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## Chapter 1

### 1-1. Purpose

This regulation establishes rules and regulations enforceable in federal court for hunting, fishing, trapping, and select non-hunting/non-fishing activities on Fort McCoy. This regulation promotes the management of these activities and populations of fish and game on Fort McCoy. If this regulation conflicts with State of Wisconsin hunting, fishing and trapping regulations or other federal or state directives, such conflicts will be brought promptly to the attention of the DPW, Environmental Division, Natural Resources Branch, (AMIM-MCP-EN), 2171 South 8th Avenue, Fort McCoy, WI 54656-5136.

### 1-2. References

Required and related publications and prescribed and referenced forms are listed in appendix A.

### 1-3. Explanation of Abbreviations and Terms

See glossary.

### 1-4. Responsibilities

a. Natural Resources Branch (NRB): The mission of the NRB is to foster the wise stewardship of natural and cultural resources which will support and sustain a realistic military training environment, biological diversity, the integrity of sensitive or unique sites, and commercial and recreational opportunities. The NRB manages the hunting, fishing, and trapping season operations and is the proponent of this regulation.

b. Installation Legal Office (ILO): Fort McCoy ILO provides legal advice concerning all matters governed by this regulation.

c. Directorate of Emergency Service (DES): Fort McCoy DES is responsible for providing fire and medical emergency response, enforcement of law and regulations, and 911 emergency communications support. Call 911 for all emergencies and state you are located on Fort McCoy; for non-emergencies and/or to report a violation, call (608) 388-2266.

d. Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization, and Security (DPTMS): Fort McCoy DPTMS is responsible for training area and operations management.

e. Permit Holder:

(1) It is the responsibility of the individual recreational participant/permit holder to check the Game Line using iSportsman at (866) 277-1597, online at <https://ftmccoy.isportsman.net>, or through the kiosk located at the Hunter Information Point (HIP) for updates, changes, and/or temporary regulations to the activities associated with this regulation. Game Line information must be checked daily to ensure that the activity has not been restricted because of unforeseen mission requirements.

(2) Maintain strong hunter and land ethics to ensure quality hunting experiences can continue for future generations.

(3) Read and follow these rules and regulations and any changes.

## Chapter 2

### 2-1. General Installation Access and Information

a. Firearms registration: All firearms brought on to the installation for any purpose must be registered through the Fort McCoy Police. This requirement pertains to anyone with a firearm in their possession while on Fort McCoy for any reason including hunting, fishing, trapping, camping, using the shooting range, or visiting members of the Fort McCoy community or staff. Any person convicted of a felony or domestic abuse may not be in possession of/or in easy access to any firearms. Firearm is defined as: any weapon (including a starter gun, weapon frame or receiver) which will, or is designed to or readily be converted to, expel a projectile by the action of an explosive or other propellant. Questions related to firearms registration should be directed to the Fort McCoy Physical Security Division at (608) 388-2266.

b. Transportation of firearms, bows, and crossbows: While on federal property all firearms, bows, and crossbows must be unloaded and completely enclosed in a case designed to carry a firearm, bow, or crossbow when in or on any vehicle, whether moving or stationary. Bows and crossbows must be unstrung if not enclosed within a case. Weapons are not allowed to be loaded in or on a vehicle at any

time with the exception for Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) Disabled Class A and B Permit hunters while stationary. During any law enforcement contact, the individual possessing the weapon, must identify to the officer at the earliest opportunity that a weapon is being transported and where it is located. Fort McCoy Form (FMF) 433-1 must be present documenting each weapon.

**Concealed Carry is prohibited on federal property.**

c. Visitor pass: All visitors entering the Fort McCoy Cantonment Area must obtain a visitor's pass at the Visitor Control Center. After business hours, visitor passes must be obtained at the Main Gate or Gate 20. Visitors that have a federally issued Common Access Card (CAC) or a retired military or dependent ID card do not need a visitor pass. Questions related to visitor passes should be directed to the Fort McCoy Physical Security Division at (608) 388-2266.

d. Vehicles: Licensed motor vehicles are limited to operation on paved roads, gravel roads, maintained dirt roads, and trails for the purpose of accessing areas and lakes specific to facilitate that recreational activity. Recreational off-road activities (i.e., mud-bogging, dirt bike riding, etc.) are prohibited on Fort McCoy. Off-road vehicles, off-road motorcycles/dirt bikes, snowmobiles/Sno-Gos, go-carts, golf carts, lawn tractors, motorized scooters, motorized carriers, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), Utility Terrain Vehicles (UTVs), side-by-sides (SxS), and like vehicles are prohibited from use on Fort McCoy. Emergency services personnel, Fort McCoy staff on official business, other official agencies and authorized contractor personnel, properly registered disabled hunters (**only when participating in the Gun-Deer Hunt for Hunters with Disabilities season** (para 2-2u and 3-6o)), residents utilizing lawn tractors in family housing, and personnel on registered snowmobiles traversing specifically on the Monroe County snowmobile trail through Fort McCoy are excluded from this provision. Unattended privately owned vehicles (POVs) cannot be parked in the training areas overnight. Contact the Police Department if your vehicle cannot be moved due to mechanical or other problems.

e. Roads and trails: Fort McCoy is a military training installation and road closures can occur to ensure the safety of all traveling within the training areas. If you encounter a road closure, find an alternative route. Do not drive past road barricades or closed gates. Driving off roads or trails is not authorized except to park a vehicle. The vehicle should be parked a reasonable distance from a trail or road edge to allow safe passage by other vehicles and equipment.

(1) Main roads: For purpose of this regulation and associated maps, the main road classification identifies high traffic travel routes. Shooting across or within 50 feet of the centerline of any main road is prohibited. This classification is related to this regulation for those specific purposes and should not be confused with definitions associated with other Fort McCoy maps, databases, regulations or similar sources.

(2) Trails are defined as a non-hardened surface gravel or sand travel way not designated as a main road on the associated maps. Not all trails are depicted on maps associated with this regulation. Trails are to be utilized for ingress/egress for activities covered in this regulation. The use of trails for the sole purpose of recreational driving is not authorized, refer to Fort McCoy Regulation 190-5, Installation Traffic Code, for additional information.

(3) Main Access Routes show the acceptable route to access the lakes if the training area around the lake is closed for the day, but the lake is still open on the Game Line (See appendix E for the Fort McCoy Fishing Map).

(4). Vehicle traffic is **prohibited** on the Fort McCoy boundary and North Impact Area firebreak, unless there is an established road or trail.

f. Vehicle search: Owners and/or operators of motor vehicles that enter the property of Fort McCoy consent to the search of their motor vehicle.

g. Alcohol: It is not permitted to consume alcohol or be intoxicated while hunting or trapping.

h. Speed limits: The speed limit on Fort McCoy is 30 miles per hour (MPH) in the Cantonment Area, 10 MPH when passing troops and 45 MPH in the training areas, unless otherwise posted.

i. Reporting of information: All personnel on Fort McCoy are required to notify the Fort McCoy Police at (608) 388-2266 of any observed: violations of federal or state laws; violations of Fort McCoy rules and regulations; uncontrolled fires; or the location of any found unexploded ordnance.

j. Conduct: All personnel on Fort McCoy will cooperate with military officials and Fort McCoy Police personnel. In addition to the appropriate permits, all persons 18 years old or older must have an official picture identification in their possession at all times while on Fort McCoy property.

k. Unexploded ordnance (UXO) hazard: Military training involving live ammunition and explosives has occurred throughout Fort McCoy since 1909. Deliberate and comprehensive efforts have been conducted

to clear the UXO hazards; however, these items may occasionally still be encountered while on Fort McCoy.

(1) UXOs are often referred to as duds, bombs, munitions, ordnance, ammo, dummy rounds, or by other terms. Regardless of what they are called, they should be considered extremely dangerous. They were designed to explode and still have the capability to do so. Never touch, move, or disturb munitions. Even Civil War cannon balls and souvenir munitions that may have been handled for years can potentially detonate at any time.

(2) UXOs come in many shapes and sizes and may be visible on the surface or buried. They can be exposed by erosion or fires and may look new or old. UXOs may also be found alone or in groups; and can be whole or in parts.

(3) Anyone encountering or believing they may have encountered UXOs should consider them extremely dangerous. The proper response to avoid injury to themselves and others is to follow the 3Rs of explosives safety:

(a) Recognize - recognizing when you may have encountered UXO is key to reducing the risk of injury or death. If you encounter or suspect you may have encountered UXO, consider it extremely dangerous. Remember, UXO is sometimes hard to identify.

(b) Retreat - if you encounter or suspect you may have encountered UXO, do not touch, move or disturb it, but immediately and carefully leave the area following the same path on which you entered. If you can, mark the general area, not the UXO, in some manner (e.g., with a hat, piece of cloth, or by tying something to a tree branch).

(c) Report - notify Fort McCoy Police at (608) 388-2266 of what you saw, where you saw it, the type of markings, and if you were able to mark the area. These actions will protect you and others who may encounter the same UXO or area.

(4) Additional UXO safety information and a photo gallery of various types of UXO are available on iSportsman by selecting the Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) Hazard link on the homepage or visiting <https://www.denix.osd.mil/uxo/>.

l. Archaeological resources: It is a federal offense to collect archaeological artifacts, this includes digging, excavating or disturbing the ground in search of archaeological artifacts on Fort McCoy without authorization from the DPW and pursuant to a permit issued under the Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979. Violators are subject to criminal penalties involving fines and/or imprisonment and civil fines and forfeiture of vehicles and equipment used in connection with a violation (reference Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979, 16 U.S. Code (USC) 470, and 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 261.9). The discovery of any artifact should be reported to the NRB at (502) 898-8214.

m. Land Rehabilitation and Maintenance (LRAM): The LRAM program is responsible for the repair and re-vegetation of selected trails and sites within the training areas. The LRAM sites are clearly marked with red and white signs and/or yellow LRAM tape. LRAM sites are OFF LIMITS to vehicles; however, foot traffic is allowed. Be advised, unknown obstacles and dangers may exist in and around signed LRAM areas. Seibert stakes are also used to mark selected areas that are sensitive or restricted. Seibert stakes are white with red and yellow in colored bands and mark the perimeter of these areas. A vertical black stripe on the Seibert stake indicates you are within the boundary of the sensitive or restricted area. Activities that cause ground disturbance within the Seibert staked areas is prohibited. Examples of such activities include digging, driving in stakes/posts, and ATV or vehicle operation. These human activities cause ground disturbance that can alter or destroy habitat or cause inadvertent detonation of unexploded ordnance. Do not disturb these sites.

## **2-2. Hunting, Fishing, Trapping, and Non-Hunting/Non-Fishing Activities and General Regulations**

a. Permit/pass requirements: A Fort McCoy iSportsman Annual Access Pass is required for all recreational activities on Fort McCoy with limited exceptions for some youth listed in paragraph 2-2c(1). To hunt, fish, or trap on Fort McCoy also requires the appropriate Fort McCoy hunting, fishing, or trapping permit, **and** the appropriate State of Wisconsin license(s) and stamp(s). The requirement for an Annual Access Pass and Fort McCoy Fishing Permit is waived for anglers during the WDNR Free Fishing weekends in January and June. **Fort McCoy permits are not transferable or refundable.**

b. Revenue: Revenue from the sale of hunting, fishing, and trapping permits remain on Fort McCoy and is used for the management of fish and wildlife populations and habitat.

c. Permit sales/access passes: Fort McCoy hunting, fishing, and trapping permits, and annual access passes, are available through the Fort McCoy iSportsman website at <https://ftmccoy.isportsman.net>,

through a personal computer/device, or at the kiosk located at the HIP. The iSportsman Annual Access Pass is free. A debit card or credit card is required for online permit purchases. Permits may also be purchased at the Permit Sales Office (PSO). The PSO can accept cash, debit cards or credit cards for permit purchases. Checks or money orders are **NOT** accepted. The PSO, 2168 South 8th Avenue, is open Monday-Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The appropriate State of Wisconsin licenses, permits, and stamps can be purchased through the WDNR GoWild online system or at any authorized WDNR GoWild vendor throughout Wisconsin.

(1) An iSportsman Annual Access Pass is required for all activities to include hunting, fishing, trapping, and non-hunting/non-fishing activities. Children under the age of 16 are not required to have an iSportsman account or iSportsman Annual Access Pass when accompanying an adult iSportsman permit holder. An iSportsman account, Youth Fishing permit, and iSportsman Annual Access Pass are required if the child, any age, intends to fish and maintain a separate bag limit. An iSportsman account and iSportsman Annual Access Pass are required if the child, age 10-15, intends to hold their own hunting or trapping permit. All recreational users need to update their account annually by adding the current license year iSportsman Annual Access Pass. The iSportsman Annual Access Pass is valid from March 1 through March 31 of the following year. An iSportsman Annual Access Pass serves as the permit for non-hunting/non-fishing recreational activities outlined in paragraph 3-11 (an iSportsman Annual Access Pass is not required for non-hunting/non-fishing activities within the Pine View and Whitetail Ridge Recreation Areas, or the Cantonment Area).

(2) Non-quota season permits (i.e., Fishing, Archery, Fall Turkey, and Small-Game) can be purchased directly through your account in iSportsman. **A Fort McCoy application is not required to purchase these permits.**

(3) Quota season permits (i.e., Nine-Day Gun-Deer, Gun-Deer Hunt for Hunters with Disabilities, Youth Gun-Deer, Cantonment Archery, Spring Turkey, and Trapping) are **only** available through the Fort McCoy online application process on the iSportsman website at <https://ftmccoy.isportsman.net>. Selection is conducted through a random drawing following the application deadline date. All applicants are notified of the selection results through the iSportsman system and can check the status of their application through their iSportsman account. Individuals approved for a quota permit(s) are provided instructions on how to purchase their permit(s) and harvest authorizations through the Fort McCoy iSportsman website.

(4) Soldiers stationed at Fort McCoy after the quota permit drawing has been completed are eligible to apply for a quota permit, see paragraph 2-2c(3). Soldiers must contact the PSO for information on the application process and hand deliver a copy of their permanent change of station orders showing the date of assignment after the application period. For further information contact the PSO at: Directorate of Public Works, (AMIM-MCP-EN/Permit Sales), 2171 South 8th Avenue, Fort McCoy, WI 54656-5136, by email: [usarmy.mccoy.imcom-central.mbx.dpw-permit-sales@army.mil](mailto:usarmy.mccoy.imcom-central.mbx.dpw-permit-sales@army.mil), or by phone: (502) 898-3337. The PSO, 2168 South 8th Avenue, is open Monday-Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

(5) It is prohibited to provide false information when creating or updating the user iSportsman account. Individuals indicating User Category A, A-1, or B must provide proof of category to the PSO. Contact the PSO for appropriate documentation.

d. Mentorship Program: Fort McCoy allows youth ages 10 and 11 to participate in all hunting and trapping seasons under the WDNR Mentorship Program. Mentors must possess a current year Fort McCoy Access Pass, Fort McCoy hunting/trapping permit and Wisconsin hunting/trapping license. The type of license does not matter unless the mentor will also be attempting to harvest the same type of game. Mentees must possess a valid Fort McCoy permit and Wisconsin hunting/trapping license for each hunting/trapping season they intend to participate in. Only one weapon per valid Fort McCoy permit is allowed, if both the mentor and mentee have valid permits and licenses, both the mentor and mentee are allowed to possess a weapon. Both the mentor and mentee must check-in/check-out daily. All participants must follow this regulation and the WDNR guidelines and rules associated with the program.

e. Regulations/maps: Copies of this regulation and associated maps or other associated Fort McCoy information are available at the PSO, online at <https://ftmccoy.isportsman.net>, the Pine View Campground, and at the HIP. In addition to this regulation, all State of Wisconsin hunting, fishing, and trapping regulations are applicable on Fort McCoy except as indicated in this regulation. Violation of either the Wisconsin hunting, fishing, or trapping regulations or this regulation may result in any or all of the following:

- (1) Criminal prosecution in Federal Magistrate Court.
- (2) Fines and/or forfeiture in U.S. District Court.

(3) Suspension or revocation of Fort McCoy hunting, fishing, trapping, non-hunting/non-fishing activities, and/or firewood cutting privileges either immediately or by written notification (reference appendix B).

(4) Written warning.

(5) Disciplinary action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) for persons subject thereto.

f. Violations: Violations by an individual of three or more offenses covered by Federal Fish and Wildlife Regulation (CFR or USC), State of Wisconsin Hunting/Trapping/Fishing Regulations and/or this regulation may subject the individual to permanent revocation of Fort McCoy hunting, fishing, trapping, non-hunting/non-fishing recreational activities, and firewood cutting privileges. If your privileges have been revoked or suspended for a violation, ALL privileges, to include hunting, fishing, trapping, non-hunting/non-fishing activities and firewood cutting will be revoked or suspended. Non-hunting related violations resulting in an individual being barred from Fort McCoy will also result in the loss of all hunting, fishing, trapping, non-hunting/non-fishing activities, and firewood cutting privileges for the same period. Any violation associated with the Cantonment Archery season regulation may subject the individual to permanent revocation of Cantonment Archery hunting privileges and may include additional revocation of privileges, to include hunting, fishing, trapping, non-hunting/non-fishing activities, and firewood cutting.

g. Revocation appeal: Temporary or permanent revocation of privileges are based on the police report, seriousness of the violation, number of violations, and any extenuating circumstances. A letter of revocation will be provided to the violator by the Fort McCoy Police. Revocations can be appealed in writing through the PSO. Requests will be processed within 30 days of receipt. Contact the PSO for more information.

h. iSportsman automated system: The iSportsman automated system provides recreational participants/permit holders the ability to use either the internet, a telephone, or a kiosk located at the HIP to purchase a Fort McCoy permit; check-in/check-out for an activity; access Game Line updates; and update iSportsman account information. Anyone participating in any activity (scouting, hunting, fishing, trapping, and non-hunting/non-fishing) must register/create an account in iSportsman and obtain an iSportsman Annual Access Pass. If you forget your username/permit number or password/personal identification number (PIN), contact the PSO to get it reset instead of creating an additional account. An active email address in your account will allow you to reset a forgotten password directly through iSportsman. Users must then use their account during check-in/check-out while participating in hunting and trapping activities on Fort McCoy. Anglers are not required to check-in/check-out but must still check the Game Line daily to ensure the area they wish to access is open. To access iSportsman, call (866) 277-1597, visit <https://ftmccoy.isportsman.net> online, or visit the kiosk located at the HIP (identified on the hunting, trapping, fishing, and non-hunting/non-fishing activities maps). The iSportsman permit number will serve as your Fort McCoy customer identifier through iSportsman and must be used when checking into a hunting, trapping, non-hunting/non-fishing activity, or scouting.

i. Requirements for check-in/check-out:

(1) All hunting and trapping permit holders and non-hunting/non-fishing recreational participants, while actively participating in hunting, trapping, scouting, or non-hunting/non-fishing recreational activities, are required to check-in/check-out daily by calling iSportsman at (866) 277-1597, or go online at <https://ftmccoy.isportsman.net>, or through the kiosk located at the HIP. The HIP also has a check-in/check-out sheet for use if a permit holder is having problems accessing the iSportsman check-in page. Participants and permit holders are required to select one of the designated zones (see appendices C, D, G, and H for maps of zones) in which they intend to enter. Only one zone can be selected at a time. Participants and permit holders may change zones by checking-out of the initial zone they checked-in for, and then checking-in for the next zone they will be entering. All participants must ensure that the training area(s) and/or lake(s) they plan to occupy within the zone are designated as open on the Game Line. See specific hunting or trapping season for harvest registration and reporting procedures.

(2) Anglers are not required to check-in/check-out but must still check the Game Line to ensure that the training areas and/or lakes they wish to access are open.

(3) All recreational participants will be required to check-in/out for Scouting when actively entering a training area either by foot or driving on trails and roads within the interior of the training areas. Recreational participants are not required to check-in if driving on main roads, or trails that create the boundaries of the training areas (i.e. driving the main roads and stopping to listen for turkeys gobbling, or driving the main roads looking for game trails crossing the road). It is the responsibility of the scouter to check the Game Line and reference the appropriate map (appendix C, D, G, and H) to ensure they will not be entering any (open or closed) training areas and checking-in if they intend to enter an open training



area.

(4) The HIP, as identified on the Fort McCoy Hunting, Fishing, Trapping, and Non-Hunting/Non-Fishing Maps (appendices C, D, E, F, G, and H), and iSportsman website (<https://ftmccoy.isportsman.net>) will provide information to hunters, anglers, trappers, and non-hunting/non-fishing participants as outlined in this regulation. The HIP is located along State Highway 21 at the intersection of South J Street and State Highway 21 and will be open year-round.

j. Fort McCoy Activity Information Card: All recreationalists within a vehicle are required to display a Fort McCoy Activity Information Card. The card must show the iSportsman permit number **and activity** for each permit holder and name of any guests or youth under 16 that don't require iSportsman accounts associated with the vehicle for that given day's activity. The Fort McCoy Activity Information Card must be placed on the vehicle dashboard and be easily readable through the windshield from the outside of the vehicle. The card should not be obstructed by any other papers, materials, or items on the dash or windshield. Hand printed information must be legible and large enough to easily read through the windshield. An example of a Fort McCoy Activity Information Card can be viewed/printed from the iSportsman webpage.

k. Game Line: The Game Line lists training areas and lakes that are closed on any particular day. The Game Line can be accessed by calling (866) 277-1597, online at <https://ftmccoy.isportsman.net>, or on the kiosk located at the HIP. At the kiosk or online, the Game Line posting can be found by clicking the Open Areas or Area Status tabs. The Game Line listing will be provided by DPTMS and updated by NRB. Fort McCoy reserves the right to update training area closures at any time if needed. **ALL** individuals are required to check the Game Line **daily** for any changes.

l. Access to training areas:

(1) Open/closed training areas: Not all training areas on the installation are open on a given day. Individuals found in closed training areas are subject to prosecution. Check the Game Line daily for a list of closed training areas. Fort McCoy reserves the right to adjust training area closures as needed to facilitate military training or game management operations. Scouting, Archery, Fall Turkey, and Small Game hunting is not allowed in areas being used during the Gun-Deer for Hunters with Disabilities and Youth Gun-Deer hunt in October.

(2) Restricted areas: Several training areas have access restricted to active duty and retired military personnel or their dependents (Category A). Each Category A hunter is allowed to have one Category A-1, B, or C hunter accompany them into the designated areas to participate in the same activity. There are several areas that have restrictions on the type of weapon that may be used for various hunting seasons. These training areas are noted on the hunting maps (appendices C and D). Streams located south of State Highway 21 can be accessed for fishing when the training areas are closed on the Game Line. Most streams located north of State Highway 21 restrict access for fishing when the training area is closed on the Game Line (see 3-10f and appendix E for additional information). There are several areas where digging and staking are prohibited, these areas are noted on the Fort McCoy Trapping Map (see 3-9f and appendix G for additional information).

(3) Tracking wounded game: Hunting or tracking wounded game into the North Impact Area or onto any range within the North Impact Area is **prohibited** under any circumstance. Hunters may not track wounded game into any closed area unless accompanied by Fort McCoy Police; contact (608) 388-2266 for assistance. If a wounded deer or other game goes off the installation, it is the hunter's responsibility to obtain permission from the landowner to enter their property. Hunters may not utilize UAV/drones in pursuit of down game. A hunter may utilize the use of a dog in blood trailing. Dogs are required to be kept on a leash to locate the wounded deer or other game as long as the dog handler and trackers do not possess a firearm, bow, or crossbow per state regulation. The dog handler is required to check-in on iSportsman as a guest under the hunter's account.

(4) Persons may access Fort McCoy training areas by established Fort McCoy roadways or by foot from adjacent properties. Persons may only access areas that are open on the Game Line and must possess a valid Fort McCoy iSportsman Annual Access Pass, appropriate Fort McCoy hunting, fishing, or trapping permit and associated State of Wisconsin license(s) and stamp(s). Check-in/out is required for all persons hunting, trapping, scouting, or participating in non-hunting/non-fishing activities. Driving on or over berms and boundary firebreaks to access or move around an area is **not allowed**. Parking vehicles on roads or trails in a manner that blocks other vehicles from passing is **prohibited**.

(5) Driving or walking through closed training areas to access an open training area is prohibited. Driving through a closed area on main roads is allowed.

m. Tree stands: **All tree stands must be equipped with a certified safety harness, tree saddle or other fall arrest systems. Hunters must use the safety harness/tree saddle/fall arrest systems while occupying the tree stand.** Elevated structures including climbing tree stands may be used on the installation providing they do not damage the tree and are completely removed each day at the close of hunting hours. Hunters are not allowed to construct or hunt from permanent tree stands. **Tree spikes and screw-in steps are not allowed. The cutting of any live trees, tree limbs, or shrubs over one inch in diameter is not allowed.**

n. Commercial and man-made hunting blinds: All commercial blinds must be removed daily by the end of hunting hours. The cutting of any live trees, tree limbs, or shrubs over one inch in diameter is not allowed to construct or conceal any hunting blind. Commercial and man-made (constructed of natural materials in the field) blinds used during any Gun-Deer season must display at least 144 square inches of solid Blaze Orange material visible from all directions around the blind. Blaze Pink is not allowed. The 144 square inches of Blaze Orange is not required during Archery, Spring Turkey, or Fall Turkey seasons.

o. Individuals are not allowed to hunt within 50 feet from the center of, shoot from, or across any main roads (reference appendices C and D for maps that depict the main roads).

p. Reference the current Wisconsin Hunting Regulations for legal shooting times. **Hunting at night is not allowed.**

q. Coyote hunting: Coyote hunting is not allowed north of State Highway 21 (Zone 1) during the Youth Gun-Deer and Gun-Deer Hunt for Hunters with Disabilities seasons in October. Coyote hunting is not allowed during the Nine-Day Gun-Deer season. Coyote hunting with the use of dogs is limited to South Post only (south of State Highway 21 (Zones 2 and 3)).

r. Deer drives and group hunting: **Hunting parties (groups) may not exceed 10 people when conducting deer drives. Deer drives are prohibited during the early Archery season, the first two days of the Nine-Day Gun-Deer season, and within the Cantonment Area.** Those found conducting deer drives not in accordance with Fort McCoy rules and regulations will be subject to prosecution. A deer drive is defined as an organized activity including two or more individuals hunting together (group) where one or more members of the group are hunting with the intent of driving (moving) deer past another member or members of the group who are positioned in a pre-determined location(s) to shoot at the deer. Hunters are prohibited from entering closed training areas to drive game animals out of the closed training areas into open training areas. All hunters participating in deer drives on Fort McCoy must possess a valid Fort McCoy deer hunting permit (i.e., Archery, Nine-Day Gun-Deer, Gun-Deer Hunt for Hunters with Disabilities, or Youth Gun-Deer) for the season they are hunting (Note: Gun-Deer for Hunters with Disabilities Assistants or Youth Gun-Deer Assistants are exempt from the requirement). Group/party hunting or filling another hunters' (who is/are within eyesight or shouting distance) harvest authorization is allowed only during the Nine-Day Gun-Deer and Gun-Deer Hunt for Hunters with Disabilities seasons.

s. Baiting and feeding wildlife: Due to health concerns and the potential spread of disease in deer and other wildlife species, the use of baits on Fort McCoy to attract animals to a specific location is not authorized. Baiting is allowed while trapping or conducting official government studies. The planting of food plots, without proper authorization, is strictly prohibited.

(1) Bait is defined as any feed material that is placed or used to attract wild animals, including salt, minerals, fruit/vegetable, grains, liquids, etc.

(2) Scent material, to include cover scent, may be used during deer hunting seasons, but must not be placed or deposited in a manner to allow consumption by wildlife and must be removed daily.

(3) Hunting is allowed over/near naturally occurring food sources. These materials cannot be moved from their specific location to attract wildlife.

(4) Bird feeders may be used on Fort McCoy if the device is at a sufficient height and/or designed to prevent access by deer and is within 50 yards of a dwelling.

t. Cantonment Archery hunting: Archery hunting may be allowed in the Cantonment Area to Cantonment Archery permit holders only. Refer to paragraph 3-4 for further information and appendix F for a map of hunting areas. **Crossbows ARE authorized in Cantonment Archery hunting areas.**

u. No motorized transportation/equipment (defined as any motorized cart, carrier, or wheeled machine aiding a permit holder to maneuver more easily) may be utilized while hunting, fishing, trapping, or scouting on Fort McCoy to include: Off-road vehicles, off-road motorcycles/dirt bikes, e-bikes (except when participating in recreational bike riding under the Non-Hunting/Non-Fishing activity), snowmobiles/Sno-Gos, go-carts, golf carts, lawn tractors, motorized scooters, motorized carriers, and all-

terrain vehicles (ATVs), Utility Terrain Vehicles (UTVs), side-by-sides (SxS), gators and like vehicles (para 2-1d.). Individuals with disabilities may use manual and powered wheelchairs to access the training areas while participating in hunting, fishing, trapping, scouting, and non-hunting/non-fishing activities on Fort McCoy, as well as use motorized transportation/equipment during the Gun-Deer Hunt for Hunters with Disabilities under a WDNR disabled hunting permit and proper safety equipment (helmet, protective clothing, foot protection, and eye protection) must be worn.

v. Scouting cameras: The use of scouting cameras to track game species movement (e.g., deer, turkey, coyote, etc.) is only allowed in Fort McCoy training areas between September 1 through May 31, unless the camera is being used for an activity (i.e., research, management, law enforcement, etc.) approved by the NRB. Placement within the Cantonment Area is allowed at any time. Scouting cameras can only be placed and checked when the training areas are listed as open on the Game Line. **Scouting cameras must include the name and address or WDNR customer identification number of the owner or operator permanently attached or engraved to the outside of the camera so that it is clearly visible without the need to move or adjust the camera.** Scouting cameras can only be affixed to trees, vegetation, or similar with easily removable straps, elastic cords or similar items which will not injure/damage trees or government property. All straps, cordage, etc. must be removed when the camera is removed. Nails, screws, or similar fasteners are prohibited to affix cameras. It is prohibited for anyone to knowingly remove, damage, or otherwise molest a game camera that you do not own, with the exception of actions by Conservation Law Enforcement Officers or government staff for official business. Fort McCoy is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged scouting cameras placed on the property. Baiting is not allowed to attract wildlife to the scouting camera site.

### **2-3. General Prohibited Activities**

Prohibited activities: Within the boundaries of the installation and without prior authorization, it is unlawful for anyone to:

- a. Interfere with training operations.
- b. Photograph or record video of training activities or military facilities.
- c. Use video or photographs taken on Fort McCoy for commercial purposes or on public websites without consent from the Public Affairs Office.
- d. Swim or wade in the lakes and streams (except for the Pine View Campground beach). Wading in the lakes and streams while hunting, fishing, or trapping is allowed.
- e. Pick up, disturb, carry off, or damage government equipment, ordnance, munitions or parts of the same.
- f. Litter or dump unwanted items.
- g. Start fires (charcoal grills are allowed only in designated areas of the Pine View Campground, Cantonment Area, or at the lake pavilions in established grills).
- h. Camp overnight, except at Pine View Campground.
- i. Shine wild animals with artificial light at any time.
- j. Hunt or trap bear or wolves.
- k. Drive vehicles onto ranges and/or hunt from towers/structures.
- l. Operate ATV/UTVs at any time or operate any other mechanized/motorized device to access the training areas or to retrieve downed game, unless approved under a disabled permit, refer to paragraph 2-2u and 3-6o.
- m. Operate snowmobiles to access training areas, unless on designated snowmobile trails.
- n. Operate vehicles, ATV/UTVs, and snowmobiles on frozen lakes, ponds, rivers or streams.
- o. Participate in recreational off-road activities (i.e., mud-bogging, dirt bike riding, etc.).
- p. Possess AIR GUNS, slingshots, or spring-loaded devices (except for trappers, see para 3-9n).
- q. Molest or take any non-game species except feral pigs, which may be taken with any Fort McCoy hunting permit. Any feral pigs taken must be reported to the NRB, Wildlife Program at **(502) 898-4331 or (502) 898-3337 before leaving Fort McCoy.**
- r. Ride or exercise horses.
- s. Collect archeological artifacts or knowingly disturb archeological sites.
- t. Collect reptiles, amphibians, or invertebrates without the appropriate Fort McCoy permit, Wisconsin license/permit, or WDNR issued collectors permit and approval from the NRB.
- u. Use metal detectors (except at Pine View Campground beach).
- v. Carry a concealed weapon on federal property.

- w. Collect native seed, pinecones, mast for planting; collect cuttings for propagation; or dig/remove plants/trees from Fort McCoy for the purpose of transplanting species off post.
- x. Bait or feed wildlife. Exceptions are outlined in paragraph 2-2s.
- y. Cut Christmas trees.
- z. Cut any live tree, tree limbs, or shrubs over one inch in diameter.
- aa. Use any unmanned aerial vehicles, or drones, for hunting, fishing, trapping, scouting, and non-hunting/non-fishing recreational purposes.
- bb. Purposefully introduce any plants, animals, or fish to Fort McCoy.
- cc. Discard or dump animal carcasses, skins, bones, or parts within the boundaries of the installation. Dumpsters may be available during the deer hunting season. General field dressing or discarding of entrails prior to removing game animals from Fort McCoy is authorized.
- dd. Bike/mountain bike off established roads/trails.
- ee. Operate a motor vehicle on the firebreak/boundary of the Fort McCoy Installation or the North Impact Area unless it's an established road or trail.
- ff. Target shoot or sight in equipment (except at the Sportsman's Range).
- gg. Provide false information when reporting harvest on the iSportsman system or at the Deer Data Collection Point (DDHP).
- hh. Fish for metal objects with a magnet in the lakes and streams.

### Chapter 3

#### **3-1. Small Game Regulation:** refer to appendix C for map.

- a. Permits: A Fort McCoy Small Game Permit **and** appropriate WDNR hunting license are required. The procedure to purchase a Fort McCoy Small Game Permit is outlined under paragraph 2-2c(2). Waterfowl can be hunted under the authorization of Fort McCoy Small Game permit and the appropriate state and federal licenses and stamps.
- b. Fort McCoy Activity Information Card: Reference paragraph 2-2j for requirements.
- c. Check-in/check-out: All Small Game hunters, including Scouting, are required to check-in and check-out daily through iSportsman, reference paragraphs 2-2h, 2-2i(1) and 2-2i(3) for check-in/check-out procedures (see map at appendix C for zones, training areas and restricted areas).
- d. Seasons: Except as specifically stated in this regulation, the Small Game seasons on Fort McCoy are the same as the State of Wisconsin. **Note: The Wisconsin ruffed grouse management zones divide Fort McCoy into 2 separate zones using Interstate 90 as the dividing line, resulting in different season dates and daily bag limits;** reference the current Wisconsin Hunting Regulations. Hunting for coyote, crow, snowshoe hare and unprotected species ends on the last day in February. **Small Game hunting is not allowed from March 1 – August 31.**
  - (1) Small Game hunting (to include scouting) is closed in all areas north of State Highway 21 (Zone 1) during the 2-day Gun-Deer Hunt for Hunters with Disabilities and Youth Gun-Deer seasons in October.
  - (2) Small Game hunting is closed the Friday before the Nine-Day Gun-Deer season.
  - (3) Small Game hunting, including waterfowl, is not allowed on Fort McCoy during the Nine-Day Gun-Deer season (the Saturday prior to Thanksgiving through the Sunday after Thanksgiving).
- e. Entry and hunting hours: **Entrance into Fort McCoy training areas is not permitted until 4:00 a.m. each day. Hunting at night is not allowed.** Reference the current Wisconsin Hunting Regulations for legal shooting times. Fort McCoy is located in the Southern Area, Zone D.
- f. Registration and reporting: Fort McCoy Small Game hunters may be asked to report small game harvest through iSportsman.
- g. Coyote hunting with the use of a dog(s) is limited to South Post (south of State Highway 21 (Zones 2 and 3)) only. Hunters are not allowed in closed training areas unless accompanied by Fort McCoy Police. Call Fort McCoy Police at (608) 388-2266 if assistance is required.
- h. Bobcat hunting is not permitted on Fort McCoy. Note: The harvest of bobcat is permitted through trapping means only.
- i. Waterfowl hunting is NOT allowed within closed training areas, even if the lake is listed as open on the Game Line.
- j. The collection of snapping turtles and bullfrogs on Fort McCoy is only allowed with the prior approval from the NRB. Contact the PSO for more information and to obtain approval.

**3-2. Fall Turkey Regulation:** refer to appendix C for map.

a. Permits: A Fort McCoy Fall Turkey Permit, the appropriate Wisconsin hunting license (e.g., current Fall Turkey Hunting License, Conservation Patron License, or a Senior Citizen Recreation Card), **and** Turkey Stamp are required to hunt turkey on Fort McCoy. Conservation Patron License and Senior Citizen Recreation Card holders are exempt from the stamp requirement. The procedure to purchase a Fort McCoy Fall Turkey Permit is outlined under paragraph 2-2c(2). All persons must reference the Wisconsin Hunting Regulations for additional license information. **Fort McCoy is a separate unit and is not part of State of Wisconsin Zone 1. Wisconsin Turkey Permits for State of Wisconsin Zone 1 are not valid on Fort McCoy.**

b. Fort McCoy Activity Information Card: Reference paragraph 2-2j for requirements.

c. Check-in/check-out: All Fall Turkey hunters, including Scouting, are required to check-in and check-out daily through iSportsman, reference paragraphs 2-2h, 2-2i(1) and 2-2i(3) for check-in/check-out procedures (see map at appendix C for zones, training areas and restricted areas).

d. Season: The Fort McCoy Fall Turkey season dates are the same as the Wisconsin Fall Turkey season dates.

(1) The Fall Turkey hunting season (to include scouting) is closed in all areas north of State Highway 21 (Zone 1) during the Gun-Deer Hunt for Hunters with Disabilities and Youth Gun-Deer season in October.

(2) Fall Turkey hunting is closed the Friday before the Nine-Day Gun-Deer.

(3) Fall Turkey hunting is not allowed on Fort McCoy during the Nine-Day Gun-Deer season (the Saturday prior to the Thanksgiving holiday through the Sunday after the Thanksgiving holiday).

e. Entry and hunting hours: **Entrance into Fort McCoy training areas is not permitted until 4:00 a.m. each day.** Reference the current Wisconsin Hunting Regulations for legal shooting times. Fort McCoy is found in the Southern Area, Zone D.

f. Harvest limit: Harvest is limited to two turkeys of any age or sex with the purchase of the current Fort McCoy Fall Turkey Permit. The two Fort McCoy Fall Turkey harvest authorizations will be issued to your iSportsman account. **WDNR Fall Turkey harvest authorizations are not valid on Fort McCoy.**

g. Hunting blinds: Refer to paragraph 2-2n for rules and regulations regarding hunting blinds.

h. Registration and reporting: Fort McCoy has established online and phone-in registration for the Fall Turkey season through the Fort McCoy iSportsman system. Fort McCoy Fall Turkey hunters are required to report/register their harvested turkey(s) during the iSportsman check-out process. Hunters may be asked to provide a confirmation number by state law enforcement or meat processors. The confirmation number will **NOT** be provided during the check-out process and is the hunter's responsibility to create. The confirmation number will be made up of the hunter's 6-digit Fort McCoy permit number (XXXXXX) and 6-digit date of harvest/registration (MMDDYY). The confirmation number will be 12 digits long and in the format described above (XXXXXX-MMDDYY). **Once your Fort McCoy harvest is reported through iSportsman your registration is complete and there is NO requirement to also report your harvest through the WDNR registration system.**

**3-3. Archery Regulation:** refer to appendix C for map.

a. Permits: A Fort McCoy Archery Permit **and** Wisconsin Archer or Crossbow hunting license are required to hunt deer on Fort McCoy. WDNR Archer/Crossbow upgrades to existing licenses are also required if Archery hunters would like to use either weapon type. The procedure to purchase a Fort McCoy Archery Permit is outlined under paragraph 2-2c(2).

b. Fort McCoy Activity Information Card: Reference paragraph 2-2j for requirements.

c. Check-in/check-out: All Archery hunters, including Scouting, are required to check-in and check-out daily through iSportsman, reference paragraphs 2-2h, 2-2i(1) and 2-2i(3) for check-in/check-out procedures (see map at appendix C for zones, training areas and restricted areas).

d. Season: The Fort McCoy Archery season dates are the same as the Wisconsin Archery season dates, with the following exception:

(1) The Archery season (to include scouting) is closed in all areas north of State Highway 21 (Zone 1) during the 2-day Gun-Deer Hunt for Hunters with Disabilities and Youth Gun-Deer seasons in October.

(2) Archery hunting is closed the Friday before the Nine-Day Gun-Deer season.

(3) Archery hunting under the authority of an Archery Permit is not allowed on Fort McCoy during the Nine-Day Gun-Deer season. Archery hunting during the Nine-Day Gun-Deer season is only allowed if in possession of a valid Fort McCoy Nine-Day Gun-Deer permit and an unused Nine-Day Gun-Deer Harvest Authorization.

e. Entry and hunting hours: **Entrance into Fort McCoy training areas is not permitted until 4:00 a.m. each day.** Reference the current Wisconsin Hunting Regulations for legal shooting times. Fort McCoy is found in the Southern Area, Zone D.

f. Weapons: Crossbows and vertical bows are authorized in all training areas on Fort McCoy. Individuals hunting with both bow and/or crossbow must have the appropriate Wisconsin Deer Archer/Crossbow License or upgrade.

g. Harvest limit: Harvest is limited to one deer (either sex) with the purchase of the current Fort McCoy Archery Permit. The Fort McCoy Archery Either Sex harvest authorization is included in the sale of the Fort McCoy Archery Permit and will be issued to the hunter's iSportsman account. Due to population levels and harvest goals, a Fort McCoy Archery Bonus Antlerless harvest authorization may be available through an application and lottery draw to allow for an additional antlerless harvest. Once a hunter is selected through the lottery draw, the Fort McCoy Archery Bonus Antlerless harvest authorization can be purchased. **WDNR issued deer harvest authorizations are not valid on Fort McCoy.**

Harvest Authorization Type	Limit
Current Fort McCoy Archery Either Sex harvest authorization	1 deer of either sex
Current Fort McCoy Archery Bonus Antlerless harvest authorization (Purchased Bonus Tag)	1 antlerless deer

h. Tree stands: Refer to paragraph 2-2m for rules and regulations regarding the use of tree stands.

i. Hunting blinds: Refer to paragraph 2-2n for rules and regulations regarding the use of hunting blinds.

j. Deer drives and group hunting: Refer to paragraph 2-2r for rules and regulations regarding deer drives and group hunting.

k. Registration and reporting: Fort McCoy has established online and phone-in registration procedures for the Archery season through the Fort McCoy iSportsman system. Fort McCoy Archery hunters are required to report/register their harvested deer during the iSportsman check-out process. Hunters may be asked to provide a confirmation number by state law enforcement or meat processors. The confirmation number will NOT be provided during the check-out process and is the hunter's responsibility to create. The confirmation number will be made up of the hunter's 6-digit Fort McCoy permit number (XXXXXX) and 6-digit date of harvest/registration (MMDDYY). The confirmation number will be 12 digits long and in the format described above (XXXXXX-MMDDYY). **Once your Fort McCoy harvest is reported through iSportsman your registration is complete and there is NO requirement to also report your harvest through the WDNR registration system.**

l. Once an archer has harvested a deer, the archer can continue to hunt small game using blunt tipped or judo point arrows. Upon successful harvest and registration of a deer, archers cannot have broadheads in their possession except during the Fall Turkey season, if they have a valid Fort McCoy Fall Turkey Permit and harvest authorization, or if they possess an additional valid Fort McCoy Archery harvest authorization. **Archers are not allowed to shoot deer for another archer.**

m. Restricted archery areas: Reference appendix C for all area restrictions. When hunting in areas around the Sparta/Fort McCoy Airport, hunters are not allowed to cross the fence surrounding the runways. Call the Fort McCoy Police at (608) 388-2266 if a wounded deer enters the airport area or other restricted areas.

**3-4. Cantonment Archery Regulation:** refer to appendix F for map.

a. Permits: A Fort McCoy Cantonment Archery Permit **and** Wisconsin Archer or Crossbow hunting license are required to hunt deer on Fort McCoy. WDNR Archer/Crossbow upgrades to existing licenses are also required if Archery hunters would like to use either weapon type. The procedure to apply for a Fort McCoy Cantonment Archery Permit is outlined under paragraph 2-2c(3). Applicants may be required to provide information for a full background check before they can access the Cantonment Area.

b. Fort McCoy Activity Information Card: Reference paragraph 2-2j for requirements.

c. Check-in/check-out: All Cantonment Archery hunters must select Cantonment Archery as the hunting activity, or Scouting if scouting, and are required to check-in and check-out daily through iSportsman, reference paragraphs 2-2h, 2-2i(1) and 2-2i(3) for check-in/check-out procedures. (see map at appendix F for Cantonment Archery hunting areas).

d. Season: The Fort McCoy Cantonment Archery season dates are the same as the Wisconsin Archery

season dates, with the following exception:

(1) Cantonment Archery hunting is closed on the Friday before the Nine-Day Gun-Deer season.  
(2) Cantonment Archery season will remain open during the Gun-Deer Hunt for Hunters with Disabilities and Youth Gun-Deer seasons (in October) and the Nine-Day Gun-Deer season. **Blaze orange/pink is required in Training Areas D-10E and G-4W during these times.**

(3) Areas G-4E and G-4W are closed during the early archery season. Refer to the Cantonment Archery map (appendix F) for specific dates.

e. Entry and hunting hours: **Entrance into Cantonment Archery hunting areas is not permitted before 4:00 a.m. each day.** Reference the current Wisconsin Hunting Regulations for legal shooting times. Fort McCoy is found in the Southern Area, Zone D.

f. Weapons: Vertical bow/arrow and crossbow/bolts are the only approved weapons within designated Cantonment Archery areas.

g. Tree stands: Refer to paragraph 2-2m for rules and regulations regarding the use of tree stands.

h. Deer drives: Deer drives are prohibited in the Cantonment Area and Cantonment Archery areas.

i. Harvest limit: Two Fort McCoy Cantonment Archery Antlerless harvest authorizations are issued with the purchase of the Fort McCoy Cantonment Archery Permit. The harvest authorizations allow the archer to shoot an antlerless deer or spike buck (both antlers are not forked and have only one point, no minimum or maximum length requirements for Cantonment Archery). Archers with a Fort McCoy Cantonment Archery Permit are allowed to use their Cantonment Archery harvest authorizations only in specified areas as identified on the Fort McCoy Cantonment Archery Map (reference appendix F), **Archers may be accompanied by Wildlife staff or a Conservation Law Enforcement Officer (CLEO) to verify the harvest site. WDNR issued deer harvest authorizations are NOT valid on Fort McCoy.**

(1) **Earn-a-buck:** After using the initial two Fort McCoy Cantonment Archery Antlerless Harvest Authorizations, the archer can request a Fort McCoy Cantonment Archery Either Sex Bonus Harvest Authorization from the PSO upon presenting their deer registration confirmation numbers for their Cantonment Archery deer harvest(s). A limited number of Fort McCoy Cantonment Archery Either Sex Bonus Harvest Authorizations may be available on a first-come, first-served basis. The additional harvest authorization will be valid for one deer of either sex, including forked bucks (3 points or more).

(2) After an archer uses the Fort McCoy Cantonment Archery Either Sex Bonus Harvest Authorization, the archer can request an additional bonus harvest authorization from the PSO upon providing the registration confirmation number for their Cantonment Archery deer harvest. The harvest authorizations will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis. The additional harvest authorization will be valid for:

(a) Fort McCoy Cantonment Archery **Either Sex** Bonus Harvest Authorization if a forked buck (3 points or more) has not been harvested, or;

(b) Fort McCoy Cantonment Archery **Antlerless** Bonus Harvest Authorization if a forked buck (3 points or more) has been harvested. Cantonment Archers may continue to request Cantonment Archery Antlerless Bonus harvest authorizations once the previous harvest authorization is filled.

j. Registration and reporting: Fort McCoy has established online and phone-in registration procedures for the Cantonment Archery season through the Fort McCoy iSportsman system. Fort McCoy Cantonment Archery hunters are required to report/register their harvested deer during the iSportsman check-out process. Hunters may be asked to provide a confirmation number by state law enforcement or meat processors. The confirmation number will **NOT** be provided during the check-out process and is the hunter's responsibility to create. The confirmation number will be made up of the hunter's 6-digit Fort McCoy permit number (XXXXXX) and 6-digit date of harvest/registration (MMDDYY). The confirmation number will be 12 digits long and in the format described above (XXXXXX-MMDDYY). **Once your Fort McCoy harvest is reported through iSportsman your registration is complete and there is NO requirement to also report your harvest through the WDNR registration system.**

k. Vehicles are only allowed on established roads and trails.

l. Hunters in the Cantonment Area are not allowed to shoot at deer that are outside wooded areas (i.e., a deer standing in the open on a parade field).

m. Hunters in the Cantonment Area are not allowed to walk outside of the hunting areas in an attempt to chase deer into the hunting areas.

n. Hunters in the Cantonment Area must field dress deer in wooded areas only.

o. The Cantonment Area may be closed at any time during the season. The Game Line will inform hunters in the event an area is closed to hunting.

p. Any violation associated with the Cantonment Archery season regulation may subject the individual

to **permanent revocation** of Cantonment Archery hunting privileges and may include additional revocation of privileges, to include hunting, fishing, trapping, firewood cutting, and non-hunting/non-fishing activities.

**3-5. Nine-Day Gun-Deer Regulation:** refer to appendix D for map.

a. Permits: A Fort McCoy Nine-Day Gun-Deer Permit **and** Wisconsin Gun-Deer hunting license are required to participate during the Nine-Day Gun-Deer season on Fort McCoy. The procedure to apply for a Fort McCoy Nine-Day Gun-Deer permit is outlined under paragraph 2-2c(3). Permit holders wishing to bring a non-hunting guest to accompany them on a deer hunt must use iSportsman to check-in the individual as a guest. Non-hunting guests may not participate in the hunt or deer drives.

b. Fort McCoy Activity Information Card: Reference paragraph 2-2j for requirements.

c. Check-in/check-out: All Nine-Day Gun-Deer hunters, including Scouting, are required to check-in and check-out daily through iSportsman, reference paragraphs 2-2h, 2-2i(1) and 2-2i(3) for check-in/check-out procedures (see map at appendix D for zones, training areas and restricted areas).

d. Seasons: The Fort McCoy Nine-Day Gun-Deer season runs from the Saturday prior to the Thanksgiving holiday through the Sunday following the Thanksgiving holiday. Hunters are reminded that Fort McCoy operational requirements may require closing the season early.

e. Entry and hunting hours: **Hunters may enter the training areas no earlier than 2:00 a.m. each day. All hunters must be out of all training areas by 6:30 p.m.** If tracking a wounded deer will result in the hunter not able to exit the training area by 6:30 p.m., you must call the Fort McCoy Police at (608) 388-2266 before 6:30 p.m. to obtain authorization to remain in the training area. Reference the current Wisconsin Hunting Regulations for the legal shooting times. Fort McCoy is found in Zone D within the Southern Area.

f. Harvest limit: **Harvest is limited to one deer (either sex)** with the purchase of the current Fort McCoy Nine-Day Gun-Deer Permit. The Fort McCoy Nine-Day Gun-Deer Either Sex harvest authorization is included in the sale of the Fort McCoy Nine-Day Gun-Deer Permit and will be issued to the hunters iSportsman account. Due to deer population levels and harvest goals, a Fort McCoy Nine-Day Gun-Deer Bonus Antlerless harvest authorizations may be awarded through an application and lottery draw to allow for an additional antlerless harvest. Once a hunter is selected through the lottery draw, the Fort McCoy Nine-Day Gun-Deer Bonus Antlerless harvest authorization can be purchased. **WDNR issued deer harvest authorizations are not valid on Fort McCoy.**

Harvest Authorization Type	Limit
Current Fort McCoy Nine-Day Gun-Deer Either Sex harvest authorization	1 deer of either sex
Current Fort McCoy Nine-Day Gun-Deer Bonus Antlerless harvest authorization (additional lottery draw, purchase still required if selected during the drawing)	1 antlerless deer

g. Registration and reporting: **All deer harvested during the Nine-Day Gun-Deer season must be brought to the Deer Data Collection Point (DDCP) for collection of biological data by Fort McCoy Wildlife staff before leaving the installation. The DDCP (adjacent to the HIP), will be the only location open daily starting at 7:00 a.m. and will close 2 hours after the close of legal hunting hours during opening weekend and 1 hour after the close of legal hunting hours during the remainder of the season.** Fort McCoy has established online and phone-in registration procedures for the Nine-Day Gun-Deer season through the Fort McCoy iSportsman system. Fort McCoy Nine-Day Gun-Deer hunters are required to report/register their harvested deer during the iSportsman check-out process. Hunters may be asked to provide a confirmation number by state law enforcement or meat processors. The confirmation number will **NOT** be provided during the check-out process and is the hunters' responsibility to create. The confirmation number will be made up of the hunter's 6-digit Fort McCoy permit number (XXXXXX) and 6-digit date of harvest/registration (MMDDYY). The confirmation number will be 12 digits long and in the format described above (XXXXXX-MMDDYY). **Once your Fort McCoy harvest is reported through iSportsman your registration is complete and there is NO requirement to also report your harvest through the WDNR registration system.**

h. Weapons:

(1) Some training areas have restricted weapon use requirements, reference appendix D. **Violators of**



**these restrictions are subject to prosecution under applicable State laws and/or this regulation.**

(2) **Air gun or air rifle use is prohibited.**

(3) Firearms, crossbows, and bows as outlined in the current Wisconsin Hunting Regulations may be used during the Nine-Day Gun-Deer season, **except that the use of crossbows and bows are only allowed on Fort McCoy during the Nine-Day Gun-Deer season(s) as long as the hunter is wearing blaze orange/pink and is using this equipment under the authority of a Fort McCoy Nine-Day Gun-Deer Permit, a(n) valid/unused Nine-Day Gun-Deer harvest authorization and Wisconsin Gun-Deer license. Archery permits and harvest authorizations cannot be used during the Nine-Day Gun-Deer season except for Cantonment Archery permit holders within the Cantonment Archery areas.**

i. Tree stands: Refer to paragraph 2-2m for rules and regulations regarding the use of tree stands.

j. Hunting blinds: Refer to paragraph 2-2n for rules and regulations regarding the use of hunting blinds.

k. Deer drives: Refer to paragraph 2-2r for rules and regulations regarding deer drives.

l. Group hunting: Once a hunter has harvested a deer, he or she may continue to hunt for the remainder of the season but must abide by the Wisconsin Group Hunting Regulation with the exception that ALL hunters participating in deer drives on Fort McCoy must possess a valid Fort McCoy Nine-Day Gun-Deer permit.

m. Hunting of other species: All other hunting seasons, as outlined in this regulation, are closed on Fort McCoy during the Nine-Day Gun-Deer season. **Coyote hunting is not allowed during the Nine-Day Gun-Deer season.**

**3-6. Gun-Deer for Hunters with Disabilities Regulation:** refer to appendix D for map.

a. Permits: A Fort McCoy Gun-Deer for Hunters with Disabilities Permit, WDNR Disabled Permit (Class A, B, C, or D), **and** Wisconsin Gun-Deer hunting license are required. To be eligible under a Class B permit classification, the permit must be valid for longer than one year **and** allow shooting from a stationary vehicle. The procedure to apply for a Fort McCoy Gun-Deer for Hunters with Disabilities Permit is outlined under paragraph 2-2c(3).

b. Fort McCoy Activity Information Card: Reference paragraph 2-2j for requirements.

c. Check-in/check-out: All Gun-Deer for Hunters with Disabilities participants, to include assistants and while out Scouting, are required to check-in and check-out daily through iSportsman, reference paragraphs 2-2h, 2-2i(1) and 2-2i(3) for check-in/check-out procedures (see map at appendix D for zones, training areas and restricted areas).

d. Seasons: The Fort McCoy Gun-Deer for Hunters with Disabilities will be conducted in conjunction with the Fort McCoy Youth Gun-Deer Hunt in October.

e. Entry and hunting hours: **Entrance into Fort McCoy training areas is not permitted until 4:00 a.m. each day.** Reference the current Wisconsin Hunting Regulations for legal shooting times. Fort McCoy is found in the Southern Area, Zone D.

f. Weapons:

(1) Some training areas have restricted weapon use requirements (reference appendix D). Violators of these restrictions are subject to prosecution under applicable State laws and/or this regulation.

(2) **Air gun or air rifle use is prohibited.**

(3) Use of all firearms, crossbows, and bows are outlined in the State of Wisconsin Hunting Regulations for use during the Gun-Deer season(s), except that the use of crossbows and bows are allowed on Fort McCoy during the Gun-Deer for Hunters with Disabilities season as long as the hunter is wearing blaze orange or pink and is using this equipment under the authority of a Fort McCoy Gun-Deer for Hunters with Disabilities Permit, a(n) valid/unused Fort McCoy Gun-Deer for Hunters with Disabilities harvest authorization and Wisconsin Gun-Deer license.

g. Harvest limit: Harvest is limited to two deer with the purchase of the current Fort McCoy Gun-Deer for Hunters with Disabilities Permit. The two harvest authorizations (one either sex harvest authorization and one antlerless harvest authorization) are included in the sale of the Fort McCoy Gun-Deer for Hunters with Disabilities Permit. **WDNR issued deer harvest authorizations are NOT valid on Fort McCoy.**

h. Hunting areas: Training areas open to hunting will be located on North Post (north of State Highway 21 (Zone 1)). **South Post (south of State Highway 21 (Zones 2 and 3)) is closed to Gun-Deer for Hunters with Disabilities participants.** Appendix D shows overall training areas as referenced on the Game Line at (866) 277-1597 or online at <https://ftmccoy.isportsman.net>. Hunters must ensure that the training areas they intend to hunt, are open on the Game Line listing daily.

i. Registration and reporting: **Before leaving Fort McCoy, all deer harvested during the Gun-Deer**

**for Hunters with Disabilities season must be brought to the DDCP for collection of biological data by Fort McCoy Wildlife staff. The DDCP (adjacent to the HIP), will be the only location open daily starting at 7:00 a.m. and will close one hour after the close of legal hunting hours.** Fort McCoy has established online and phone-in registration procedures for the Gun-Deer for Hunters with Disabilities season through the Fort McCoy iSportsman system. Fort McCoy Gun-Deer for Hunters with Disabilities participants are required to report/register their harvested deer during the iSportsman check-out process. Hunters may be asked to provide a confirmation number by state law enforcement or meat processors. The confirmation number will NOT be provided during the check-out process and is the hunter's responsibility to create. The confirmation number will be made up of the hunter's 6-digit Fort McCoy permit number (XXXXXX) and 6-digit date of harvest/registration (MMDDYY). The confirmation number will be 12 digits long and in the format described above (XXXXXX-MMDDYY). **Once your Fort McCoy harvest is reported through iSportsman your registration is complete and there is NO requirement to also report your harvest through the WDNR registration system.**

j. Hunter briefings: Individuals selected for the Gun-Deer for Hunters with Disabilities season are required to attend an informational and safety briefing. Information will be provided to permit holders, including information on scheduling a briefing, through the awarded permit notification letter before the start of the hunt.

k. Hunting of other species: All other hunting seasons are closed on North Post (Zone 1) during the Gun-Deer for Hunters with Disabilities season. **Coyote hunting is not allowed.**

l. Hunting blinds: Refer to paragraph 2-2n for rules and regulations regarding the use of hunting blinds.

m. Deer drives: Refer to paragraph 2-2r for rules and regulations regarding deer drives.

n. Group hunting: Once a hunter has harvested a deer, he or she may continue to hunt for the remainder of the season but must abide by the Wisconsin Group Hunting Regulation with the exception being that **ALL** hunters participating in deer drives on Fort McCoy must possess a valid Fort McCoy Gun-Deer for Hunters with Disabilities Permit. (Note: Gun-Deer for Hunters with Disabilities Assistants are exempt from the requirement).

o. Motorized transportation/equipment: Motorized transportation/equipment (i.e., ATV, UTV, or similar equipment) is allowed during the Gun-Deer for Hunters with Disabilities. This equipment is not allowed on the main roads (reference appendix D), the firebreak around the North Impact Area, or the installation boundary and cannot be used to access Fort McCoy from adjoining private property. Equipment must be trailered to the desired hunting area to access the training area trails. Equipment cannot be used as a primary means of travel between hunting locations. Proper personal protective equipment (helmet, protective clothing, foot protection, eye protection, and seat belt if equipped) is required.

**3-7. Youth Gun-Deer Regulation:** refer to appendix D for map.

a. Permits: A Fort McCoy Youth Gun-Deer Permit **and** Wisconsin Gun-Deer hunting license are required. The procedure to apply for a Fort McCoy Youth Gun-Deer Permit is outlined under paragraph 2-2c(3). Youth must be between 10-15 years old at the start of the hunt to be eligible to participate.

b. Fort McCoy Activity Information Card: Reference paragraph 2-2j for requirements.

c. Check-in/check-out: All Youth Gun-Deer participants, including Scouting, are required to check-in and check-out daily through iSportsman, reference paragraphs 2-2h, 2-2i(1) and 2-2i(3) for check-in/check-out procedures (see map at appendix D for zones, training areas and restricted areas).

d. Seasons: The dates for the Fort McCoy Youth Gun-Deer hunt are the same as the Wisconsin Youth Gun-Deer hunt.

e. Entry and hunting hours: **Entrance into Fort McCoy training areas is not permitted until 4:00 a.m. each day.** Reference the current Wisconsin Hunting Regulations for legal shooting times. Fort McCoy is found in the Southern Area, Zone D.

f. Weapons:

(1) Some training areas have restricted weapon use requirements (reference appendix D). Violators of these restrictions are subject to prosecution under applicable State laws and/or this regulation.

(2) **Air gun or air rifle use is prohibited.**

(3) Use of all firearms, crossbows, and bows are outlined in the State of Wisconsin Hunting Regulations for use during the Gun-Deer season(s), except that the use of crossbows and bows are allowed on Fort McCoy during the Youth Gun-Deer season as long as the hunter is wearing blaze orange or pink and is using this equipment under the authority of a Fort McCoy Youth Gun-Deer Permit, a(n) valid/unused Fort McCoy Youth Gun-Deer harvest authorization and Wisconsin Gun-Deer license.

g. Harvest limit: Harvest is limited to one deer of either sex with the purchase of the current Fort McCoy Youth Gun-Deer Permit. The either sex harvest authorization is included in the sale of the Fort McCoy Youth Gun-Deer Permit. **WDNR issued deer harvest authorizations are NOT valid on Fort McCoy.**

h. Hunting areas: Training areas open to hunting will be located on North Post (north of State Highway 21 (Zone 1)). **South Post (south of State Highway 21 (Zones 2 and 3)) is closed to Youth Gun-Deer participants.** Appendix D shows overall training areas as referenced on the Game Line at (866) 277-1597 or online at <https://ftmccoy.isportsman.net>. Hunters must ensure that the training areas they intend to hunt, are open on the Game Line listing daily.

i. Registration and reporting: **Before leaving Fort McCoy, all deer harvested during the Youth Gun-Deer season must be brought to the DDCP for collection of biological data by Fort McCoy Wildlife staff. The DDCP (adjacent to the HIP), will be the only location open daily starting at 7:00 a.m. and will close one hour after the close of legal hunting hours.** Fort McCoy has established online and phone-in registration procedures for the Youth Gun-Deer season through the Fort McCoy iSportsman system. Fort McCoy Youth Gun-Deer participants are required to report/register their harvested deer during the iSportsman check-out process. Hunters may be asked to provide a confirmation number by state law enforcement or meat processors. The confirmation number will NOT be provided during the check-out process and is the hunter's responsibility to create. The confirmation number will be made up of the hunter's 6-digit Fort McCoy permit number (XXXXXX) and 6-digit date of harvest/registration (MMDDYY). The confirmation number will be 12 digits long and in the format described above (XXXXXX-MMDDYY). **Once your Fort McCoy harvest is reported through iSportsman your registration is complete and there is NO requirement to also report your harvest through the WDNR registration system.**

j. Hunter briefings: Individuals selected for the Youth Gun-Deer season and mentors are required to attend an informational and safety briefing. Information will be provided to permit holders, including information on scheduling a briefing, through the awarded permit notification letter before the start of the hunt.

k. Hunting of other species: All other hunting seasons are closed on North Post (Zone 1) during the Youth Gun-Deer season. **Coyote hunting is not allowed.**

l. Hunting blinds: Refer to paragraph 2-2n for rules and regulations regarding the use of hunting blinds.

m. Deer drives: Refer to paragraph 2-2r for rules and regulations regarding deer drives.

### **3-8. Spring Turkey Regulation:** refer to appendix C for map.

a. Permits: A Fort McCoy Spring Turkey Permit, the appropriate Wisconsin hunting license (i.e., current Spring Turkey Hunting License, Conservation Patron License or a Senior Citizen Recreation Card), and Wild Turkey Stamp are required. Conservation Patron License and Senior Citizen Cardholders are exempt from the stamp requirement. The procedure to apply for a Spring Turkey Permit is outlined under paragraph 2-2c(3). All persons must reference the current Wisconsin Hunting Regulations for additional license information. **Fort McCoy is a separate unit and is not part of State of Wisconsin Zone 1. WDNR issued Spring Turkey permits/harvest authorizations are not valid on Fort McCoy.**

b. Fort McCoy Activity Information Card: Reference paragraph 2-2j for requirements.

c. Check-in/check-out: All Spring Turkey hunters, including Scouting, are required to check-in and check-out daily through iSportsman, reference paragraphs 2-2h, 2-2i(1) and 2-2i(3) for check-in/check-out procedures (see map at appendix C for zones, training areas and restricted areas).

d. Seasons: The Spring Turkey seasons on Fort McCoy consists of six separate hunting periods, commencing on the opening day of the Wisconsin Spring Turkey season. The first period consists of Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and the following five weekly periods are Monday-Friday. Hunting is not allowed on weekends. Fort McCoy does not offer a Youth Turkey Hunt Season.

e. Entry and hunting hours: **Entrance into Fort McCoy training areas is not permitted until 4:00 a.m. each day.** Reference the current Wisconsin Hunting Regulations for legal shooting times. Fort McCoy is found in the Southern Area, Zone D.

f. Harvest limit: Harvest is limited to one bearded turkey with each purchase of a current Fort McCoy Spring Turkey Permit. The Fort McCoy Spring Turkey harvest authorization is included in the sale of the Fort McCoy Spring Turkey Permit and will be issued to the hunters iSportsman account. After the quota lottery drawing has been completed, any remaining Fort McCoy Spring Turkey Permits will go on sale on a first-come, first-serve basis. Information regarding the availability and purchase of the Fort McCoy Spring Turkey Permits will be available at the PSO and the iSportsman website,

<https://ftmccoy.isportsman.net>, prior to and during the Spring Turkey season. **WDNR issued Spring Turkey harvest authorizations are not valid on Fort McCoy.**

g. Registration and reporting: Fort McCoy has established online and phone-in registration procedures for the Spring Turkey season through the Fort McCoy iSportsman system. Fort McCoy Spring Turkey hunters are required to report/register their harvested turkey during the iSportsman check-out process. Hunters may be asked to provide a confirmation number by state law enforcement or meat processors. The confirmation number will **NOT** be provided during the check-out process and is the hunter's responsibility to create. The confirmation number will be made up of the hunter's 6-digit Fort McCoy permit number (XXXXXX) and 6-digit date of harvest/registration (MMDDYY). The confirmation number will be 12 digits long and in the following format (XXXXXX-MMDDYY). **Once your Fort McCoy harvest is reported through iSportsman your registration is complete and there is NO requirement to also report your harvest through the WDNR registration system.**

h. Hunting blinds: Refer to paragraph 2-2n for rules and regulations regarding the use of hunting blinds.

**3-9. Trapping Regulation:** refer to appendix G for map.

a. Permits: A Fort McCoy Trapping Permit **and** Wisconsin Trapping license are required to trap on Fort McCoy. The procedure to apply for a Fort McCoy Trapping Permit is outlined under paragraph 2-2c(3).

b. Fort McCoy Activity Information Card: Reference paragraph 2-2j for requirements.

c. Check-in/check-out: All trappers, including Scouting, are required to check-in and check-out daily through iSportsman, reference paragraphs 2-2h, 2-2i(1) and 2-2i(3) for check-in/check-out procedures (see map at appendix G for zones, training areas and restricted areas).

d. Season: The Fort McCoy Trapping seasons and dates coincide with the State of Wisconsin Trapping seasons and dates. Trappers are reminded that, due to furbearer management goals, seasons may be closed at any time. Occasionally, targeted trapping is needed to control nuisance furbearers, such as beaver. Trappers interested in assisting with nuisance furbearer removal can apply for the Fort McCoy Trapping permit (must also have WI trapping license) and indicate their interest on the application. Those selected must follow all trapping regulations.

(1) The trapping season is **open** in all areas north of State Highway 21 (Zone 1) during the two-day Gun-Deer Hunt for Hunters with Disabilities and Youth Gun-Deer seasons in October. Blaze orange/pink is required while in the training areas on North Post (Zone 1) during this period.

(2) Trapping is not allowed on Fort McCoy during the Nine-Day Gun-Deer season.

(3) Trapping of unprotected species (opossums, skunks, porcupines, red squirrels, woodchucks, snowshoe hares, and weasels) ends on the last day in February. **Trapping for unprotected species is not allowed from March 1- August 31.**

e. All trappers must remove or disable their traps if the Game Line listing shows that the training area will be closed the following day(s). Traps cannot be checked in closed training areas.

f. Restricted Areas: Some training areas have restricted areas (reference appendix G), where digging and staking is prohibited due to UXO concerns. Violators of these restrictions are subject to prosecution under this regulation. This includes digging to create a trap bed, creating a dirt hole for bait, and use of stakes or earth anchors to secure traps. Alternative methods are allowed if no digging or staking is taking place, no additional dirt or sand is brought in to conceal traps, alternative methods of securing traps is removed at the end of the season, and the State of Wisconsin Trapping regulations are being followed.

g. Registration and reporting: Trappers will provide a map depicting the general location of traps, the number of traps, and Global Positioning System (GPS) coordinates for each trap set within 24 hours of setting traps or next business day. An updated map and GPS coordinates must be provided within 24 hours or next business day if any traps are moved, removed, or added throughout the trapping season. Trapping maps, GPS coordinates, and harvest reports can be dropped off at the trapping drop box located at the HIP or at the PSO. Trappers will furnish a monthly harvest report to the NRB – Wildlife Program within the first seven days of the month. Additional information or data may also be required from trappers. All bobcat, fisher, and otter need to be registered through the WDNR GameReg system using a valid WDNR issued harvest authorization for the species harvested, and may need to be registered with WDNR personnel dependent on species. Trappers must follow the WDNR guidelines described in the State of Wisconsin Trapping Regulations.

h. Bobcat can be harvested on Fort McCoy by trapping means only with a valid WDNR authorization, the hunting of bobcat on Fort McCoy is prohibited.

i. All traps (dry or wet, unless it is capable of submersion) will be checked on a daily basis.

- j. All submersion sets will be checked within a two-day period following the last tending of the set.
- k. All leg hold sets (dry) are limited to #2 offset coil spring traps or smaller.
- l. It is the trapper's responsibility to release trapped animals they did not intend to catch, preferably with a V-notch board to reduce injury to the animal and trapper.
- m. It is mandatory to contact either the Fort McCoy CLEO's or the NRB staff regarding any incidental catches of a protected species as defined in the State of Wisconsin Trapping regulations (domestic pets, badger, Canada lynx, cougar, wolf, and any other species designated protected, endangered, or threatened) to ensure trapping best management practices are being used. Contacting the Fort McCoy CLEO's or NRB staff will be made before the trapped animal is released.
- n. Air guns and air rifles may be used for dispatching of trapped animals (if allowed by WDNR regulations) with NRB approval. Contact the PSO to obtain approval. Approval will **not** be granted for Cantonment raccoon trapping.
- o. Cantonment raccoon trapping: Trapping is allowed within the cantonment area to reduce raccoon populations.
  - (1) One trapper will be selected by random drawing to trap in the specific locations within the Cantonment Area. If a trapper is unable to trap when needed by NRB or is no longer trapping, another trapper may be selected.
  - (2) Trapping is only allowed within portions of Tarr, Stillwell, Sparta, Suukjak Sep, and 30-5 Creeks, La Crosse River and Ash Run. A map will be provided by PSO showing the specific trapping locations. Locations may change due to raccoon population changes or mission requirements.
  - (3) All traps in the Cantonment Area must be set within the stream corridors outlined on the cantonment raccoon trapping map.
  - (4) All traps must be set so trapped animal cannot be seen from any road, path, or bridge. Traps cannot be set under bridges or in culverts. NRB staff or Fort McCoy CLEO may accompany the trapper to ensure traps are set in proper locations.
  - (5) Firearms are not allowed to be discharged within the Cantonment Area, alternative methods of dispatch will need to be utilized.
  - (6) A trapping report must be turned in weekly to the NRB – Wildlife Program. The trapping report can be dropped off at the trapping report drop-box located at the HIP or at the PSO.

**3-10. Fishing Regulation:** refer to appendix E for map.

- a. Permits: All persons, age 16 and over, fishing on Fort McCoy are required to have a current Fort McCoy Fishing Permit **and** appropriate State of Wisconsin Fishing license and stamps. There are five types of Fort McCoy fishing permits available: Annual, Senior (age 65 or older), Disabled (as determined by applicable Wisconsin law), Youth (under age 16), and 4-day. Children under age 16 do not require a Fort McCoy Fishing Permit if fishing with someone who has a valid Fort McCoy Fishing Permit or if the child does not harvest fish. Fish can only be harvested by children under age 16, if they have their own Fort McCoy fishing permit, or if their harvested fish is included in an accompanying Fort McCoy licensed anglers daily bag limit. The procedure to purchase a Fort McCoy Fishing Permit is outlined under paragraph 2-2c(2). Permits are not required during the Wisconsin Free Fishing weekends.
- b. Fort McCoy Activity Information Card: Reference paragraph 2-2j for requirements. A Fort McCoy Activity Information Card is not required during the Wisconsin Free Fishing Weekends.
- c. Expiration: All Fishing Permits expire **March 31**. Permit expiration coincides with annual Wisconsin Fishing License expiration. Fishing Permits are non-transferable and non-refundable.
- d. Check-in/check-out: **Check-in/check-out is NOT required of anglers, but it is the responsibility of the angler to check the Game Line through iSportsman for any closures.** Accessing the iSportsman system is outlined in paragraph 2-2h. (see map at appendix E for training areas, lakes and restricted areas).
- e. Seasons and dates: Unless otherwise posted, fishing, including trout, is permitted on all lakes and ponds from the first Saturday in May through the first Sunday in March. The North Flowage and Lost Lake are open for harvesting panfish all year, and the catch and release largemouth bass season. Fishing on streams is permitted from the first Saturday in May through October 15. Fort McCoy streams will be open for the early catch and release trout season as explained in the current Wisconsin Trout Fishing Regulations and Guide. Night fishing is allowed, but it is the responsibility of the angler to check the Game Line, after midnight, to make sure the lake or training area is open the following day.
  - (1) **Fishing is closed in all areas north of State Highway 21 during the Gun-Deer for Hunters with**

**Disabilities and Youth Gun-Deer seasons in October, except Suukjak Sep Lake.**

(2) **Fishing is not allowed on Fort McCoy during the Nine-Day Gun-Deer season.**

(3) **Free fishing weekends:** Coincide with the State of Wisconsin Free Fishing dates in January and June.

f. Access to waters:

(1) Lakes: If a lake is listed as open on the Game Line, but is within a closed training area, anglers can utilize the marginal area around the lake (i.e., mowed area or 50 feet from shore if the lake perimeter is not mowed) that will not conflict with any military training. Access to the lakes within closed training areas must be by the main access road(s). Anglers are responsible for knowing if the lakes are closed due to training, this can be checked on the iSportsman Game Line posting.

(2) Streams:

(a) If a training area is shown as a Restricted Area on the Fishing Map (refer to appendix E), then the Game Line listing must be followed and entry into that area is prohibited if the training area is closed.

(b) If a training area does NOT have a Restricted Area designation on the Fishing Map (refer to appendix E) but the Game Line shows that training area as closed, anglers can still access and fish those streams; but must do so by staying within the stream corridor/floodplain, avoiding military training, and accessing those streams at main road crossings. An angler is not allowed to walk/drive through a closed training area to access streams. Parking of vehicles to access those streams should occur at main road/stream crossings. Silver Creek has a designated parking area along the main road in B-2, refer to the Fishing Map in appendix E. Anglers are responsible for knowing if the training areas are closed due to training, this can be checked on the iSportsman Game Line posting.

g. Ice fishing: Anglers may fish through the ice on all lakes/ponds at their own risk. Ice shanties can be used on lakes/ponds but must be removed at the end of each day. Operation of vehicles, to include those listed in paragraph 2-1d, on frozen lakes, ponds, rivers or streams is prohibited.

h. Bag, possession, and size limits: Bag, possession, and size limits on any Fort McCoy lakes, ponds, rivers and streams not listed below follow the State of Wisconsin Fishing Regulations. Once you reach any of these limits for a particular species, you must stop fishing for that species. **For Fish Consumption Advisories, see WDNR website.**

(1) Possession limit means the maximum number of fish that a person may possess or control (i.e., in your freezer, cooler, vehicle, etc.), which is twice the total daily bag limit.

(2) Total daily bag limit is the maximum number of fish that an angler may possess from all water bodies fished for that day.

(3) Daily bag limit is the maximum number of fish that an angler may possess from a specific water body in one day. An angler may not possess in excess of the daily bag limit for the water while on the waters, banks or shores of that water.

(4) Early trout: The daily bag limit and possession limit for early trout season is zero.

(5) Fish harvested by children under 16 years old who do not possess a Fort McCoy Fishing Permit are included in the accompanying Fort McCoy and State of Wisconsin licensed angler's daily bag limit.

<b>Species</b>	<b>Total Daily Bag Limit</b>
Panfish*	25
Largemouth Bass	5
Trout	5
All other species	See State Fishing Regulations
<b>*Panfish are defined as the following species:</b> bluegill, pumpkinseed, black and white crappies, yellow perch, green sunfish, warmouth, and sunfish.	

Fort McCoy Location	Species	Daily Bag Limit	Size Limit
North Flowage	Largemouth Bass	5 Largemouth Bass (only one may be over 22 inches and none between 15-22 inches)	No minimum size (No bass may be kept between 15-22 inches and only one over 22 inches)
West Sandy Lake	Panfish	10 Panfish	8 inch minimum length
Silver Creek (Bridge east of the airport to the western Fort McCoy boundary-see Fort McCoy Fishing Map appendix E)	Trout	3 Trout	No minimum length
All other waters	Trout	5 Trout	No minimum length
All other waters	All other species	See State Fishing Regulations	See State Fishing Regulations

i. Silver Creek: Only artificial lures may be used on Silver Creek from the bridge east of the airport, downstream to the western boundary of Fort McCoy. This section is highlighted on the Fort McCoy Fishing Map (refer to appendix E).

j. Boats and motors: Operation of gasoline motors is prohibited on all Fort McCoy waters with the exception of emergency first responders or Fort McCoy employees in performance of their official duties. Boats, canoes, kayaks, and floats with or without electric trolling motors are allowed only on the North Flowage, Lost Lake, West Sandy, Sandy, Big Sandy, Suukjak Sep, and East Silver Lakes. Boats, canoes, kayaks, and floats are **NOT** allowed on Stillwell Lake, Swamp Pond or Sparta Pond. All boats, canoes, kayaks, and floats on Fort McCoy waters must comply with Wisconsin Boating Regulations. All privately owned watercraft must be removed from Fort McCoy property at the end of each day.

k. Minnows: Legal minnows may **ONLY** be used in the North Flowage and Lost Lake. Other than the North Flowage and Lost Lake, minnows dead or alive (except commercially preserved) are not allowed as bait or to be in an angler's possession at any time. Follow Wisconsin Minnow and other Baitfish Regulations regarding the purchase and transportation of minnows.

l. Crayfish: It is illegal to harvest, collect, possess, or use crayfish as bait on Fort McCoy.

m. The collection of snapping turtles and bullfrogs on Fort McCoy is only allowed with the prior approval from the NRB. Contact the PSO for more information and to obtain approval.

n. Fishing methods: It is illegal to fish with nets, seines, spears (including bow and arrow or crossbow) and by hand on Fort McCoy waters.

o. Unauthorized stocking: It is illegal to transplant live fish from one water body to another without the consent of NRB – Fisheries Program. **DO NOT** move, release, or stock fish, including minnows, into Fort McCoy waters.

**3-11. Non-Hunting/Non-Fishing Activities Regulation:** refer to appendix H for map

a. Permits: A Fort McCoy iSportsman Annual Access Pass is required by recreational users for the Non-Hunting/Non-Fishing activities. All recreational users must register for an iSportsman account before an iSportsman Annual Access Pass is issued online through the iSportsman system. Each individual account needs to be updated/renewed on an annual basis. Reference paragraph 2-2c(1). An iSportsman Annual Access Pass is not required for non-hunting/non-fishing activities within the Pine View and Whitetail Ridge Recreation Areas or the Cantonment Area.

b. Fort McCoy Activity Information Card: Reference paragraph 2-2j for requirements.

c. Check-in/check-out: All individuals participating in Non-Hunting/Non-Fishing activities **ARE** required to check-in/check-out through iSportsman, and to check the Game Line daily for any training area closures.

d. Entry hours: **Entrance into Fort McCoy training areas is not permitted until 30 minutes before civil sunrise and must be exited from the training areas by 30 minutes after civil sunset.**

e. Area closures: The Game Line, accessed by calling (866) 277-1597, online at <https://ftmccoy.isportsman.net>, or at the kiosk at the HIP, lists training areas that are closed on any

particular day. Fort McCoy reserves the right to update training area closures at any time if needed. ALL users are required to check the Game Line daily for any changes (refer to Fort McCoy Non-Hunting/Fishing Activities map in appendix H for training areas and restricted areas).

(1) The Non-Hunting/Non-Fishing activities will be closed in all areas north of State Highway 21 during the Gun-Deer Hunt for Hunters with Disabilities and Youth Gun-Deer seasons (in October).

(2) The Non-Hunting/Non-Fishing activities will be closed on the Friday before the Nine-Day Gun-Deer season.

(3) The Non-Hunting/Non-Fishing activities will be closed during the Nine-Day Gun-Deer season.

f. Hunting and trapping is allowed in all areas open to non-hunting/non-fishing users. Trapping is important to maintain healthy furbearer populations. Traps may be set near roads and trails used as travel corridors for various species. It is illegal to set off traps and/or harass or release trapped animals.

g. Allowable activities:

(1) Berry picking.

(2) Mushroom picking.

(3) Deer antler shed hunting.

(4) Watercress harvesting.

(5) Fern fiddlehead collection.

(6) Bird watching.

(7) Dog walking.

(8) Nature photography.

(9) Walking/hiking.

(10) Biking/mountain biking on established roads/trails only, reference Fort McCoy Regulation 190-5 for additional information on safety requirements and regulations. E-bikes are also allowed when participating in recreational bike riding.

(11) If an activity is not listed here, contact the PSO for approval.

h. Collecting of items is limited to amounts for personal use and consumption. **Collection for sale or commercial use is strictly forbidden.**



## **Appendix A References**

### **Section I Required Publications**

**16 USC § 670, et seq.**  
SIKES Act

**Army Regulation 200-1**  
Environmental Quality – Environmental Protection and Enhancement

### **Section II Related Publications**

**10 USC § 2671**  
Military reservations and facilities: hunting, fishing, and trapping

**16 USC 470, and CFR 261.9**  
Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979

**18 USC § 13**  
Laws of States adopted for areas within Federal jurisdiction

**Department of Defense Instruction 4715.03**  
Natural Resources Conservation Program

**Fort McCoy Regulation 190-5**  
Installation Traffic Code

**Fort McCoy Regulation 350-1**  
Range Operations

**Fort McCoy Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan**

**WI Statutes**

**WI Natural Resource Code**

### **Section III Prescribed Forms**

**DA Form 2028**  
Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms

### **Section IV Referenced Forms**

This section contains no entries.

**Appendix B**  
**Suspension/Revocation of Fort McCoy Game and Firewood Privileges**

The suspension of game privileges is an additional administrative action in conjunction with any State and Federal judicial or punitive actions. Suspension may be immediate and include the date of the offense in the suspension period. Privileges will be suspended consecutively for two or more violations.

<b><u>VIOLATION/OFFENSE</u></b>	<b><u>ACTION</u></b>
Interfering with installation training activities	Permanent Revocation Fine and/or Barred from Installation (non-permit holders)
Hunting, fishing or trapping without a Fort McCoy permit	Permanent Revocation Fine and/or Barred from Installation (non-permit holders)
Persons found to be legally intoxicated while hunting or trapping	Permanent Revocation Fine and/or Barred from Installation (non-permit holders)
Entering the North Impact Area for ANY reason	Permanent Revocation Fine and/or Barred from Installation (non-permit holders)
Harassing, shooting at, or killing threatened or endangered species	Permanent Revocation and/or federal prosecution Fine and/or Barred from Installation and/or federal prosecution (non-permit holders)
Constructing or hunting from a permanent tree stand	Permanent Revocation Fine and/or Barred from Installation (non-permit holders)
Harassing, shooting at, or killing protected species or game species without a permit; to include damage or destruction of dens, burrows, nesting sites/structures, or similar	Permanent Revocation Fine and/or Barred from Installation (non-permit holders)
Shining wild animals while in possession of a weapon	Permanent Revocation Fine and/or Barred from Installation (non-permit holders)
Unauthorized stocking of fish or release of non-native wild animals	Permanent Revocation Fine and/or Barred from Installation (non-permit holders)
Using bait (including but not limited to salt/mineral blocks or liquids) for attracting deer	Permanent Revocation Fine and/or Barred from Installation (non-permit holders)
Hunting before or after hours	Permanent Revocation Fine and/or Barred from Installation (non-permit holders)
Possession of an illegal deer	Permanent Revocation Fine and/or Barred from Installation (non-permit holders)