

Environmental Management Procedure (EMP) 4.4.6.10 Tab 10

Subject: Non-Recreational Wildlife Harvest Programs

1. Purpose. The purpose of this document is to set policies governing the Early/Late Deer Seasons, Special Management Deer Hunts, Spring Turkey Season, and Trapping Season.
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3. References:
 - A. JBLE-I 32-101, Environmental Management
 - B. EMP Dictionary
 - C. EMP 4.4.6.10 Natural Resource Management
 - D. Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP)
4. Scope: This EMP applies to all Activities and personnel, including military, civilians, vendors, suppliers, and contractor personnel who enter JBLE-Eustis. The definition of an Activity can be found in JBLE I 32-101.
5. Roles and Responsibilities:
 - A. CED/EE will manage the Early/Late Deer Seasons, Special Management Deer Hunts, Spring Turkey Season, and Trapping Seasons within the installation's carrying capacity and wildlife population's sustainability in accordance with the INRMP.
 - B. Force Support Division (FSD) will manage the recreational hunting program under the direction and oversight of the natural resources manager.
6. Procedures:
 - A. General:
 1. Penalties for violations can vary from , Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), revocation of installation privileges for one or more years, criminal prosecution by the Security Forces Squadron, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), and/or the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF).
 2. Any game taken within the boundaries of JBLE-Eustis will be in accordance with (IAW) this regulation, current VDGIF hunting and trapping laws <http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/hunting/regulations/> , USFWS laws <http://www.fws.gov/hunting/> , including the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, and CED/EE requirements.
 3. Persons authorized to hunt and trap Joint Base Langley Eustis-Eustis must follow the provisions of this regulation and be familiar with the Commonwealth of Virginia and Federal Regulations governing hunting and trapping. This regulation will not be interpreted to permit acts contrary to State and Federal statutes.

4. All hunting and trapping on JBLE-Eustis will be IAW State and Federal regulations. Any rules and/or policies listed in this document henceforth apply to JBLE-Eustis CED/EE hunting and trapping programs and are either more stringent than state and federal statutes or not covered by state and federal statutes.
 5. The JBLE-Eustis law enforcement personnel will enforce applicable hunting and trapping regulations within installation boundaries.
 6. Open season and bag limits for hunting and trapping seasons are in IAW USFWS and VDGIF regulations, and CED/EE requirements. CED/EE will determine hunt dates and times as deemed necessary.
 7. All hunters, trappers, and fishermen must:
 - A. Read and sign hunters Memorandum of Understanding (Appendix A) and the Release and Hold Harmless Agreement (Appendix B) before hunting or trapping on Fort Eustis.
 - B. All hunters and trappers must have successfully completed a Certified Hunter Education Course and present a certificate of completion at the time of purchasing a JBLE-Eustis Hunting and/or Trapping Permit.
 - C. Have in their possession a current valid hunting and/or trapping licenses, to include Virginia Hunting License, Virginia Bear, Deer, Turkey License (when applicable), Virginia Archery License (when applicable), Virginia Trapping License (when applicable), Hunter Information Program (HIP) registration number, and State and Federal Migratory Bird Stamps (when applicable).
 - D. Have in their possession a valid JBLE-Eustis Hunting and/or Trapping Permit and a privately owned weapon registration issued by Security Forces Squadron (SFS).
 - E. Agree to allow inspection of their bag limit and/or vehicle by law enforcement personnel and/or CED/EE natural resource staff at any time. Refusal to allow such inspection will result in cancellation of privileges.
 - F. Agree not to participate in habitat alteration, to include but not limited to, removal of vegetation, to include trees and parts thereof, planting of vegetation, or the introduction of non-native invasive exotic species without the consent of CED/EE.
- B. Persons Authorized to Hunt and Trap:
1. Active duty military personnel and dependents, civilian employees, retired military personnel and dependents and retired civilian employees of JBLE-Eustis.
 2. A limited number of non-affiliated personnel will be authorized to hunt and trap on JBLE-Eustis.
- C. Hunting and Trapping Permits: Hunting and trapping fees may be charged for hunting and/or trapping on JBLE-Eustis. These fees are used to help offset the cost required to support the provisions as stated in these regulations and fish and wildlife management. Permits will be sold on Monday through Thursday at 1409 Mulberry Island Road for the following costs and during the following time frames. Early and Late Deer Season permits will be sold for \$20. Spring Turkey Season lottery tickets will be sold for \$5 each. Trapping Season permits will be for \$20. All permit sales must be paid with a check or money order; no cash or credit cards accepted.
- D. General Hunting and Trapping:

1. Blaze orange (100 square inches minimum of solid orange material, visible in all directions) must be worn while hunting during the late deer season or special management hunts. Trappers must wear blaze orange during the deer season, but not required outside of deer seasons. Spring turkey and early/late archery deer hunters are not required to wear blaze orange.
2. The use of “cat eyes” (reflective tacks) and vinyl survey tape is prohibited. Trappers may utilize vinyl survey tape to mark trap locations, but must remove all tape upon discontinuance of trapping.
3. All hunters and trappers must check in and out for each hunt or trap day with CED/EE at building 1409 Mulberry Island Road.
4. Parking in non-designated areas or without a visible parking permit is prohibited.
5. Hunters must bring all harvested game animals to 1409 Mulberry Island Road upon leaving the hunting area.
6. Guns must be cased and inaccessible while transported within a vehicle.
7. Ammunition for firearms must be inaccessible and stored separately from firearms while transported within a vehicle.

E. General Deer Hunting:

1. All hunters must use a 4-point safety harness while on stand.
2. Deer must not be field dressed in the hunting areas. Harvested deer must be brought to 1409 Mulberry Island Road to be processed.
3. Deer hunters are responsible for the disposal of all undesired deer remains. Non-residents of JBLE must dispose of remains off the installation at the hunter’s expense. Residents of JBLE will be directed to locations for disposal of remains.
4. Jaw bones will be removed and biological data collected from all harvested deer.
5. Deer hunters must hunt from approved tree stands or climbers and be elevated a minimum of 10 feet above the ground.

F. Early/Late Deer Hunting:

1. CED/EE reserves the right “allow” or “limit” any and all hunters access to particular areas in urban, restricted, or off limits area during the season. CED/EE also reserves the right to limit the number of hunters participating in the Early /Late Deer Season Programs.
2. Archery hunters must pass an archery qualification test administered by CED/EE annually during the month of August; Tuesday through Thursday of each week. Hunters desiring to qualify must provide a climbing personal tree stand, 4-point safety harness, bow, 2 arrows with fixed or expandable broadheads, and a broadhead target for the qualification process. Hunters must contact 878-4152 to schedule an appointment to conduct qualifications from the last Monday of July through The last Thursday of August. If hunters utilize both compound bows and crossbows, they must pass the archery qualification test with each weapon.
3. Archery hunters must be no less than 200 feet from an occupied building and no less than 100 feet from a publicly accessible road, unless authorized by the Conservation Branch.

4. Carrying a bow or crossbow with a nocked arrow, or an arrow in hand while on the ground is prohibited.
5. Each arrow must be etched or marked on the shaft of the broadhead with the hunter's last name.
6. This program will be run from 1 September through the Friday before the regular archery deer season opens. CED/EE reserves the right to deploy Early Urban Archery Deer Hunters currently qualified in areas not utilized by recreational hunters or where recreational hunters have not hunted in more than 2 weeks. CED/EE also reserves the right to extend the Early Urban Archery Deer Season from the Monday following the closure of the regular deer seasons through 31 March and may coincide with the Late Deer Season.

G. Late Season Deer Hunting:

1. Shotgun hunters must utilize slugs to harvest deer.
2. Carrying loaded shotguns to and from stands is prohibited.

H. Spring Turkey Hunting:

1. Spring turkey hunters will be selected based on a lottery drawing. The drawing will occur at 1407 Washington Blvd on the first Tuesday of April.
2. Spring turkey hunters may be accompanied by the installation wildlife biologist at their discretion.
3. No more than one turkey hunter will be assigned to a hunting area at one time.

I. Trapping:

1. All trapping activities must be coordinated through the Conservation Branch of CED/EE.
2. Land based trapping within 100 feet of any hardened road is prohibited.
3. Water based trapping within 25 feet of any hardened road is prohibited.
4. Trapping may be conducted only in training areas which are reserved for trapping or approved by ASA personnel, to include wetlands with training area boundaries.
5. Trapping may be conducted in non-training areas and adjoining wetlands with proper coordination with appropriate entities.
6. The setting of body gripping traps on land must be coordinated with the Conservation Branch.
7. The use of snares of any kind or size is prohibited on JBLE-Fort Eustis.
8. Leg hold traps with more than 2 coil springs must have offset jaws.
9. The use of firearms is prohibited. However, .22 caliber rifles may be utilized to kill coyotes and bobcats in leg hold traps, but the trapper must be within 12' of the animal and must be shooting at a downward angle and no buildings or occupied areas beyond the target.
10. "Incidental Takes" or accidental captures of non-target species, defined as species captured or taken unintentionally, must be turned over to Conservation Branch personnel immediately for identification. Trappers may take possession of incidental takes if captured or taken within appropriate seasons. Incidental takes of non-game; endangered or threatened, and closed season species will remain in the custody of the Conservation Branch for proper disposal and may not be released to the lawful trapper.

11. JBLE is not liable for the loss or destruction of trapping equipment.
- J. Management Hunts: IAW the Deer Management Plan the primary objective is to employ a regulated hunting program as a primary method of deer herd control. If the desired buck/doe ratio or harvest goals cannot be achieved through the regular harvest, areas which create high potential for vehicular collisions with deer, or areas that are refuges for deer, the employment of special management hunts, to include some form of dog drive hunts and some archery hunts adjacent to the housing areas, restricted access areas, or training areas may be used. Due to safety issues in some areas, CED/EE reserves the right to preferentially choose hunters.
- K. Safety Measures and Rules:
1. Hunters and trappers must be alert for dangerous situations and must be proactive and follow safety measures and rules.
 2. Immediately leave hunting areas and notify CED/EE if military personnel and/or training are encountered.
 3. Hunter and trappers must obtain a safety brief and UXO brief prior to each season.
- L. Boundaries and Off-Limits Area: Hunters must refer to the Fort Eustis Hunting and Trapping Maps for exact locations of boundaries, off-limit areas, restricted areas, and accessible areas. These maps are located at 1409 Mulberry Island Road.
- M. Impact Areas:
1. CED/EE will conduct deer management hunts and spring turkey hunts in the impact area to control the white-tailed deer herd and monitor the Eastern wild turkey population.
 2. Firing ranges will be reserved through RFMSS and no live fire activities will be allowed while in the impact area.
 3. All hunters will be accompanied by CED/EE staff having had UXO training from the Army Support Activity (ASA).
 4. All hunters will attend an UXO safety briefing prior to entering the impact area.
 5. All hunters will attend a safety brief prior to each entry into the impact area.
 6. All hunters will be limited to movement within 100 feet of any road.
 7. All deer hunters must hunt from an elevated platform and utilize a 4-point safety harness.
 8. All harvested wildlife beyond the 100 foot movement area will be retrieve by CED-EE staff.
 9. Eligible hunters must be at least 18 yrs-old and must possess a JBLE-Eustis hunting permit.

Appendix A

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

I, _____, understand that hunting and
(Print Name)

trapping on Joint Base Langley Eustis-Eustis is a privilege and not an entitlement. I have read and understand the JBLE-Eustis Wildlife Harvest Programs Rules and Regulations. I agree to comply with all rules and regulations pertinent to these programs. I understand that any violation of the rules and regulations associated with these programs will invalidate my hunting and trapping privileges and may lead to possible prosecution.

Signature _____, Date:

Witness Signature _____, Date:

Appendix B

RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

In consideration for being allowed to participate in hunting and trapping on Joint Base Langley Eustis-Eustis, to include designated impact areas which may contain unexploded ordinance, I hereby release JBLE-E and the United States Government from any liabilities or claims arising from my own participation in hunting and trapping on JBLE-E. I agree that I will never prosecute or in any way aid in prosecuting any demand, claim, or suit against the United States Government that is caused by my negligence, willful misconduct, or fraud. Further, I agree that I will never prosecute or in any way aid in prosecuting any demand, claim, or suit against the United States Government due to injury or death as a result of my willingness to hunt and trap on JBLE-E, to include impact areas and active ranges that I have been made aware of the possibility of unexploded ordinance in that area. I acknowledge that I have been briefed on unexploded ordinance prior to my participation in an impact area hunt.

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____