to those with a non-ambulatory condition, and on a case-by-case

basis. Decisions are made by the CLEO and approved by the Command.

- (4) If a disabled hunter requires an assistant, the assistant must possess a PTA Hunter Assistant Permit, as described in section 12e below.
- (5) The Ahi and Keiki hunting units will be designated for special disabled hunts. Hunters with the necessary validations will be permitted to drive on the gravel roads within the hunting area. Those hunters with crossbow validations will be permitted to use crossbows. Crossbows may not be fired from inside of a vehicle.

i. Special Hunts.

- (1) Definition. In consideration of their Service to the Nation, the Commander, U.S. Army Garrison Pōhakuloa will on selected days reserves the right to establish a Special Hunt reserved for selected military members of Active Duty units, Guard and Reserves. Importantly, military members are the subject of unique deployment schedules which do not allow them hunt during the normally scheduled seasons/days. Note: all hunters participating in the Special Hunt must be in possession of a valid State of Hawaii hunting license. Hunters who qualify will be issued a PTA Military permit for the specified event. Consult iSportsman for updates notices of Special Hunt.
- (2) Disabled Veteran's Program. As the military training schedule allows, veterans wounded in the line of duty are encouraged to take advantage of hunting opportunities provided under this program. All requests should be coordinated through the PTA Game Manager. PTA reserves the right to open exclusive hunts in appropriate and lawful areas.

i. Disposition of Game. With respect to the handling, processing and transport of harvested game birds and game mammals, the following conditions apply:

- (1) Game Birds. As stated in H.A.R. title 13, Chapter 122, the fully feathered head of any game bird shall remain attached as evidence of sex and species while in the hunting area.
- (2) Game Mammals. Unless otherwise specified, hunters may debone harvested game mammals in the field.

9. Motor Vehicles. The following regulations apply to operation of motor vehicles. Hunters violating these provisions are subject to prosecution and loss of hunting privilege.

a. Parking. Vehicles must be parked in designated parking areas, so that prohibit through traffic, or block any gates or trails. Vehicles must not be hidden from view 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 strictly prohibited.

c. Vehicle Towing. Vehicle operation and parking is at the owner's risk and 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 hunter must notify the CLEO (808) 864-3897 or the DA Police (808) 969-2429 at once. Government vehicles will not assist in any towing.

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, unless by eligible disabled hunters that have been granted validation.

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

10. Dogs

a. Hunting with Dogs. Dogs may be used during the fall upland game bird season only. Mammal hunting with dogs is prohibited, and mammals cannot be killed while hunting other game with a dog

b. Collar and Tags. All dogs used for hunting purposes 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 is not responsible for the loss, death, or injury of any dogs that occur while hunting at PTA.

c. Lost or Stray Dogs. If a "lost" dog is found, the hunter accepts responsibility of the dog and getting the dog to the owner or animal shelter. There are no facilities available to drop off dogs on PTA.

11. 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.” Due to physical Security requirements and safety concerns, all persons entering PTA to hunt, or assist another hunter, must be in possession of the appropriate PTA hunting permit. Contact the PTA CLEO for further details.

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.

12. Permits and Fees. All permits are valid from July 1st through June 30th each year. Permit entitlements and associated fees (if any) are as follows:

a. PTA General Hunting Permit. Allows hunters age 18-64 access to PTA for Game Mammal, Game Bird, and Spring Turkey hunts. Each permit comes with five (5) game mammal allotments. **\$40**

b. PTA Game Mammal Hunting Permit. Allows hunters age 18-64 access to all PTA lands for Game Mammal hunting ONLY. Each permit includes five (5) game mammal allotments. **\$25**

c. PTA Game Bird Hunting Permit. Allows hunters age 18-64 access to all PTA lands for Game Bird hunting ONLY during the Fall Upland Game Bird Season **and** the Spring Bearded Turkey Seasons. **\$25**.

(1) The State of Hawaii requires its own special tags for the Spring Bearded Turkey Season.

d. PTA Youth and Senior Hunting Permits. Youth hunters age 10-15, and Senior hunters, age 65 and over, may access all PTA lands, for Game Mammal, Game Bird, and Spring Turkey hunts. Youth/Senior Hunting Permits are **free** and include five (5) game mammal allotments. To obtain this **Free permit**, call or email the PTA Game Manager or PTA CLEO.

e. PTA Hunter Assistant Permit. Allows non-hunting individuals to accompany permitted hunters to assist in the retrieval and processing of game. Hunter Assistants may not actively participate in any hunting activity, and may not, at any time, possess a loaded hunting weapon or ammunition. This permit requires the Background Check and Safety Briefing be completed for the individual permit holder. Other registered hunters may not obtain this permit for use by another. To obtain this **Free permit**, call or email the PTA Game Manager or PTA CLEO.

f. Special Permits. Special permits may be made available by the Game Program to address management needs as they arise.

g. PTA Game Mammal Allotments. Allotments function the same way as physical tags. Each sheep or goat harvested on PTA must be “tagged” at checkout using an available allotment number. Failure to report harvested game mammals is a violation of this regulation. Each permit enabling mammal hunting (all General, Mammal, Youth, or Senior Permits) comes with a total of five (5) allotments. Once the initial five (5) allotments that come with a PTA General or Game Mammal Hunting Permit are used, hunters will not be able to check in for mammal hunting opportunities. Hunters are responsible for monitoring their own allotment usage.

(1) Feral pigs do not require the use of an allotment, but you must have an unused allotment to check in for any game mammal hunt.

(2) Non-typical (i.e. polled, deformed, mu’umu’u) rams require the use of an allotment at checkout, but if the animal is verified as non-typical, the hunter’s account will be reimbursed. Hunters must coordinate with the PTA CLEO BEFORE departing PTA to qualify for reimbursement.

Table 2. The PTA Hunting Permit Matrix. Use the table below to determine what you will need for each hunting opportunity offered at PTA.¹

Permit Category	Type of Hunt Covered (Y/N)				
	Archery Game Mammal	Fall Upland Game Bird	Spring Bearded Turkey	Youth Archery Mammal	Youth Game Bird/Turkey
PTA General Hunting Permit ^{2, 3}	Y	Y	Y	N	N
PTA Game Mammal Permit ²	Y	N	N	N	N
PTA Game Bird Permit ³	N	Y	Y	N	N
PTA Youth Permit ^{2,3}	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
PTA Senior Permit ^{2,3}	Y	Y	Y	N	N

¹ Hunting at PTA requires possession of a valid State of Hawaii hunting license.

² Game Mammal hunts require unused Allotments for each permit holder to check in.

³ Spring Turkey hunts require State of Hawaii Turkey Tags, available from the Division of Forestry and Wildlife. Call 974-4232 in Hilo, or 887-6063 in Waimea for details.

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Appendix A.

The PTA iSportsman User's Guide

The iSportsman service is a new approach to managing hunter access. With the implementation of iSportsman, there are numerous changes to the way hunting access is administered at PTA. The procedures associated with this service differ greatly from past operation procedures, so it is imperative that users develop a working knowledge of both the PTA Hunting Policy and the iSportsman service. Use of iSportsman will help ensure the accountability and safety of all hunters while on PTA lands. Please remember, it is your responsibility to read and understand the new policy and procedures in their entirety.

iSportsman is an internet and telephone based service. All people wishing to hunt at PTA are required to create a user profile on the PTA iSportsman website ([https:// pta.isportsman.net](https://pta.isportsman.net)). This website will facilitate the completion of access requirements, as well as the purchase or acquisition of any permits necessary to hunt at PTA. In addition, all hunter check-in and harvest reporting will be handled by the service. There will no longer be paper check forms to fill out at physical check stations. Hunters who are not registered with the iSportsman system will not be allowed to hunt at PTA. Once registered, users can access a number of features with any touch-tone phone, home computer, or mobile device.

Online Features include the ability to purchase all required permits, find hunting information, reserve a spot in an open hunting area, check in and out, and report harvest using the PTA iSportsman website.

Telephone Features include the ability to find hunting information, reserve a spot, check in and out, and report harvest from any touch-tone phone using their user profile ID and pass code. Hunter registration and acquisition of permits must be completed online to access the above phone features. The PTA iSportsman Line (844) 232-0506, will be used to access all 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. All hunters who wish to hunt on PTA must register and create a user profile in the iSportsman system. Account information including, but not limited to name, date of birth, physical and mailing addresses, payment information, and State of Hawaii hunting license will be encrypted for safety and stored on the iSportsman secure server. The user account setup includes a waiver of liability acknowledgement.
- b. Validations. Validations are pre-requisites for obtaining permits. The following validations can be secured following links on the website.
 1. Safety Briefing. All hunters must first 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 Background Check. All hunters must pass a criminal background check to qualify for any hunting activities on PTA. Your background check is the same NCIC-III level check administered to contractors and other non-DoD civilians who wish to enter a military installation. The checks are performed by the Army at no cost to you. The information you provide when creating your profile is used to process your background check, so please ensure all information is entered correctly. The average turnaround time for a background check is 3-4 weeks. Please direct all questions regarding background checks to the Conservation Law Enforcement Officer (CLEO).

3. Firearms Registration. All firearms transported onto PTA for hunting must be registered with the PTA DA Police Department. 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 awarded this validation administratively as described in the PTA Hunting Policy (section 8g).

c. Acknowledgements. iSportsman uses acknowledgements to ensure the participant understands a requirement associated with a hunting permit, area or activity. Examples of acknowledgements include, but are not limited to, a Liability Waiver, possession of a valid hunting license, blaze orange requirement, or safety zone information. You must accept the acknowledgement presented to proceed with acquiring that permit or checking into the area in question.

d. Permits. All permits must be purchased via the website using a credit card. There is no physical location to obtain permits, and there are no cash, check or other payment options available. Permit types, associated privileges 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

Hunting Schedule page of 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. iSportsman enables hunters to reserve a spot ahead of arrival at PTA. Beginning at 6:00pm the night before an open hunting day, registered hunters can reserve a spot in an open hunting unit by:

- a. Log into your account.
- b. Select the “Check-in/Checkout” option.
- c. Select “Make a Reservation for Tomorrow.”
- d. Select the appropriate activity. If hunting with others, enter their permit numbers when prompted.
- e. Select the appropriate area and confirm your reservation. A reservation will hold your spot until 8:00am the day of the hunt. Reservations are 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 internet at this time.

3. Hunter Check In. The concept is no different than using hunter check stations, but all checking in and out will now be 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).
- d. 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).
- 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 you enter the border of the hunting unit, and check out when leaving. DO NOT check in from home. To ensure your safety and improve the quality of our data collection, if you choose to move to another hunting unit, you must check out and check back in at your new hunting unit.

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 trail and recover wounded game. In the event a hunter or group of hunters is searching for an animal, they must contact CLEO and request permission to remain in the area beyond the designated closure time. Permission is granted at the sole discretion of the CLEO on duty at the time.

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.)

7. Telephone Access. Telephone access to iSportsman is not available at this time. We will work during this season to make this available, as we understand it is a necessary feature for hunters without smart phones or mobile devices.

Appendix B.

Suspensions and Revocations of Pōhakuloa 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 Commander. 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
Persons found to be legally intoxicated while hunting, or operating vehicles	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
Persons consuming alcohol or use of 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
Harvesting game mammals or game birds identified as closed (Out of Season)	12 month Suspension
Hunting without a valid Hawaii license, stamp or tags	12 month Suspension
Hunting without a valid PTA permit, stamp, or tags	12 month Suspension
Hunting before or after hours	12 month Suspension
Failure to report a harvested mammal	Minimum 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 and 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. In the event that the total period of suspension is in excess of 1 year, the person's privileges may be permanently revoked.

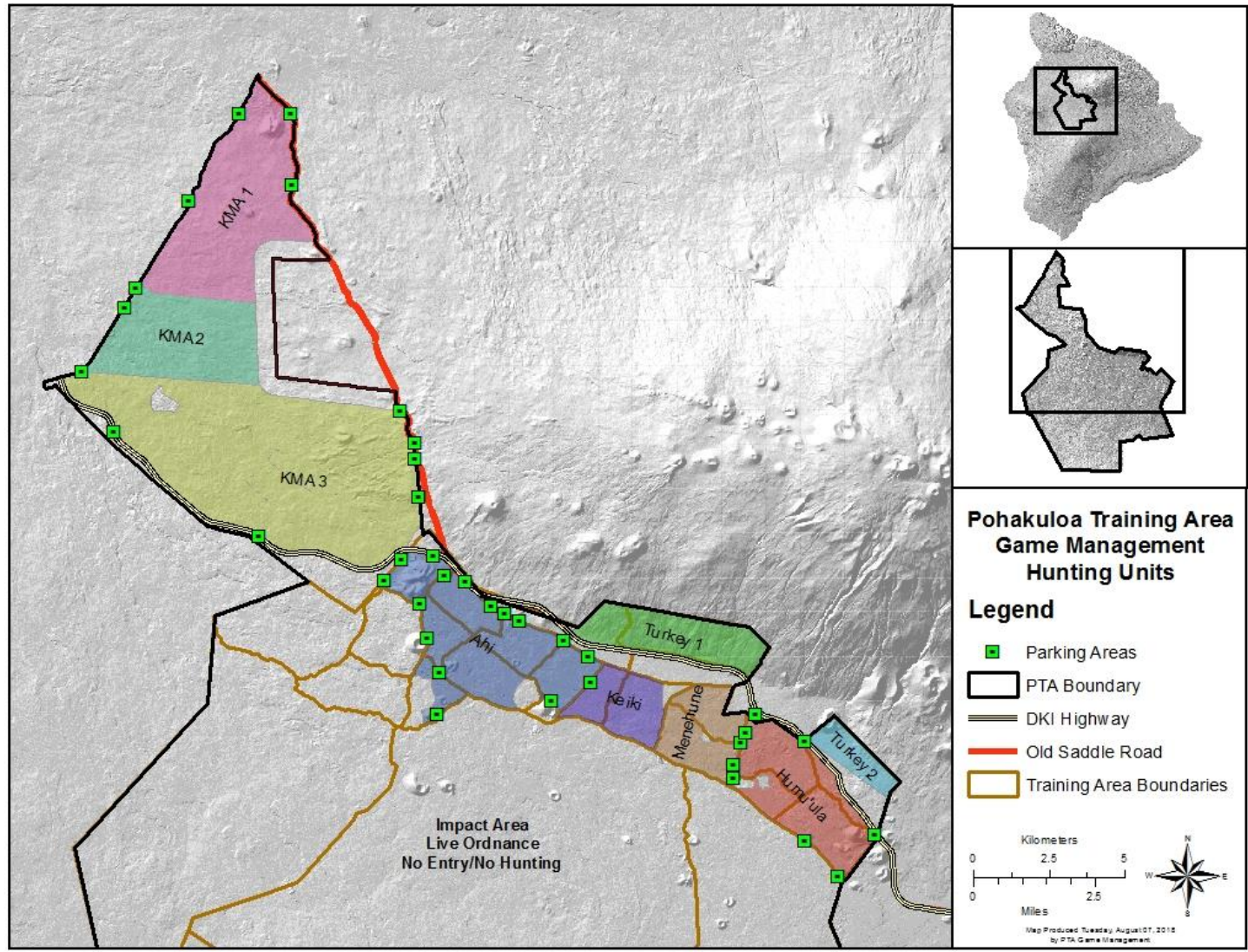


Figure 1. Hunting units in Pōhakuloa Training Area.