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Section I - GENERAL

1-1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE.

a. The primary mission of the Fort Novosel installation is to provide training space and other related installation resources for military use. Land and water resources deemed available for public recreational use and enjoyment will have controlled public access, are subject to safety and military requirements, and will not impair the military mission.

b. This regulation pertains to hunting, fishing, watercraft safety, water safety, and trapping recognized by the State of Alabama and federal laws and regulations. Nothing in this regulation will be interpreted to permit acts contrary to either state or federal statutes. Violation of this regulation may result in punitive actions.

c. Hunting, fishing, trapping regulations, and water safety are published for the information and guidance of all concerned and to prescribe general policies and procedures concerning hunting, fishing, watercraft, water safety, and trapping on the Fort Novosel military reservation. This regulation is applicable to all who participate in any activities governed by this regulation.

1-2. RESPONSIBILITIES.

a. Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (DFMWR). DFMWR is designated as the primary agency responsible for reviewing, coordinating, and publishing this regulation. DFMWR will be responsible for administration of this regulation.

b. Directorate of Public Works (DPW). DPW is the authorized agency for supervision, planning, maintenance, and management of fish and wildlife resources. DPW is responsible for biological data collection. DPW will maintain a record of deer, turkeys, hogs, and small game harvested on the installation and provide the information to the proper authorities to assist in effective wildlife management. DPW is responsible for the policy regarding the harvest of antlerless deer. The policy will be in accordance with (IAW) the annually published state regulation and installation command policy, and the Quality Deer Management Program (para 3-5). DPW is responsible for developing food plots for wildlife and stocking fish for all installation lakes.

c. Directorate of Public Safety (DPS). DPS is the primary designated law enforcement authority on the Fort Novosel military reservation and will provide Game Law Enforcement (GLE) officers. The GLE officers will closely coordinate with the Fish and Wildlife Section and DPW in the execution of the hunting and fishing programs.

d. Chief Training Division, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization, and Security (DPTMS) or his designated representative, is responsible for the overall training area (TA) management and the releasing of TAs for recreational purposes as training or maintenance activities allow as prescribed in chapter 5 of Fort Novosel Regulation 385-1 (Range and Training Area Regulation).

e. Outdoor Recreation (ODR) Advisory Council. The ODR Advisory Council receives comments, suggestions, and concerns from Soldiers and other personnel authorized to hunt and fish on Fort Novosel and represents their interests to improve hunting and fishing on the installation.

The ODR Advisory Council provides advice on the management of hunting and fishing on Fort Novosel and makes recommendations to improve hunting and fishing to the garrison commander, as appropriate.

f. Sportsmen and recreational users are responsible for:

(1) Familiarizing themselves with the provisions of this regulation, applicable state and federal laws, and abiding by these regulations and laws.

(2) Familiarizing themselves with the "Fort Novosel special overprint map". The Fort Novosel special overprint map is used to monitor and manage hunting, fishing, and trapping activities. This map is available at ODR facilities.

(3) Calling the Range Operations Training Division's Automated Briefing System (also known as briefing tape) at 334-255-4086 to obtain information regarding TA status **prior** to entering a TA.

(4) Informing a responsible person of their whereabouts (i.e., TAs) and expected time of return. The responsible person will inform ODR in the event that the hunter/trapper has not returned. They will also notify the military police (MP) desk, 334-255-2222.

1-3. AREAS, BOUNDARIES, AND RESTRICTIONS.

a. On 11 September 2001, Fort Novosel implemented 100 percent access control. All roads and trails (with the exception of Daleville, Enterprise, Faulkner, and Ozark gates) are blocked or barricaded. All recreational users must gain access to Fort Novosel through an authorized entry point. Failure to do so could result in loss of recreational privileges.

b. Recreational activities are not allowed within the impact area. The impact area is restricted to authorized personnel only. The impact area is defined as that area bounded by Alabama Highway 27 on the south and the paved perimeter road on the north, east, and west, plus portions of TAs 7 and 11.

c. Hunters utilizing TAs adjacent to the impact area (TAs 1 through 11) must be familiar with the restrictions for a duded impact area.

d. TA status can be found by contacting Range Operations Training Division's briefing tape at 334-255-4086. After confirming TA's status, hunters must sign-in via <https://novosel.isportsman.net>.

e. Restricted access into these areas. The Range Operations Firing Desk/DPTMS, will ensure gates across east and west perimeter roads and Johnston Road are open when hunting or trapping is allowed.

f. Roads with access barriers (e.g., signs, gates, chains, mounds, etc.) are restricted from vehicle traffic. The only exceptions are vehicles in direct support of training, vehicles used by the Natural Resources Branch (NRB) and DPW, vehicles used for area maintenance, and DPS safety and emergency vehicles.

g. The following restrictions apply to recreational hunting:

- (1) Bow-only areas are TAs A1, A2, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, and 19E.
- (2) Shotgun areas. Sportsmen may only use shotguns in the following areas: TAs 1 through 41, with the exception of 19E.
- (3) Rifle areas. Rifles areas (with the exception of TA 19E) are now TAs 1 through 21, TAs 29 through 32, and TAs 40 through 41.

h. Patrons/personnel finding any munitions will follow the 3Rs of Explosive Safety and immediately report the discovery to Range Control, DPTMS, 334-255-4303/4793. Munitions are dangerous and can explode if approached, touched, moved, or disturbed. Patrons/personnel encountering any munitions will acknowledge the 3R's:

- (1) Recognize. When you have encountered a munition and that munitions are dangerous.
- (2) Retreat. Do not approach, touch or disturb the munition, but carefully leave the area. Mark the area and path in such a way that the munition can be easily located by Range Operations.
- (3) Report. Call Range Control, DTPMS immediately at 334-255-4303/4793 to report. For more information regarding the 3Rs of Explosive Safety please visit the 3R's website using the following link: <https://3Rs.mil>.

1-4. LICENSES AND PERMITS.

a. All patrons/personnel (resident or nonresident) who fish, hunt, or trap on the Fort Novosel military reservation are required to possess the appropriate State of Alabama fishing, hunting, or trapping license. The purchase of a federal duck stamp and State of Alabama duck stamp, in addition to the appropriate state license, is required for hunting waterfowl. A federal duck stamp may be purchased at any United States (U.S.) Post Office. A State of Alabama duck stamp may be purchased at the Probate Judge's Office at the county courthouse. Residents of the State of Alabama under 16 years of age or 65 years of age and older are not required to have a state license.

b. DFMWR is the only agency authorized to issue installation hunting, fishing, and trapping permits. Permits can be purchased through <https://isportsman.net>. All patrons/personnel 16 years of age or older who hunt, fish, or trap on Fort Novosel must possess a valid Fort Novosel hunting, fishing, or trapping permit, as applicable. Permits will be issued only to eligible individuals who possess a valid state license, view the 3Rs slide presentation in iSportsman, pay the appropriate permit fee as prescribed, and hunters must have proof of completion of a state-certified hunter education course from any of the 50 states, Canada, or Germany.

c. Alabama state residents under 16 years of age or 65 years of age and older are permitted to hunt, fish, and trap on Fort Novosel at no cost. Individuals meeting the state criteria as totally disabled and possessing a special annual State of Alabama fishing license for totally disabled persons are permitted to fish on Fort Novosel at no cost.

Patrons/personnel meeting these criteria will be issued the appropriate Fort Novosel permit. Individuals will contact the ODR Service Center, 334-255-4305 for details on how to obtain a permit.

d. A Sikes Act fee for managing fish and wildlife resources and a DFMWR fee for managing recreational aspects of the program will be charged to patrons. The fee is included in the permit prices. The rates will be published annually.

1-5. FIREARM AND WEAPON REGISTRATION AND TRANSPORTATION.

a. IAW Army Regulation 190-11 (Physical Security of Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives), all firearms, to include black powder (except air guns) brought onto Fort Novosel will be registered with the MP station, building (Bldg) 5001. Registration will be on Fort Novosel (DPS) Form 818-E (Registration of Privately Owned Weapons). Do not bring weapon(s) into the MP station.

b. Properly registered privately owned firearms may be transported as outlined:

(1) The firearm must be transported unloaded in the trunk of the vehicle. The only exception is a vehicle without a trunk. In these circumstances, the firearm must be transported unloaded, either in a locked compartment or cased and in plain view.

(2) The transporting of a loaded firearm in a vehicle is prohibited. A firearm is considered loaded when an unexpended round is in the chamber and/or magazine. Muzzleloaders are considered unloaded when the cap is removed or flash pan is empty. Only credentialed police officers are authorized to transport a loaded firearm on Fort Novosel and must be in pursuant to performing law enforcement duty.

(3) Transporting privately owned firearms on motorcycles is authorized if the firearm is secured in a separate lockable container from ammunition (i.e., saddlebag or lockable faring container).

(4) Handguns will not be concealed at any time.

(5) Firearm and weapon owners will have in their possession at all times their Alabama state license, Fort Novosel permit, and picture identification (ID) card. The Fort Novosel Provost Marshal weapon registration must be in their vehicle or in a gun case as they travel on the installation with firearms.

(6) Weapons will only be loaded in the assigned TA. Hunters will inspect, clear, and case their weapons prior to transporting their weapons. Weapons and ammunition will be transported in separate containers and vehicle compartments.

1-6. INSPECTIONS. Sportsmen and women must carry their state license, post permits, and proof of ID on their persons for examination upon request by Fort Novosel GLE officers or state game wardens. Creel and game bags will be made available for examination upon request. Sportsmen and women must have their weapon's registration in their vehicle or in a gun case as they travel on the installation with firearms. ODR registration card in plain view on the dashboard of the driver's side of their vehicle.

1-7. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS. DFMWR will implement the provisions of the common regulatory violations and possible penalties by conducting hearings when applicable and taking necessary actions in those cases where a violator is identified (appendix A). A violator is defined as an individual who is apprehended or issued a summons by Fort Novosel GLE officers, federal game wardens, or state game wardens for violation of this regulation, state or federal laws, or other applicable Army regulations on the Fort Novosel military reservation. Violators will surrender their post hunting, fishing, or trapping permits to the officer making the apprehension and those privileges will be suspended. Any appeal of a suspension will be made IAW paragraph 1-8 of this regulation.

1-8. RESTORATION OF PRIVILEGES. Appeals for restoration of hunting, fishing, boating, and trapping privileges will be submitted in writing to DFMWR through DPS (for comment) within 10 calendar days from the date the penalty was issued. The community recreation officer will make a recommendation to the Director of DFMWR who will determine if restoration of privileges is warranted or justified. Grounds for appeal include, but are not limited to, emergency beyond patron's control, citation issued improperly, or patron called back to unscheduled military duty.

1-9. HUNTER ORANGE.

a. During all firearm deer seasons, all persons hunting any wildlife species are required to wear an outer garment above the waist with a minimum of 144 square inches of hunter orange or either a full-size hunter orange hat or cap. A small logo is permitted on the front of hunter orange caps. The cap must be visible from all angles.

b. It is required that any person bow hunting in bow hunting only areas wear, at a minimum, hunter orange headgear visible from any angle when moving.

c. If utilizing a tree stand, once the hunter is elevated 12 feet or higher, hunter orange may be removed. Hunter orange must be on prior to descending from the elevated tree stand.

d. It is required that any person duck hunting wear hunter orange while going to and from the duck blind. It may be removed while in the duck blind.

Section II - SEASONS

2-1. HUNTING AND FISHING. Hunting and fishing on Fort Novosel will be IAW the seasons set forth and governed by the State of Alabama and published in the Alabama state Hunting Regulation. The Fish and Wildlife Section, DPW, has the authority to close, limit, or restrict hunting seasons and bag limits in any hunting area on the installation for wildlife management/biological reasons. Any changes will be published in the official section of the Weekly Bulletin, posted on the morale, welfare, and recreation (MWR) website at <http://novosel.armymwr.com/>, on <https://novosel.isportsman.net/> and published in the Army Flier.

2-2. SPORTSMAN COMPLIANCE. It is the sportsman's responsibility to comply with the hunting and fishing seasons, regulations, and bag limits for the State of Alabama. Season dates and bag limit are explained annually in the Alabama Hunting and Fishing Digest.

2-3. **PUBLIC STREAMS, LAKES, AND PONDS.** All public streams, lakes, and ponds are open to fishing throughout the year. Areas will be marked off-limits when pond management or other activities are being conducted.

2-4. **HOG HUNTING.** IAW Alabama state regulations, hog hunting is allowed during turkey season.

2-5. **TURKEY SEASON.** During turkey season, hunting will be allowed with shotgun shot sizes 6, 7, 7.5 or 8 in bow-only TAs A1, E, F, and I during weekdays.

2-6. **QUAIL HUNTING.** Quail hunting will be allowed in TAs (A1, E, F, and I) following the gun deer season with shotguns, 12-gauge or smaller, using shot size 7.5, 8, or 9.

Section III - HUNTING

3-1. CLEARANCE TO ENTER TAs.

a. It is mandatory that all hunters call Range Operations Training Division's briefing tape at 334-255-4086 to obtain information regarding TA's status. After confirming TA's status, hunters must sign-in via <https://fortNovosel.isportsman.net> (iSportsman). It is the hunter's responsibility to check TA closures each period posted daily by DPTMS Range Operations at 1100, 1600, and 2000.

b. iSportsman is Fort Novosel's primary method to check into a TA for hunting. This requirement aids in addressing safety concerns by ensuring the number of hunters does not exceed the TA's capacity and prevents recreational activities from impeding on training activities.

c. Hunters will select an open TA. This selected TA assignment shall be binding. Hunters can only be signed in to one TA at a time. Hunters are allowed to change TAs only by calling the Range Operations Training Division's briefing tape for TA availability. Once confirmed, hunters will log into iSportsman to change their TAs.

d. If iSportsman is inoperative, the secondary check-in procedure is to call ODR after 0730 at 334-255-4305 (voice mail) notifying them that iSportsman is inoperative. In the event that both the primary and secondary systems fail, hunters may hunt after verifying that the TA is open for hunting by calling the Range Operations Training Division's briefing tape at 334-255-4086. The last updated briefing will be at 2000. Hunters can register for an available TA a day prior between the hours of 2005 and 2359. Hunters cannot register for TAs for the following day before Range Operations 2000 update.

e. Hunters and trappers must be out of the hunting areas not later than 1900 central standard time or 2000 daylight savings time (DST). All hunters failing to check out of a hunting area will be automatically removed by the system at 2000 DST.

3-2. FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION.

a. Firearms.

(1) Legal arms and ammunition for hunting on Fort Novosel will be IAW the state hunting regulations. Rifles and pistols using center-fire, mushrooming type ammunition are authorized for hunting in TAs 1 through 21, TAs 29 through 32, and TAs 40 through 41. There are no firearms permitted in TA 19E. Black-powder, muzzle-loading rifles, pistols (.40-caliber or larger), and shotguns (10-gauge or smaller using buckshot or slugs) are authorized for deer hunting in all gun areas (numbered TAs). Small game hunters may use .22-caliber or smaller rimfire firearms or air guns in all gun areas.

(2) Only .22-caliber firearms are permitted to dispatch hogs caught in hog traps in any bow only areas, with the exception of 19E. There are specific bow only areas that you will be allowed to hunt turkey and quail with a firearm.

b. Bow and Arrow. Bow and arrow equipment will be IAW state regulations. During bow deer season, hunters are not allowed to have in their possession a bow and firearm (rifle or gun).

3-3. CLEARANCE BEFORE DISCHARGING FIREARMS.

- a. Hunters will ensure the area behind the target is clear.
- b. No discharge of firearms within 50 yards of paved roads, gravel roads, or maintained roads.
- c. No discharge of firearms within 200 yards of airstrips, designated hover areas in TA 35, recreational areas (to include trails), or buildings to include stables and housing areas. Weapons and bows will not be fired in the direction of roads, airstrips, recreational areas, or buildings. The only exception is duck hunters who are permitted to hunt over or around lakes, ponds, creeks, rivers to shoot ducks.
- d. Indiscriminate shooting is not allowed within the confines of the Fort Novosel military installation. Target practice is only allowed at the Privately Owned Weapon (POW) Range. POW Range is located across from Range Operations, Bldg. 24314. Individuals must present a stamped copy of their Fort Novosel Form 818-E and a valid state or federal ID to Range Operations personnel and receive a safety brief before they are allowed to use the POW Range. Patrons/personnel should contact Range Operations for times of operation at 334-255-4303/4486.

3-4. GROUP HUNTS. A group hunt is defined as a cooperative effort by five or more individuals hunting game on Fort Novosel. Group hunts on Fort Novosel are only allowed for hog hunts and must be approved by the garrison commander or their delegated authority prior to the hunt. Deer drives, by any number of individuals, are not authorized on Fort Novosel.

3-5. QUALITY DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM. Fort Novosel's Quality Deer Management Program entails an annual review of harvest data, fawn recruitment, and other biological data pertaining to the deer population on Fort Novosel by the Environmental and Natural Resources Division (ENRD) within DPW. NRD will make a recommendation to the garrison commander for approval about harvest quota, antlerless harvest, and necessary hog and coyote depredation control. An announcement will be made not later than 31 August, prior to the beginning of deer season, detailing the changes to harvest restriction and TA availability for that season.

3-6. USE OF PRIVATELY OWNED VEHICLES.

- a. Licensed motor vehicles are limited to operation on paved roads, gravel roads, and maintained dirt roads.
- b. Upon entering a TA, hunters and trappers will not block roads, tank trails, etc., when parking their vehicle.
- c. Hunters and trappers must display the ODR registration card in plain view on the dashboard of the driver's side of their vehicle. The ODR registration card must be filled out legibly and in its entirety.
- d. Motor vehicles will not traverse cross-country through wildlife openings (food plots), through utility line rights-of-way, or around locked gates and cables. Law enforcement, other official agencies, and properly registered hunters who are individuals with disabilities (IWDs) are granted permission through proper coordination with ODR.
- e. Hunting from a motor vehicle is prohibited; the **ONLY** exception as defined in State of Alabama law allowing the use of motor vehicle hunting by hunters who are IWDs. IWD hunters who are interested in obtaining approval to operate off-road vehicles and all-terrain vehicles must contact ODR at 334-255-4305 for details, requirements, and forms.
- f. Hunters and trappers in TA Charlie will not park automobiles on Artillery Road.
- g. Hunters and trappers will not tamper with or otherwise remove any barricade or gate that prohibits entry into any TA that is closed for training.

3-7. HUNTING WITH DOGS.

- a. Vaccination. Dogs brought onto the installation shall be properly immunized for rabies. Upon request by proper authorities (i.e., GLE officers, state game wardens, federal game wardens, etc.) owners of hunting dogs shall produce rabies vaccination certificates.
- b. Training.
 - (1) Training or conditioning of hunting dogs on Fort Novosel is limited to the area south of Alabama Highway 27 and may be done during daylight hours only, with the exception of raccoon hunting.
 - (2) Personnel will call Range Operations Training Division's briefing tape at 334-255-4086 to obtain information on TAs that are available for hunting/training dogs.
 - (3) Dog trainers will ensure dogs remain under close supervision in designated TA and that native game is not molested.
 - (4) Water training may be done year-round at Engineer Beach on Lake Tholocco, Beaver Pond on Andrews Avenue near the golf course, or Beaver Lake. Dog training and/or pets are not allowed in the recreational areas at Buckhorn Lake, Ech Lake, and Parcours Lake.

(5) Hunting dog training is restricted during the critical ground bird (wild turkey, quail, etc.) nesting and brood-raising period of 1 March to 31 July. Only exception is in designated water TAs.

(6) There is no training allowed for deer hunting dogs.

c. Deer and hog hunting with dogs on Fort Novosel is prohibited.

d. Hunting with horses is prohibited.

3-8. ADDITIONAL HUNTING MANDATES AND RESTRICTIONS.

a. Electronic calls are authorized for small game hunting, including hogs. Electronic calls can only be used during daylight hours.

b. The use of explosive noise-producing devices (e.g., fireworks, blank pistols, etc.) is prohibited. Training pistols incapable of firing any ammunition but blanks may be used in training hunting dogs. State regulations apply to the use of other types of noise-producing devices (e.g., game and bird calls, rattling antlers, etc.).

c. Cleaning game in housing areas is prohibited. A cleaning shed is located behind the Game Warden Office, Bldg. 24201. For additional information concerning this facility, contact ODR at 334-255-4305.

d. Collection Stations. All deer and turkeys must be physically taken to the collection stations to be weighed, measured, and logged in (instructions are posted at all collection stations). All hunters must fill out their harvest record, to include newly required confirmation number, before removing the animal/bird from the installation. Failure to do so will result in a 30-day suspension. Collection stations for TAs north of Alabama Highway 27 (TAs 1 through 11) is located across from Range Operations, Bldg. 24314. Collection stations for TAs (TAs 12 through 41) south of Alabama Highway 27 are located across from the Game Warden Office, Bldg. 24201, and at the Newton gate.

e. Hunters wounding game will make every effort to track down the animal or bird. They will notify the game warden officers (334-255-4735/4213) of lost game. Tracking wounded game into the impact area is prohibited. Tracking for game is not allowed in areas known or suspected to contain unexploded ordnances (UXOs.)

f. As part of the Wildlife Management Program the number of hogs/coyotes hunted must be recorded to track the hog/coyote populations. All hogs hunted must be recorded in iSportsman.net

g. Turkey hunters will only possess ammunition legal for hunting turkeys.

Section IV - FISHING

4-1. **SEASONS.** All ponds, lakes, and streams, with the exception of Buckhorn Lake, Ech Lake and those identified as in the impact area, will be open for fishing 24 hours a day. Ponds, lakes, and streams may be closed due to military training or restocking. Notice of closed ponds or lakes, as well as effective dates of closing will be published on the MWR website at

<http://novosel.armymwr.com/>. Signs, indicating closures, will be announced on all social media platforms at all ponds or lakes when possible when closed for any purpose.

4-2. METHODS.

a. Fisherpersons will have in their possession at all times their Alabama state fishing license, Fort Novosel fishing permit, and a picture ID card.

b. Methods of Fishing. Rod and reel, hook and line, cane pole, and similar methods of fishing are authorized. Fisherpersons are limited to two fishing poles or rods per person while fishing from designated fishing piers on Lake Tholocco. Bait restrictions for small lakes and ponds are outlined in paragraph 4-3 below. No magnet fishing of any kind will be permitted in any Fort Novosel waters.

c. Line Fishing. Trotlines, throw lines, or setlines (to include jugs) are authorized only under the following conditions:

(1) All such lines will be prominently marked with the owner's last name and Fort Novosel hunting/fishing permit number.

(2) Trotlines will be prominently marked at both ends and will not be located on any span that may interfere with other fisherpersons' lines or watercraft. Trotlines are limited to 200 feet in length and not more than two lines per individual. Trotlines and setlines will not be placed in a water ski area, Area 1.

(3) All lines will be checked each 12-hour period.

(4) Unmarked lines and improperly set lines will be confiscated by GLE officers or state and federal game wardens.

(5) Glass and metal containers are prohibited for jug fishing. All jugs will be marked with the owner's last name and Fort Novosel hunting/fishing permit number. Jugs will be attended to prevent them drifting into recreational areas.

d. Traps, Seines, and Nets.

(1) The only fish traps authorized in any waters on Fort Novosel are minnow traps with an aperture of one inch or less.

(2) Special regulations governing sucker netting are as follows:

(a) Persons participating must comply with the license provisions of paragraph 1-4 of this regulation and are required to have Fort Novosel fishing permits in their possession.

(b) Rods and reels, hooks and lines, cane poles, spears, gigs, longbows, or firearms are not allowed in boats with, or in the possession of, persons engaged in sucker netting.

(c) All nets will be marked with buoys or floats readily visible above the water line and prominently marked with the owner's last name.

e. Fishing Lake Tholocco.

- (1) No fishing in the primary ski area while being used by skiers, tubers, etc.
- (2) No fishing within 100 feet around designated swimming areas, except on the West Beach fishing pier.
- (3) No fishing on beach areas when open for swimming activities.
- (4) No fishing within 50 feet of boat docks.
- (5) No fishing within 50 feet of vessel launching areas.
- (6) No fishing from a boat within 150 feet of the spillway
- (7) No magnet fishing of any kind permitted in any Fort Novosel waters.
- (8) The use of cast nets from piers is prohibited.

4-3 SPECIAL REGULATIONS APPLYING TO SMALL LAKES AND PONDS. The following regulations apply to Beaver Lake, Buckhorn Lake, Ech Lake, and Parcours Lake on the Fort Novosel military reservation.

- a. Minnows of all types are prohibited.
- b. Seining or netting is prohibited, except for specific military training.
- c. Trotlines and/or jugs are prohibited.
- d. Only paddles, oars, and electric motors are allowed as means of boat propulsion on Beaver Lake, Buckhorn Lake, Ech Lake, Parcours Lake, and other waters of the military reservation. The operation of gasoline engines on these four lakes is prohibited. Float tubes or belly boats are authorized for fishing.
- e. Swimming and wading are prohibited in Beaver Lake, Buckhorn Lake, Ech Lake, and Parcours Lake.
- f. Lake creel limits are posted at Lake Tholocco, Beaver Lake, Buckhorn Lake, Ech Lake, and Parcours Lake.
- g. Gigging for frogs on ponds open for fishing is permitted if the gig has at least three prongs. A post fishing permit is required.
- h. Parcours Lake is reserved for youth fishing, 15 years of age or younger. Adults may assist youth fishing activities but cannot actively fish themselves.
- i. No magnet fishing of any kind permitted in any Fort Novosel waters.

Section V - RECREATIONAL TRAPPING

5-1 **GENERAL.** Recreational trapping refers to trapping of fur bearing creatures. The following are designated as furbearing animals in Alabama (2016-2017): beaver, bobcat, fox, mink, muskrat, nutria, opossum, otter, raccoon, striped skunk, coyote, and feral swine. Recreational hunting is at the expense of the trapper. Fort Novosel provides no additional resources to support trapping or baiting of furbearing animals. Recreational trapping is not depredation trapping and has separate procedures and policies.

5-2 RESPONSIBILITIES.

a. ODR, DFMWR. For patrons declaring their intention to trap on Fort Novosel, ODR staff will annotate trapping authorization on the trapper's Fort Novosel hunting permit, brief the patron on the major rules and procedures of this regulation, and specifically address trapping procedures within the lettered TAs surrounding the cantonment area. ODR will maintain a roster of all trappers registered and approved to trap on Fort Novosel. ODR will ensure Corvias Housing includes a statement in military tenants' housing agreements denoting that trapping is authorized in the TAs surrounding the cantonment area but is restricted to at least 200 yards from any housing areas, facilities, or structures.

b. DPS, GLE Officers. GLE are responsible for enforcing state and federal law as well as regulations and guidelines identified in this regulation and Fort Novosel Regulation 385-1. They are authorized to enforce all applicable regulations and/or state laws pertaining to trapping on Fort Novosel. They will take appropriate actions against violators.

c. Fish and Wildlife Section, DPW. Consolidate trapping information from all recreational trappers. Fort Novosel biologists will maintain annual records of all game trapped on Fort Novosel.

d. Recreational Trappers. Patrons wanting to trap on Fort Novosel will declare those intentions at the ODR Office, Bldg. 24235, at Lake Tholocco. They will receive the trapping briefing from the ODR staff and have trapping authorized on their Fort Novosel hunting permit. Trappers will fully understand and adhere to Fort Novosel regulations and Alabama state laws that govern trapping. Trappers will check traps set in water at least once every 72 hours. All other types of traps will be inspected at least once every 24 hours. Trappers shall report the number and types of game trapped in the iSportsman system.

5-3. ADMINISTRATIVE RULES.

a. Recreational trappers will adhere to all requirements found in Section I and Section III of this regulation.

b. Trapping is not authorized in the impact area, TA 19E, portions of TA 7 and 11, and as depicted on the surrounding cantonment TAs.

5-4. CLEARANCE/PROCEDURES FOR TRAPPING IN NUMBERED TAs.

a. Recreational trapping is only authorized within TAs in an open status. Trappers are required to check TA's statuses through the Range Operations Training Division's briefing tape at 334-255-4086. Trappers must sign in and out via <https://novosel.isportsman.net/> to sign in to

TAs. Traps in TAs scheduled to be closed must be disarmed prior to the scheduled closed date. TAs projected open and closed dates are published on the ODR Hunting Area Status Map website.

b. Licensed motor vehicles are limited to operation on paved roads, gravel roads, and maintained dirt roads. Upon entering a TA, trappers will not block roads, tank trails, etc., when parking their vehicle. Trappers must display the ODR dashboard registration card in plain view on the dashboard of the driver's side of their vehicle. The card must be filled out legibly and in its entirety.

c. Trappers may only carry and use a .22-caliber rimfire weapon to dispatch trapped furbearing game. The weapon will not be loaded until the trapper is ready to dispatch the trapped game. Conducting animal dispatch, see paragraph 5-7 below.

5-5. CLEARANCE/PROCEDURES FOR TRAPPING IN THE LETTERED TAs.

a. TAs surrounding Fort Novosel's cantonment area known as lettered TAs, thus, extra safety measures will be exercised. Lettered TAs are A1, A2, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, and 19E. The lettered TAs and their boundaries are depicted on the Fort Novosel reservation hunting map issued by ODR with the purchase of an annual Fort Novosel hunting permit.

b. Trappers will follow normal login procedures by signing into iSportsman. See paragraph 3-1 of this regulation.

c. The trapper must maintain constant cognizance of their location when trapping and dispatching, especially when trapping in a lettered TA.

d. For those lettered TAs that border any portion of the residential housing, trappers are not authorized to park vehicles on any street, grass, field, or road (dirt or otherwise) that is in or between the residential housing and the lettered TAs. Trappers will not transit through any portion of the residential housing with weapons or game or to inspect traps.

e. Trapping is not authorized within 200 yards of the cantonment area or in specific areas with extended restricted areas, to include houses, schools, offices, storage buildings, riding stables, airfield, recreational area, etc.

f. Trappers may only carry and use a .22-caliber rimfire weapon to dispatch trapped furbearing game. The .22-caliber firearm is the only authorized firearm for use in lettered TAs to dispatch. The weapon will not be loaded until the trapper is ready to dispatch the trapped game. Conducting animal dispatch, see paragraph 5-7 of this regulation.

5-6. FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION. Rifles may be used to dispatch furbearing game in TAs 1 through 21, TAs 29 through 32, and TAs 40 through 41. Only .22-caliber firearms are permitted to dispatch in lettered TAs, TAs A through I. There are no firearms permitted in TA 19E.

5-7. CLEARANCE BEFORE DISCHARGING FIREARMS (WHEN DISPATCHING).

a. Trappers will not fire in the direction of any post housing or any other structure bordering or surrounding a lettered TA. If there is any doubt as to which direction is the safe

direction to fire, the trapper will not fire. The trapper will either release the trapped animal or regain their bearing to determine which direction is the safe direction to fire before dispatching the animal.

b. Trappers will ensure the firearm is loaded and aimed in a 'downward' manner to prevent rounds from departing the immediate area placing personnel or infrastructure at risk (no free shooting of trapped or un-trapped animals).

c. Trappers will ensure the area surrounding the trap is cleared before firing. Trappers will not dispatch game greater than 50 yards from the target.

d. No discharge of firearms within 50 yards of trails, paved roads, gravel roads, or maintained roads.

e. No discharge of firearms within 200 yards of airstrips, designated hover areas in TA 35, recreational areas to include trails, or buildings to include stables and housing areas.

f. Weapons, firearms, and bows will not be fired in the direction of roads, airstrips, recreational areas, fishing areas, lakes, or buildings.

g. All weapons will be properly cleared and placed on safe immediately following animal dispatch.

h. The weapon will remain unloaded and unconcealed while removing the dispatched animal from the area.

i. Trappers must ensure the animal is deceased before transporting it. Alabama law prohibits the transport of live game animals.

5-8. ADDITIONAL RECREATIONAL TRAPPING MANDATES AND RESTRICTIONS.

a. Recreational trapping **is not authorized** in a closed TA. Traps must be de-armed (unset) prior to unit occupation.

b. Hunter orange is required for all recreational trappers.

c. Any person trapping furbearing animals in Alabama is required to carry a choke stick.

d. Trap Markings. Leg and water traps will be marked with a three foot high (minimum) stake, topped with a small strip of orange marking tape, and staked within five feet of the trap location with a plastic or metal tag showing the trapper's last name, Fort Novosel permit number, and state license number.

e. Reporting. All trappers shall report the number and types of game trapped in the iSportsman system.

f. Violations and penalties associated with trapping on Fort Novosel are as published in appendix A of this regulation.

Section VI - DEPREDATION ANIMAL TRAPPING

6-1. GENERAL.

a. Increases in feral hog populations on Fort Novosel over the last 25 years have resulted in numerous problems for the installation. Feral hogs directly compete with both game and non-game species for available resources; displace native wildlife populations; disrupt and destroy nests of native wildlife; and cause damage to crops, trees, landfill caps and erosion control structures.

b. **NR and United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Wildlife Services personnel are the ONLY parties to conduct depredation feral hog trapping.** Feral Hog trapping activities will be coordinated with Training Division for de-conflicting with training activities.

6-2. RESPONSIBILITIES.

a. DPW, NR is responsible for identifying the need for depredation trapping due to damage, disease, or safety risk caused by wild animals. NR will be responsible for developing a plan for accomplishing depredation animal trapping and implementing the plan through the use of NR personnel and USDA, Wildlife Services Personnel. NR/USDA will provide updated depredation trapping maps to DPTMS, Training Division and the garrison commander as changes occur.

b. DPTMS, Training Division is responsible for reviewing the depredation trapping plan and de-conflicting trapping activities with training and other users of TAs.

c. DPS, GLE Officers. GLE are responsible for enforcing state and federal law, as well as regulations and guidelines identified in this regulation and Fort Novosel Regulation 385-1. They are authorized to enforce all applicable regulations and/or state laws pertaining to trapping on Fort Novosel. They will take appropriate actions against violators.

d. USDA Wildlife Services personnel are the ONLY parties authorized to conduct depredation feral swine trapping.

6-3. **FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION.** Rifles may be used to dispatch hog/coyotes in TAs 1 through 21, TAs 29 through 32, and TAs 40 through 41. Shotguns may also be used to dispatch hogs in all TAs except lettered TAs. Only .22-caliber firearms are permitted to dispatch hogs in lettered TAs, TAs A through I.

6-4. CLEARANCE BEFORE DISCHARGING FIREARMS (WHEN DISPATCHING).

a. When conducting animal dispatch, trappers will ensure the area surrounding the trap is cleared before firing.

b. When in a lettered TA, trappers will not fire in the direction of any post housing or any other structure bordering or surrounding. If there is any doubt as to which direction is the safe direction to fire, the trapper will not fire. The trapper will either release the trapped animal or regain their bearing to determine which direction is the safe direction to fire before dispatching the animal.

c. Trappers will ensure the firearm is loaded and aimed in a 'downward' manner to prevent rounds from departing the immediate area placing personnel or infrastructure at risk (no free shooting of trapped or un-trapped animals).

d. Trappers will not dispatch a game/hog greater than 50 yards from the target.

e. No discharge of firearms within 50 yards of trails, paved roads, gravel roads or maintained roads.

f. No discharge of firearms within 200 yards of airstrips, designated hover areas in TA 35, recreational areas to include trails, fishing areas, lakes, buildings, stables and housing areas. Weapons, firearms, and bows will not be fired in the direction of roads, airstrips, recreational areas, fishing areas, lakes, or buildings.

g. All weapons will be properly cleared and placed on safe immediately following animal dispatch.

h. The weapon will remain unloaded and unconcealed while removing the dispatched animal from the area.

6-5. COYOTE DEPREDATION TRAPPING.

a. Control measures for coyotes have become necessary because non-native coyotes have reached high populations and are seriously impacting game and non-game species to include the gopher tortoise (a Department of Defense designated species at risk) by predation. Coyotes have also caused safety issues with joggers, bikers, and Soldiers on foot training in remote areas and around base housing.

b. **NR and USDA Wildlife Services personnel are the ONLY parties to conduct depredation coyote trapping.** Coyote trapping activities will be accomplished during February through March and July through August timeframes. All coyote trapping activities will be coordinated with Training Division for de-conflicting with training activities.

c. Trap locations will be marked with a four foot tall, one inch galvanized pipe with reflective tape around the top. Traps will be within two meters of pipe. Both leg-hold and snare traps may be used depending on agency authorization. Traps will be marked with an identifying band listing agency name and contact phone number.

d. Firearms and Ammunition. Dispatch of coyotes in traps will be accomplished with .22-caliber rimfire weapons and ammunition.

e. Clearance before Discharging Firearms. See paragraph 6-7 of this regulation.

f. Reports. Records will be kept of all coyotes taken by trapping or shooting and will be maintained by NR for reporting to the garrison commander.

Section VII - BOATING AND WATER ACTIVITIES

7-1. GENERAL.

- a. All motorized (gasoline powered) vessels used on the waters of the Fort Novosel military reservation must have a current state registration.
- b. Vessel launch passes must be paid as indicated on area signs.
- c. All patrons/personnel and vessels will comply with Alabama and federal laws and regulations, unless specified below.
- d. Persons operating watercraft in a reckless or hazardous manner or in violation of the regulations in this section may lose their privileges to operate a boat on the waters of Fort Novosel. Watercraft not having the required equipment will not be allowed to operate until the required equipment is obtained.

7-2. BOAT OPERATIONS SPECIFIC TO LAKE THOLOCCO.

- a. The operator of any vessel, motorized or not, must have in their possession a Lake Tholocco Boater Safety Certificate. One may be obtained online at <https://novosel.armymwr.com/programs/hunting-and-fishing> or call 334-255-4305.
- b. All powerboat operators will follow a clockwise traffic pattern in the primary ski area of the lake, keeping the red buoys on the right and the white buoys on the left. Operators of all vessels (as defined by Alabama state regulations) will obtain and thoroughly familiarize themselves with the Lake Tholocco traffic pattern.
- c. Boats and personal watercraft (PWC) will not be operated within 100 feet of the authorized swimming area.
- d. Boats and PWC will not be operated within 150 feet of the spillway structure of the dam.
- e. Non-powered pleasure boats, including rowboats and canoes except when being used for fishing, will operate only in designated areas.
- f. Sailboats, windsurfing, wave runners, jet skis, and airboats will be restricted to areas north of West and East Beach piers, with the following exceptions:
 - (1) Watercraft launched at the marina may use the west side of the lake enroute to the authorized area, provided they take the most direct route.
 - (2) Watercraft may proceed directly to and from East and West Beach drop-off areas to pick up/discharge riders. They may not enter the main circulation area unless they are pulling skiers or tubes. Jet skis and wave runners pulling skiers/tubes must operate within the normal vessel/ski pattern in Area 1.
 - (3) Jet skis and wave runners will be launched from boat ramps.
- g. PWC may only operate from sunrise to sunset, except for fishing. Fishing from a boat is

authorized 24 hours a day. In addition to Alabama boat lighting requirements, fishing boats operating at night must have an operational flashlight or spotlight onboard and are required to have type I, II, III, or V, personal flotation device (PFD) lifejackets that are U.S. Coast Guard approved.

h. Boat and PWC operators are prohibited from leaving skiers in any area other than authorized drop-off points (East and West Beach outside roped-off swimming areas).

i. Swimming from boats is prohibited, except in the event of an emergency.

j. Patrons/personnel under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult when using ODR boats.

k. Windsurfing is authorized only on Lake Tholocco. Windsurfers will stay clear of water ski and swimming areas. Windsurfers must wear a PFD lifejacket.

l. Impoundments are restricted from use.

m. Reckless or negligent operation of boats or PWC will not be tolerated. Except for specifically approved special events such as boat races, boats will be operated at a safe and prudent speed dictated by congestion and lake utilization.

n. Automobiles/trucks and their boat trailers will spend only minimum time on the launching ramps. Minimum time is defined as only that time required to safely launch and/or to recover boats.

o. During periods of severe weather or very low water when lakes are hazardous to boating, the DFMWR designee, DFMWR lifeguards, or GLE officer may close that portion of the ODR facility for safety reasons.

p. Paddle boards may only be used in Area 2. Paddle boards are deemed a vessel, and a life vest is required on board for each person.

7-3. SWIMMING, BEACH RULES, AND BEACH INFORMATION.

a. Lifeguards have the authority to close the swimming area when deemed unsafe.

b. Swimming is allowed during designated daylight hours when lifeguards are on duty. Swimming is allowed only inside the roped-off area.

c. "Swimming at your own risk" is not permitted on Fort Novosel.

d. Swimming enhancement rules: PFDs are not required, except for non-swimmers. No diving, jumping, or pushing allowed. No loitering. No roughhousing allowed. No sharp or dangling jewelry. No swimming under floating swim enhancements at any time.

e. All patrons will comply with posted rules and regulations and lifeguard instructions.

Section VIII - SAFETY

8-1. **GENERAL.** We want our recreational activities to be performed in a safe, responsible, and enjoyable manner. To achieve our goal we've implemented restrictions on hunting, fishing, and water activities established upon by safety considerations and our training environment. Anyone identifying or having knowledge of an accident or incident occurring on Fort Novosel will notify the appropriate authorities: Emergency dial 911, MP desk at 334-255-2222, or NRD at 334-255-1659.

8-2. **POLICIES.**

a. General Rules.

(1) Hikers, runners, joggers, walkers, horseback riders, and nature watchers are strictly prohibited to use any TA that are not designated or identified as approved trails. Even if you don't see signs prohibiting it you are NOT allowed to be inside a TA without proper access granted. Hikers, runners, joggers, walkers, horseback riders, and nature watchers are only allowed on designated trails/courses. Violators are subject to be fined.

(2) Patrons must obey all posted rules and restrictions listed at each trail/course location.

(3) Designated horse riding areas are coordinated between Range Operations and the riding stables. All riders will coordinate horse riding with the riding stables. Horse riding is restricted to approved established trails only; free riding throughout TAs is not authorized. Riders must wear a vest or jacket hunter orange and must be visible from any angle.

(4) No hunting will be permitted in 19E.

(5) Pets must be on a leash no longer than six feet on Air Assault and Beaver Lake courses.

(6) Runners with animals are prohibited from using tracks during hours of scheduled physical training.

(7) Unit physical fitness training has priority of running tracks between the hours of 0600 and 0730, Monday through Friday.

(8) Additional running restrictions can be found in Fort Novosel Regulation 190-5 (Fort Novosel Motor Vehicle Regulation).

(9) Removal or disturbance of any plant, mammal, reptile, bird, or antiquities is prohibited.

(10) Possession or use of alcohol and/or illegal drugs while hunting is prohibited.

(11) Removing, altering, or defacing signs is prohibited. All official Fort Novosel regulatory signs will be strictly obeyed.

(12) Littering or dumping is strictly prohibited.

(13) Civilians will not enter any TA that is closed for training as listed in iSportsman.

b. Designated Walking, Running, and Fitness Trails.

(1) Only designated walking, running, and fitness trails are to be used for recreational fitness activities.

(2) Designated walking, running, and fitness trails include the following:

(a) Parcours Fitness Trails (behind IHG Army Hotels, Bldg. 380).

(b) Beaver Lake Jogging and Hiking Trail.

(c) Air Assault Track (authorized night use).

(d) Quarter-Mile Track behind the Fort Novosel Physical Fitness Center, Bldg. 4605 (authorized night use).

(1) Caution should be used in wooded areas and along trails that can harbor poison oak, ticks, and venomous snakes. Be alert!

(2) Use of the buddy system is encouraged, especially in foul weather or low-light conditions.

(3) Children under 16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult when utilizing trails.

c. Hunter Orange. See paragraph 1-9 of this regulation.

d. Recognize, Retreat, Report (3Rs) Program. Patrons/personnel finding any UXO will immediately report the location to the Training Division, DPTMS, 334-255-4303/4793. Patrons will not pick up, move, or otherwise disturb an item suspected of being a UXO. Mark the area and path in such a way that the UXO can be easily located by Range Operations.

(1) Recognize - when you may have encountered a munition and that munitions are dangerous.

(2) Retreat - do not approach, touch, move or disturb it, carefully leave the area. Mark the area and path in such a way that the munition can be easily located by Range Operations.

(3) Report - call the Range Control/DTPMS at 334-255-4303/4793 to report what you saw. For information regarding the 3R's of Explosive Safety please visit the 3R's website using the following link: <https://www.3rs.mil/>

e. Indiscriminate shooting is not allowed within the confines of the Fort Novosel military installation. Target practice is only allowed at the POW Range. POW Range is located across from Range Operations, Bldg. 24314. Individuals must present a stamped copy of their Fort Novosel Form 818-E and a valid state or federal ID to Range Operations personnel and receive a safety brief before they are allowed to use the POW Range. Patrons/personnel should contact Range Operations for times of operation at 334-255-4303/4486.

- f. ODR will ensure Corvias Housing includes a statement in military tenants' housing agreements denoting that trapping is authorized in the TAs surrounding the cantonment area but is restricted to at least 200 yards from any housing areas, facilities, or structures.
- g. Using a metal detector on Fort Novosel is not permitted.

Section IX - NIGHT HUNTING (RACCOON AND OPOSSUM)

9-1. **GENERAL.** There is a significant demand for raccoon hunting at night. Fort Novosel sustains significant night flight operations which involves ground operations. This chapter outlines procedures that must be followed to allow our patrons' use of TAs for night recreational hunting of raccoons/opossum IAW laws and regulations without disruption to flight operations or military training.

9-2. ADMINISTRATIVE RULES.

- a. The only authorized night hunting in the State of Alabama is raccoon and opossum. Raccoon and opossum may be hunted during daytime or nighttime hours since 2017, raccoon and opossum have no closed season.
- b. Hunting raccoons with dogs is authorized IAW Alabama state laws and regulations; no running of dogs during daytime or after 0300 during and in areas of spring turkey season. See paragraph 3-8 of this regulation for additional mandates and restrictions.
- c. Since 2017, there are no bag limits for opossums hunted on Fort Novosel. Raccoon bag limits are five per party.

9-3. CLEARANCE TO ENTER ZONES/TAs.

- a. The installation limits running, jogging, biking, swimming, walking and hiking to authorized areas. Even if you don't see signs prohibiting it, you are NOT allowed to be inside a TA without proper access granted.
- b. It is mandatory that all hunters call Range Operations Training Division's briefing tape at 334-255-4086 to obtain information regarding TA status. After confirming TA status, hunters must sign in via <https://novosel.isportsman.net/>.
- c. Night hunters are permitted to hunt the following TAs:
 - (1) "North of Alabama Highway 27" (TAs 1 through 11).
 - (2) "West of Highway 85" (TAs 12 through 31). **No firearms in 19E.**
 - (3) "East of Highway 85" (TAs 32 through 41).
- d. Hunters will select an open TA. The selected TA assignment shall be binding. Hunters are allowed to change TAs by logging into <https://novosel.isportsman.net> to change their TA.

9-4. **FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION.** Legal arms and ammunition for hunting on Fort Novosel is IAW the state hunting regulations. **Daytime hunting** is only authorized rifles using rimfire ammunition or those operated by air, muzzleloaders and black powder handguns, long bows, compound bows, crossbows, shotguns 10 gauge or smaller using standard No. 4 shot or smaller, handguns, or pistols. **Nighttime hunting** is only permitted with shotguns using No. 6 shot or smaller, or .22-caliber rimfire rifles. The identified firearms and ammunition are authorized in TAs 1 through 21, TAs 29 through 32, and TAs 40 through 41. There will be no hunting permitted in TA 19E.

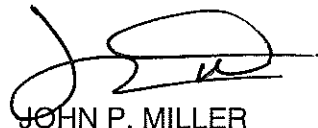
9-5. **CLEARANCE BEFORE DISCHARGING FIREARMS.**

- a. Hunters will ensure the area behind the target is cleared.
- b. No discharge of firearms within 50 yards of paved roads, gravel roads or maintained roads. No discharge of firearms within 200 yards of airstrips, recreational areas (to include trails), fishing areas, lakes, or buildings to include stables and housing areas.
- c. Weapons and bows will not be fired in the direction of roads, airstrips, recreational areas, or buildings.
- d. Indiscriminate shooting is not allowed within the confines of the Fort Novosel military installation.

9-6. **NIGHT HUNTING MANDATES AND RESTRICTIONS.**

- a. Raccoon or opossum hunting is not permitted in lettered (bow) areas to include TAs A1, A2, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, and 19E.
- b. Dogs are not allowed in the recreational areas at Buckhorn Lake, Ech Lake, and Parcours Lake.
- c. Night lights will be use IAW Alabama state laws and regulations.
- d. Hunters wounding game will make every effort to track down the game. They will notify the GLE officers (334-255-4735/4213) of lost game. Tracking wounded game into the impact area is prohibited.
- e. Hunters must display the ODR vehicle registration card in plain view on the dashboard of the driver's side of their vehicle. The ODR registration card must be filled out legibly and in its entirety.
- f. Hunting from a motor vehicle is prohibited.
- g. Motor vehicles will not traverse cross-country through wildlife openings (food plots), through utility line rights-of-way, or around locked gates and cables.

The proponent agency of this regulation is the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation. Users are invited to send comments and suggested improvements to the U.S. Army Garrison Command, ATTN: IMRC-MWR, Fort Novosel, AL 36362-1100.



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Appendices
A-C

**Appendix A
REGULATORY VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES**

	VIOLATION	OFFENSES	
		1ST	2ND
1	Failure to properly log into hunting area utilizing iSportsman. Failure to depart hunting area after legal hunting hours.*	7 Day	30 Day
2	Failure to properly display Outdoor Recreation registration card or Natural Resources Branch vehicle identification (ID) card.	30 Day	180 Day
3	Hunting without prescribed hunter orange vest/jacket or headgear.	30 Day	180 Day
4	Traversing through planted wildlife openings (food plots) with a motor vehicle.	30 Day	180 Day
5	Dismounting dogs to hunt prior to parking transporting vehicle.	30 Day	180 Day
6	Hunting with a dog without proof of a current rabies vaccination.	30 Day	180 Day
7	Using noise-producing devices to drive game, i.e., fireworks, blank pistols, indiscriminate shooting, etc.	30 Day	180 Day
8	Failure to have covered quiver for broad heads while bow hunting.	30 Day	180 Day
9	Parking a vehicle on Artillery Road while hunting.	30 Day	180 Day
10	Hunting or trapping within 200 yards of the ammunition supply point, airstrips, recreational areas, or buildings.	30 Day	180 Day
11	Use and/or possession on person of unauthorized ammunition.	30 Day	180 Day
12	Use of ammunition other than .22-caliber or smaller rimfire firearm or shotgun (specified by state regulations). Using No. 6 shot or smaller size shot for hunting raccoon/opossum at night.	30 Day	180 Day
13	Bow hunting in an open gun area during firearm season without hunter orange vest/headgear.	30 Day	180 Day
14	Hunting with firearms in bow only areas, such as 19E.	30 Day	180 Day
15	Indiscriminate shooting or target practice while gun or bow hunting.	30 Day	180 Day
16	Shooting before or after the legal shooting hours specified in state regulations.	30 Day	180 Day
17	Training hunting dogs in an unauthorized area.	30 Day	180 Day
18	Riding of horses in an unauthorized areas.	30 Day	180 Day
19	Failure to register a weapon on Fort Novosel.	30 Day	180 Day
20	Child in a boat under eight years of age not wearing a personal flotation device.	30 Day	180 Day
21	Improper safety equipment.	30 Day	180 Day
22	Improper and/or expired watercraft registrations.	30 Day	180 Day
23	Reckless and/or improper operation of watercraft.	30 Day	180 Day
24	Riding of horses without vest or jacket.	30 Day	180 Day
25	Unauthorized entry into a closed training area (TA).	30 Day	180 Day
26	Depredation trappers not wearing designated yellow ID vest.	30 Day	180 Day
27	Discharge of weapon vicinity training unit in a closed area without authorization.	60 Day	1 Year

	VIOLATION	OFFENSES	
		1ST	2ND
28	Use of ammunition other than .22-caliber or smaller rimfire firearm or shotgun (specified by state regulations) ammunition to dispatch a trapped animal.	60 Day	180 Day
29	Using horses in conjunction with hunting.	1 Year	Revoke
30	Tampering with or removal/destruction of any barricade or gate.	1 Year	Revoke
31	Use of alcoholic beverages and/or narcotics while hunting (including traveling to and from assigned area).	1 Year	Revoke
32	Spotlighting or hunting with an artificial light at night (except as provided in state regulations).	1 Year	Revoke
33	Operating an all-terrain vehicle, to include motor-driven cycles, in a hunting area, except to be operated by approved hunters who are individuals with disabilities (IWDs).	1 Year	Revoke
34	Possession of illegally shot game.	1 Year	Revoke
35	Hunting, fishing, or trapping in closed or un-assigned TAs.	1 Year	Revoke
36	Hunting, fishing, or trapping without an installation permit or state license.	1 Year	Revoke
37	Hunting with unauthorized or improper firearms.	1 Year	Revoke
38	Possession of illegal bag or creel limit.	1 Year	Revoke
39	Failure to report all harvested game.	1 Year	Revoke
40	Fishing (including frog gigging) by unauthorized methods.	1 Year	Revoke
41	Use of unauthorized trapping equipment and devices.	1 Year	Revoke
42	Transporting a loaded and/or uncased firearm in vehicle.	1 Year	Revoke
43	Discourteous or disrespectful conduct toward Fort Novosel employees.	1 Year	Revoke
44	Any boating regulations.	1 Year	Revoke
45	Riding of horses without prescribed hunter orange vest/jacket or headgear.	1 Year	Revoke
46	Free riding throughout TAs.	1 Year	Revoke
47	Violations not covered above.	1 Year	Revoke
48	Unauthorized night hunting.	Revoke	
49	Hunting, fishing, or trapping in restricted areas (impact area, including section of TAs 7 and 11) without authorization.	Revoke	
50	Shooting from a vehicle (not including IWD).	Revoke	
51	Taking of game from a baited area.	Revoke	
52	Permitting another to use state hunting/fishing/trapping licenses and post permits.	Revoke	
53	Any use of firearm in 19E.	Revoke	
54	Any use of metal detector	Revoke	
55	Magnet fishing	1 Year	Revoke
	LEGEND: * Third Offense is One Year Suspension		

APPENDIX B
COYOTE/HOG DEPREDATION TRAPPING IN OCCUPIED TRAINING AREAS (TAs)

B-1. PURPOSE.

a. To establish policies to be followed by all units and personnel in support of depredation trapping of invasive feral hogs and coyotes within TAs occupied by military training units on Fort Novosel.

b. To ensure that all units and personnel concerned with operations and training at Fort Novosel are thoroughly familiar with safety and utilization requirements.

B-2. APPLICABILITY. Unless directed otherwise, this policy applies to all units and personnel conducting training or depredation trapping in occupied TAs on Fort Novosel.

B-3. RESPONSIBILITIES.

a. The Chief, Training Division, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization, and Security (DPTMS), will:

(1) Manage ranges, TAs, and other training facilities in a safe and effective manner.

(2) Assist the officer in charge (OIC) of units to ensure the efficient operation and use of TAs, including inspections and/or supervision of training, to ensure compliance with this policy.

(3) Provide for the safety of personnel conducting operations within the training complex, including ceasing operations or revoking privileges of individuals operating outside of compliance criteria.

b. The DPTMS, Training Division, Range Operations will:

(1) Make on-the-spot corrections of any violation of this policy or other applicable publications and report violations to DPTMS.

(2) Provide TA information to all active duty, reserve, and national guard units; the Environmental and Natural Resources Division (ENRD), Directorate of Public Works (DPW); the Natural Resources Branch (NRB), DPW; and all others requiring entry into TAs.

(3) Coordinate with explosive ordnance disposal personnel for the necessary clearing of any reported unexploded ordnance (UXO) identified during depredation trapping or training activities.

(4) Provide safety briefings to the OIC of using units and Natural Resources (NR) personnel. The unit OIC briefing will include, but is not limited to, locations of coyote/hog traps in their TAs, associated hazards, times to check traps/dispatch animals, trap identification (ID), trapper ID (e.g., yellow vest, ID card in vehicle, etc.), and to leave traps alone. Failure to follow these instructions may result in administrative disciplinary actions.

(5) Publish a daily list of areas scheduled for use by military units or maintenance and sustainment activities.

(6) Immediately notify the garrison command group and the garrison safety officer (GSO) of any incident involving injury, death, or property damage within the training complex.

(7) Immediately notify GSO of all incidents that involve violations of this regulation.

(8) Assist using units in developing deliberate risk assessment worksheets (DRAWs) as necessary and inform using units of any risks associated with depredation-trapping activities within occupied TAs.

(9) Notify using units of animal dispatch activities prior to depredation-trapping personnel entering occupied TA for the purpose of checking traps or dispatching animals. Provide notification to unit personnel of the anticipated times to check traps, dispatch time, when dispatch activities have been completed, and when depredation-trapping personnel have departed.

(10) Maintain a copy of the current depredation-trapping DRAW and staff for semi-annual update or changes as required.

c. Commanders of using units will:

(1) Ensure compliance with procedures and guidance outlined in training facility standing operating procedures (SOPs), unit SOPs, depredation-trapping DRAW, and this regulation for safe training within the command.

(2) Incorporate internal depredation-trapping mitigation measures, avoidance, and reporting criteria within unit DRAW.

(3) Designate in writing a qualified OIC to be responsible for the safe conduct of training and the proper use of facilities. Personnel selected will be:

(a) Competent and properly instructed in the performance of their duties.

(b) Knowledgeable in the hazards and mitigation strategies associated with each specific training event they are conducting.

(c) Provide adequate communications (Frequency Modulation/Very High Frequency) and ensure that constant monitoring and hourly communications checks are maintained with Range Operations during training.

d. The Unit OIC will:

(1) Be certified in writing and knowledgeable of hazards, DRAW, and requirements associated with the training event and/or facilities.

(2) Be present at all times during the training event.

(3) Receive a TA briefing from Range Operations upon signing for the location.

- (4) Sign for all Range Operations equipment necessary to operate the training facility.
- (5) Ensure that communications are established and maintained with Range Operations and strictly adhered to all communications requirements.
- (6) Review NR map and grid location spreadsheet of the coyote/hog traps provided at time of signing for TA and be familiar with all trap locations within the TA to include current status of either active or inactive.
- (7) Ensure that all safety measures are taken, including but not limited to the following:
 - (a) Ensure all Soldiers are briefed on trap locations and avoidance or reporting procedures.
 - (b) Ensure a copy of the unit DRAW, map of trap location and status, depredation-trapping DRAW, and spreadsheet containing grid locations for traps are on hand at all times.
 - (c) Ensure Soldiers are familiar with medical requirements, including awareness of established medical evacuation points.
 - (d) Report any trapped hogs to Range Operations upon discovery, including trap number and eight digit grid location.
 - (e) Report any UXO or suspected UXO in accordance with procedures contained within paragraph 1-3h of this regulation.
 - (f) If required, provide depredation-trapper personnel an escort to dispatch trapped hogs in TA 15 and 38 during survival, evasion, resistance and escape operations.
- e. The GSO will:
 - (1) Conduct review and/or make recommendations for safety requirements contained within this appendix and the depredation-trapping DRAW.
 - (2) Assist with investigations regarding safety incidents associated with depredation-trapping activities conducted within occupied TAs.
 - (3) Review required documentation and conduct inspections to assist with compliance of all applicable policies, guidelines, or regulations.
- f. The DPW, NRD, NRB will:
 - (1) Publish current map of active, inactive, and unserviceable trap locations. In addition, as changes occur, updates will be sent via email to the same distribution chain as the daily range and TA utilization/confirmation schedule.
 - (2) Provide and update spreadsheet to Range Operations containing eight-digit grid locations of trap locations.

- (3) Ensure traps utilizing wireless cameras (Jager Pro) are not placed within TA 38.
- (4) Ensure hog traps are placed at locations other than known specified training sites (e.g. bivouacs, bleacher areas, courses, buildings, etc.) and no closer than 50 yards from paved roads.
- (5) De-conflict internal operations, such as timber harvest, spraying, marking, cruising, or other natural resource activities co-located within TAs not occupied by training units.
- (6) Ensure depredation trappers are briefed that they must contact Range Operations and receive approval prior to entering any occupied TA for the purpose of checking/maintaining traps and/or dispatching operations.
- (7) Ensure coyote/hog depredation-trapping personnel/vehicles are clearly marked (e.g. yellow vests labeled TRAPPER, magnetic signs, etc.) and are clearly articulated in the depredation-trapping program.
- (8) Ensure depredation trappers are briefed that they must maintain communications with Range Operations throughout animal dispatching activities and at all times while within occupied TAs.
- (9) Ensure depredation trappers are provided with specific guidelines and procedures for using firearms to dispatch animals while within occupied TAs.
- (10) Ensure all traps placed within TAs are properly identified with a four by four inch sign containing numeric ID.
- (11) Cease operations and notify Range Operations immediately upon discovery of UXO or suspected UXO.
- (12) Ensure depredation trappers are briefed that all weapons will remain on safe and unloaded prior to animal dispatch. Upon conducting animal dispatch, the weapon will be loaded and aimed in a manner to prevent rounds from departing the immediate area and placing personnel or infrastructure at risk (no free shooting of trapped or un-trapped animals). All weapons will be properly cleared and placed on safe immediately following animal dispatch.
- (13) Ensure compliance of all mitigation and safety measures contained within this regulation, Fort Novosel Regulation 385-1, internal DPW trapping SOP, and depredation-trapping DRAW at all times while conducting depredation trapping or dispatching operations within occupied TAs.
- (14) Identify scheduled times for checking traps and possible dispatch procedures in depredation-trapping plan. Scheduled times will be no more than twice daily, 0500-0800 and 1500-1800.

**APPENDIX C
REFERENCES**

Army Regulation (Reg) 190-11

Physical Security of Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives.

Fort Novosel (DPS) Form 818-E

Registration of Privately Owned Weapons.

Fort Novosel Reg 190-5

Fort Novosel Motor Vehicle Regulation.

Fort Novosel Reg 385-1

Range and Training Area (TA) Regulation.

GLOSSARY

<u>Acronym:</u>	<u>Description</u>
Bldg	Building
DFMWR	Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare, and Recreation
DPS	Directorate of Public Safety
DPTMS	Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization, and Security
DPW	Directorate of Public Works
DRAW	Deliberate Risk Assessment Worksheet
DST	Daylight Savings Time
ENRD	Environmental and Natural Resources Division
GLE	Game Law Enforcement
GSO	Garrison Safety Officer
IAW	In Accordance With
ID	Identification
IWD	Individuals With Disabilities
MP	Military Police
MWR	Morale, Welfare, and Recreation
NR	Natural Resources
NRB	Natural Resources Branch
ODR	Outdoor Recreation
OIC	Officer in Charge
PFD	Personal Flotation Device
POW	Privately Owned Weapon
PWC	Personal Watercraft
SOP	Standing Operating Procedure

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