



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
US ARMY INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT COMMAND  
HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY GARRISON, FORT HOOD  
FORT HOOD, TEXAS 76544-5000

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22 February 2011

**MEMORANDUM FOR HUNTING PATRONS**

**SUBJECT: Revised Stand Policy for Hunt Program 2011-2012**

1. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteer deer guides for their selfless service in making the Guided Hunt Program such a great success and to the hunters who provide conscientious feedback for the continuous improvements to the outstanding Hunt Program we strive for. Your participation, comments, and recommendations during the 6 December 2010 Hunting & Fishing Advisory Council meeting helped shape the policy improvements for the upcoming hunting season.
2. As stated in the previous 26 July 2010 decision letter "The Unguided Hunt Program was developed to afford more opportunities to hunt on Fort Hood for all demographics of hunters and to accommodate the diversity in hunting styles." The building or placement of an unlimited number of permanent deer stands, and the ability to "stake a claim" in numerous hunting areas creates a perception of ownership that is more appropriate to a private hunting lease rather than our hunting program. A Soldier who does not have the time to scout and develop stands is placed at a disadvantage in these unguided areas. The unguided areas were developed and implemented to allow a hunter access to hunting without placing undue restrictions on his ability to hunt outside of normal hunter etiquette.
3. I recognize the considerable efforts made by hunters who construct permanent stands in the Unguided Hunt Programs, and upon careful review of the stand policy I have decided to implement some changes for this year's 2011-2012 hunting season as follows:
  - a. **Unguided Deer Stands:**
    - (1) This policy will encompass **ALL** forms of unguided hunting.
    - (2) There will be a limit of three (3) permanent stands on Fort Hood per valid hunting permit.
    - (3) No locks or any other means to prevent use of the permanent stands will be authorized.

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- (4) Definition of permanent stand: any commercial box blind or constructed stand.
- (5) Permanent stands **WILL NOT** be authorized in trees, to include platform stands and box stands.
- (6) Unguided hunters will turn in 10-digit UTM grid coordinates of their permanent stands to the Sportsmen's Center.
- (7) Unguided hunters will affix a gear tag to their permanent stands. Gear tag information will include: name, area, and date placed. **(phone number is optional)**
- (8) Feeders and food plots will continue to be authorized in the unguided areas. Food plots require a coordinated dig permit.
- (9) Hunters are required to remove their unauthorized permanent stands by **31 May 2011**. Any unidentified permanent stands left in the Unguided Areas after **31 May 2011** will be disposed of.

**b. Guided Deer Stands:**

- (1) Existing guided stands constructed in trees will be grandfathered **and the stands may continue to be maintained**. No new stands will be constructed in trees.
  - (2) Feeders and food plots will continue to be authorized in the Guided areas. Food plots require a coordinated dig permit.
  - (3) All guided areas will turn in 10-digit UTM grid coordinates of all guided stands to the Sportsmen's Center.
4. Noncompliance with this new policy will subject violators to suspension or revocation of Fort Hood recreational privileges and forfeit of any permit fees.
  5. Questions or comments regarding this policy memorandum should be directed to Ms. Judy Johnson, Manager, Sportsmen's Center, (254) 532-4552.



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