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DPW Environmental Natural Resources Branch
U.S. Army Installation Management Command

Safety

Conservation Law Enforcement Officer (CLEO)



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The Director of Emergency Services (DES) and Conservation Law Enforcement Program encourages any person to report violations of Federal, Georgia state, and Fort Eisenhower laws, rules, or regulations to include: poaching, any act of disturbing threatened or endangered wildlife species, damage or destruction of critical habitat or archaeological sites, illegal taking of forestry products, etc.

Individuals who witness violations are encouraged to immediately notify the Law Enforcement Center (LEC) at (706) 791-4380. Immediate reporting will significantly increase the ability of Law Enforcement to initiate an investigation and take steps to an appropriate action with the suspected violator. Please do not call or leave messages at the Conservation Law Enforcement Office concerning violations that are currently taking place, as we are normally out on patrol and not able to respond to your complaint in a timely manner.

If you wish, you may remain anonymous.

In case of an emergency: Dial 9-1-1 (Tell operator/dispatcher you are on Post!)



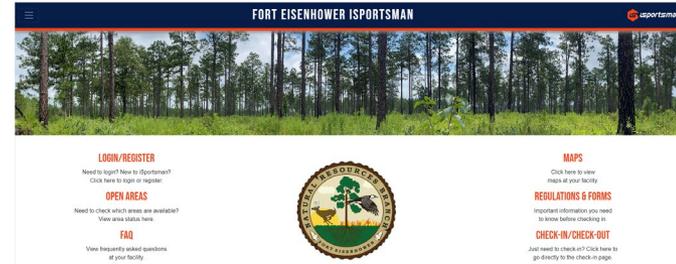
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- It is imperative that you **Do Not Confront** any person you feel is violating the law, thus not putting yourself in danger. A CLEO or Military/Civilian Police Officer will be dispatched to your calls upon calling the LEC at (706) 791-4380.
- iSportsman will be checked daily by LEC and/or CLEO personnel for any check-in and check-out violations. Failing to sign in/out before/after recreational activities will result in suspension of your recreation privileges.
- You must check iSportsman for training areas, lakes/ponds, and/or bicycle routes available for recreation.
- Please ensure you print out and complete a Training Area Parking Pass and place it in view on the dash of your vehicle. Pass is required for all recreational activities and is available on the iSportsman website: (look under “Regulations and Forms”).



Fort Eisenhower Training Area Parking Pass

iSportsman Permit # : _____

Expiration Date : _____

Cell Phone # : _____

Emergency Contact # : _____

MUST BE VISIBLY DISPLAYED ON DRIVER'S SIDE DASH OF VEHICLE



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- Promptly answer/return all calls, texts, and messages you receive during and after completing recreation on Post. It could be the LEC or CLEO making sure you are safe. It is recommended, but not required, to set your account to accept text messages from iSportsman. A check-out reminder is normally sent approx. 30 minutes before mandatory check-out time; however, you are required to check out immediately after completion of recreational activities.
- Ensure all personal information in your iSportsman profile is complete, accurate, and up-to-date. This includes vehicle info, emergency contact info, and physical address info (no P.O. Boxes please). Be sure to inform your emergency contact that they are listed as such and make sure they understand they may need to be reached in case of an emergency (Answer the phone!). Your emergency contact's phone number should not be the same as yours! Let your emergency contact know your plans, e.g., "I'm going hunting today and plan to be back home at noon."
- Hunters tracking game: Hunters must call the Law Enforcement Center before mandatory check-out time in iSportsman for further instructions. Upon finding game or ending the search, you must call the Law Enforcement Center verifying you are out of the training area and checked out of iSportsman.



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Contact List for Law Enforcement

Law Enforcement Center (LEC)
675 Rice Road, BLDG# 32422
706-791-4380 /4537 / 2681

Chief of Police
Maryanne Dickerson
706-791-4871

Deputy Chief of Police
William "Scott" Russ
706-791-0086

Conservation Law Enforcement
Supervisor
CPT Jason Johnson
706-791-9290



Natural Resources Priorities



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DOD/Army Priorities for Integrated Natural Resources Management Plans (INRMP)

1. INRMP impact on installation mission
2. Ecosystem integrity
3. Federally listed species and critical habitat
4. INRMP implementation
5. Partnership effectiveness
6. Team adequacy
7. **Fish and Wildlife management and public use**



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Fort Eisenhower Annual Priorities

1. Prescribed Burn 6,155 acres of ranges and impact area
2. Forest management actions to support Military Field Training
3. Prescribed Burn ~10,000 acres for endangered species habitat
4. Restore and improve ~1,600 acres of RCW & Gopher Tortoise habitat
5. Maintain ~9,000 acres of RCW & Gopher Tortoise habitat
6. Monitoring of Flora and Fauna
7. **Game species hunting and fishing management**



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Threatened & Endangered Species Management

Federally Endangered/ Threatened Species	# of Species
Birds	2*
Species at Risk and Rare Species	
Birds	3
Fish	1
Reptile\Amphibian	2**
Mammals	3***
Plants	8
Total	19



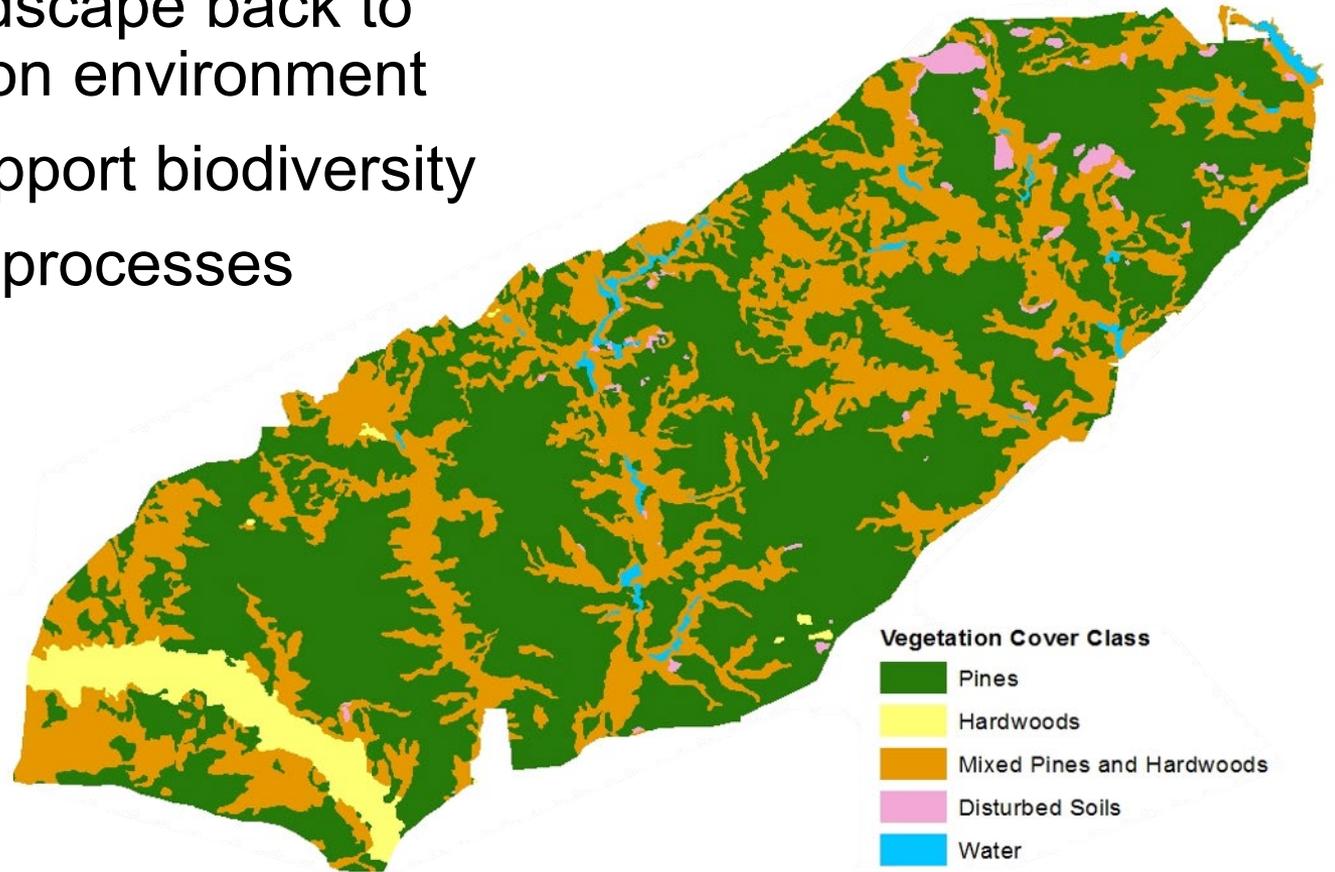
*Wood Stork has transient presence (Summer/Migration)
 **Gopher Tortoise is no longer a federal candidate species but still considered an Army Species at Risk.
 ***Tri-colored bat and Little Brown bat proposed endangered



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Ecosystem Management Strategy

- Restoring landscape back to pre-colonization environment
- Manage to support biodiversity
- Mimic natural processes



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Undesirable Landscape

- ✓ Dense, Unhealthy Pine Stand
- ✓ No Ground Cover/Forage
- ✓ Single Species Forest Stand
- ✓ Poor Wildlife Species Habitat

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Poor Quality Landscape



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Undesirable Landscape

1902
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East

- ✓ Dense Scrub Oak
- ✓ Little to No Ground Cover/Forage
- ✓ Poor Species Diversity Habitat

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Most Important Tool: Prescribed Fire

- Goals
 - Approximately 20,000 acres annually
 - Artillery Impact and Ranges every year
 - Most Training Areas on 3-year rotation
- Benefits
 - Military training
 - Improves maneuver and visibility for training within the forest
 - Reduces loss of training time due to fire control
 - Wildfire danger
 - Reduces the risk, number, and size of wildfires
 - Reduces damage resulting from wildfires because wildfires don't burn as hot
 - Ecosystem Management
 - Longleaf/wiregrass are fire-dependent species; USFWS Biological Opinion (March 2019) for RCW management
 - Wildlife Forage Enhancement
 - Many native forage species require fire
 - Soil fertility enhancement
 - Herbaceous groundcover enhancement





Becoming a Desirable Landscape

- ✓ Progressing towards Open Longleaf Pine Wiregrass Ecosystem (in appropriate soil types)
- ✓ Diverse ground cover flora
- ✓ Can be maintained exclusively with Prescribed Fire (at proper rotations)
- ✓ Improved wildlife species habitat/forage





Hardwood Encroachment – Pre-burn



June 2 – 1.5 Weeks Post-Burn





July 6 – 6 Weeks Post-burn



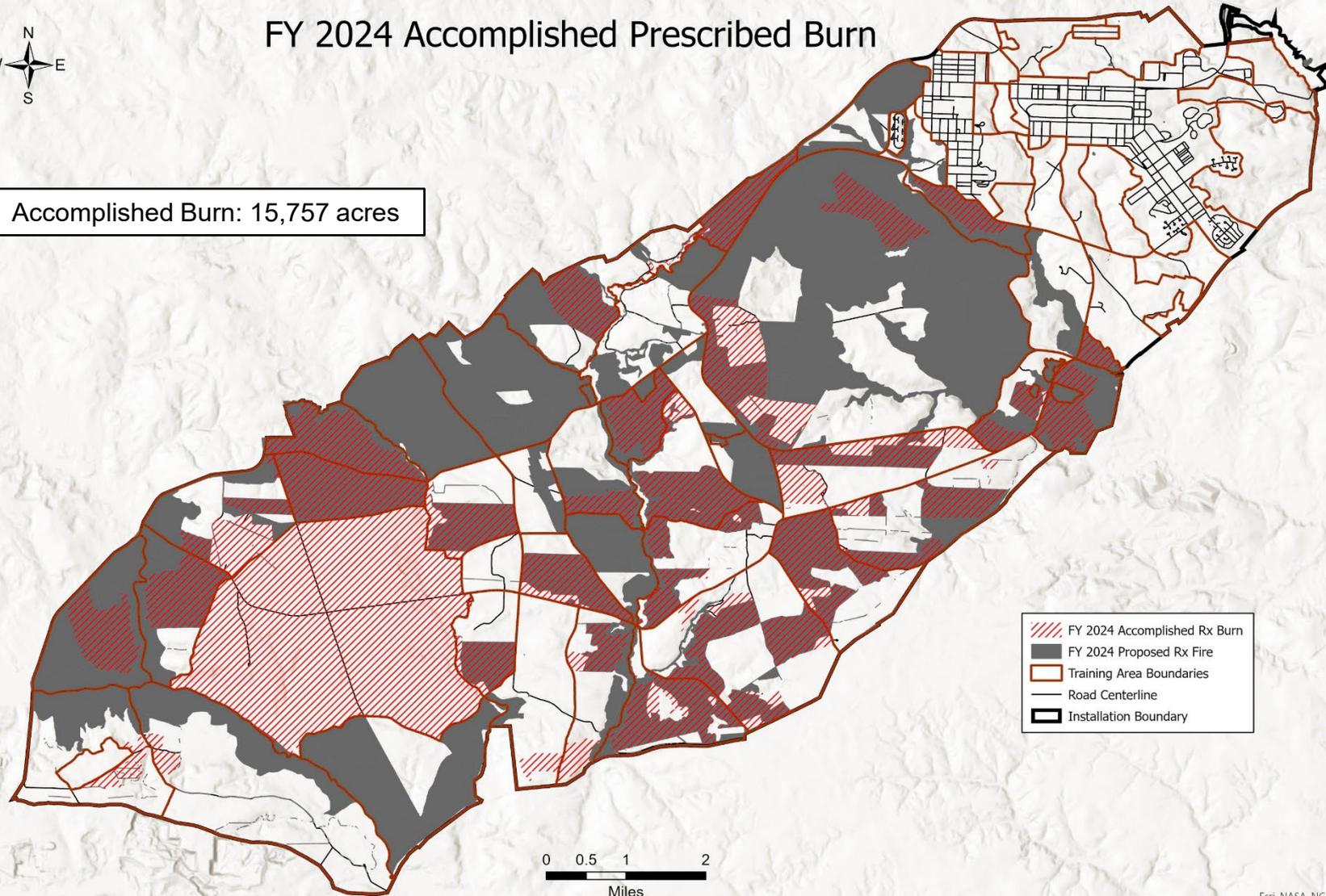


August 23 – 3 Months Post-burn

FY 2024 Accomplished Prescribed Burn



Accomplished Burn: 15,757 acres



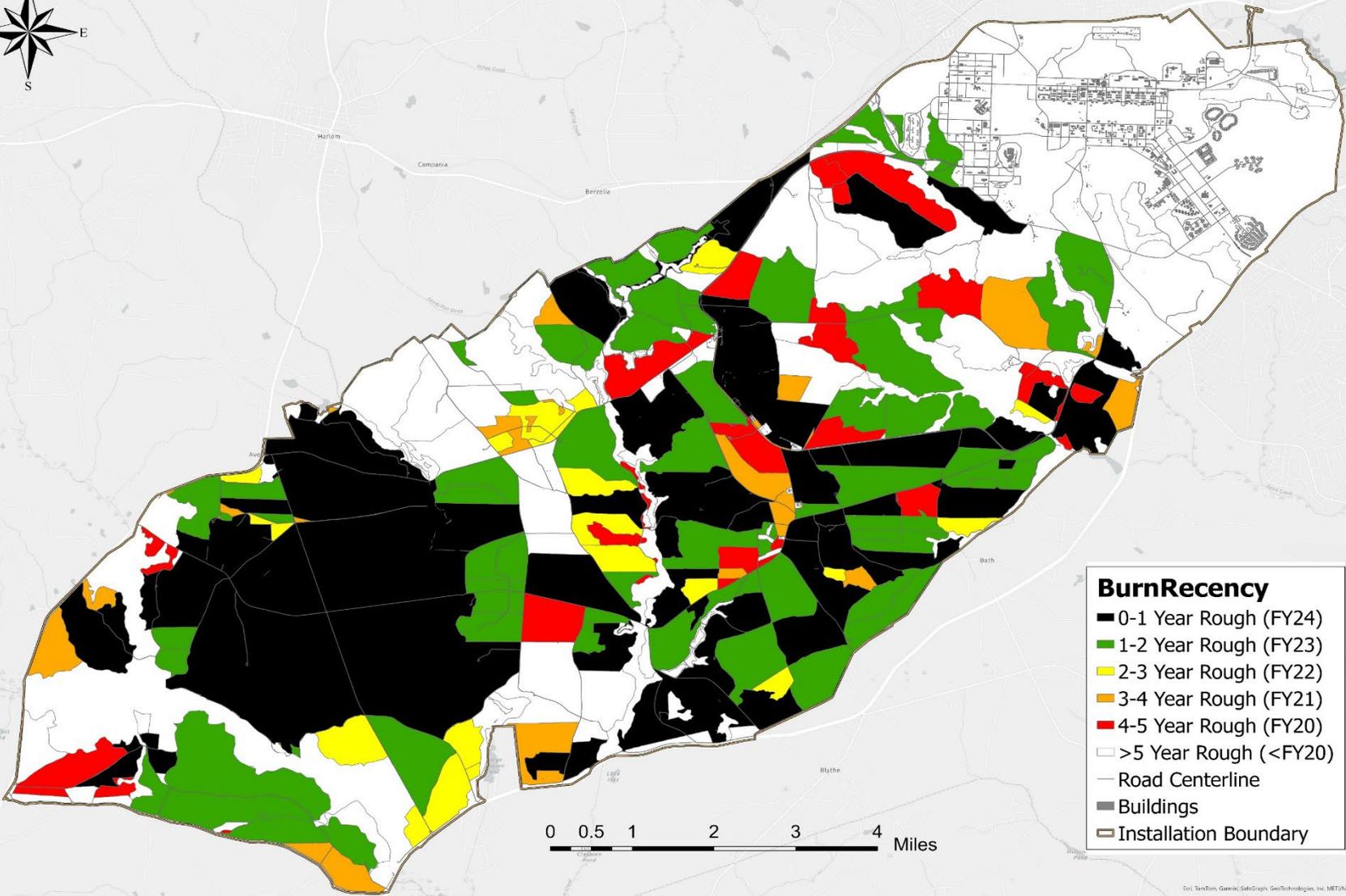
-  FY 2024 Accomplished Rx Burn
-  FY 2024 Proposed Rx Fire
-  Training Area Boundaries
-  Road Centerline
-  Installation Boundary

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Miles

Esri, NASA, NGA, USGS, FEMA



Prescribed Fire History, Fort Eisenhower US Army



BurnRecency

- 0-1 Year Rough (FY24)
- 1-2 Year Rough (FY23)
- 2-3 Year Rough (FY22)
- 3-4 Year Rough (FY21)
- 4-5 Year Rough (FY20)
- >5 Year Rough (<FY20)
- Road Centerline
- Buildings
- Installation Boundary

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Timber Marking and Harvesting



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- FY24 Timber Harvest
- FY25 Timber Harvest
- FY26 Timber Harvest
- FY27 Timber Harvest
- FY28 Timber Harvest
- FY29 Timber Harvest
- Training Area Boundaries

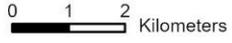
This map was produced by the Fort Eisenhower Natural Resources Branch.

World Geodetic System of 1984
 UTM Zone 17 North
 Units: Meters

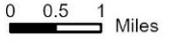
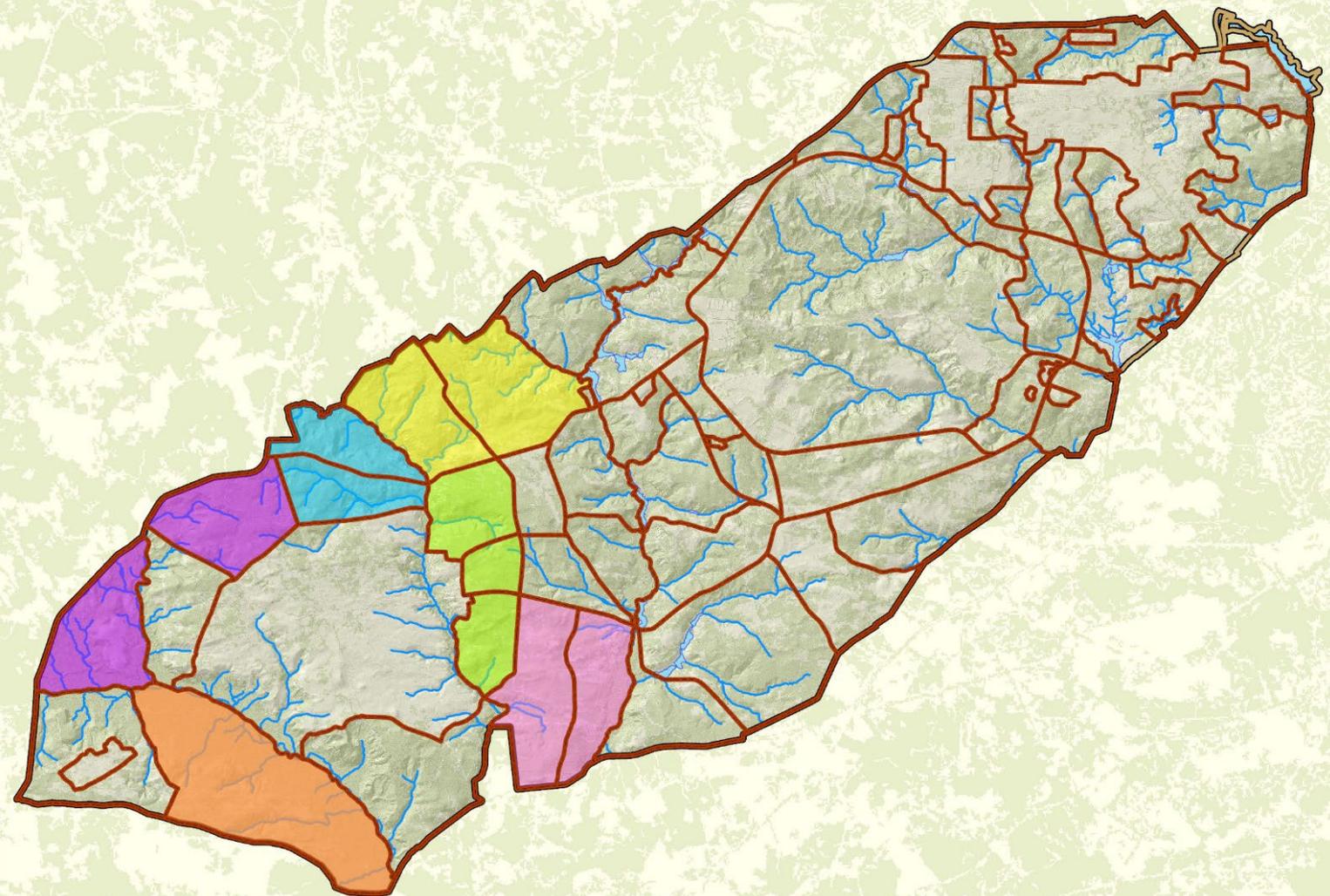
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Projected Timber Management Actions on Fort Eisenhower (FY24-29)

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Mechanical Midstory Removal



- ✓ Opening the canopy to encourage groundcover renewal.
- ✓ Regain control over areas suffering from hardwood intrusion.



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- ✓ To regain control of undesirable hardwood species and competitor species.
- ✓ Reforestation preparation.
- ✓ To increase forest ecosystem productivity.









Open canopy allows sunlight to reach the forest floor > Promoting diverse groundcover regeneration
> Enhancing wildlife forage and cover & fuel for prescribed fire to promote landscape maintenance

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Red-cockaded Woodpecker



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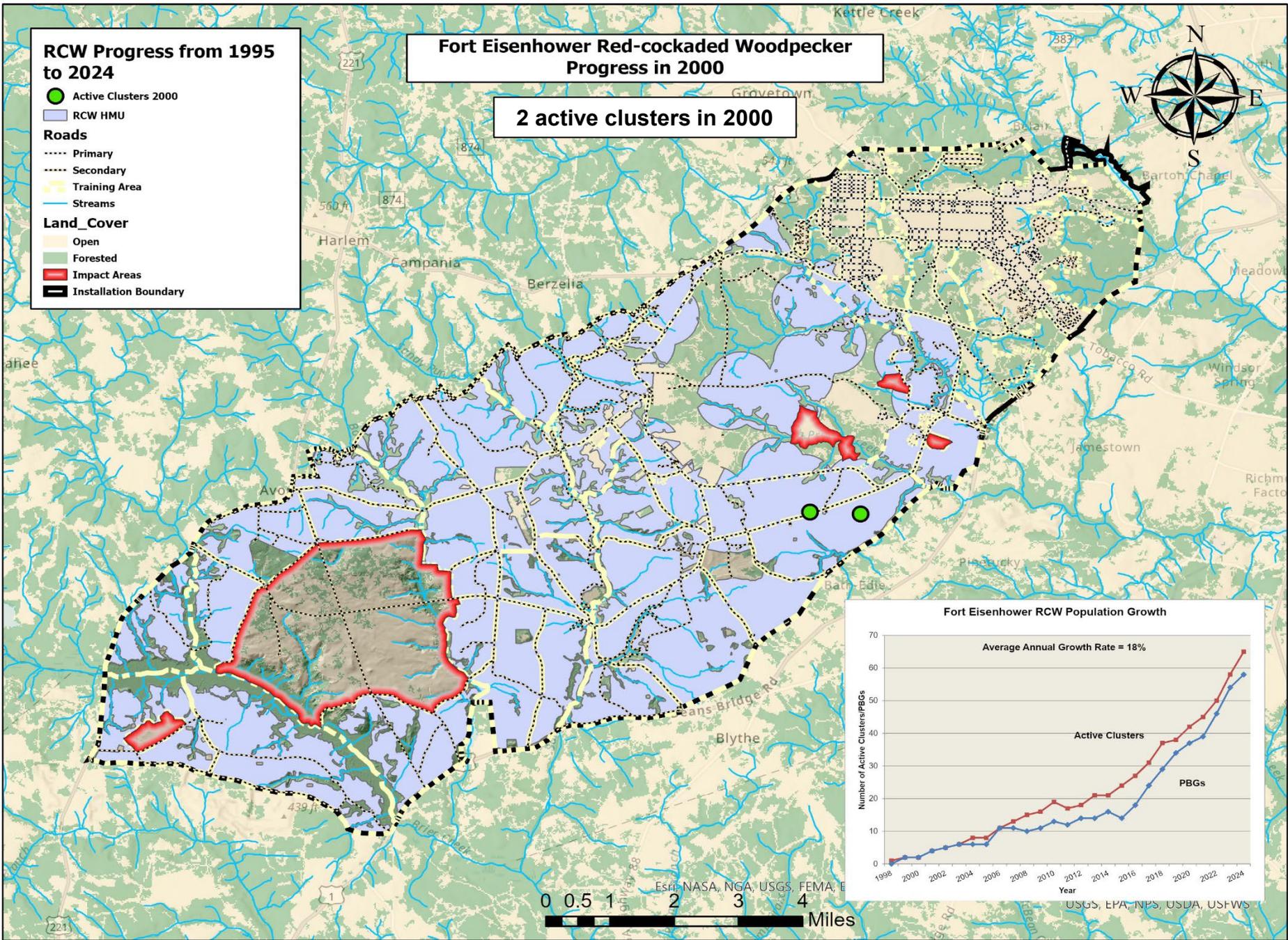


RCW Progress from 1995 to 2024

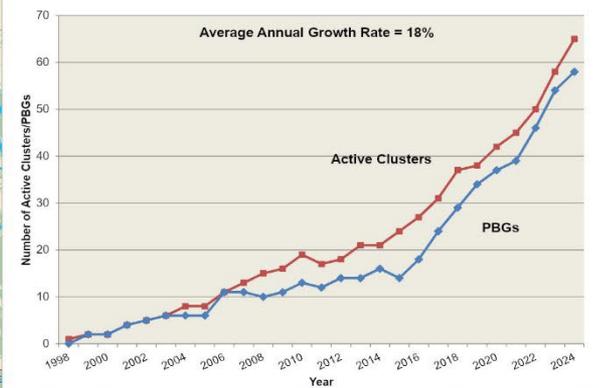
- Active Clusters 2000
- RCW HMU
- Roads**
- Primary
- Secondary
- Training Area
- Streams
- Land_Cover**
- Open
- Forested
- Impact Areas
- Installation Boundary

Fort Eisenhower Red-cockaded Woodpecker Progress in 2000

2 active clusters in 2000



Fort Eisenhower RCW Population Growth



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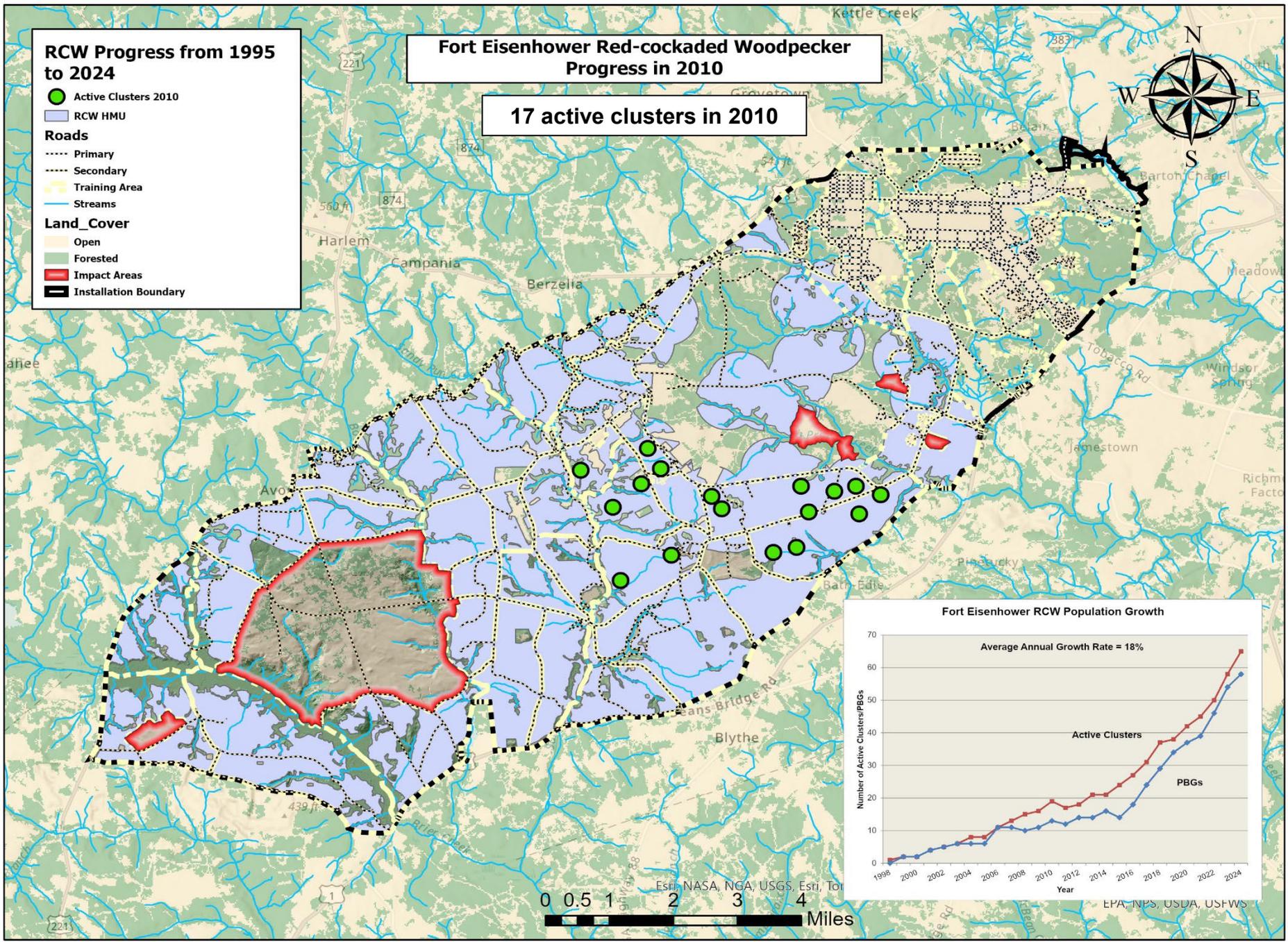
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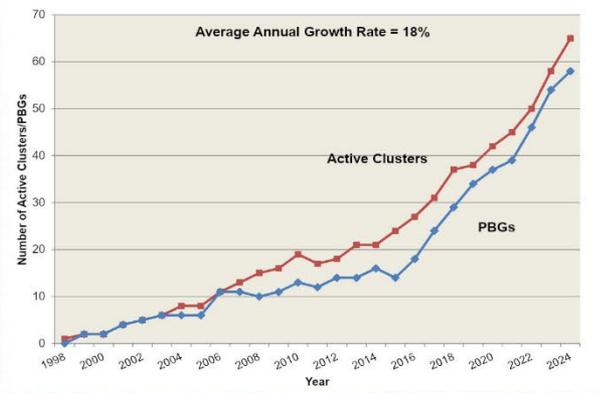
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Fort Eisenhower Red-cockaded Woodpecker Progress in 2010

17 active clusters in 2010



Fort Eisenhower RCW Population Growth



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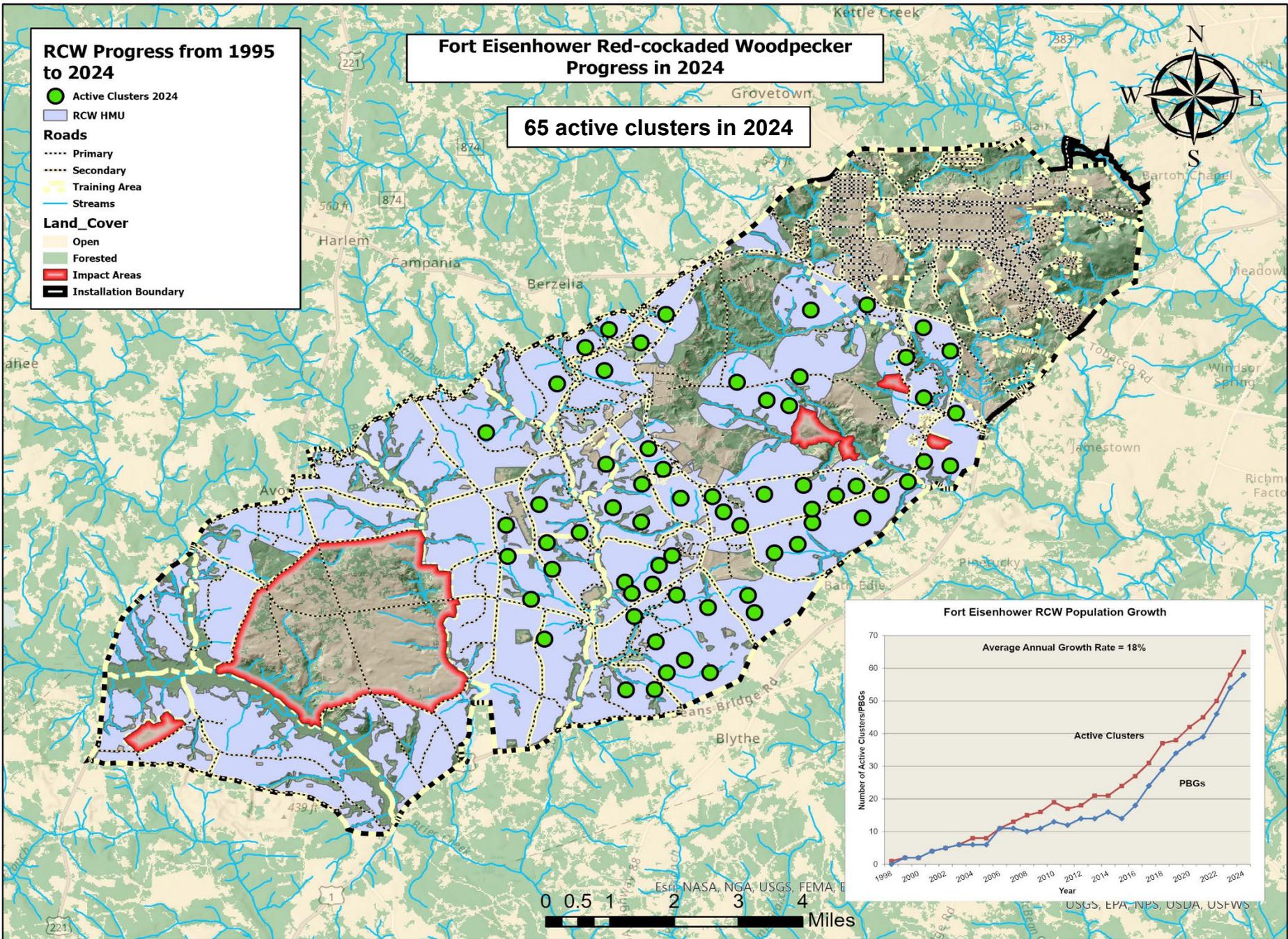
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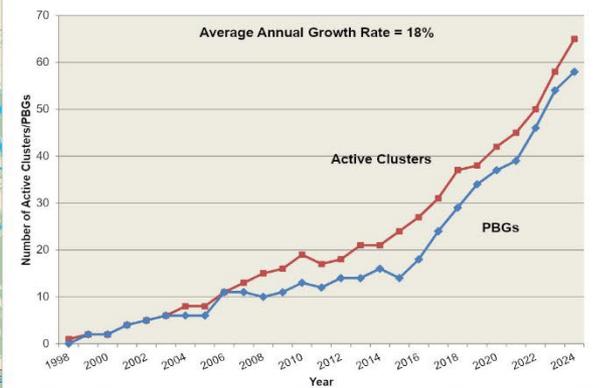
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Fort Eisenhower Red-cockaded Woodpecker Progress in 2024

65 active clusters in 2024



Fort Eisenhower RCW Population Growth



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Endangered Species Management

Red-cockaded Woodpecker HMU Management Actions

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	Total
Burned Acres	9420	5700	7300	7550	8210	<u>38,180</u> <u>7636/yr.</u>
Herbicide Acres	2105	1200	315	1527	576	<u>5,723</u> <u>1145/yr.</u>
Mulched Acres	355	598	614	178	674	<u>2,419</u> <u>484/yr.</u>
Timber Stand Improvements	732	457	650	1970	1389	<u>5,198</u> <u>1,040/yr.</u>
Acres Planted in Longleaf	520	201	150	150	360	<u>1,381</u> <u>276/yr.</u>
Acres Planted with Wiregrass	456	268	248	21	163	<u>1,156</u> <u>231/yr.</u>



Longleaf Management - Benefits to Game Species

- Wild Turkey

- “A well-managed longleaf pine ecosystem is as good as it gets for wild turkeys. Without good, consistent fire, you don’t have the understory and ground story structure that’s important for poults and nesting cover.” –Ricky Lackey, NWTf biologist
- “Wild turkey broods are tied directly to the early successional vegetation created by these controlled burns. Brooding females and their broods select these open vegetative communities, which are typically laden with insects that provide the high energy foods poults need to rapidly grow.” –Dr. Bret Collier, LSU aka @drshortspur
- “Prescribed fire is the most scalable, cost-effective method of improving nesting and brood cover across the landscape.” –Dr. Will Gulsby, Auburn

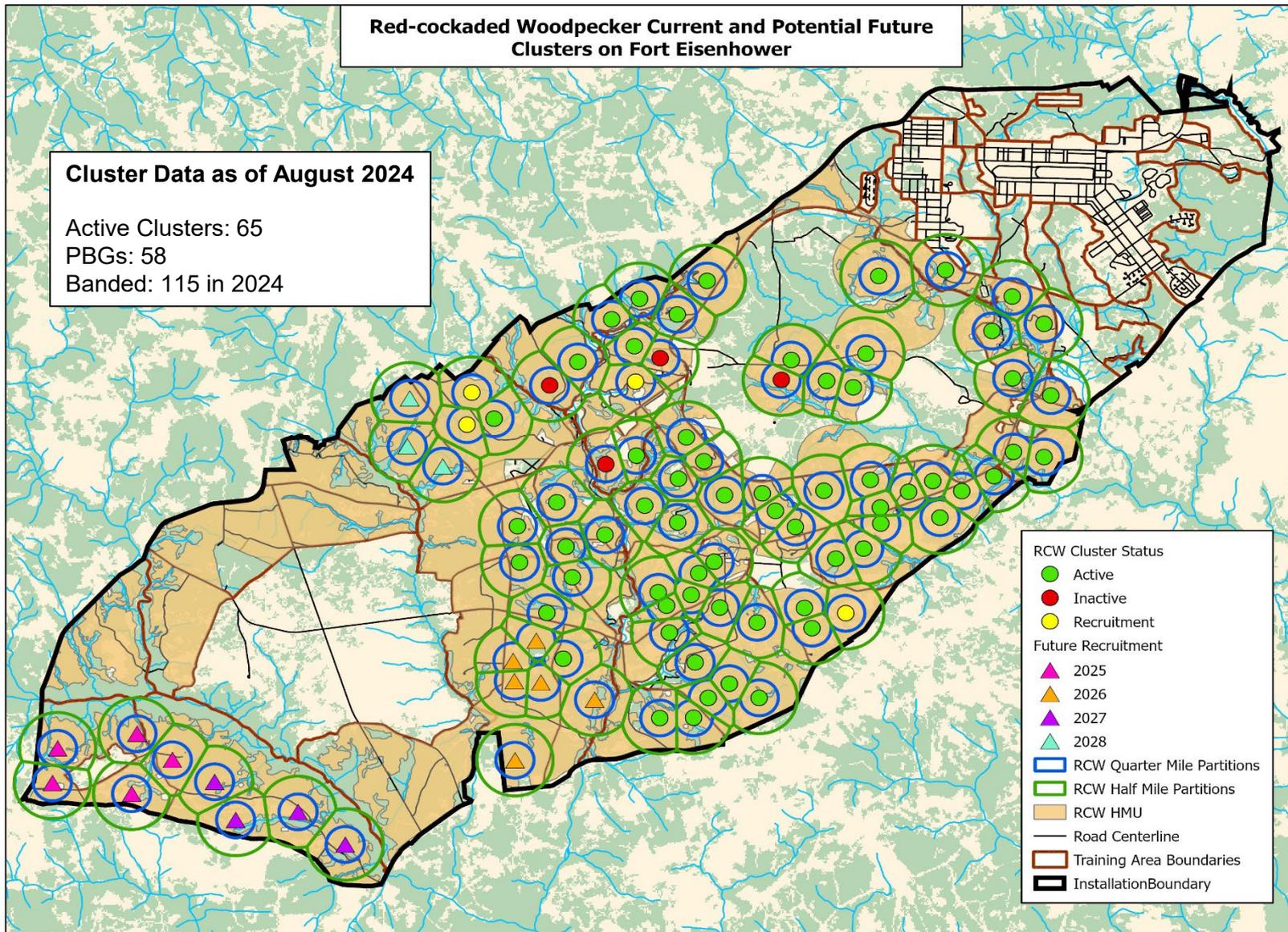
- White-tailed Deer

- “Periodic prescribed fire burns...stimulate the growth of various grasses, legumes and other herbaceous plants. This new growth is typically more nutritious and palatable than it was prior to burning. For deer, this means more cover and more forage. For fire to really promote understory growth, there has to be enough openings in the forest canopy so sunlight can reach the forest floor. If it can’t, then some type of timber harvest needs to take place to reap the benefits of prescribed fire.” –Brian Grossman, NDA
- “On average, plants contain double the protein and triple the minerals, and are **20 to 25 times more preferred by deer**, compared to levels measured before the fire.” –Dr. Marcus Lashley, UF aka Dr. Disturbance



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Endangered Species Management



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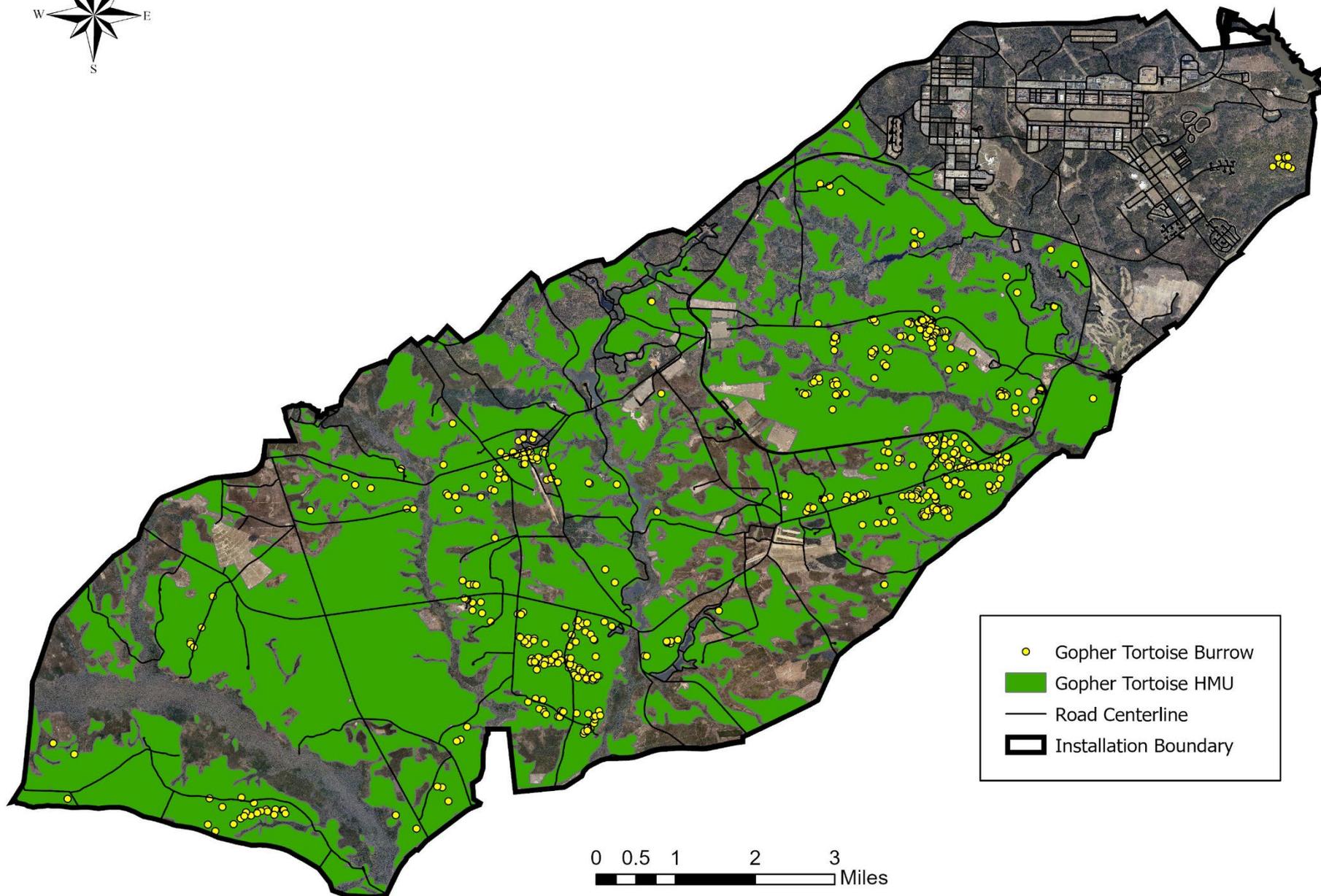
Gopher Tortoise Management

100% HMU Population Survey (2020-2024)

- 28,200 acres surveyed (line transect distance sampling)
- Found 86 “useable” and 56 “unuseable” burrows
- Observed 23 tortoises
- Estimated population = 169 (95% CI = 81-360)
- Estimated tortoise density = 0.057 tortoises/hectare (95% CI = 0.0253 – 0.120)



Gopher Tortoise Burrow Locations, Fort Eisenhower, US Army







Game and Fish Management



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Game Management



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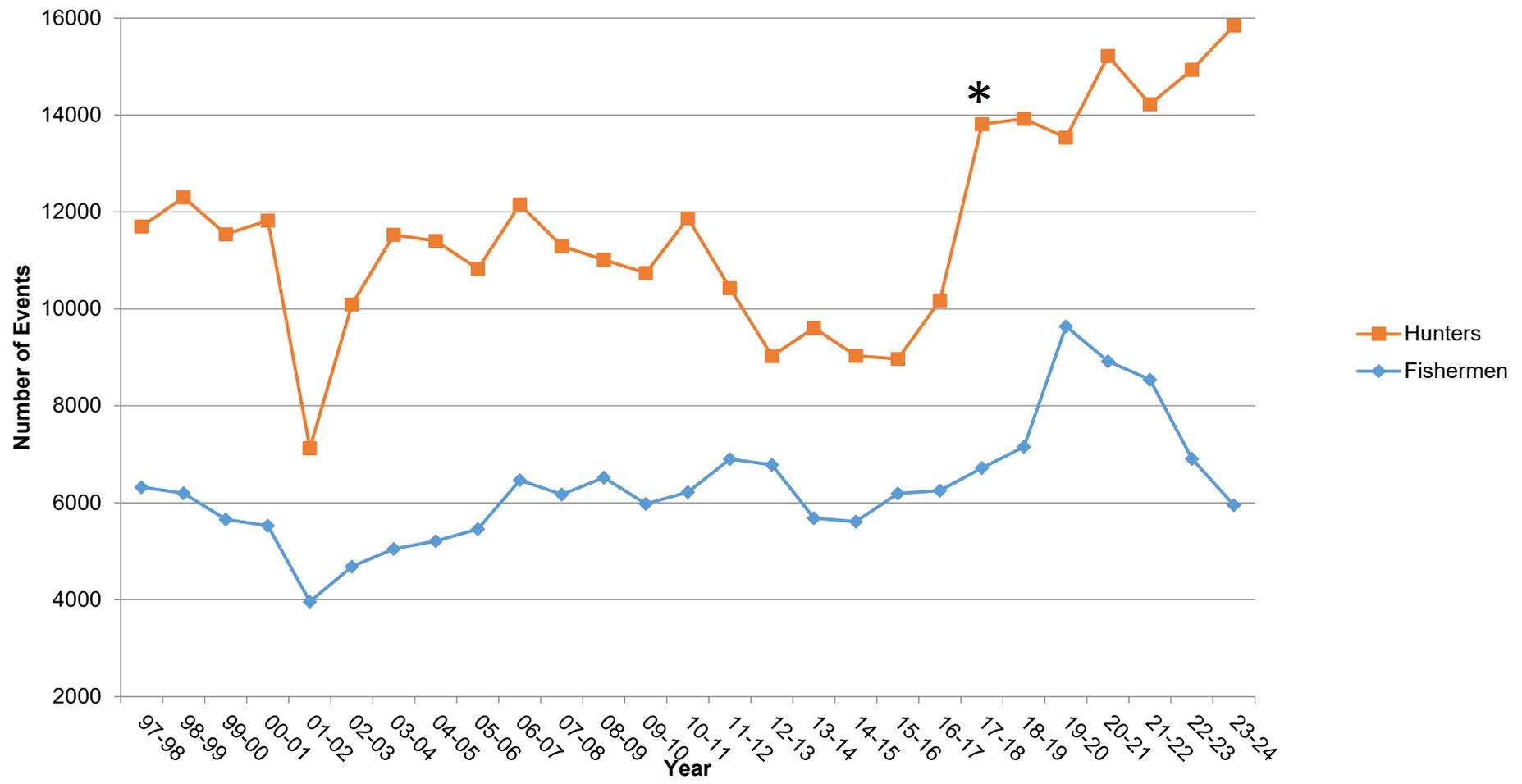
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2023-2024 Game Harvest Summary

- White-tailed Deer
 - Total- 321
 - Bucks- 189
 - Does- 132
 - Fawns- 17 (5% harvest)
 - (taken from the above numbers)
- Wild Turkey
 - Total- 20
- Small Game
 - Mourning Dove- 1258
 - Gray Squirrel- 15
 - Waterfowl- 83
 - Northern Bobwhite- 40
 - Raccoon- 4
- Other
 - Coyotes- 6
 - Hogs- 2



Hunter and Fishermen Events Trend

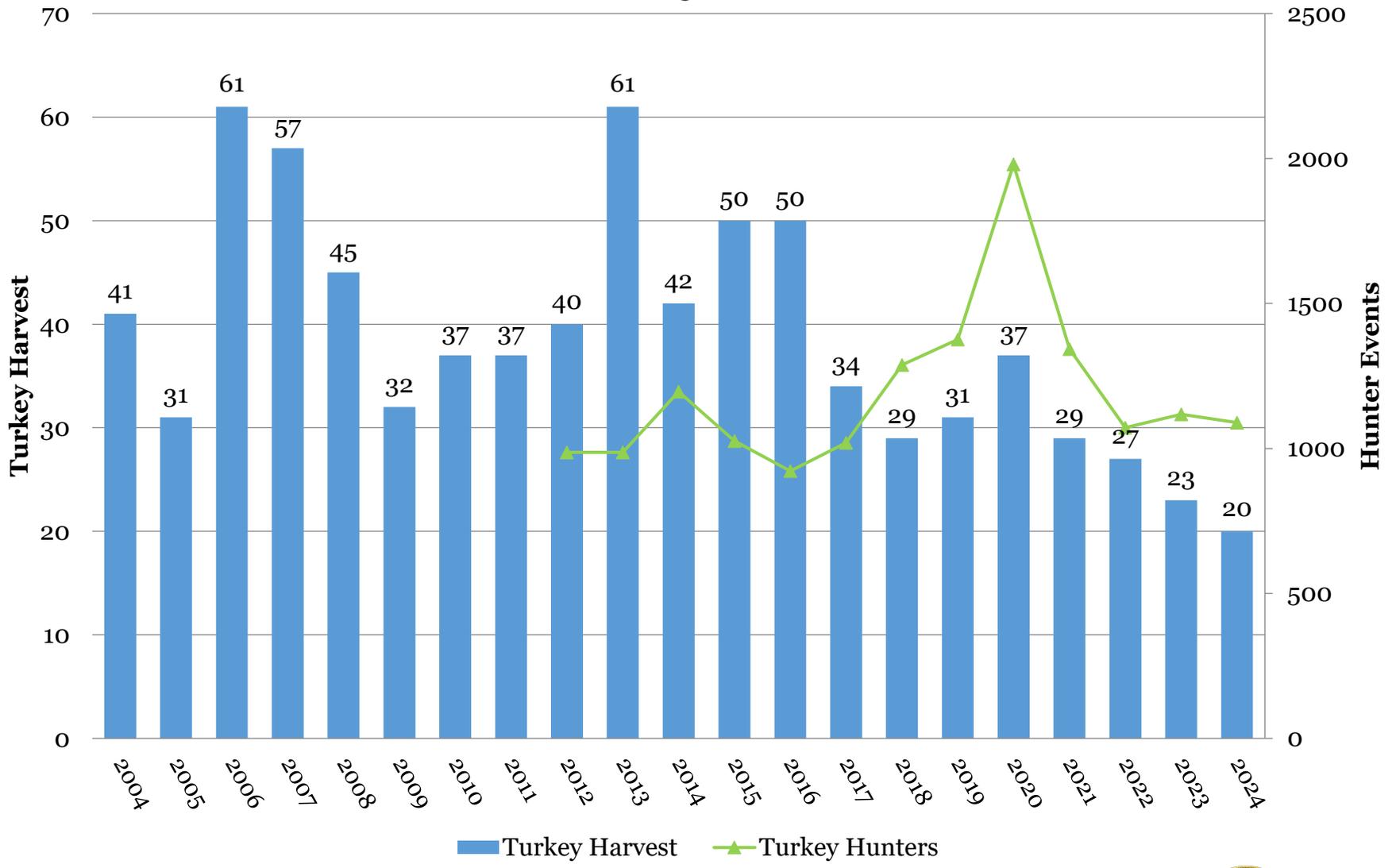


*Began using iSportsman, hunter events are not directly comparable to previous years



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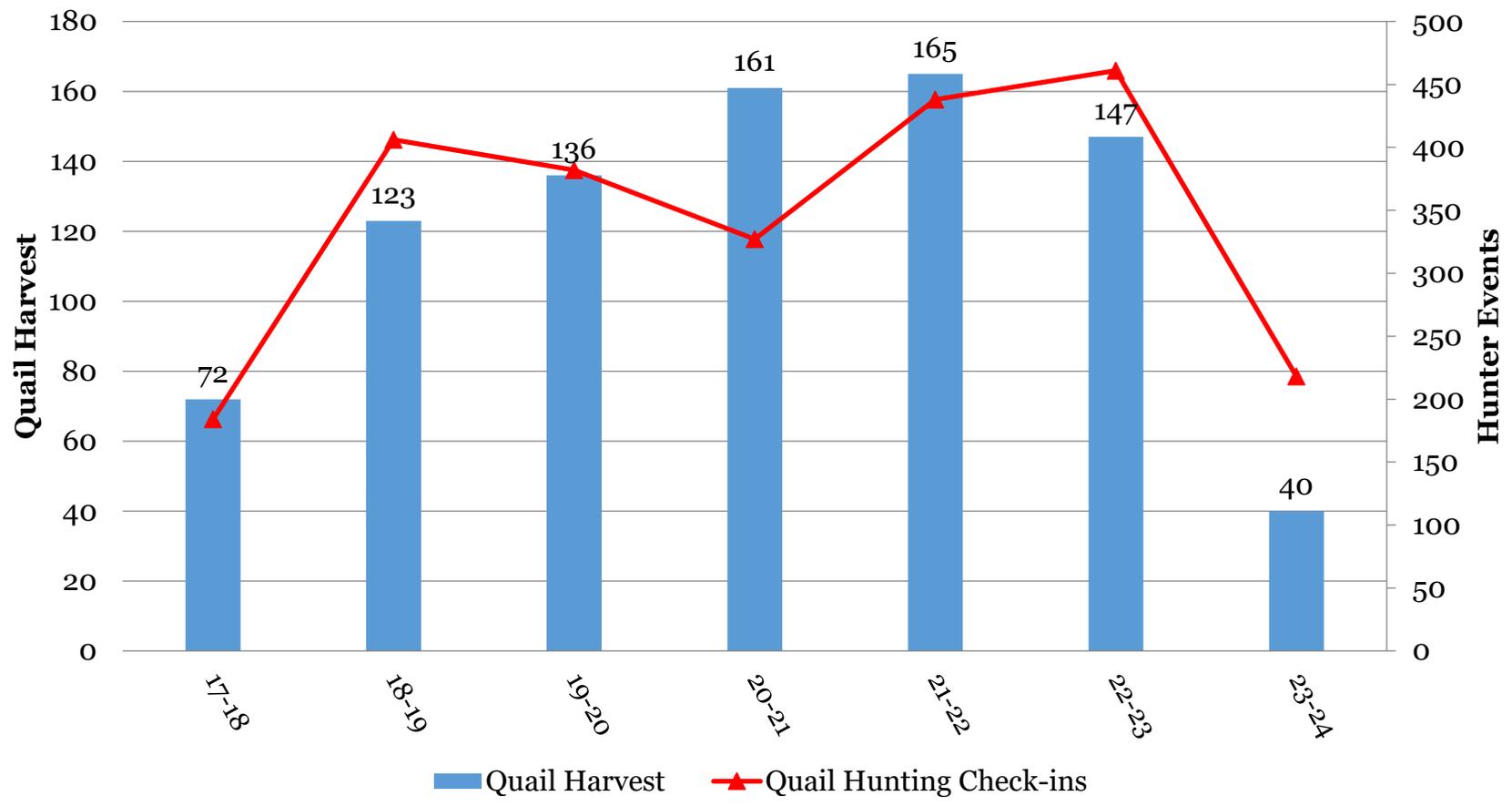
20-Year Turkey Harvest Trend



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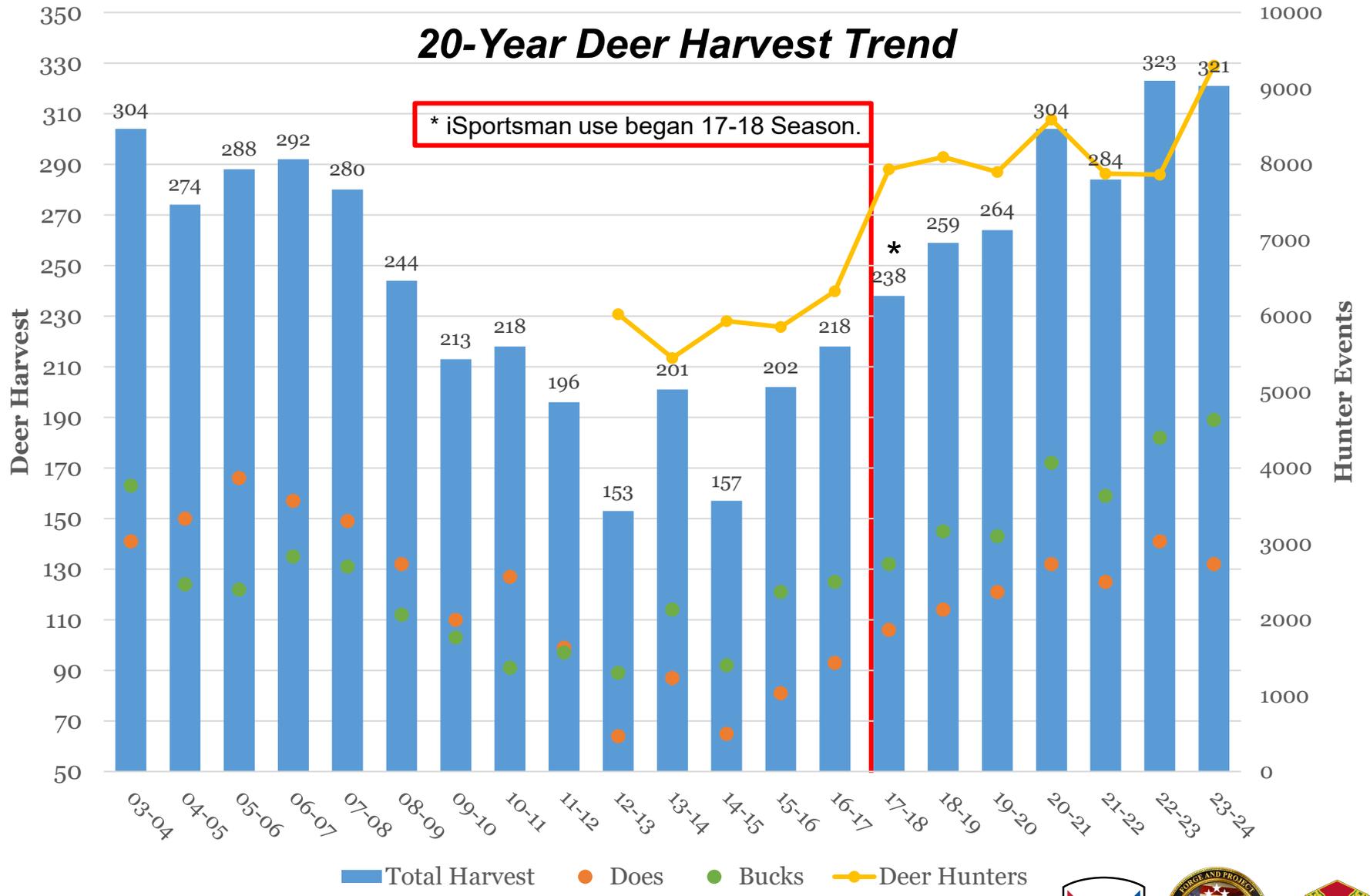
Quail Harvest Trends (2017-2024)



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20-Year Deer Harvest Trend



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- **Archery Only**

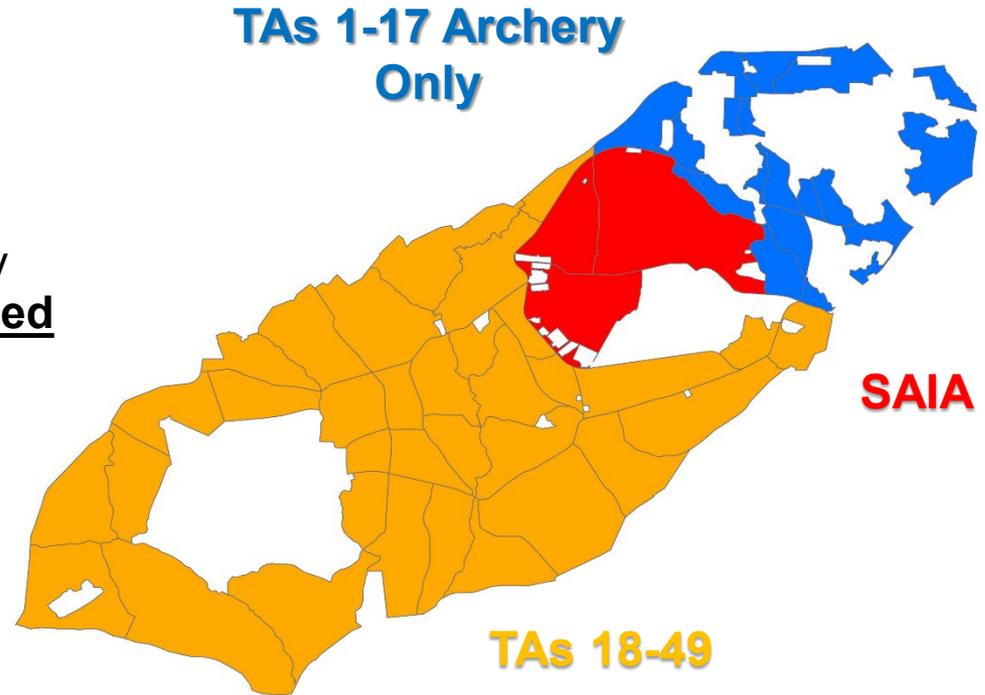
- Population reduction
- Either sex all season
- State bag limits apply
- Antlerless quota does not apply
- TA's 1-17 will have an Extended Archery Season this season (thru Jan. 31).

- **SAIA**

- Closed to hunting until further notice

- **TAs 18-49**

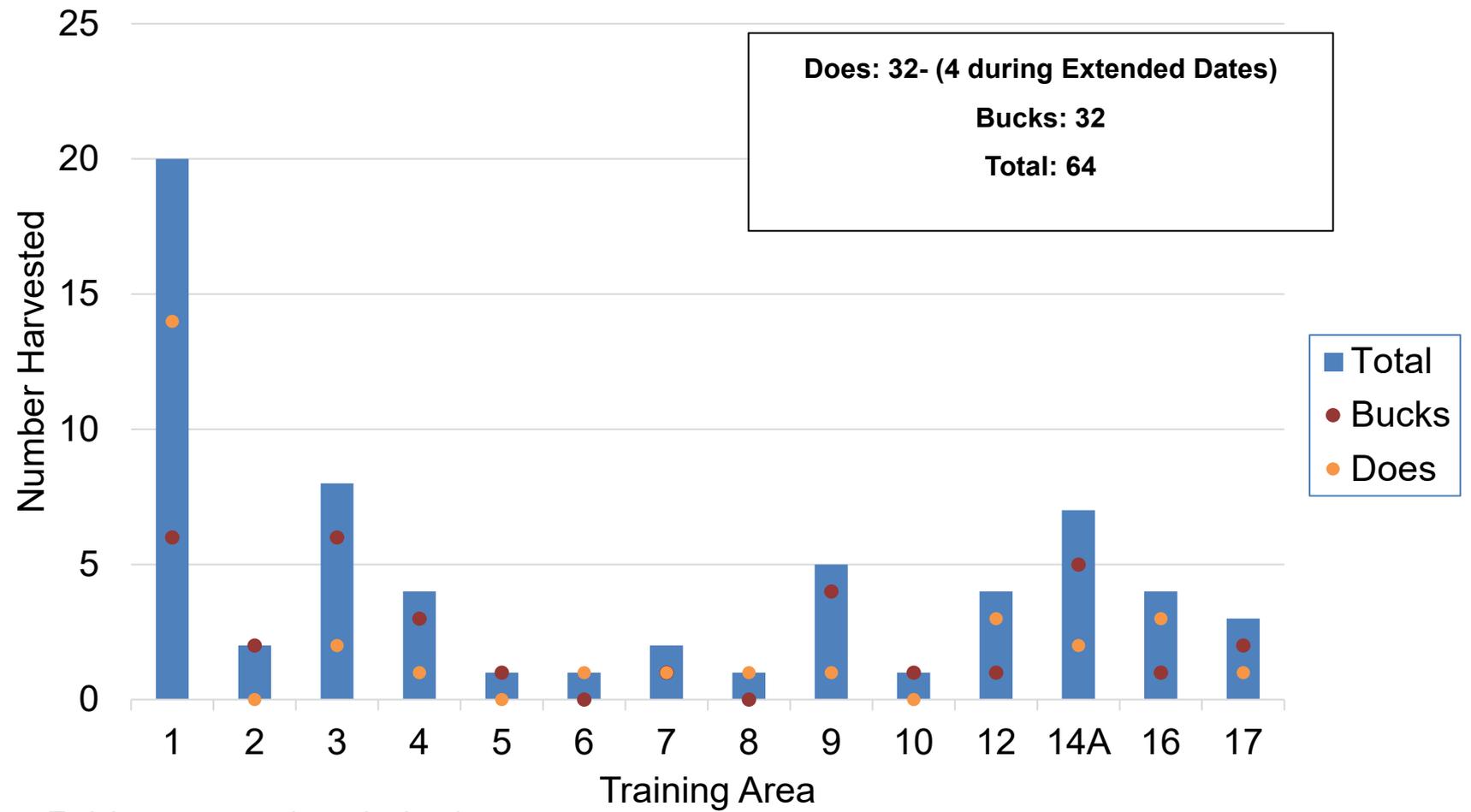
- Maximize annual sustainable harvest
- Either sex
- Each hunter limited to **5 antlerless deer** (*No Quota)
- State bag limits apply for bucks





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Deer Harvested by Area in Archery Zone, 2023-2024

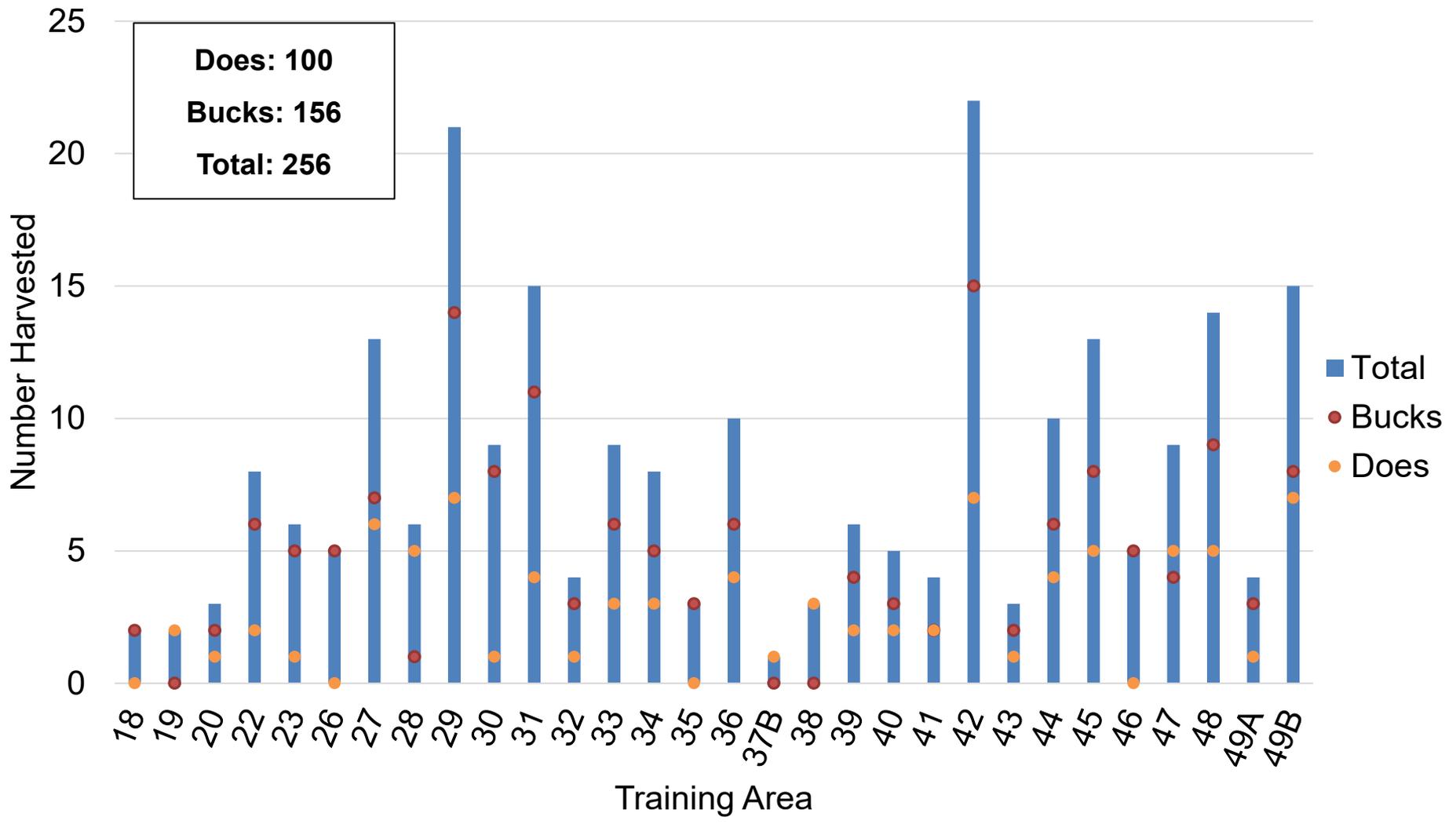


Training areas not shown had no harvest.



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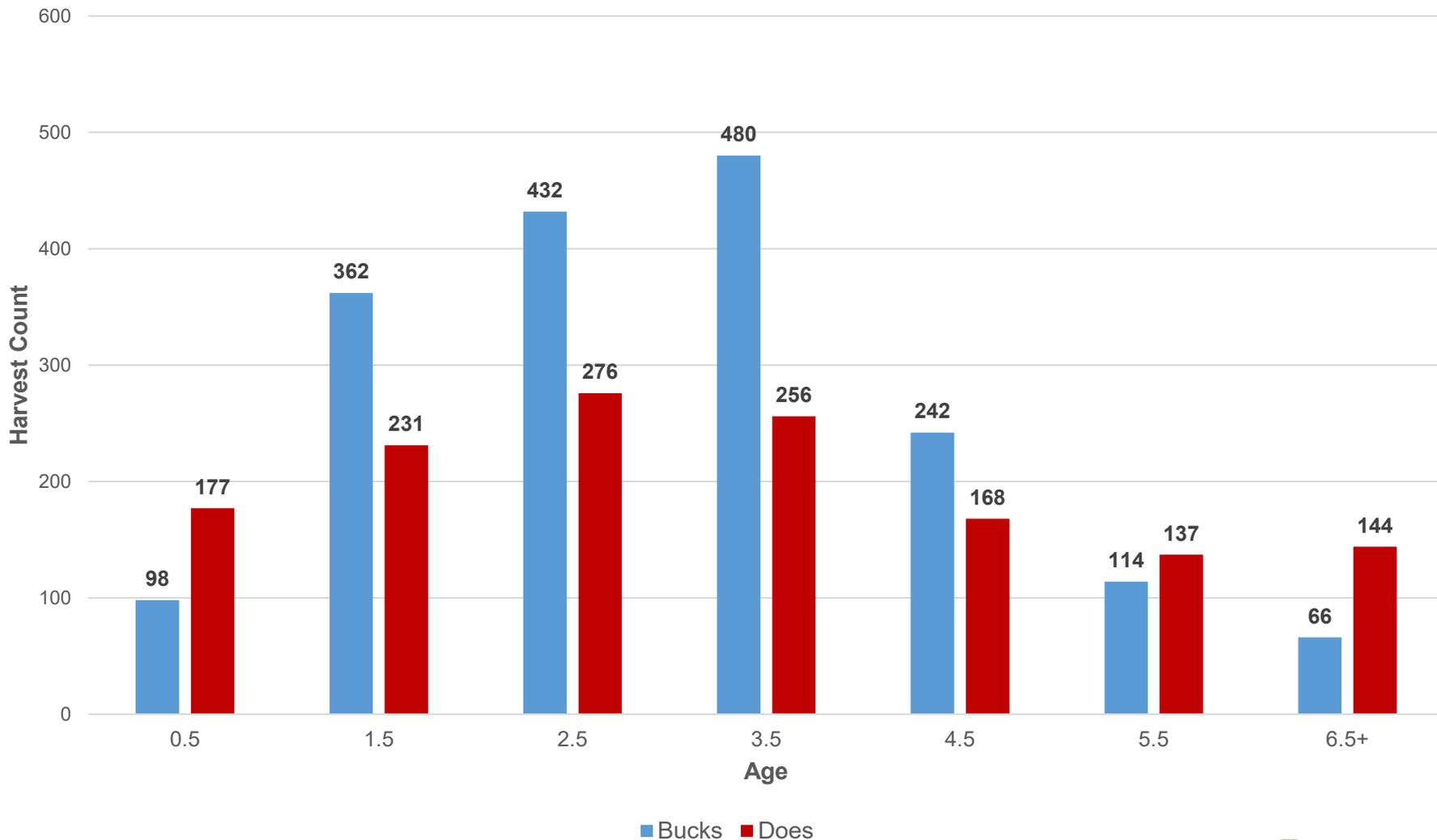
Deer Harvested by Area in 18-49 Zone, 2023-2024





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2009-Current Deer Harvest Age Distribution

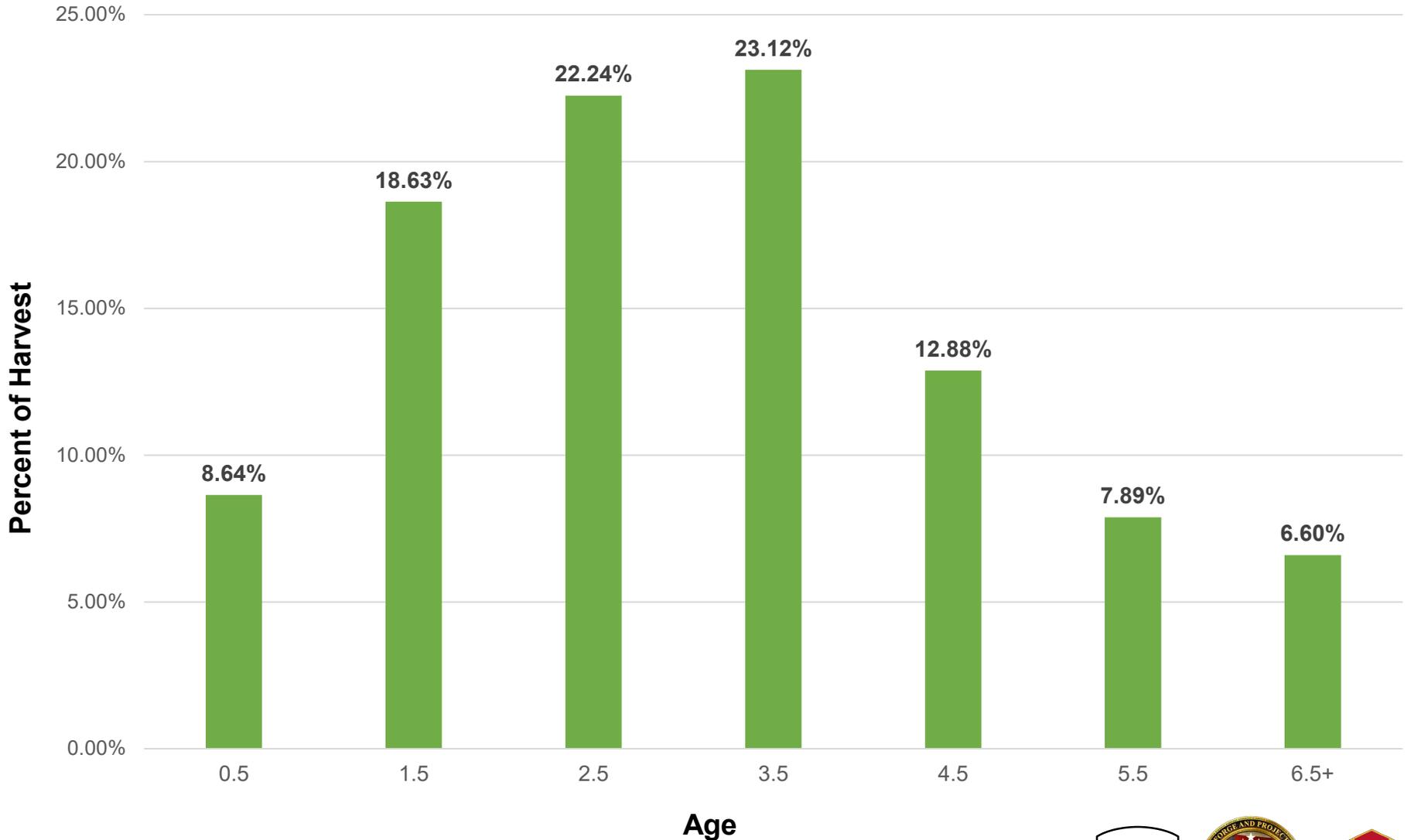


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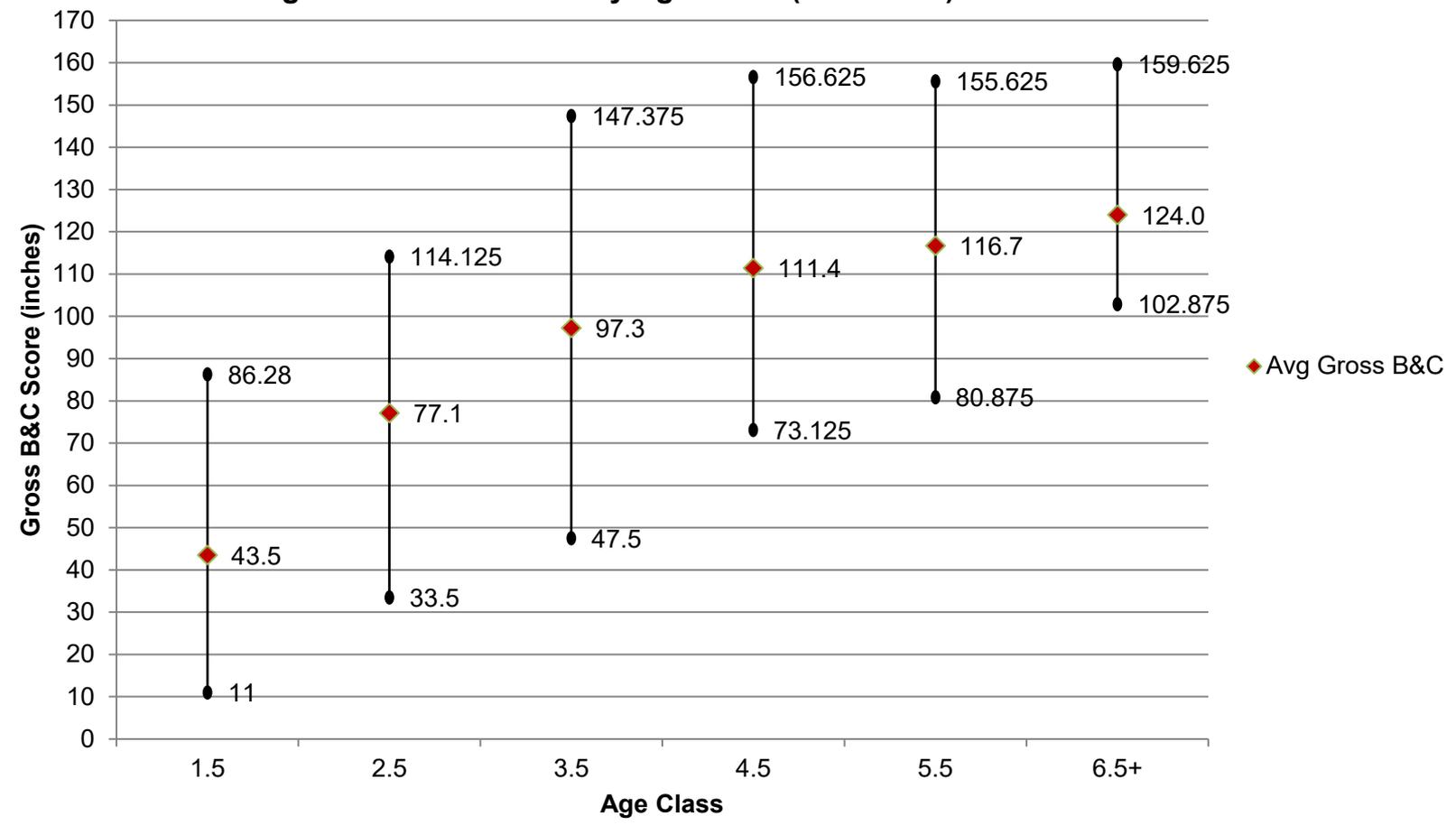
2009-Current: Deer Harvest Percentage Distribution by Age Class



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Average Gross B&C Score by Age Class (2009-2021)



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Antlerless Deer Harvest Quota and Regulation Reminder

- The Antlerless quota for TAs 18-49 was removed in 2022-2023 season and will not be in effect again this season.
- The Limit of antlerless deer per hunter in TAs 18-49 **has been raised to 5.**
- GADNR buck-only season does not apply on Fort Eisenhower (Either-Sex all season).
- State bag limits in Archery zone.
- Statewide, the antler restrictions on one of the bucks are: One of the two antlered bucks must have a minimum of 4 points, 1-inch or longer, on either antler or a minimum 15-inch outside antler spread to be legal.
- Archery areas (TAs 1-17) have been approved by GADNR to fall within their Extended Archery Season. Last year 4 does were harvested during this extended season.



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2024 Deer Camera Survey

- Survey was conducted 6-23 August
- Survey conducted before archery season, so all bait is gone.
- 8 survey grids, each grid is 1000 acres with one camera per 100 acres
- Total of 80 cameras were set for 15 days each.
- 145 bags of corn were used for a cost of \$1500.
- Results should be completed before Thanksgiving.





White-tailed Deer Camera Survey, Fort Eisenhower, US Army

-  Installation Boundary
-  Training Area Boundaries
-  WTD Camera Survey Grid

This map displays the white-tailed deer camera survey installation points divided into 8 clusters. This map was produced by the Fort Eisenhower Natural Resources Branch.

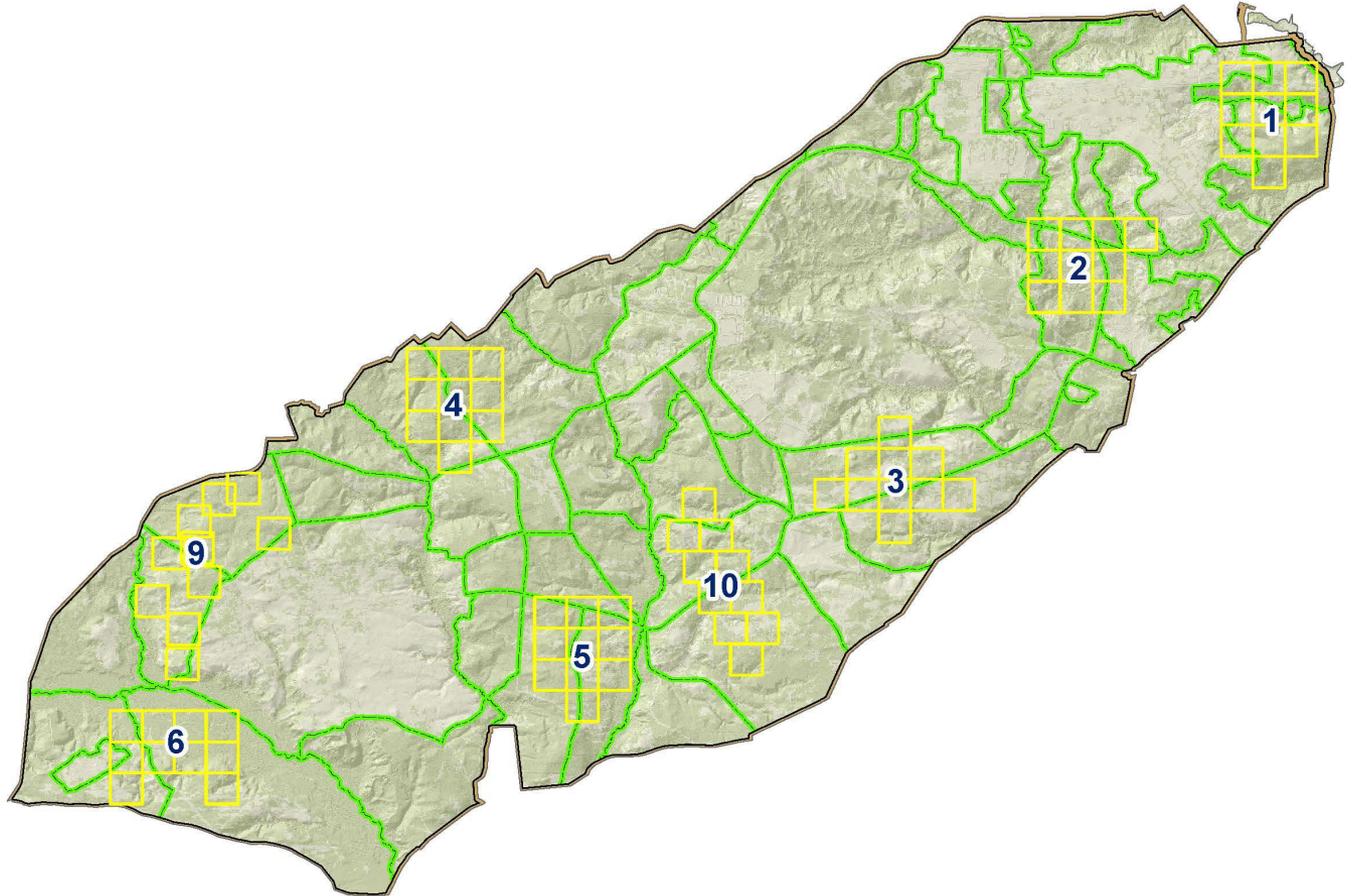
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2023 Deer Camera Survey Results

Total number, density, and demographic estimates for white-tailed deer on Ft. Eisenhower in fall 2023 at the camera grid level.

Zone	Grid	Estimate						Density (Deer/mi ²)
		Bucks	Does	Fawns	Total	Fawn/Doe	Buck/Doe	
Archery	1	17.10	131.14	30.19	178.42	0.23	0.13	114.19
Archery	2	47.88	124.09	13.33	185.30	0.11	0.39	118.59
18-49	3	55.50	35.89	6.13	97.53	0.17	1.55	62.42
18-49	4	25.53	87.59	19.92	133.04	0.23	0.29	85.15
18-49	5	29.97	69.05	11.62	110.64	0.17	0.43	70.81
18-49	6	38.85	75.39	8.63	122.87	0.11	0.52	78.64
18-49	9	76.59	39.44	2.96	119.00	0.08	1.94	76.16
18-49	10	36.63	24.95	5.88	67.47	0.24	1.47	43.18



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2023 Deer Camera Survey Results

Total number, density, and demographic estimates for white tailed deer on Ft Eisenhower in fall of 2023 at the zone and installation level.

Zone	Area (mi ²)	Density (deer/mi ²)	Estimate					Total Deer
			Fawn/Doe	Buck/Doe	Bucks	Does	Fawns	
Archery	8.51	116.39	0.17	0.26	176.95	695.04	118.51	990.50
18-49	67.57	69.39	0.15	0.95	1820.90	2471.70	396.16	4688.76
Installation Total	76.02		0.16	0.60	1997.86	3166.75	514.66	5679.26



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2023 Deer Camera Survey Results

A comparison of the white-tailed deer density estimates on Ft Eisenhower at the zone and installation level for 2014-2023										
	Density (deer/mi ²) Estimate									
Zone	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Archery	65.61	56.92	77.51	51.07	52.25	58.95	58.61	70.05	134.67	116.39
18-49	24.09	25.3	33.2	34.07	36.54	39.37	43.76	50.25	65.02	69.39
SAIA	17.25	34.02	38.94	30.02	31.28	36	39.73	31.97	x	x
AIA	65.84	86.39	58.24	61.02	59.25	52.37	x	x	x	x
Installation Total	38.83	41.93	48.13	41.18	42.65	45.47	47.43	52.92	99.85	92.89



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Check Station Reminders

- Hunters must submit a jawbone from every deer harvested on the installation. Jawbones (does and bucks) must be submitted before leaving Fort Eisenhower unless buck is being mounted; If mounting, then jawbone must be turned in within 7 days.
- NRB would like to (Not Mandatory) measure **ALL** bucks, and some does harvested during normal duty hours (7:30-16:00, Monday- Friday), regardless of size. Please call 706-832-7661 for instructions.
- Deer and turkey kill card information should be submitted through iSportsman during the check-out process BEFORE leaving the installation (This is IN ADDITION TO GADNR game check requirements.).



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Fiscal Year 2024 Food Plot Management

Species Forage	Number of Plots (#)	Area (acres)
Spring Mix	1	20 (\$855)
Chufa	77 (50 boxes)	62(\$3900/ 4000)
Fall Mix	TBD	TBD (\$4500/ 4620)
Dove Fields	13	6/109ac (\$11,025)
<u>Total:</u>	91 + Fall Plots	<u>191 + Fall Plots</u> <u>(\$28,900)</u>

The Natural Resources Branch manages a total of 476 acres across 505 total food plots for supplementing the diets of fauna species such as White-tailed Deer, Wild Turkey, Mourning Dove, and Bobwhite Quail through their forage. So far in FY 24, 92 plots have been planted in chufa, spring mix, and dove fields totaling 160 acres. Fall plots are scheduled to begin planting in early September totaling \$4500 in seed and \$4620 in fertilizer.

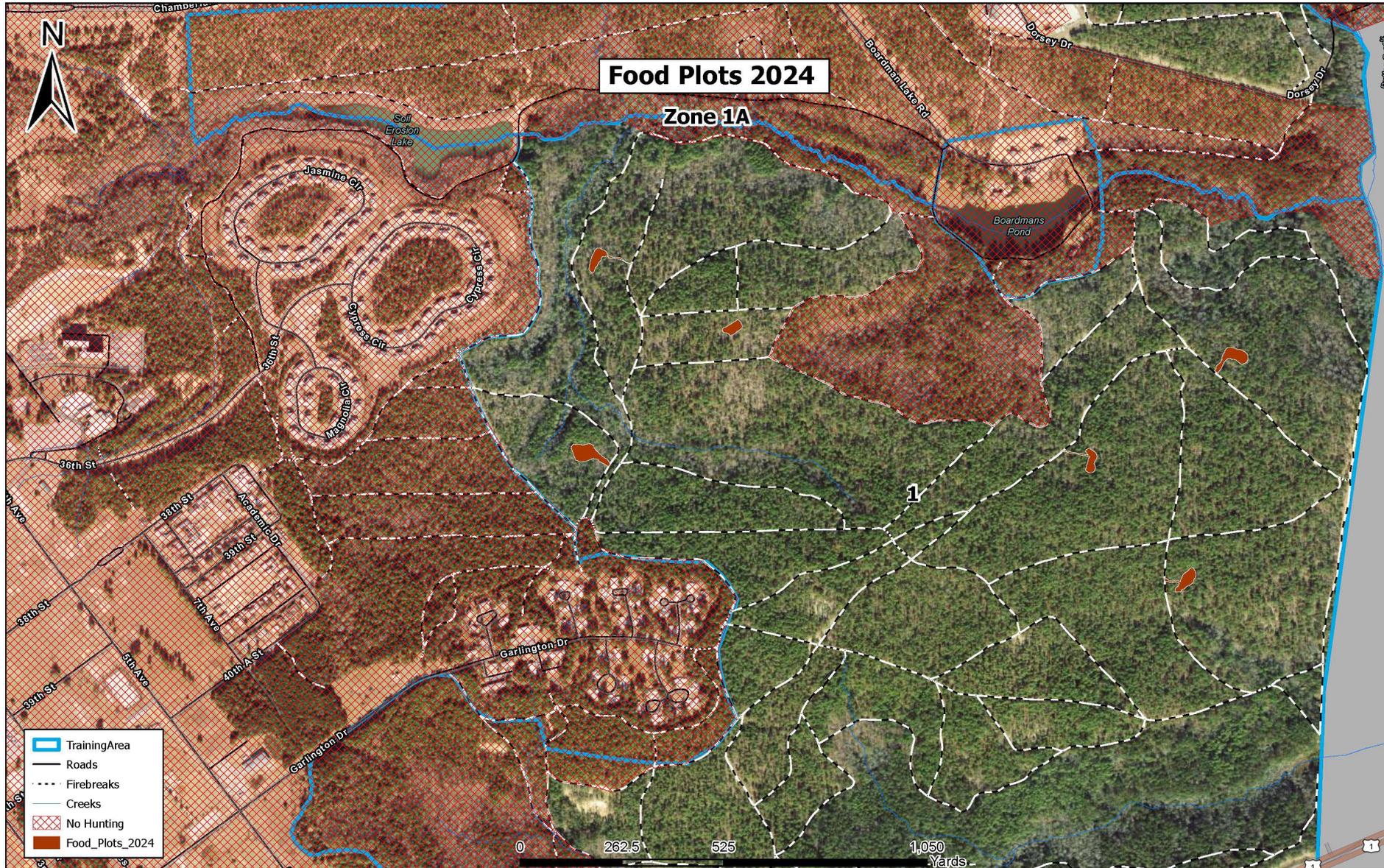
*In addition to forage species, the NRB also planted mast species such as Swamp-Chestnut Oak, and White oak across 10 of these food plots to provide hardwood mast from late fall through mid-winter.





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Archery Area Food Plots

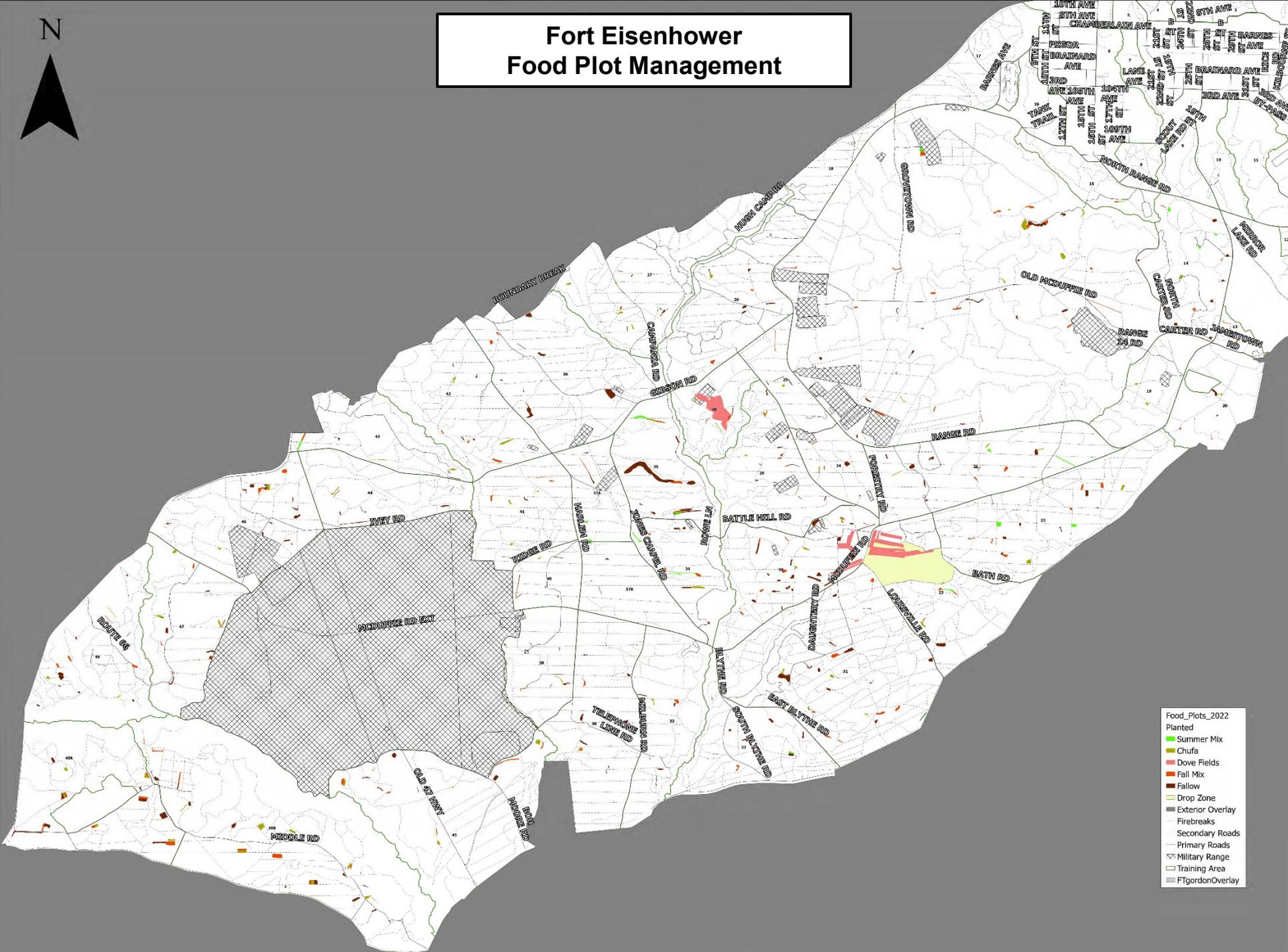




7 Tons fertilizer = \$4620
130 bags fall seed = \$4500
Total = \$9120



Fort Eisenhower Food Plot Management



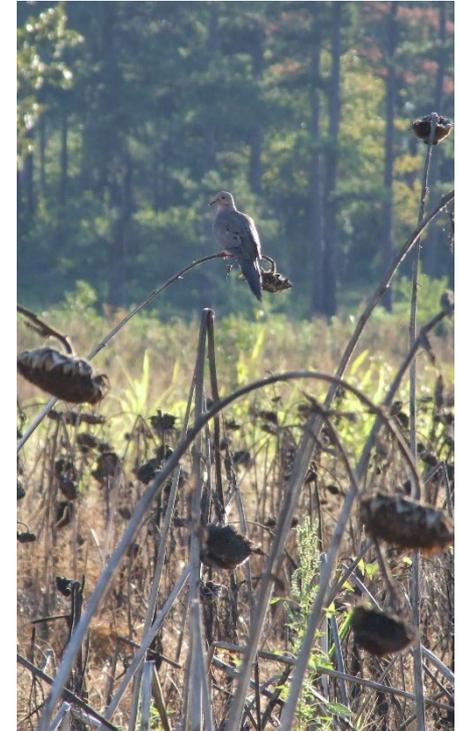
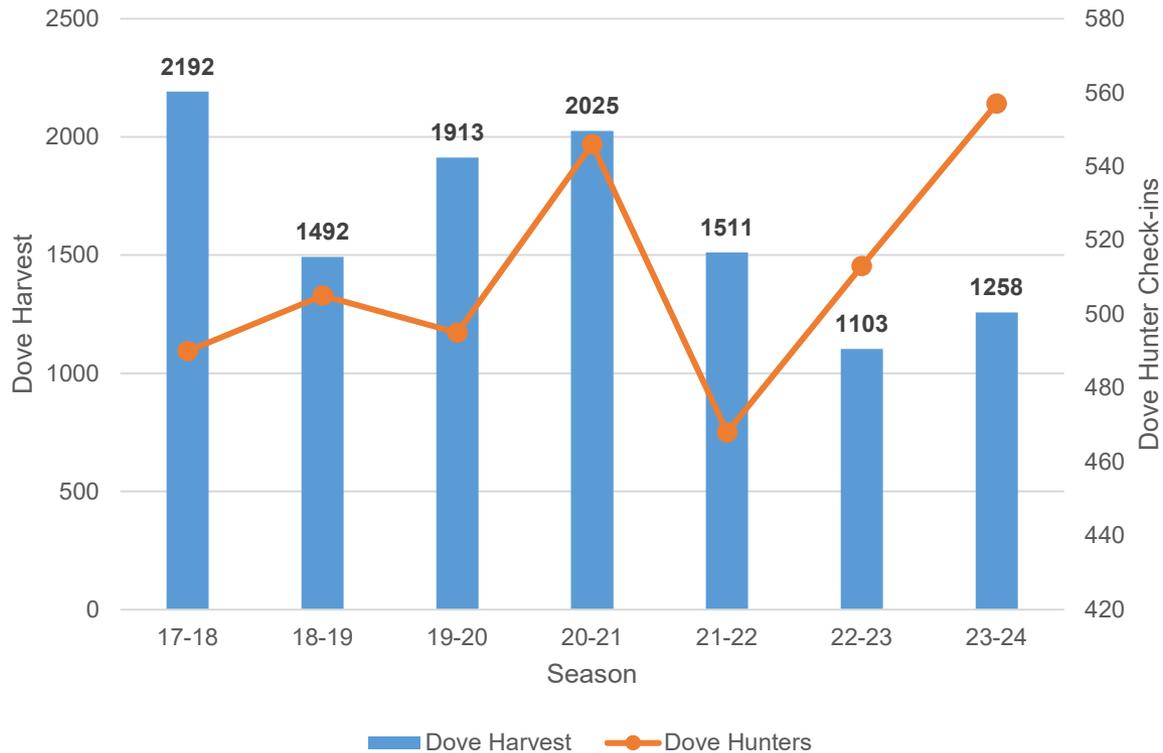
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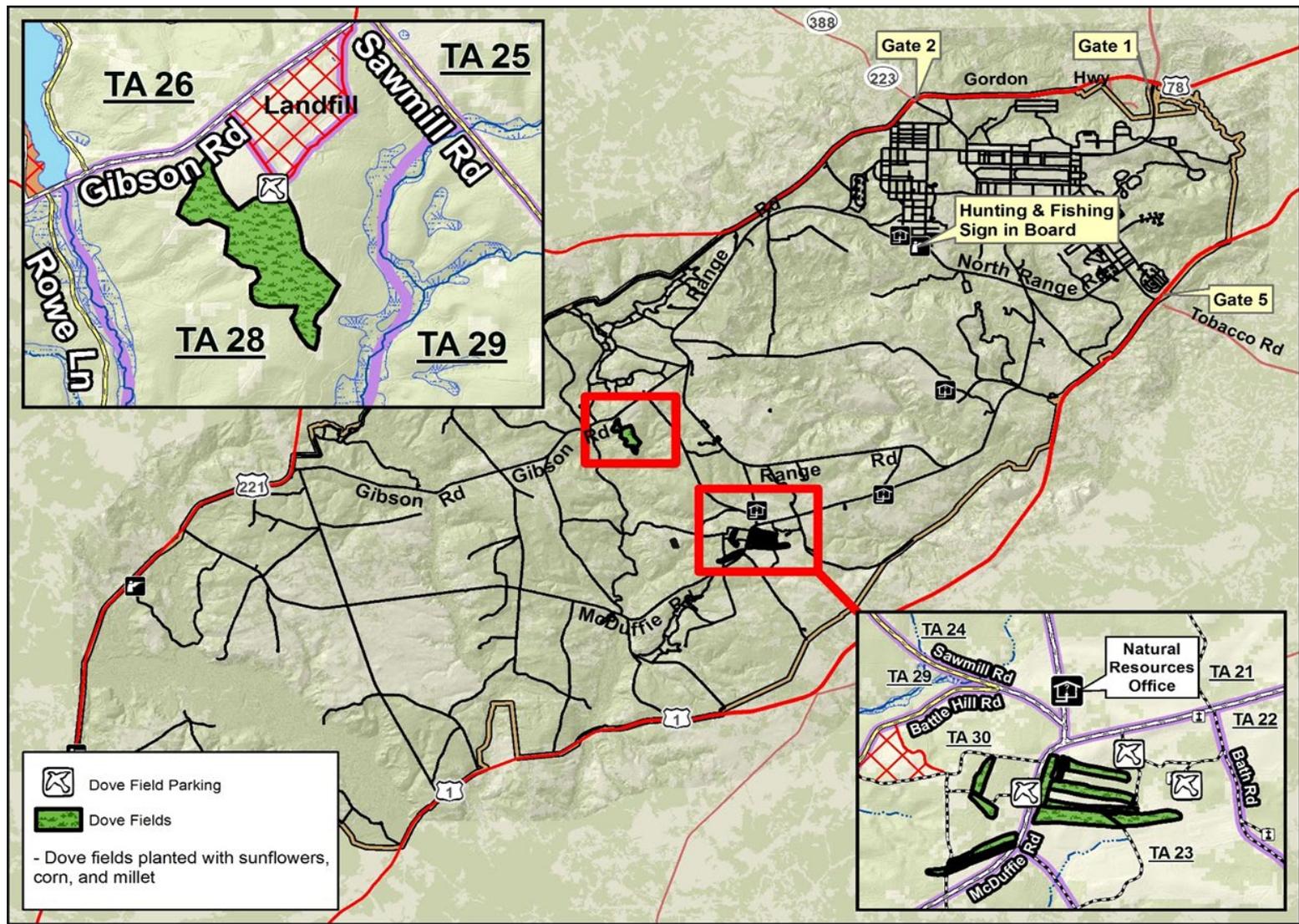
Dove Hunting

Dove Hunter/Harvest Trend



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Dove Fields



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Dove Fields 2020



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Deer Damage to Dove Fields



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All Training Areas are subject to change at any time by Range Control for training or other events.

2024 Dove Field Schedule

Training Area	Saturday 7 Sept.	Sunday 8 Sept.	Monday 9 Sept.	9-13 Sept.	14-15 Sept.
23	Open 12:00	Open	Closed	Closed	Open
28	Open 12:00	Open	Open	Open	Open
30	Open 12:00	Open	Closed	Closed	Open

It is each hunter's responsibility to check in to iSportsman before entering any training area.

- Hunting Starts at 12:00 on Saturday 7 Sept. and ends at sunset
- Hunters may enter the fields no earlier than 10:00 on Saturday to choose stand location
- Dove hunting on all other days is 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset
- Hunters should position themselves at least 70 yards apart while hunting
- Hunters should never shoot at low flying birds
- Limit is 15 doves per day



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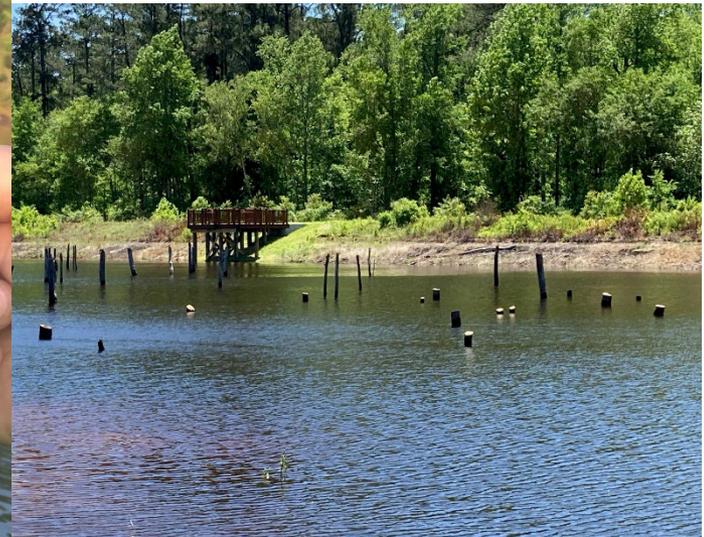
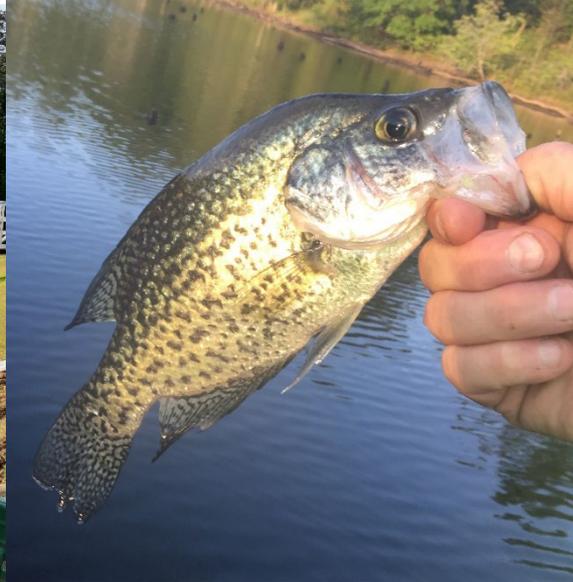
Potential Dove Permit for 2025

- Total cost for 2024 dove fields is approximately \$ \$11,025.
- **Seed:** Sunflowers 5 bags (\$1100), Corn 3 bags (\$675), Millet 30 bags(\$1200) = Total \$2975
- **Fertilizer:** 200 bags X \$16.75 = \$3350
- **Chemicals:** \$4000
- **Electric Fence:** \$700
- Potential dove permit: \$25
- 200 dove hunters X \$25 = \$5000 generated to help pay for preparing dove fields.



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Lake Management



Largemouth Bass



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Fisheries Stocking to Date

<u>Lake</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u># Fish</u>	<u>Species</u>
Clay Pit 1	Sept 2023	300	Catfish
Clay Pit 2	Sept 2023	400	Catfish
Clay Pit 1	Oct 2023	500	Catfish
Clay Pit 2	Oct 2023	500	Catfish
Big Smoak	Oct 2023	1000	Catfish
Fettig	Oct 2023	1000	Catfish
Mirror	Nov 2023	1000	Catfish
Wilkerson	Nov 2023	1000	Catfish
Union Mill	Nov 2023	1500	Catfish
Little Union Mill	Nov 2023	500	Catfish
Wilkerson	Jan 2024	550	11-13" Rainbow Trout
Wilkerson	Jan 2024	200	13 -15" Rainbow Trout
Whittimore	Jan 2024	550	11-13" Rainbow Trout
Whittimore	Jan 2024	200	13 -15" Rainbow Trout
Clay Pit 2	June 2024	800	Catfish
Clay Pit 3	June 2024	800	Catfish



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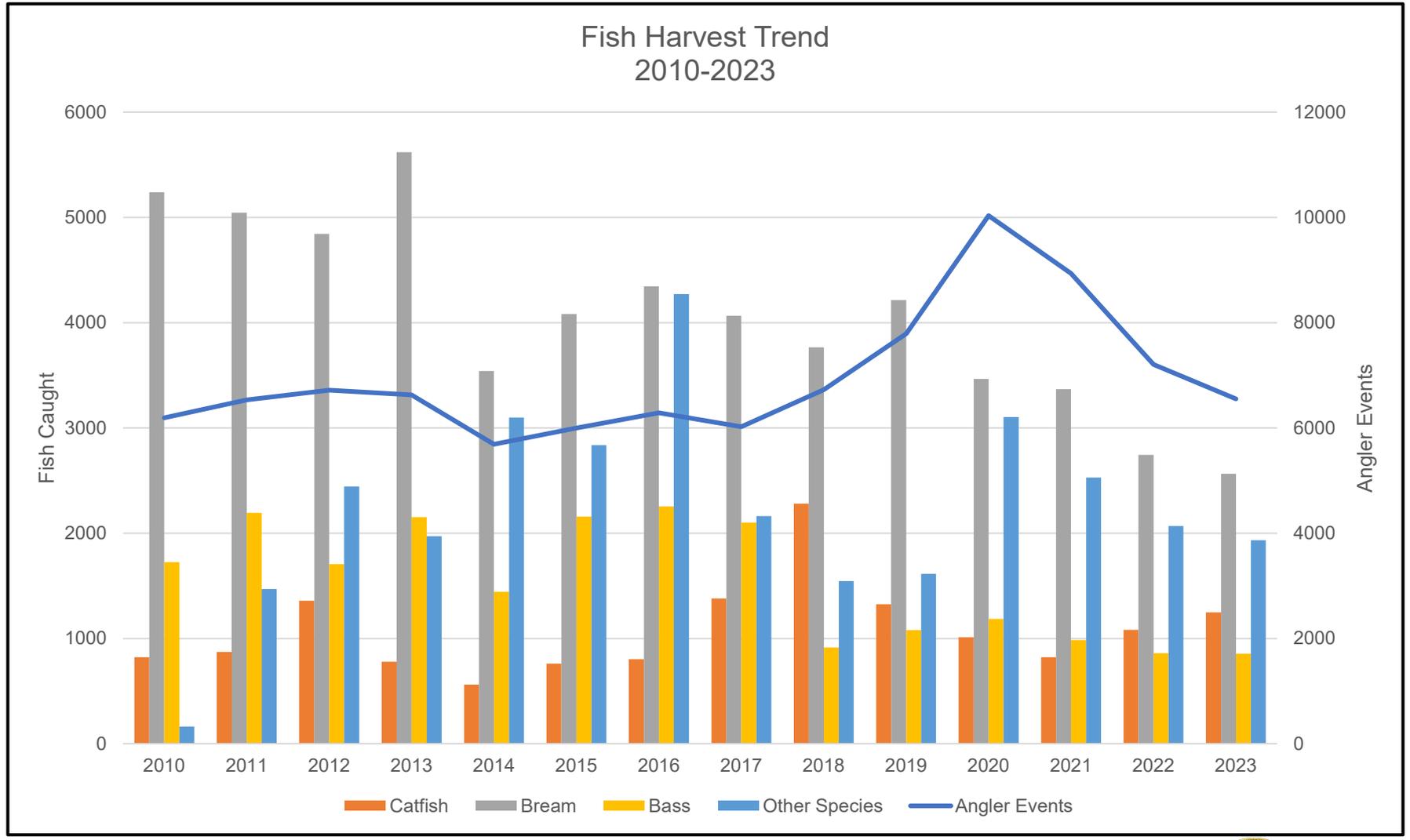


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Fish Harvest & Fishing Participation Trend



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- Wilkerson and Whittimore Lakes were stocked with trout in Jan 2024.
- Trout Fishing 2024
 - Whittimore and Wilkerson lakes were stocked with 750 each 11-15 inch rainbow trout in January 2024. \$7000.
 - Fishing opened on the first Saturday in February (Feb. 3).
 - 86 fishermen checked in 414 trout during opening weekend.
- Trout Stocking 2025
 - Plans are to close these lakes on 1 January 2025 and will open on 1 February 2025 for trout fishing.



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Kids Fishing Derby

Sportsman's Club Organized:
Held in June and September Annually.

FREE EVENT
OPEN to the PUBLIC
Register for Gate Access: pass.aia.army.mil

KID'S FISHING DERBY

JUNE 3 CLAYPIT LAKES

Registration 7am
Fishing 8am-11am







June 2024

- Participants: 148
- Fish Caught: 190
- Weight: 275lbs.
- 32 brought fish to scales (22% reporting)

FREE EVENT **SEPTEMBER 21** **OPEN to the PUBLIC**

KIDS' FISHING DERBY & SHOOTING DAY



Fishing at Claypit Lakes

Registration: 7am
Fishing: 8am-Noon

- Trophies for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place in four age groups for the most pounds of fish caught
- Door prizes
- Free hot dogs & sodas for the kids
- Please bring your own fishing pole & tackle (limit one pole per child)
- Bait provided

Shooting at TASC/Range 14 from 1:30-4pm

- Adult must accompany children while on the ranges. Instruction offered for:
- Archery
- Clays Shooting
- Known Distance Range



Sponsorship Does Not Imply Army Endorsement.

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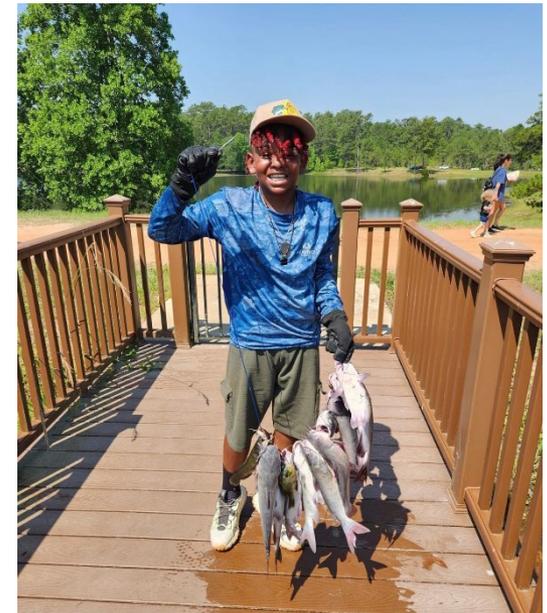


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June Kids Fishing Derby



- Herbicide Spraying for Aquatic Weeds
 - Wilkerson (3)
 - Mirror (3)
 - Union Mill (2)
 - Lower Leitner (2)
 - Leitner (2)
 - Rachel 1 (2)
 - Rachel 2 (1)
 - Eisenhower (1)
- Total Herbicide Cost: \$7200



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Big Beaver Repairs 2024





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Little Beaver

- Little Beaver was drained for repairs to Big Beaver.
- The structure in Little Beaver was in poor condition so repairs were made while the lake was drained.
- Two earthen piers and a boat ramp were built, and gravel installed for bedding areas.
- A new fish feeder dock was built, and the lake is in the process of refilling.



- Little Smoak was drained in March 2023
- Dam reconstruction started in spring 2024 but halted due to unforeseen issues.
- Plans are being redrawn before construction can begin again



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Future Stocking

- **Big Beaver:** stock October 2024 with 40,000 Bluegill and Shellcrackers. Estimated cost \$12,000. June of 2025 stock Largemouth Bass. Estimated cost \$5000. Open for Fishing October 2026.
- **Little Beaver:** stock October 2024 with 16,000 Bluegill and Shellcrackers. Estimated cost \$4800. June of 2025 stock Largemouth Bass. Estimated cost \$1000. Open for Fishing October 2026.
- **Little Smoak:** Work with DPW to repair Dam without replacing pipe through Dam before 1 Jan 2025.



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Rachel I & II Lakes

- Stocked with bass, crappie, and bluegill in Oct 2022 and threadfin shad in Apr 2023.
- Reopened: April 2024



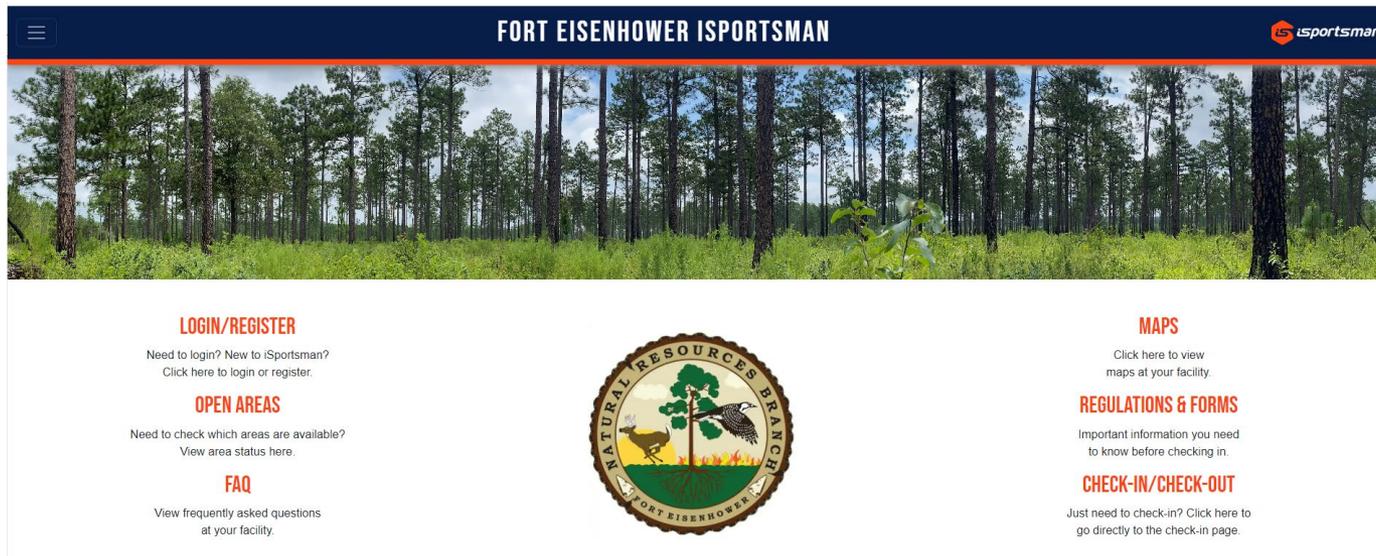
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iSportsman

- <https://ftgordon.isportsman.net> → <https://eisenhower.isportsman.net>
- ✓ Purchase permits online
- ✓ Sign In/Out via phone or internet (smart phone, PC, tablet)
- ✓ Training Area status (with occupancy)
- ✓ Public Access lottery drawing
- ✓ Game harvest check-in
- ✓ Information & Resource Hub for Natural Resources (news, regulations, forms)



LOGIN/REGISTER
Need to login? New to iSportsman?
Click here to login or register.

OPEN AREAS
Need to check which areas are available?
View area status here.

FAQ
View frequently asked questions
at your facility.

MAPS
Click here to view
maps at your facility.

REGULATIONS & FORMS
Important information you need
to know before checking in.

CHECK-IN/CHECK-OUT
Just need to check-in? Click here to
go directly to the check-in page.

NATURAL RESOURCES BRANCH
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Basic iSportsman Website Information

- ✓ Safety briefing and quiz are required annually after 15 June.
- ✓ Permits cannot be renewed until your current permit (of the same type) expires.
- ✓ Customer Types (authorized users)
 - ✓ Choose/update appropriate customer type – they are confirmed by Conservation Law Enforcement Officers.
- ✓ Participant/guest permits
 - ✓ Review Tutorial on the iSportsman homepage to familiarize yourself with how to properly check in participant/guests and guests if you are not familiar with how to execute the steps.
- ✓ Youth Hunting and Fishing Permits (free, required for all youth 17 and under)



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iSportsman- Common Problems

- **Failure to Check Out** – Regulation states that you must be checked out when finished with your activity regardless of the iSportsman required check-out time.
- **Public Access:** Make sure the name on your iSportsman profile matches your driver's license. If there are discrepancies, the VCC may not accept your 9243 or issue you an access pass. Ex: Use your full name, not nickname; changing maiden name/married name.
- Make sure contact phone # (mobile phone), emergency contact #, email, and vehicle info is updated and correct in your profile.
- Make sure you select “Yes” to allow texting so you can be contacted for important matters (failure to check out, area closing, emergency info, etc.).
- If text is allowed, you should receive text 30 minutes before check out time as a reminder to do so.
Two failures to check out within a 6-month period will result in suspension of privileges.

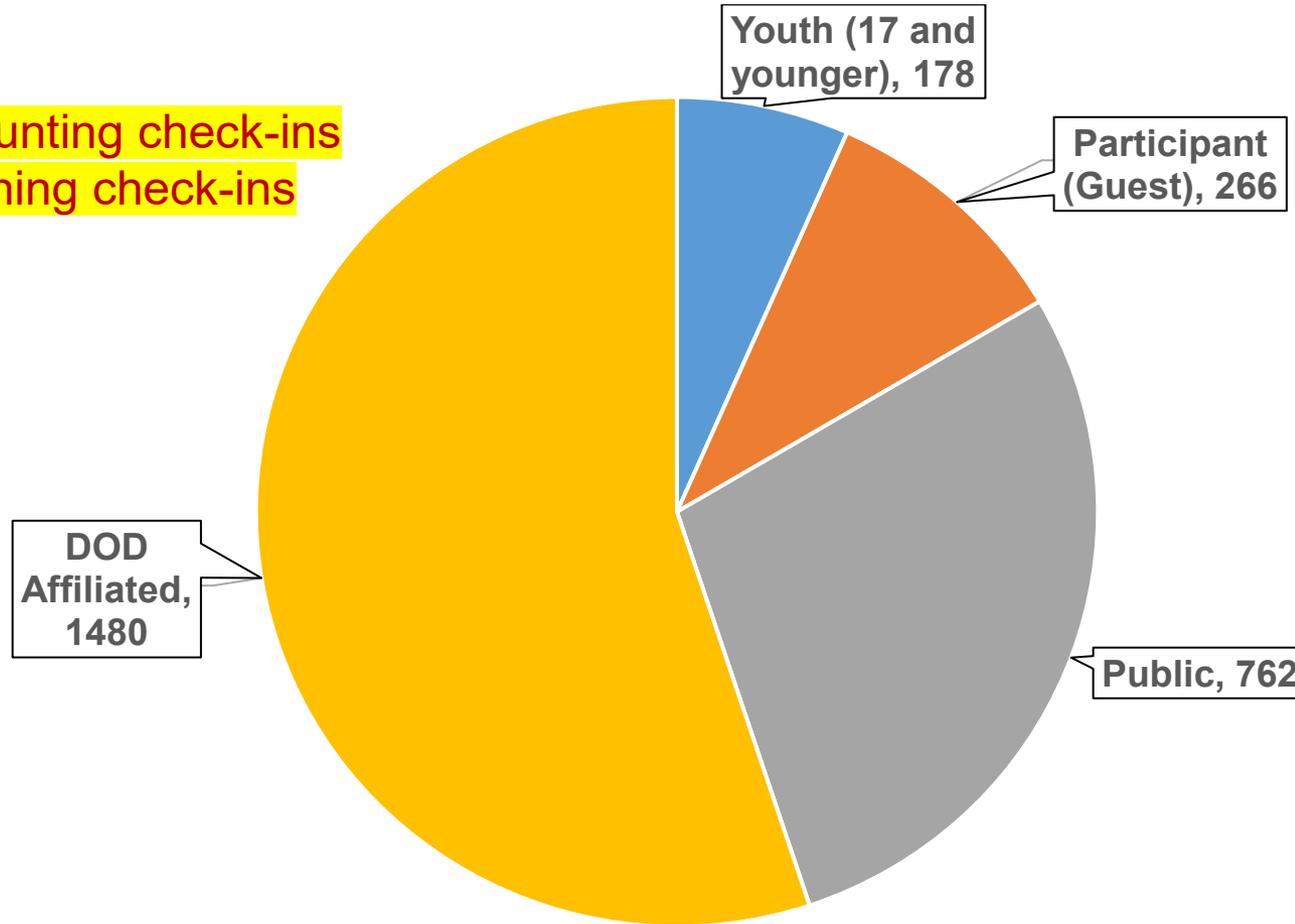


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Permit Sales by Customer Types

16,327 hunting check-ins

5,955 fishing check-ins



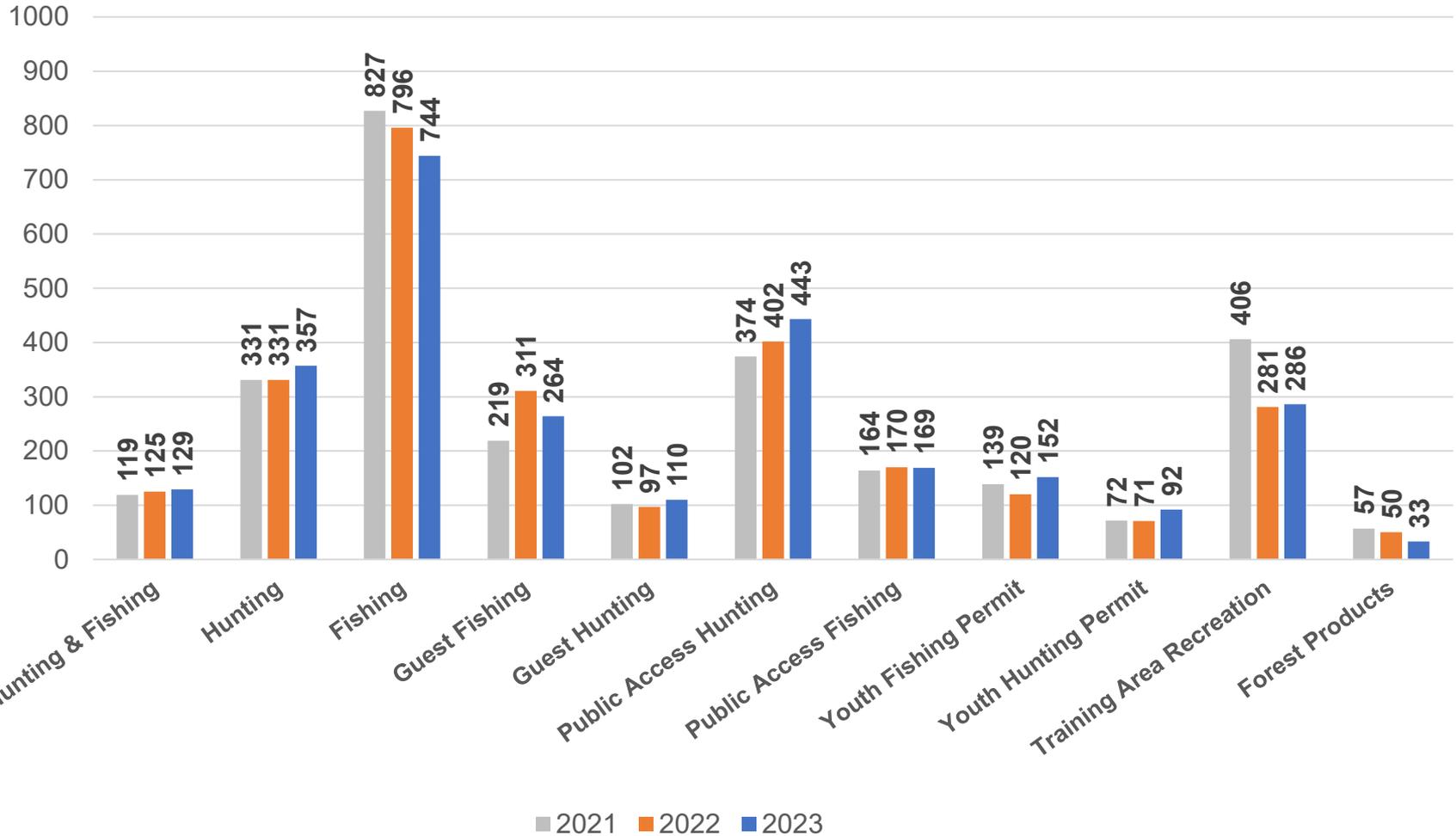
2,709 total permits sold to all Customer Types from 16 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 (including all hunting, fishing, bicycle, forestry, & outdoor rec permits) – iSportsman generated \$73,825



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Annual Permit Sales by Type

Annual Permit Sales by Type



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Public Access Lottery

- 2017-2018 Public Access Lottery
 - 485 sportsmen entered and selected
 - 336 sportsmen purchased permits
 - 69% purchased permits
- 2018-2019 Public Access Lottery
 - 536 sportsmen entered and selected
 - 391 sportsmen purchased permits
 - 73% purchased permits
- 2019-2020 Public Access Lottery
 - 638 sportsmen entered and selected
 - 442 sportsmen purchased permits
 - 69% purchased permits
- 2020-2021 Public Access Lottery
 - 770 sportsmen entered and selected
 - 496 sportsmen purchased permits
 - 64% purchased permits
- 2021-2022 Public Access Lottery
 - 689 sportsmen entered and selected
 - 496 sportsmen purchased permits
 - 72% purchased permits
- 2022-2023 Public Access Lottery
 - 696 sportsmen entered and selected
 - 446 sportsmen purchased permits
 - 64% purchased permits
- 2023-2024 Public Access Lottery
 - 774 sportsmen entered and selected
 - 487 sportsmen purchased permits
 - 63% purchased permits
- 2024-2025 Public Access Lottery
 - 821 sportsmen entered and selected
 - 245 sportsmen purchased permits as of 2 September 2024



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Permit Fee Schedule

SCHEDULE OF INSTALLATION PERMIT FEES		
PERMIT	COST	TERM
Hunting (Small Game Only)	\$30.00	1 year from date of purchase
Hunting (Small and Big Game)	\$50.00	1 year from date of purchase
Fishing	\$30.00	1 year from date of purchase
1-Day Participant Hunting (Small and Big Game)	\$10.00	1 day
7-Day Participant Hunting (Small and Big Game)	\$50.00	7 days (consecutive)
1-Day Participant Fishing	\$5.00	1 day
7-Day Participant Fishing	\$25.00	7 days (consecutive)
Training area recreation	\$20.00	1 year from date of purchase
Youth Hunting or Fishing (Age 17 and under, required for check in on iSportsman)	Free	1 year from date of purchase
100% Service-Disabled Hunting and Fishing (See chapter 3-1 for specific requirements)	\$20.00	1 year from date of issuance (validation has no expiration)
Nighttime Hunting (required to check in for night hunting on iSportsman)	\$20.00	1 year from date of purchase
Public Access Lottery Entry Fee	\$10.00	1 lottery drawing
Public Access Hunting (Small Game Only)	\$25.00	1 year from date of purchase, but not to exceed Aug 1 of year following drawing
Public Access Hunting (Small and Big Game)	\$45.00	1 year from date of purchase, but not to exceed Aug 1 of year following drawing
Public Access Fishing	\$25.00	1 year from date of purchase, but not to exceed Aug 1 of year following drawing

NOTE: Installation hunting, fishing, and training area recreation permit fees are included in this regulation for information purposes only and are subject to change at any time.



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21X Account

- Money generated between 16 September 2022 – 15 September 2023 from the sale of Fort Eisenhower iSportsman permits (Hunting, Fishing, Outdoor Rec) = \$73,825 going into the 21X account. Total spent this year \$85,129.
- All money (100%) collected into the 21X account is spent on Fort Eisenhower to support the hunting and fishing program.
- \$29,029 spent on Fisheries Management: Fish food/feeders (\$5430); Fish stocking: Trout (\$7000), Catfish (\$7360), Repairs to Little Beaver structure (\$5039); Aquatic Herbicide (\$4200)
- \$28,900 spent on Game Management: \$11,025 Dove Fields; \$17,875 spent on Game Management: Chufa/fertilizer (\$7900), Fall food plots seed(130 bags \$5355) and fertilizer (280 bags \$4620).
- In 2024 IMCOM required \$27,210 for iSportsman, approximately 37% of annual budget.
In 2023 IMCOM required \$15,642 for iSportsman, approximately 19,5% of annual budget
In 2022 IMCOM required \$20,000 for iSportsman, approximately 29% of annual budget



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Installation Access Reminders

- Everyone bringing a firearm onto the installation is required to have an approved FG Form 9243 on their person. Participant (Guest) and their permitted sponsor may fill out a Form 7160 for temporary firearms usage during hunting seasons.
- Public Access can get a long-term gate access pass linked to their valid driver's license (good for 1 year from date background check (Form 9243) was completed).
 - Bring 3 copies of 9243 form to the VCC and a copy of your driver's license.
 - Wait 10-14 days for processing of the 9243.
 - Return to VCC to link pass to your driver's license and pick up approved 9243.
- Participants/Guests must enter through the installation access gates in the same vehicle as sponsor (may be required to stop at VCC)
 - For VCC hours contact: (706) 791-3788/3071. It is recommended that weekend visitors obtain visitors pass ahead of time.

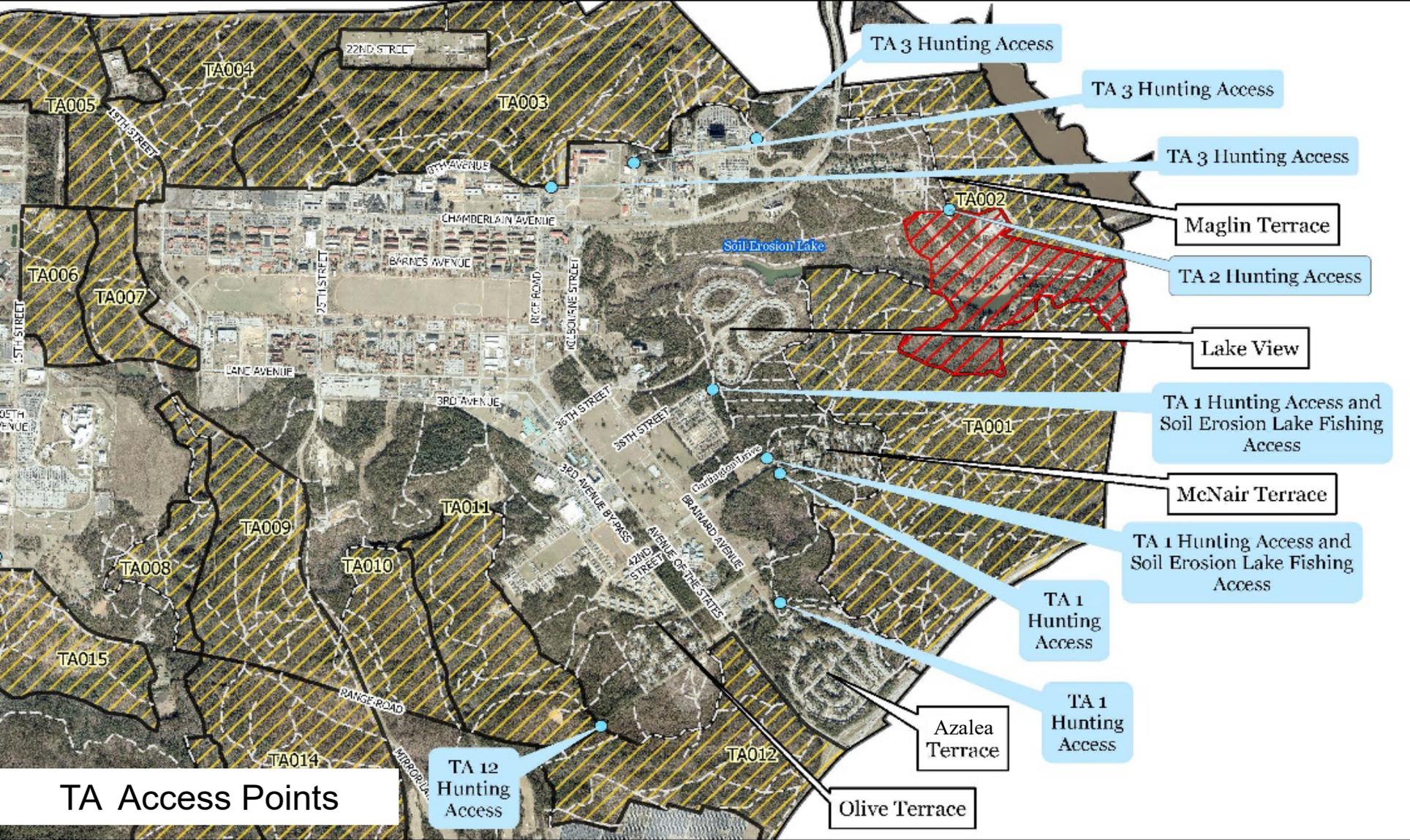


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Regulation Reminders

- Participants must have a daily or weekly permit. Sponsor and participant must also have a completed NAF form 7160 or 9243.
- All hunters, regardless of age, must have a hunter education certificate to hunt.
- All sportsmen need to display a Fort Eisenhower Training Area Parking pass. They can be printed from iSportsman (under Regulations & Forms).
- Be sure you understand the check-in/out procedures (especially for participants, guests, and youth).
 - Tutorial for using iSportsman is available on the website's homepage (slides 18-20 & 31).
 - Participants and youth will check-out themselves.
- ATV use on the installation is prohibited unless authorization is given by DES.
- Air bows and air rifles are NOT permitted on Fort Eisenhower even though they are permitted by the state of Georgia.
- All firearms must be transported in a zippered or lockable case and transported separate from the ammo.

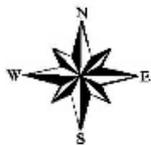
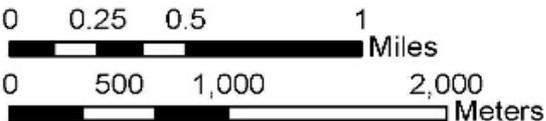




TA Access Points

Scale: 1:32,000

Projection Based on:
World Geodesic System of 1984
UTM Zone: 17th North
Units: Meters



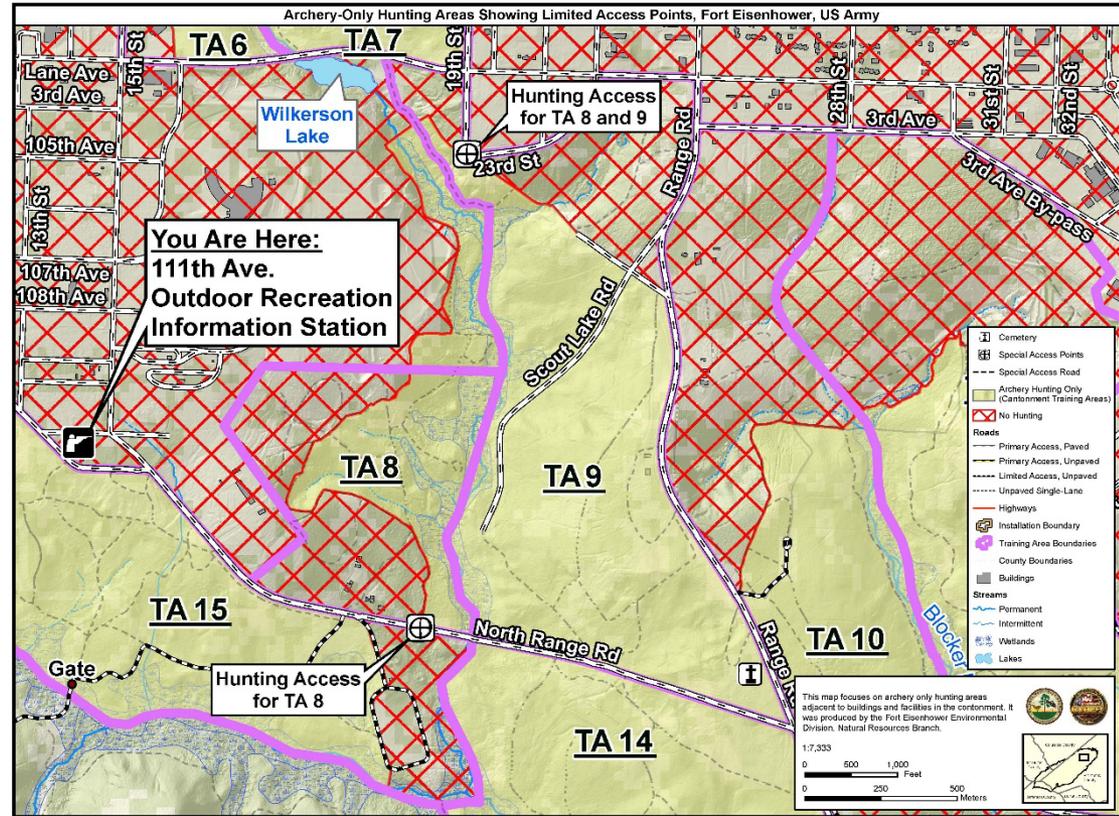
Legend

- Firebreaks
- Restricted Access Area
- iSportsman Check-In Area
- Access Point
- Installation

iSportsman Check-In Areas Cantonment

Outdoor Recreation/Hiking,
Archery Hunting Must Be
Checked In To
iSportsman

- Potential Hunting Days for TA 8
 - Monday October 28
 - Monday November 18
 - Monday December 2
 - Monday January 6
 - Monday January 13





REMINDER:
No driving “cross-country” in TA’s. Stay on maintained
firebreaks.



REMINDER: NO CUTTING LIVE TREES!

Natural Resources Contact Information

Natural Resources Branch
(Business Hours)
(706) 791-6135/2397/9983

Biologist
(706) 832-7661, (706) 726-0098

iSportsman Check-in
(Automated)
(855) 252-6110

Sportsman's Club
(Range 14)
(706) 791-5078/3317

iSportsman Questions
(706) 791-2397/9983/6135

Military Police/Game Warden
(706) 791-4380/4537

In case of an emergency, call 911.
If you reach a county 911 office, ask to be transferred to Fort
Eisenhower 911.



INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT COMMAND



SUSTAIN, SUPPORT, DEFEND

