

FORT RUCKER VOLUNTEER FERAL HOG TRAPPING PROGRAM



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

In order to reduce the feral hog population on the Installation, Fort Rucker Natural Resources personnel have instituted a hog trapping program. As part of this program hog traps and corn have been purchased by Natural Resources and will be made available for use by volunteers from the public. Traps will be placed in areas with existing hog populations by Natural Resources personnel. Traps will then be assigned to available volunteers. Traps may not be relocated without approval by Natural Resources. Volunteers will be responsible for monitoring the trap and keeping it baited with corn. When the trap is set the volunteer must

check the trap daily and dispatch and remove any hogs that have been caught. Hogs may be dispatched inside the trap with riles/pistols using .22 caliber rimfire ammunition or with bow and arrow. No shotguns or rifles/pistol using centerfire ammunition can be used. Any firearm used must be registered on post with the Military Police. The hogs can be utilized by the volunteer for meat if desired. A list will also be made available to volunteers of personnel who are available to receive trapped hogs for meat.

Under no circumstances will live hogs be removed from the trap and/or transported to any other location. This is a violation of state law and of Fort Rucker regulations and violators will be prosecuted. Additionally, violators will have their privileges to hunt fish and trap on Fort Rucker suspended/revoked.

Volunteers will sign an agreement/permit stating familiarity with trapping rules, Fort Rucker Regulation 215-1 (hunting, fishing and trapping regulation), location of trap, responsible personnel for trap, receipt of trap, and any special considerations for the specific location used.

Volunteers are responsible for verifying with Range Control that the area is available for trapping on a daily basis. If area is to be closed for training, traps should be disabled for the duration of the training period.

Permit/agreements will have a stated expiration date. After expiration, a new permit/agreement will be required to trap feral hogs on the Installation.