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Safety

Conservation Law Enforcement Officer (CLEO)



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Fort Gordon Directorate of Emergency Services

The Director of Emergency Services (DES) and Conservation Law Enforcement Program encourages any person to report violations of Federal, Georgia state, and Fort Gordon 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 Gordon 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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New Gate and VCC Hours

- Gate 1: 24 hrs (Mon-Fri DoD ID card holders only from 5am – 9am)
- Gate 5: 4:45am – 7pm
- Gate 6: 4:45am – 7pm
- VCC Hours
 - Mon-Fri 6am – 5pm
 - CLOSED Sat and Sun



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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
Metz Luchey
706-791-9668

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



Natural Resources Priorities



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16 U.S.C. § 670a, Sikes Act

- Authorizes hunting and fishing on military installations where resources are available
- Requires each military installation to develop an INRMP to ensure natural resources management is in compliance with military needs
- Requires that hunters and anglers must obtain BOTH the required state license and special permit issued by the installation
- Requires that fees collected by permit sales are exclusively used for conservation activities on the installation
- Requires providing public access to the installation for multipurpose use (subject to safety requirements and military security)
- Requires that outdoor recreation opportunities made available to the public are also accessible to persons with disabilities
- Promotes cooperation with USFWS and state departments



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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 Gordon 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 protected/at-risk 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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Hunting and Fishing Annual Priority List

- Fisheries and Lake Management
 - Stocking ponds
 - Aquatic weeds
 - Fertilize ponds
 - Fish feeders
 - Mow/burn around ponds
 - Kids fishing derby
- Game Management
 - Plant food plots
 - Plant dove fields
 - Deer camera surveys
 - Turkey, quail, and waterfowl surveys
 - Habitat management
- iSportsman
 - Permit sales/customer service
 - Public meeting
 - Public Access Lottery

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Threatened & Endangered Species Management

Federally 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



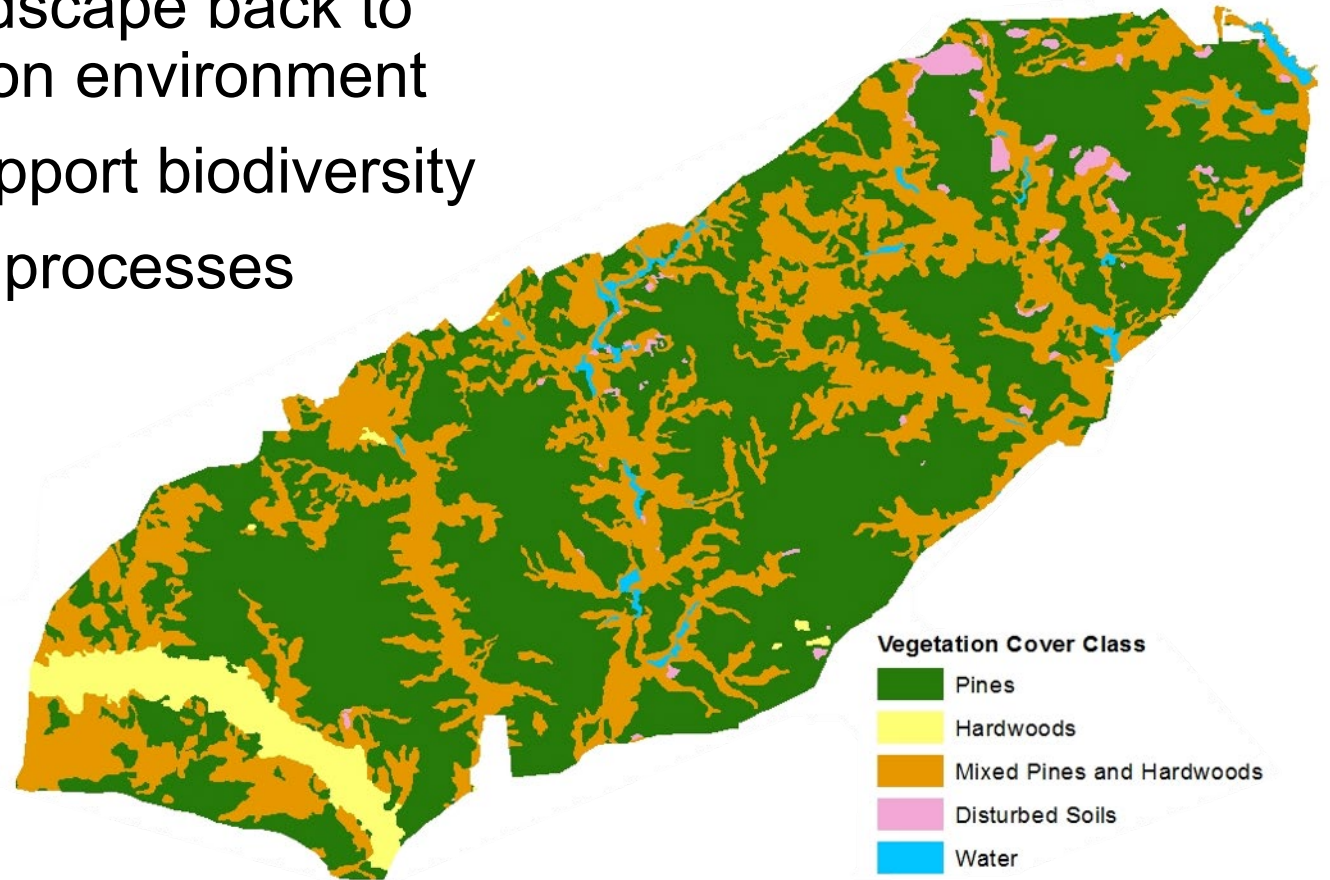
*Red-cockaded woodpecker was downlisted to threatened in 2024; Wood Stork has transient presence (Summer/Migration)

**Tri-colored bat is proposed endangered and Little Brown bat is under review

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Ecosystem Management Strategy

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





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



Undesirable Landscape

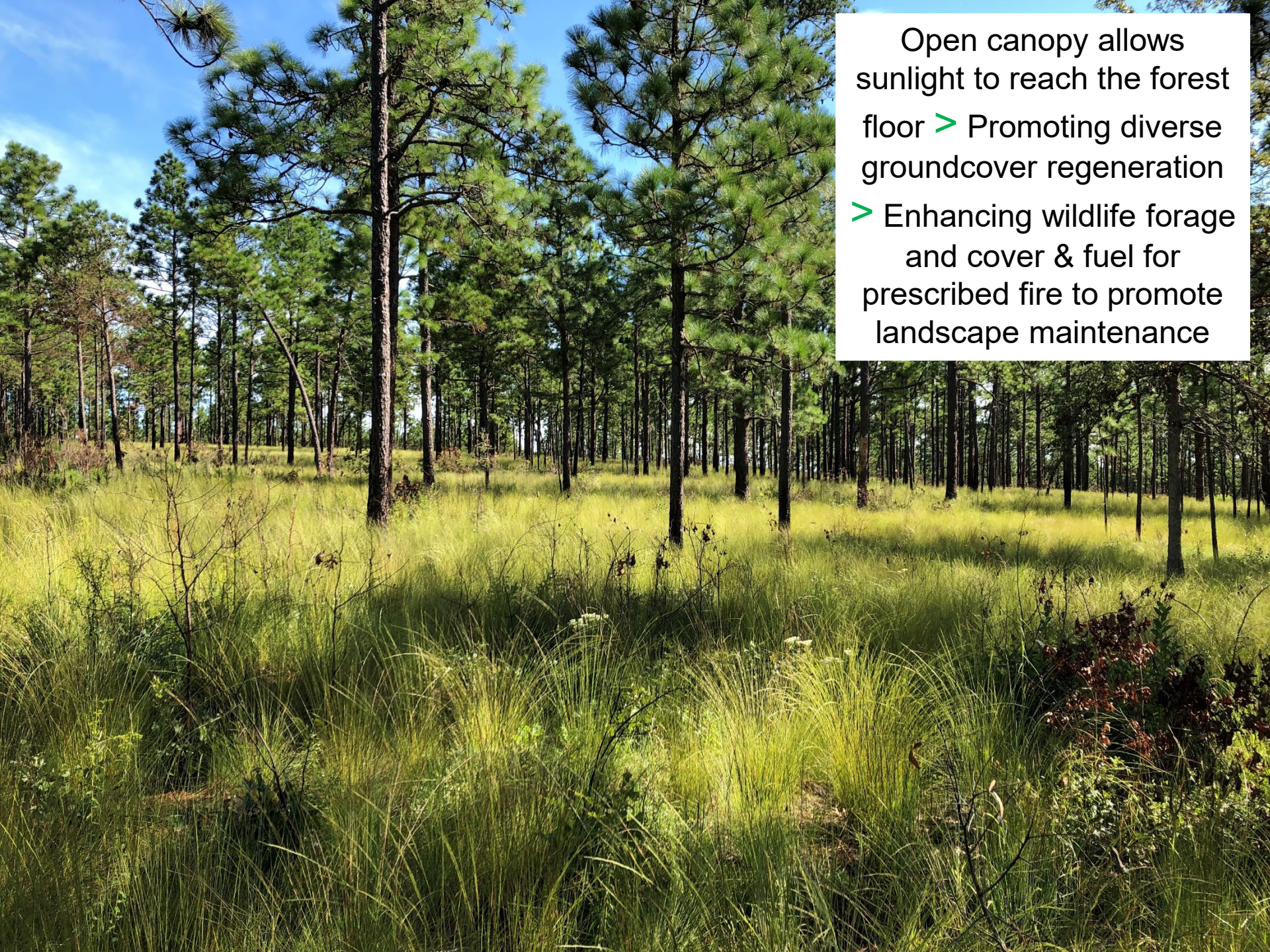
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- ✓ Dense Scrub Oak
- ✓ Little to No Ground Cover/Forage
- ✓ Poor Species Diversity Habitat



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



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



Habitat Management



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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
 - Stimulates diverse food sources
 - Soil fertility enhancement
 - Herbaceous groundcover & vegetative structure enhancement for cover and nesting







Hardwood Encroachment – Pre-burn



June 2 – 1.5 Weeks Post-Burn



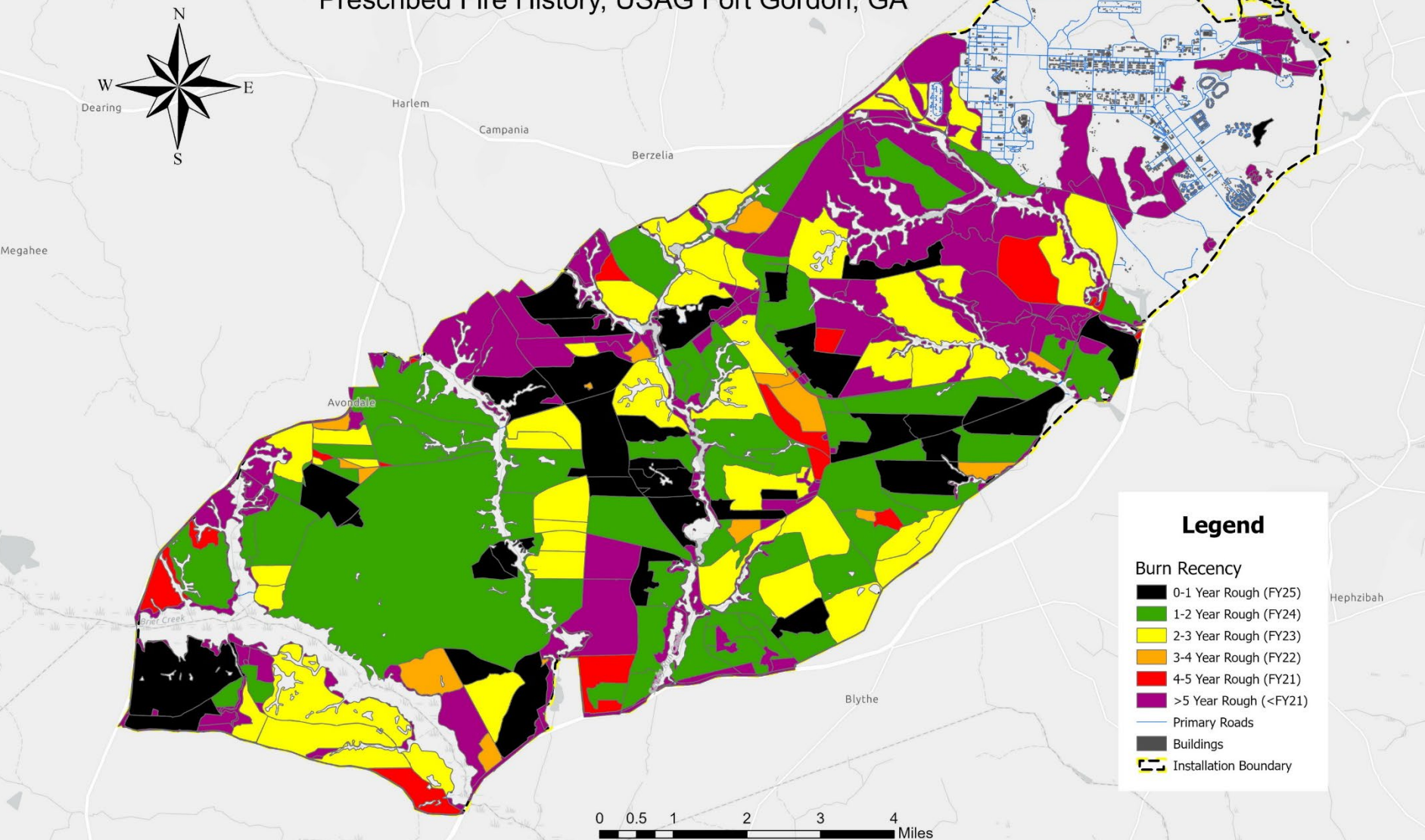
July 6 – 6 Weeks Post-burn



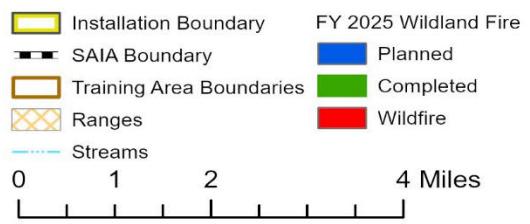
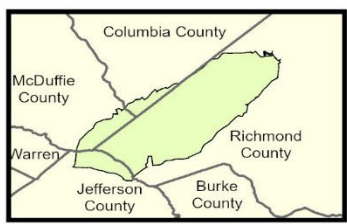
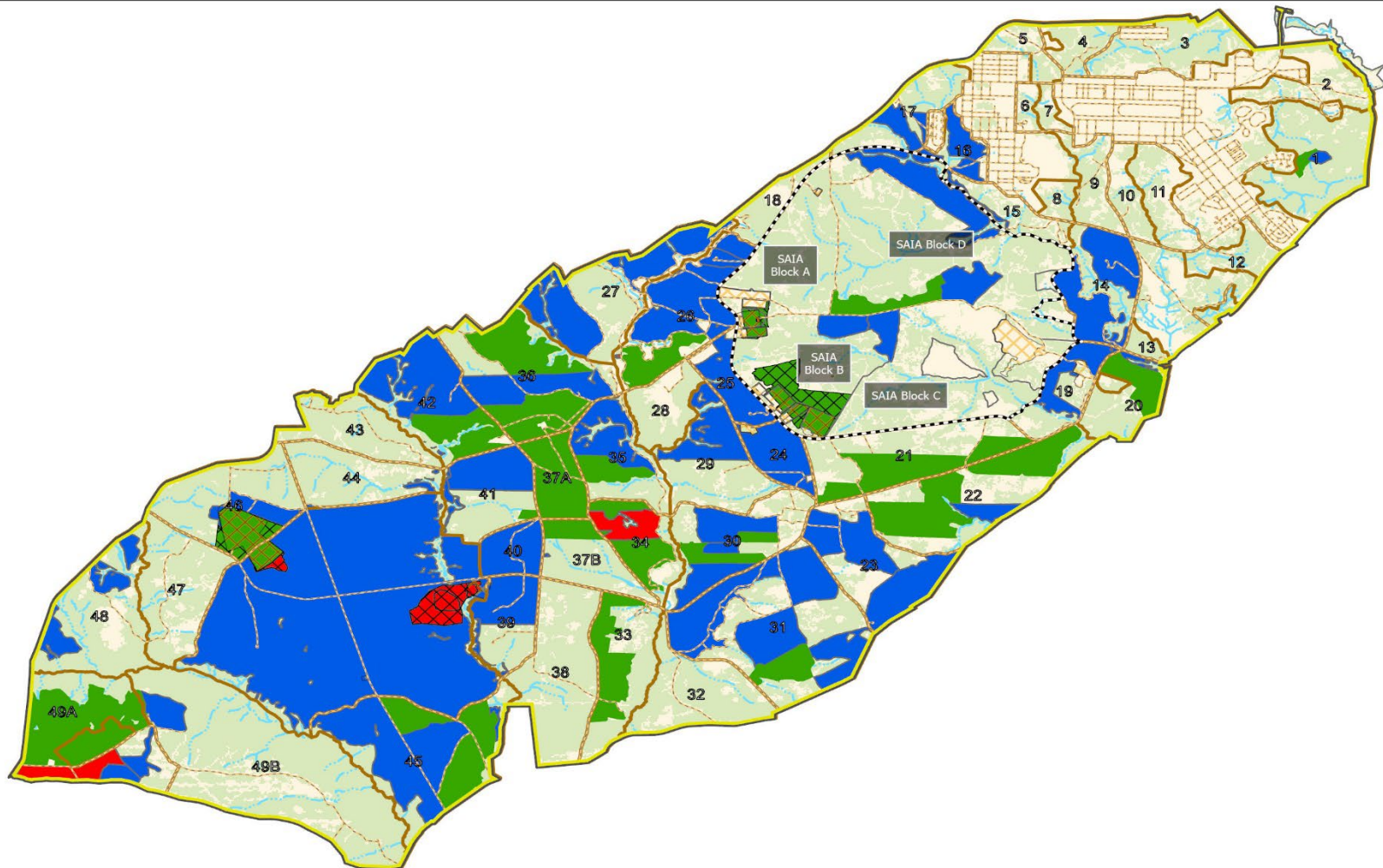


August 23 – 3 Months Post-burn

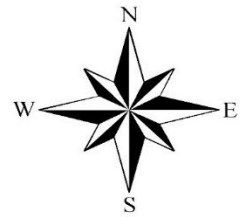
Prescribed Fire History, USAG Fort Gordon, GA



USAG Fort Gordon, GA - FY 2025 Wildland Fire

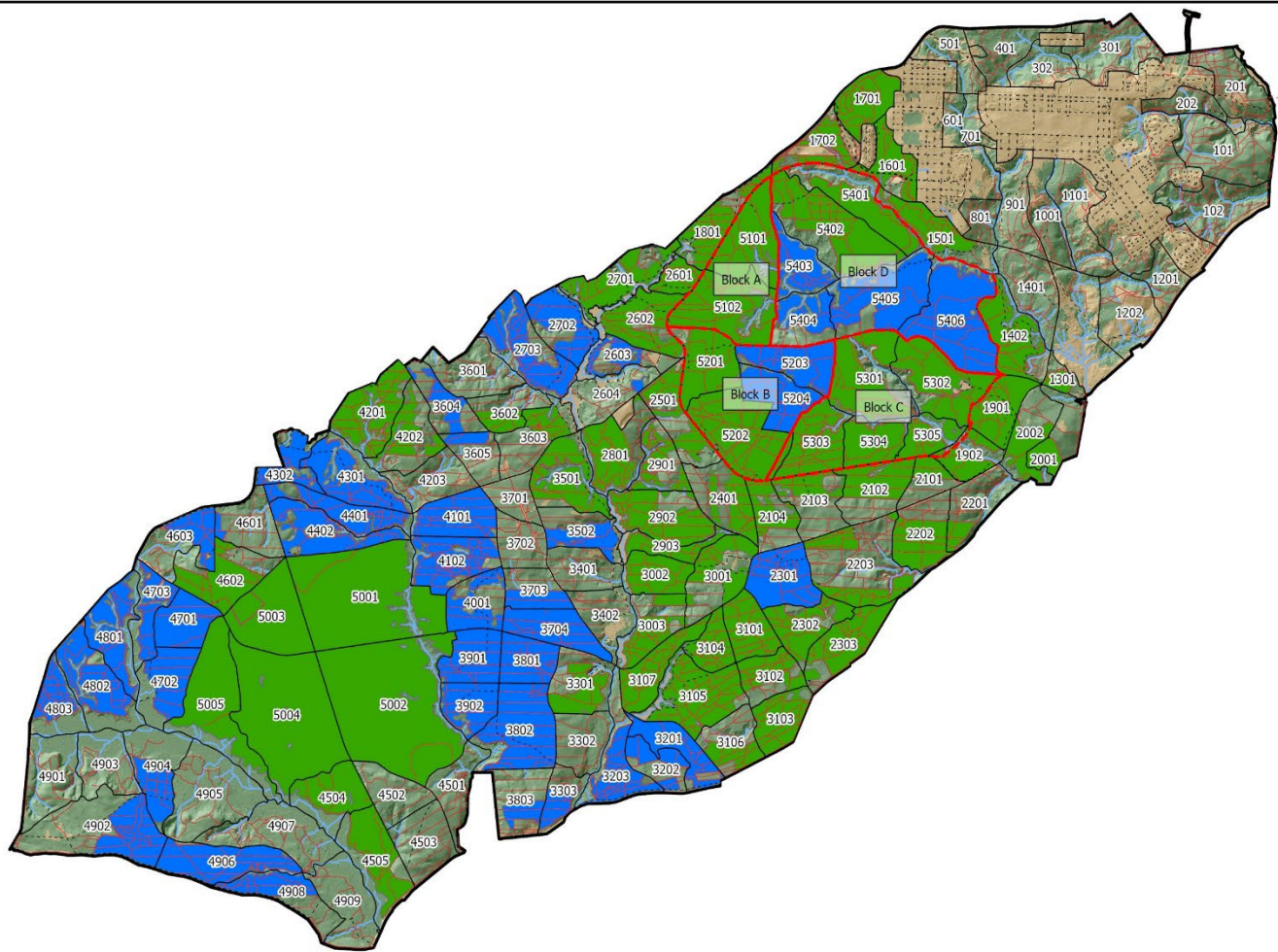


Planned RX Acres:
21,012.72 Ac.
Completed RX Acres:
6,328.8 Ac.
Wildfire Acres:
591.76 Ac.

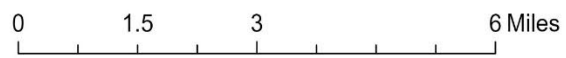


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USAG Fort Gordon, GA - FY 2026 Wildland Fire



-  Installation Boundary
 -  SAIA Quadrants
 -  Burn Unit Boundaries
 -  Streams
- FY 2026 Wildland Fire**
-  Priority 1 19,472.82 Ac.
 -  Priority 2 10,443.722 Ac.



**Total
Proposed
Acres:
29,916.542**

Scale: 1:655,448



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Burning Post-Hurricane



- Increased heavy downed fuels
- Increased smoke and prolonged smoldering of heavy fuels
- Difficult to maneuver equipment around downed trees



- Wildfires are more likely and harder to contain with equipment constraints
- Loss of groundcover in salvaged areas = no continuous fuel to carry prescribed fire
- Increased number of snags

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Burning Post-Hurricane



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16 Jan 2025 - TA 34 Wildfire



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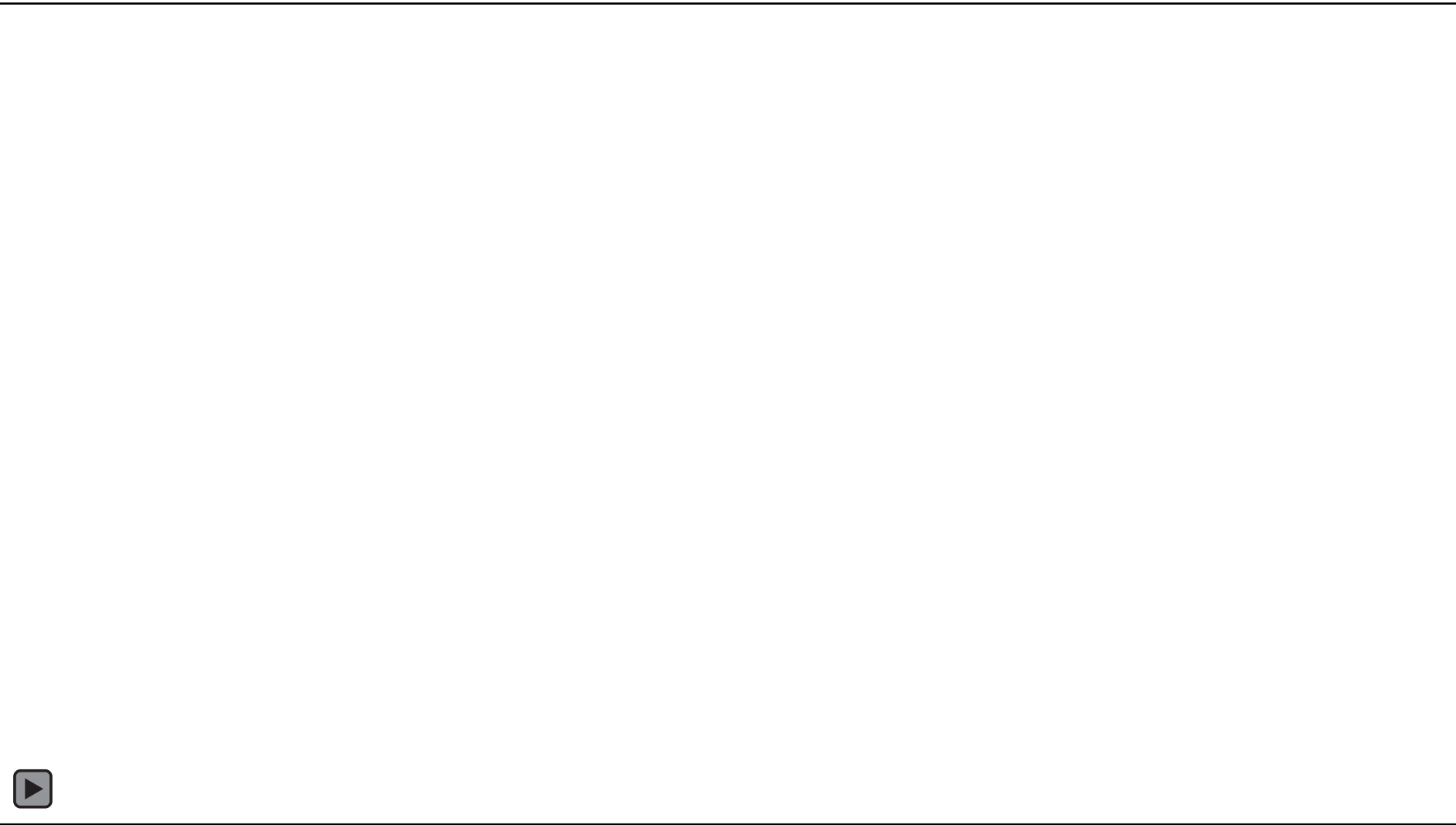
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Longleaf Management - Benefits to Game Species

- 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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Timber Marking and Harvesting



Projected Timber Harvest, FY 26-29, Fort Gordon, GA

Projected Timber Harvest

- FY 26
- FY 27
- FY 28
- FY 29
- Training Area Boundaries
- Installation Boundary

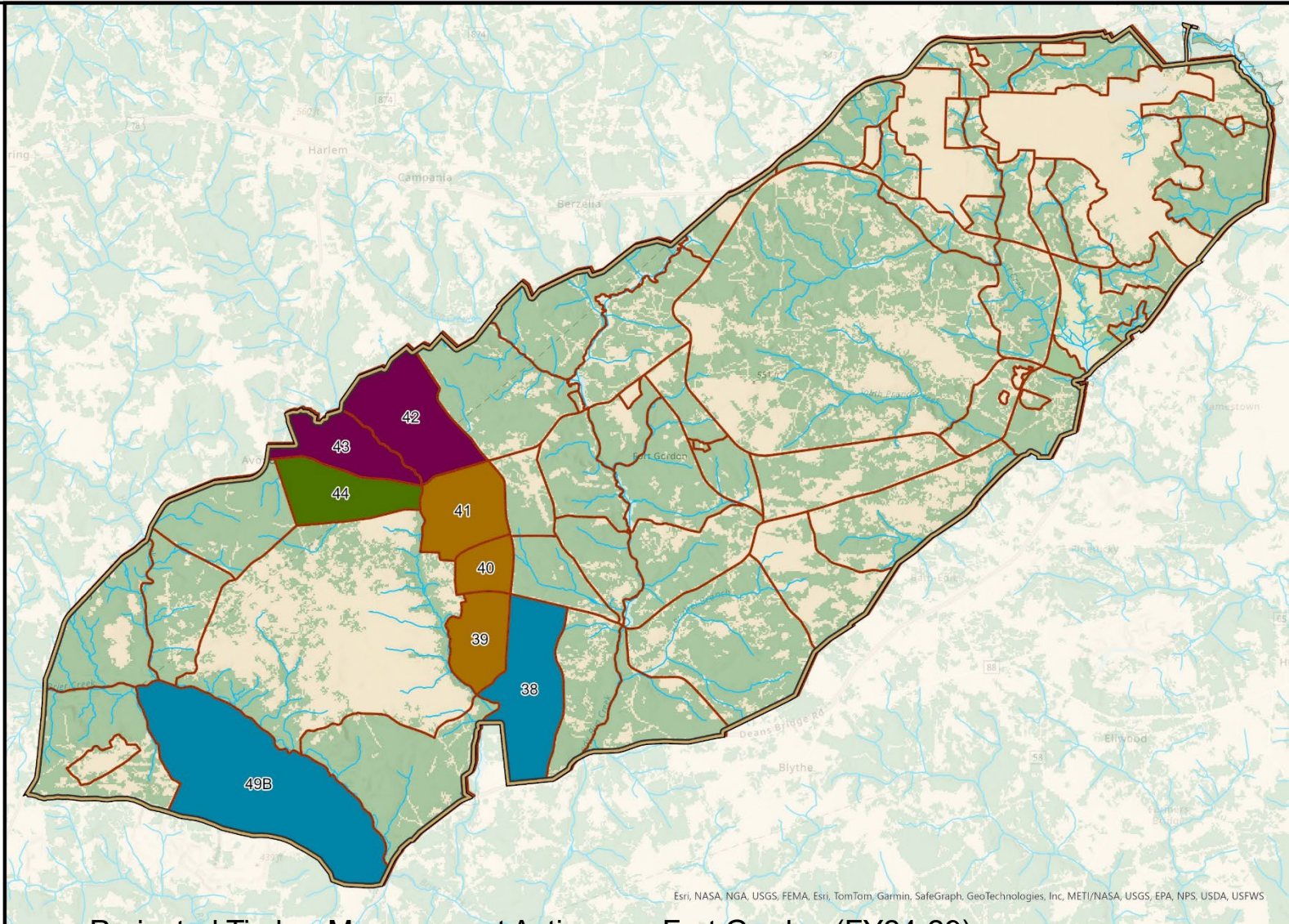
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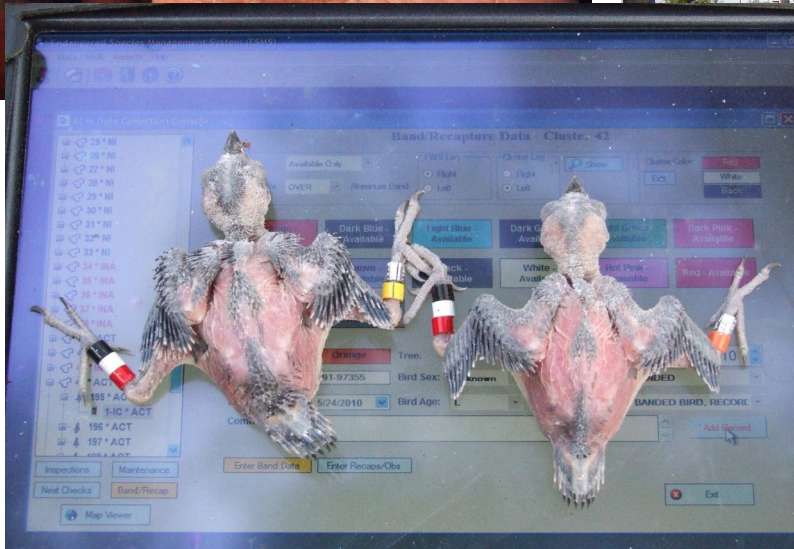
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Projected Timber Management Actions on Fort Gordon (FY24-29)



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Red-cockaded Woodpecker

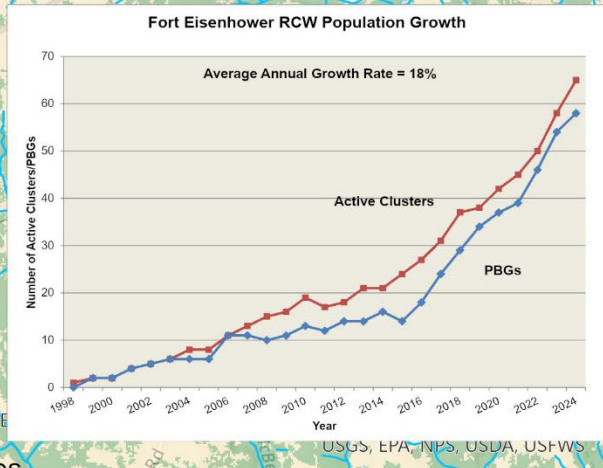


RCW Progress from 1995 to 2024

- 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



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Fort Eisenhower Red-cockaded Woodpecker Progress in 2025



RCW Progress from 1995 to 2025

- Active Clusters 2025
- RCW HMU
- Roads**
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Potential Red-cockaded Woodpecker Recruitment Clusters (FY 2025 - FY 2029), Fort Gordon, US Army

Potential Recruitment Clusters

Fiscal Year

- ◆ 2025
- ✚ 2026
- ▲ 2027
- ★ 2028
- 2029

RCW Cluster Centers by Status

- Active
- Inactive
- Current Recruitment

RCW HMU

Training Area Boundaries

Installation Boundary

Cluster Data as of August 2025

Active Clusters: 72

PBGs: 69

Banded: 124 in 2025

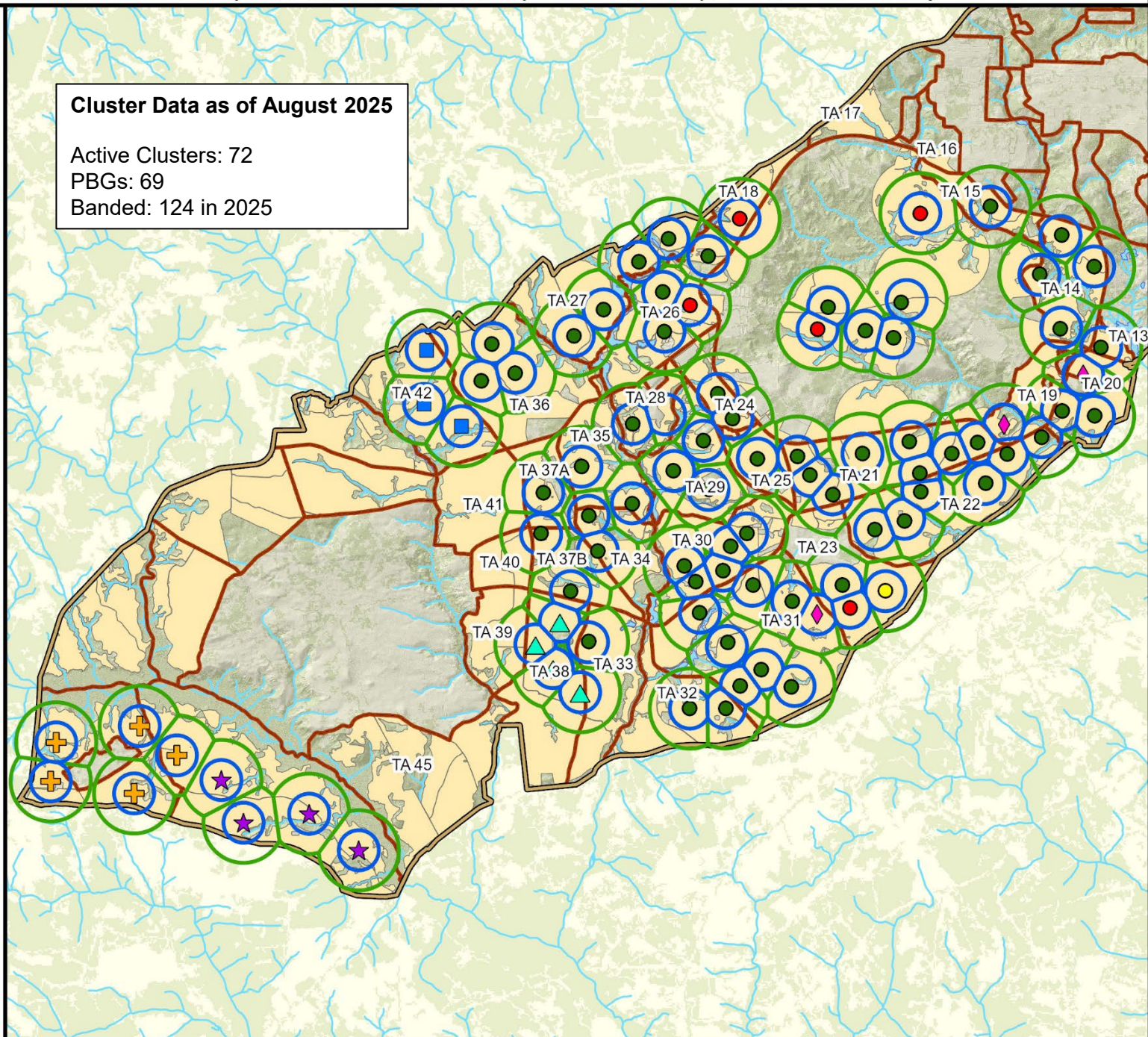
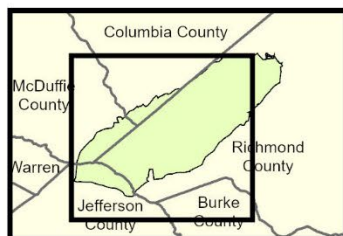
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Threatened and Endangered Species Management

Red-cockaded Woodpecker HMU Management Actions

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	Total
Burned Acres	7555	9420	5700	7300	7550	<u>37,525</u> <u>7505/yr.</u>
Herbicide Acres	1605	2105	1200	315	1527	<u>6,752</u> <u>1350/yr.</u>
Mulched Acres	273	355	598	614	178	<u>2,018</u> <u>403/yr.</u>
Timber Stand Improvements	53	732	457	650	1970	<u>3,862</u> <u>772/yr.</u>
Acres Planted in Longleaf	165	520	201	150	150	<u>1,186</u> <u>237/yr.</u>
Acres Planted with Wiregrass	220	456	268	248	21	<u>1,213</u> <u>242/yr.</u>

HURRICANE HELENE

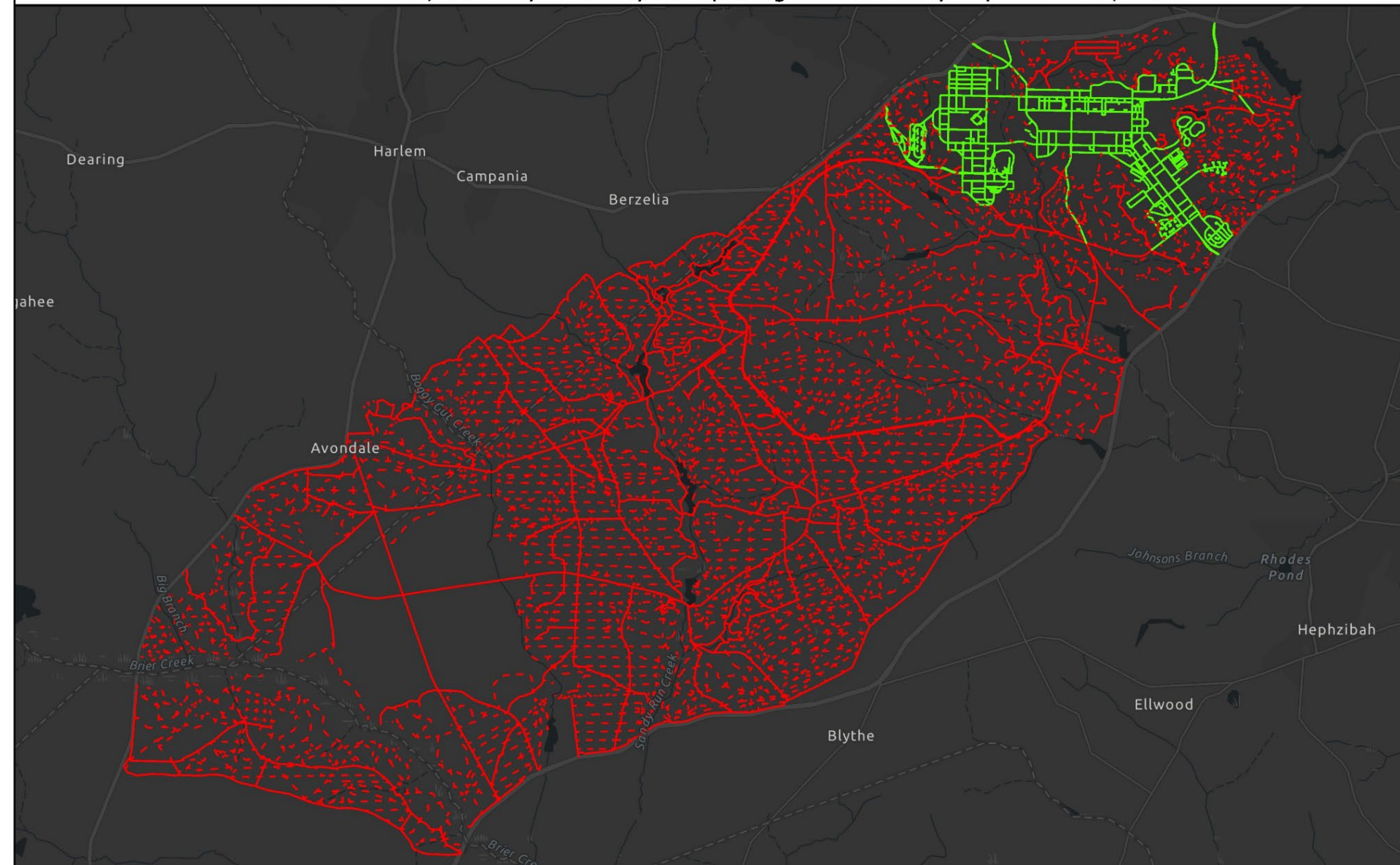


Damage from Hurricane Helene

- September 27: Hurricane Helene hits Fort Eisenhower
- Sept 27- Oct 10: Post closed to all non-essential personnel(13 days)
- October 11: Post re-opens
- All NRB efforts were to gain access to primary access roads and RCW sites
- Rented two front end loaders with grapples to clear roads
- Sept 27- Nov 26: no recreational activity allowed on Fort Eisenhower
- November 27: iSportsman reopens for recreational activities in limited areas



Fort Eisenhower, US Army Roadway Re-Opening Status: Friday September 27, 2024



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1984 UTM Zone 17 North MGRS Grid Zone 17S.
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Road Re-Opened Post-Helene

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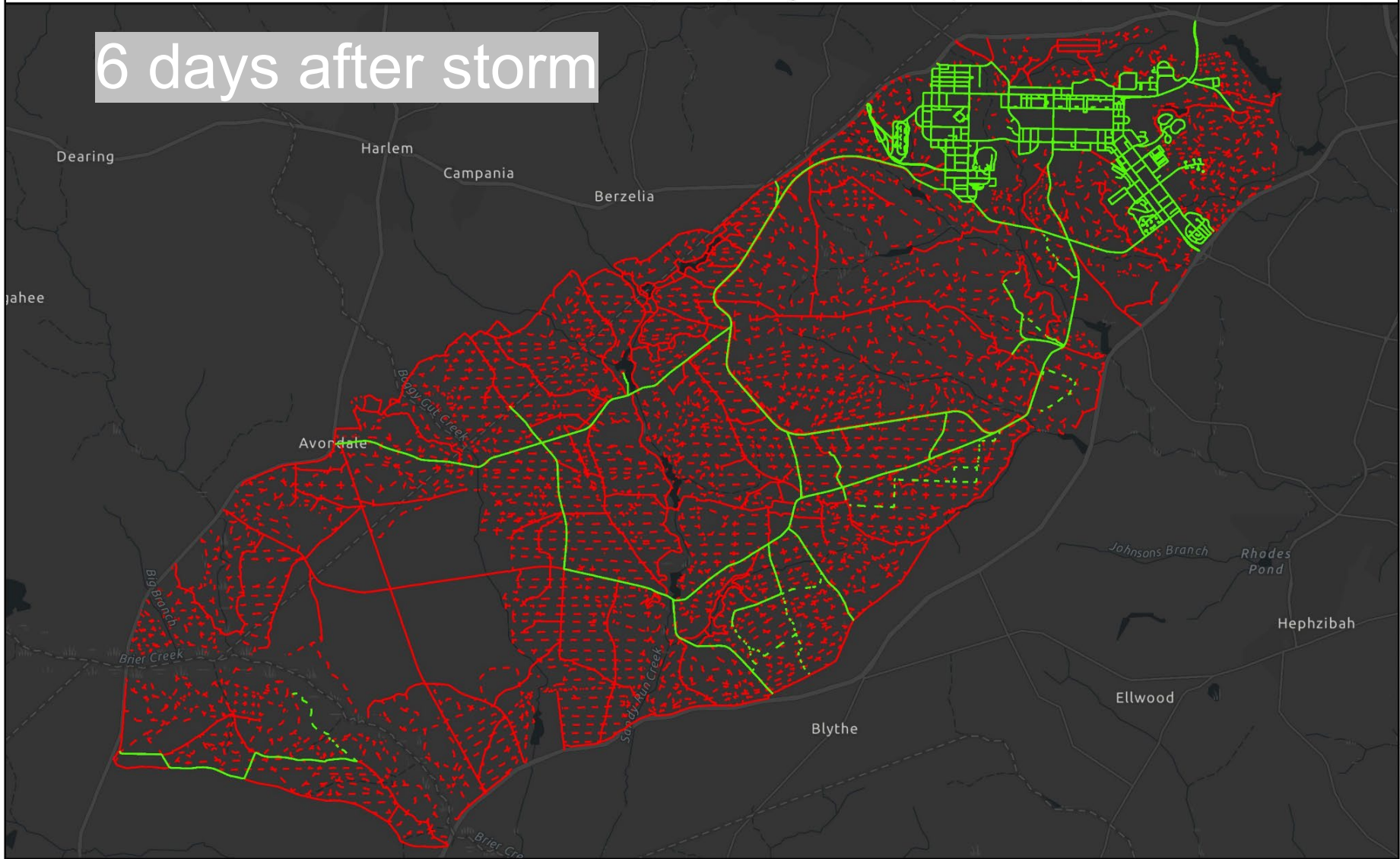
Firebreak Re-Opened Post-Helene

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6 days after storm

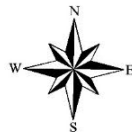


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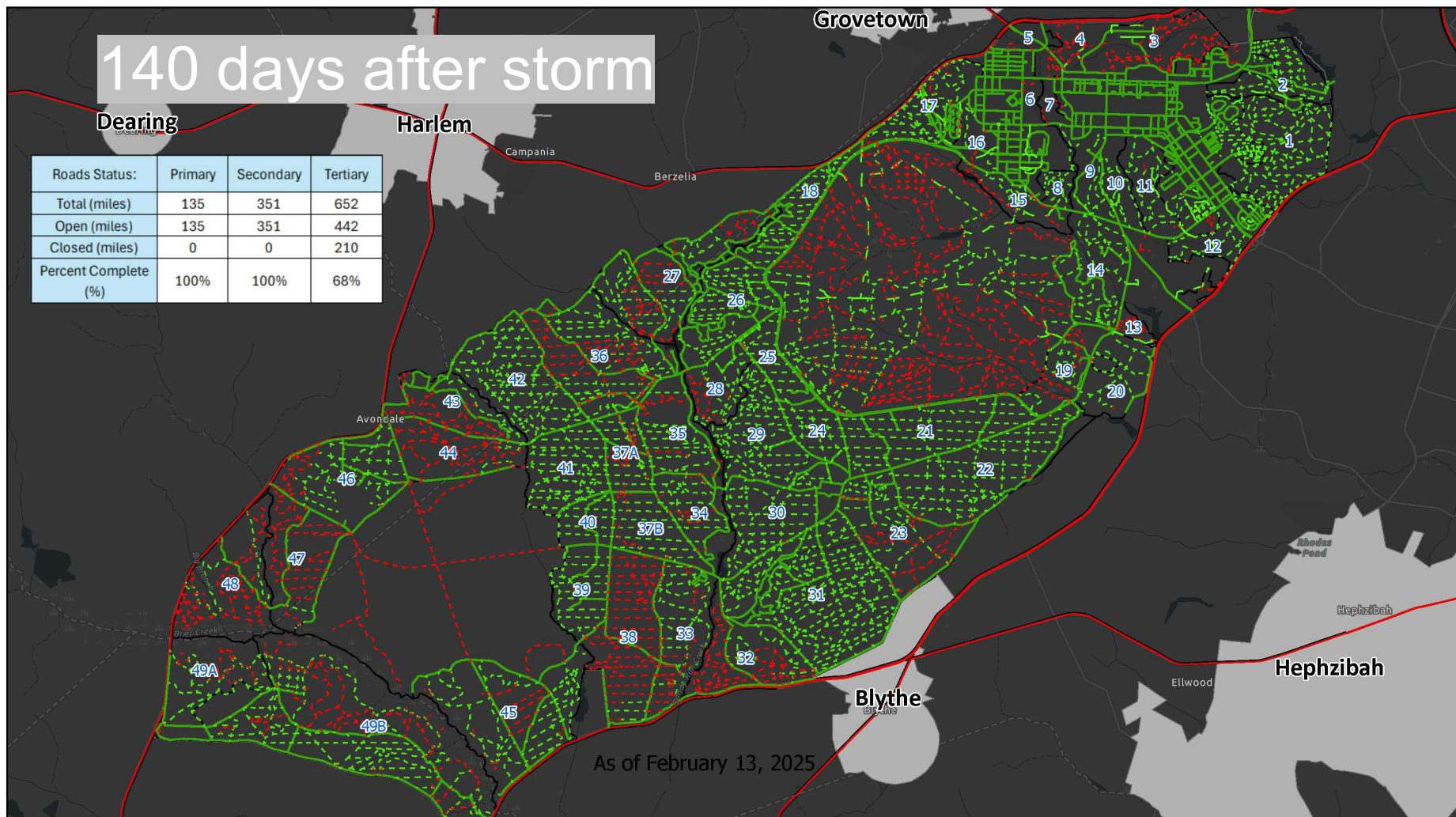
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140 days after storm

Roads Status:	Primary	Secondary	Tertiary
Total (miles)	135	351	652
Open (miles)	135	351	442
Closed (miles)	0	0	210
Percent Complete (%)	100%	100%	68%

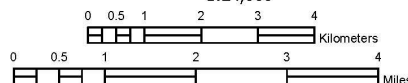


MIM Road Class
 — Primary
 — Secondary
 — Tertiary

— Highways
 Training Area
 - - - FirebreaksRemainingUnopened
 - - - FirebreaksReopenedbyNRB

Fort Eisenhower Road Re-opening Status

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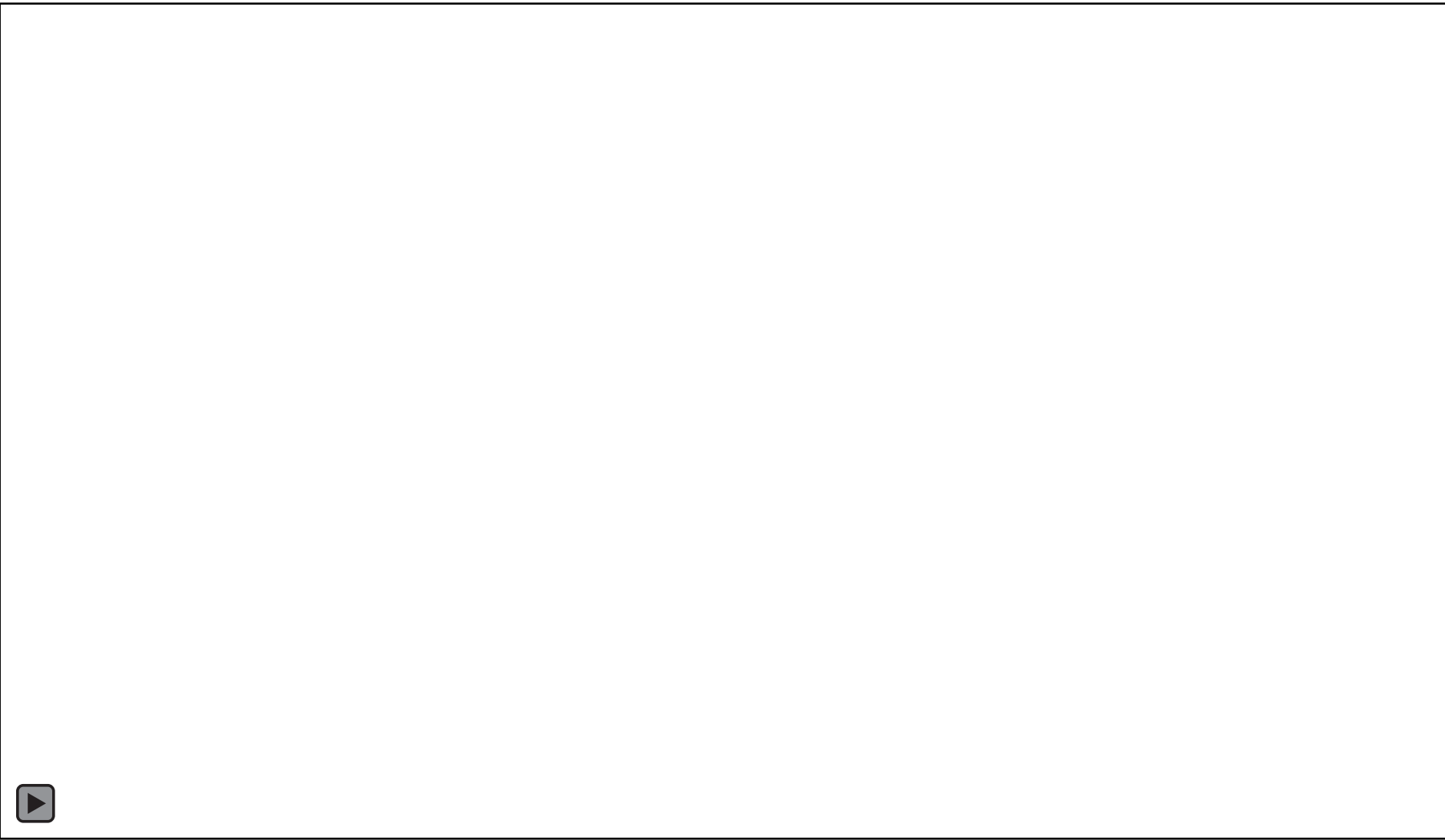


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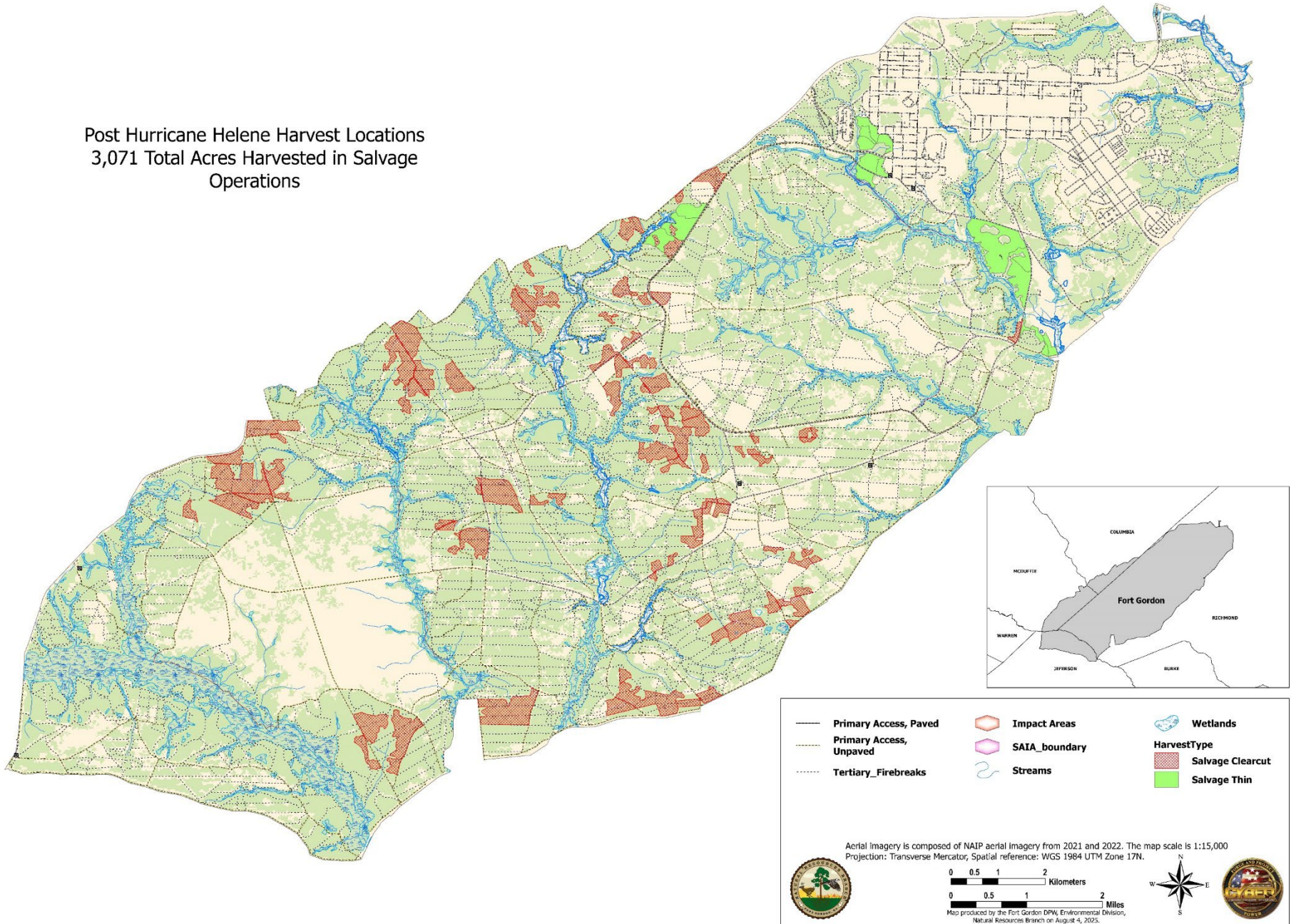
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Post Hurricane Helene Harvest Locations
3,071 Total Acres Harvested in Salvage
Operations



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Hurricane Helene Forestry Impact

- 3,071 acres of timber harvested under a salvage contract
 - 2,488 acres clearcut
 - 583 acres thinned
- Salvage price \$3/ton vs normal price \$16/ton
- Money generated from salvaged timber: \$366,000
- Estimated loss of \$1.2 million in timber
- 9 different logging crews here at one time.
- Total number of timber sales since hurricane: 18
 - Multiple mods to timber contracts (add on acres)



Ta 30 during logging





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RCW Hurricane Damage

- Trees Before the Storm: 377
- Down/Leaning Trees: 85 (23%)
 - 8 snapped trees
 - 14 leaning trees
- Dead Trees: 71 (19%)
 - Active Trees Dead: 46
- New cavity trees installed: 70 (including 3 recruitment clusters)
- Current Trees: 376
- Replacements: 11



Game and Fish Management



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Game Management



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21X Account

- Money generated between 1 September 2024 – 25 August 2025 from the sale of Fort Gordon iSportsman permits (Hunting, Fishing, Outdoor Rec) = \$67820 going into the 21X account (FY 25 budget). Total spent this year \$61,307 + \$12,855 (iSportsman) = \$74,162
- All money (100%) collected into the 21X account is spent on Fort Gordon to support the hunting and fishing program.
- \$36,683 spent on Fisheries Management: Fish food/feeders (\$6318); Fish stocking: Trout (\$5000), Catfish (\$6465), Bream (\$7565), Bass (\$3235); Little Beaver structure repair (\$1100); Aquatic Herbicide (\$7000)
- \$22,624 spent on Game Management: Dove Fields (\$2620), Chufa/fertilizer (\$5260), FY24 Fall food plots seed (\$6334) and fertilizer (\$5960), FY25 Fall food plots (\$2420)
- Equipment and supplies: \$2000
- Remaining expenses for FY25: catfish stocking and fall food plots (~\$10,000)

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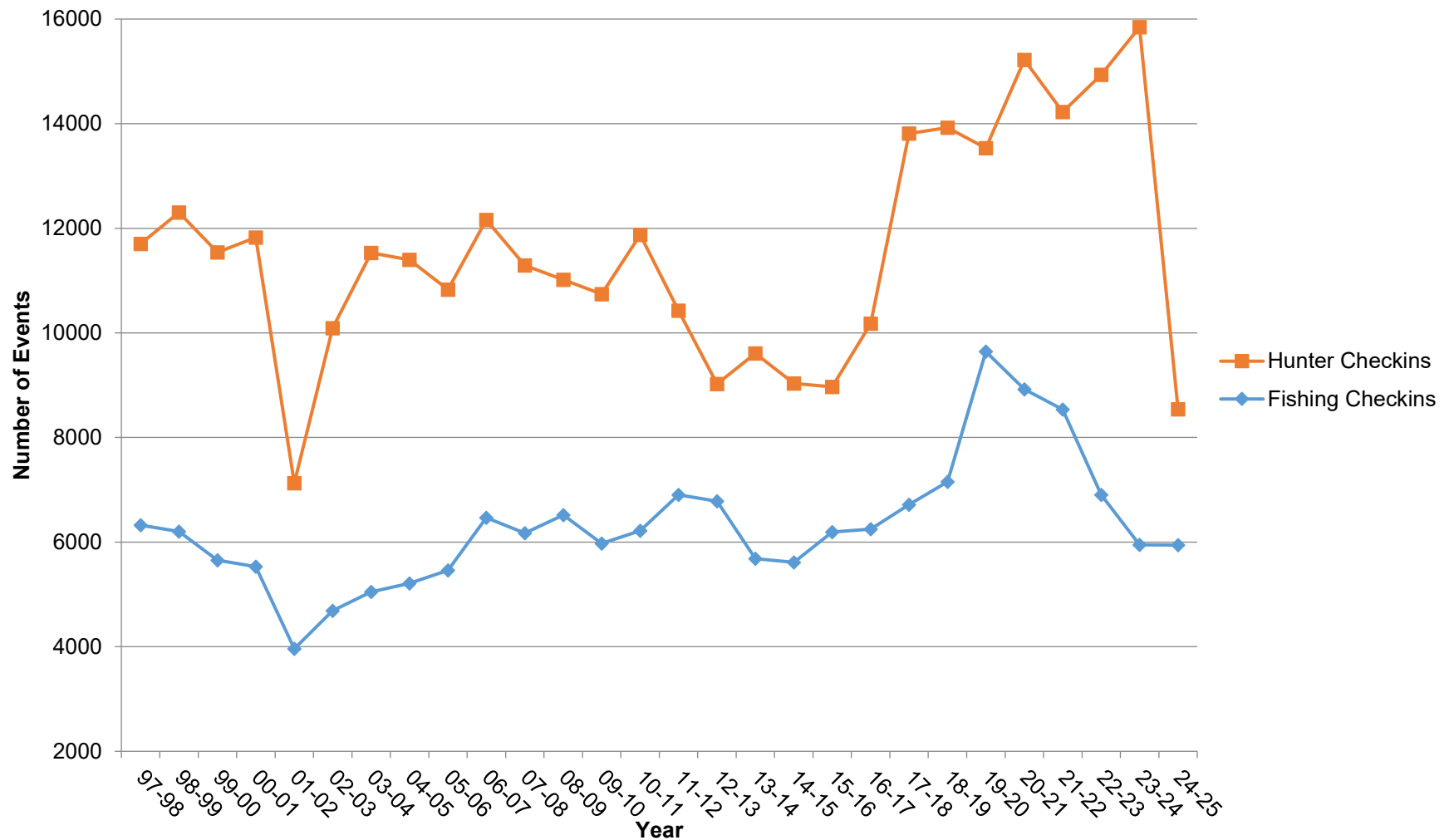
2024-2025 Game Harvest Summary

- White-tailed Deer
 - Total- 104
 - Bucks- 48
 - Does- 56
 - Fawns- 7 (7% harvest)
 - (taken from the above numbers)
- Wild Turkey
 - Total- 26
- Small Game
 - Mourning Dove- 862
 - Gray Squirrel- 1
 - Waterfowl- 31
 - Northern Bobwhite- 21
 - Raccoon- 1
 - Rabbit- 1
- Other
 - Coyotes- 5

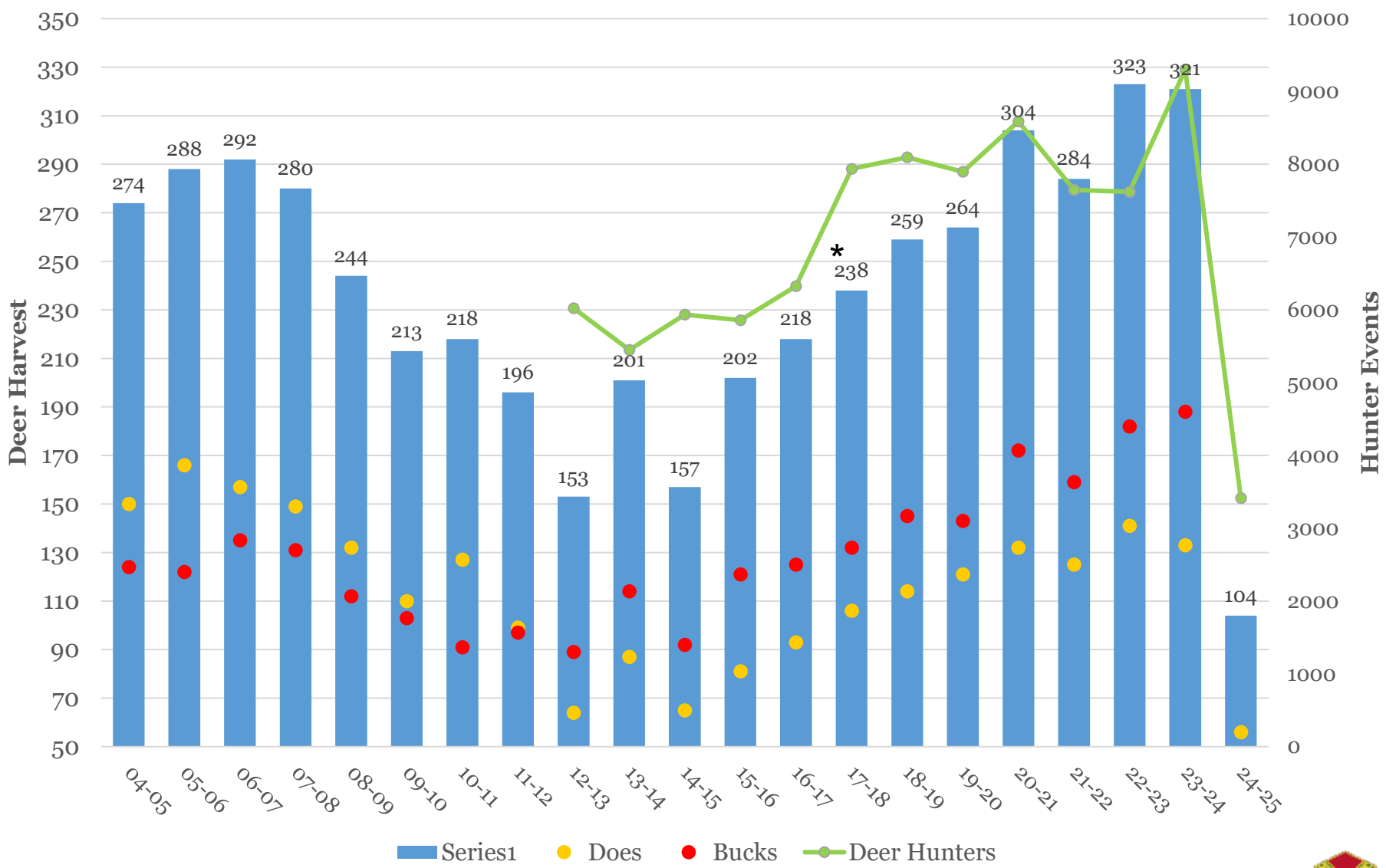


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Hunter and Fishermen Events Trend

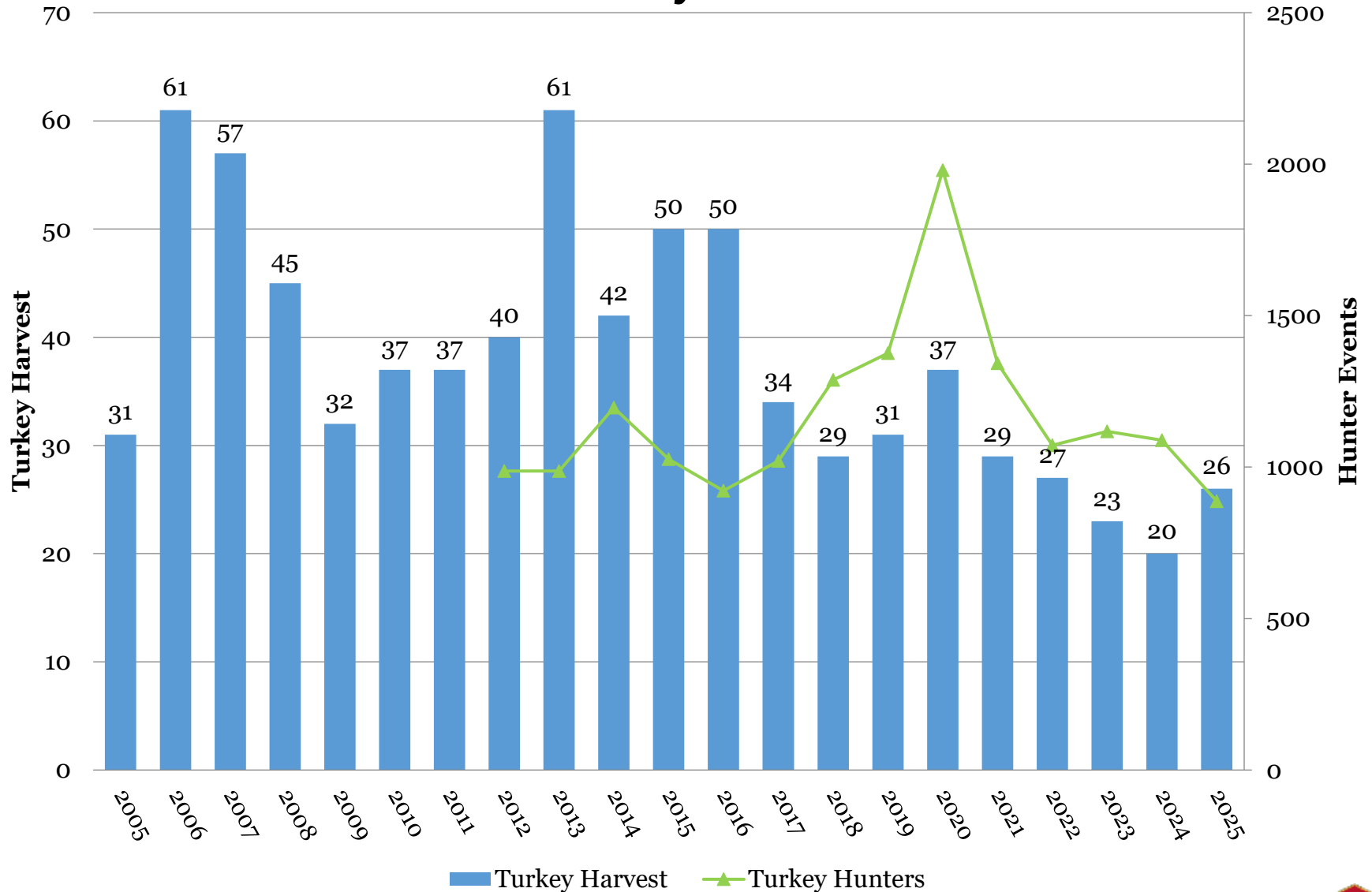


20-Year Deer Harvest Trend



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20-Year Turkey Harvest Trend



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Deer Management Goals

- **Archery Only**

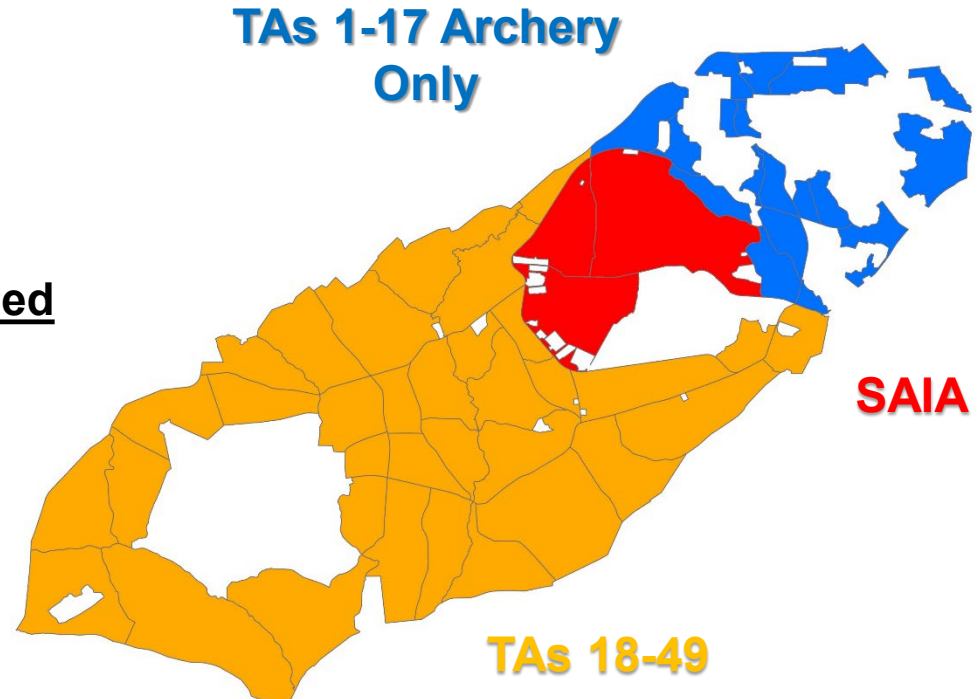
- Population reduction
- Either sex all season
- State bag limits apply
- TA's 1-17 will have an Extended Archery Season this season (thru Jan. 31).

- **SAIA**

- Closed to hunting until further notice

- **TAs 18-49**

- Maximize annual sustainable harvest
- Either sex all regular season
- State bag limits apply (no more antlerless quota)
- Early antlerless only firearms season (October 4-5)



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Antlerless Deer Harvest Quota and Regulation Reminder

- GADNR buck-only season does not apply on Fort Gordon (Either-Sex all season).
- **GADNR early antlerless firearms season will be Oct 4-5 in TAs 18-49 (Antlerless ONLY)**
- State bag limits for archery **AND firearms zones**.
- 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 3 bucks and 2 does were harvested during this extended season.



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2025 Deer Camera Survey

- Deer camera survey was not conducted this year due to decrease in manpower and limited availability of funds



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2024 Deer Camera Survey Results

Total number, density, and demographic estimates for white-tailed deer on Ft. Gordon in fall 2024 at the camera grid level.								
	Estimate							
Zone	Grid	Bucks	Does	Fawns	Total	Fawn/Doe	Buck/Doe	Density (Deer/mi ²)
Archery	1	27.36	166.17	30.08	223.61	0.18	0.16	143.11
Archery	2	23.94	74.05	12.94	110.93	0.17	0.32	71.00
18-49	3	60.42	30.37	2.89	93.67	0.10	1.99	59.95
18-49	4	26.22	88.49	11.10	125.82	0.13	0.30	80.52
18-49	5	33.06	47.26	5.57	85.89	0.12	0.70	54.97
18-49	6	31.92	62.50	7.91	102.33	0.13	0.51	65.49
18-49	9	74.10	73.63	3.50	151.23	0.05	1.01	96.79
18-49	10	49.02	51.58	5.35	105.95	0.10	0.95	67.81

Healthy deer density is between 15-100 deer/mi² depending on the quality of habitat

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2024 Deer Camera Survey Results

Total number, density, and demographic estimates for white tailed deer on Ft Gordon in fall of 2024 at the zone and installation level.

Zone	Estimate							
	Area (mi ²)	Density (deer/mi ²)	Fawn/Doe	Buck/Doe	Bucks	Does	Fawns	Total Deer
Archery	8.51	107.05	0.18	0.24	139.70	654.17	117.16	911.03
18-49	67.57	70.92	0.10	0.90	1935.25	2591.38	265.54	4792.17
Installation Total	76.02	88.99	0.14	0.57	2074.95	3245.55	382.70	5703.0

Healthy deer population:



Fawn/doe: 0.58

Buck/doe: 0.5-1







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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 Gordon 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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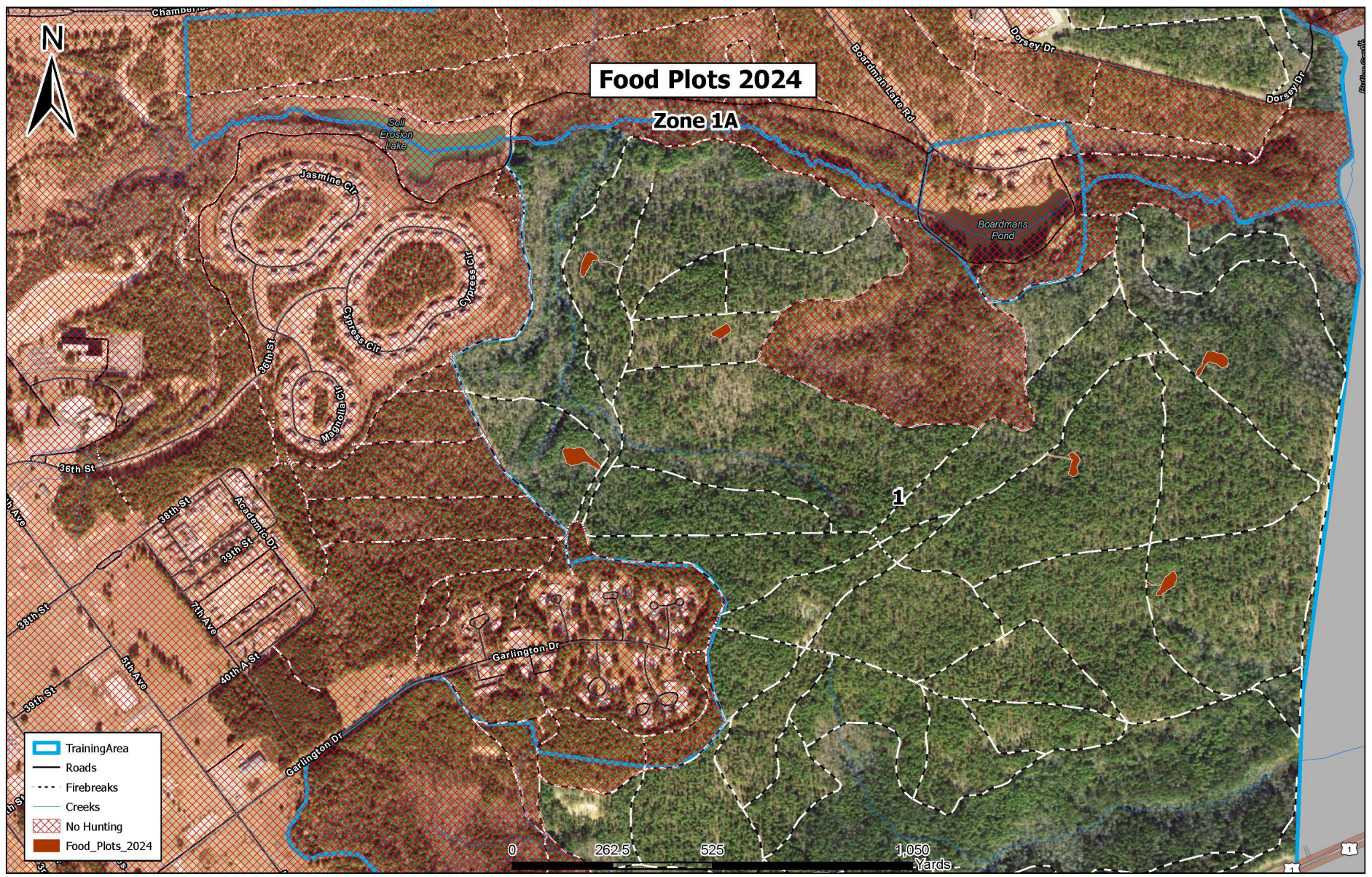
Fiscal Year 2025 Food Plot Management

Species Forage	Number of Plots (#)	Area (acres)
Chufa	60 (30 boxes)	40 ac (\$5260)
Fall Mix	14 (Archery Areas), TBD (18-49)	TBD (\$1820 + TA 18-49)
Dove Fields	6	40 ac (\$2650)
<u>Total:</u>	80 + Fall Plots	<u>80 ac + Fall Plots (\$9,730)</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 25, 80 plots have been planted in chufa, spring mix, and dove fields totaling 80 acres. Fall plots are scheduled to begin planting in early September totaling \$4500 in seed and \$4620 in fertilizer.

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Archery Area Food Plots









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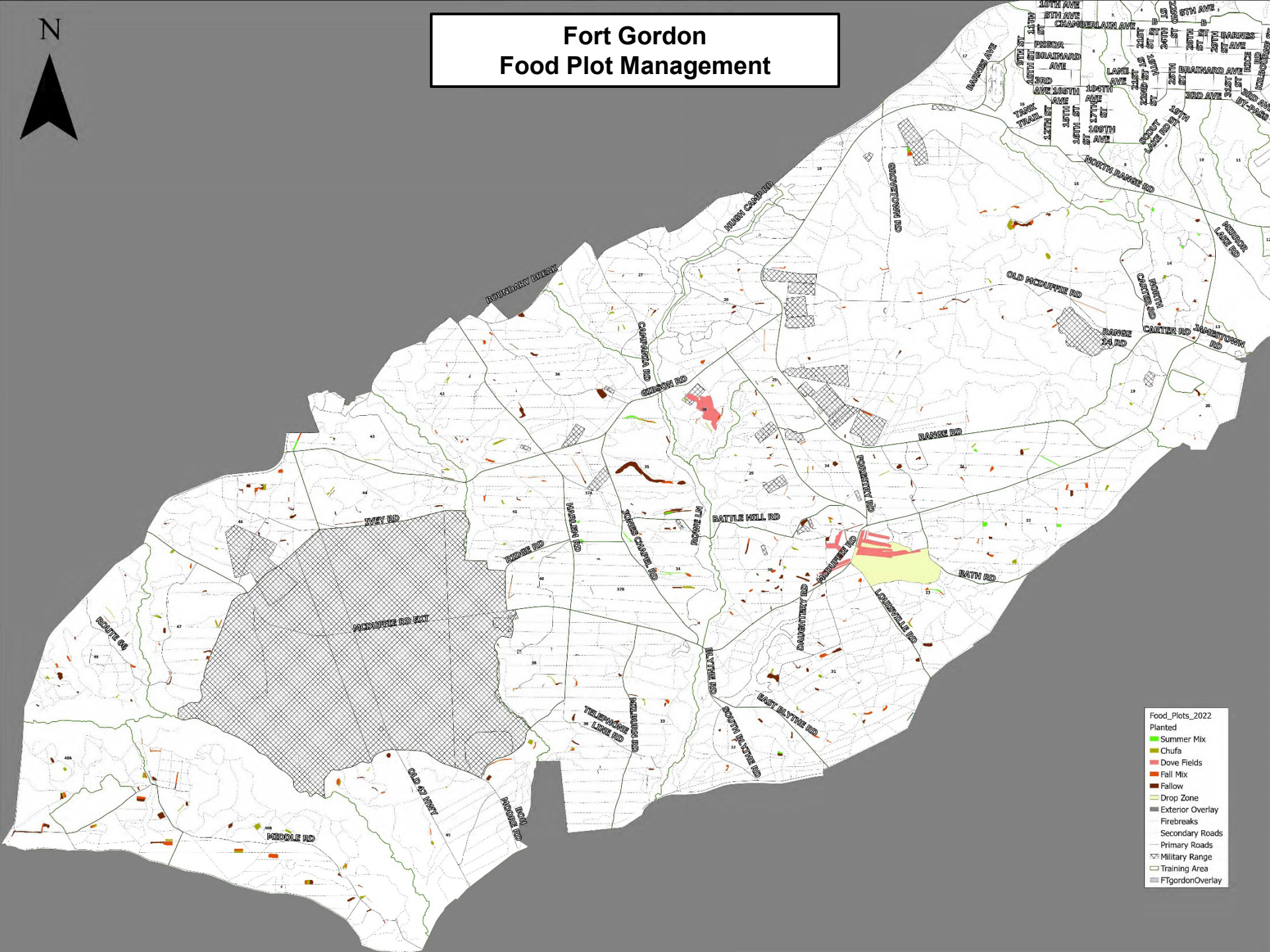
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Fort Gordon Food Plot Management

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- Planted
 - Summer Mix
 - Chufa
 - Dove Fields
 - Fall Mix
 - Fallow
 - Drop Zone
 - Exterior Overlay
 - Firebreaks
 - Secondary Roads
 - Primary Roads
 - Military Range
 - Training Area
 - FTGordonOverlay

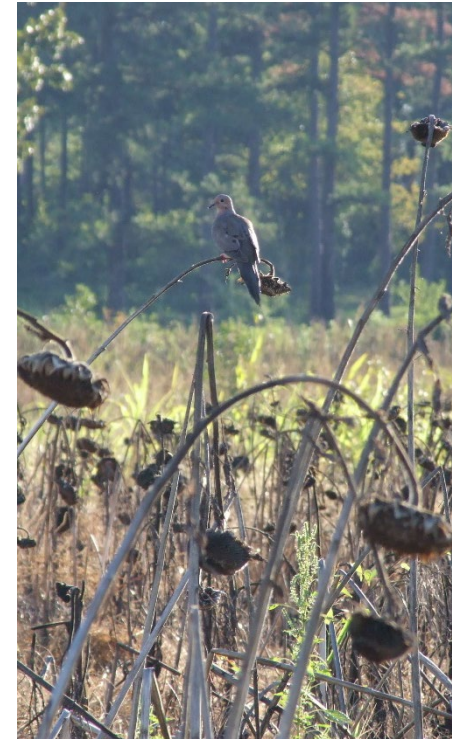
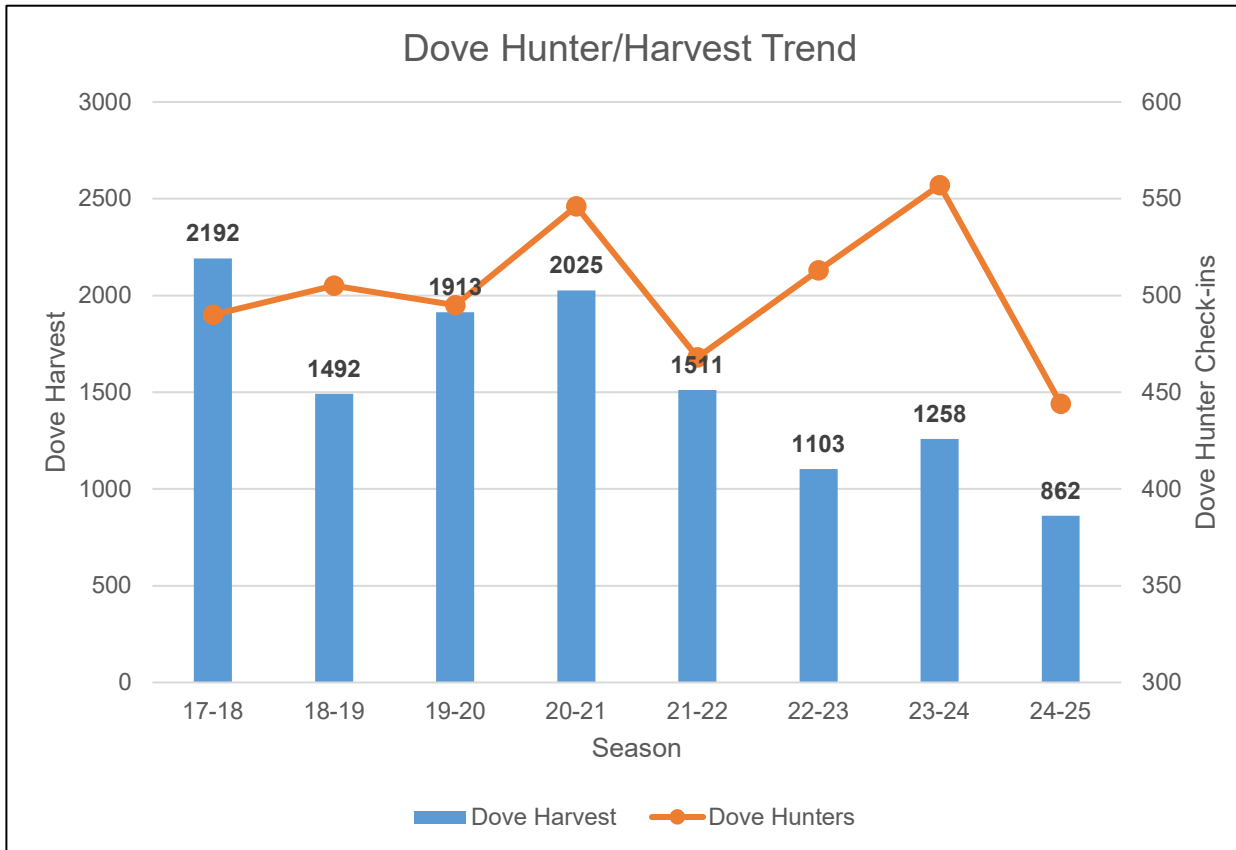
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Special Opportunities Hunting Area (14B)



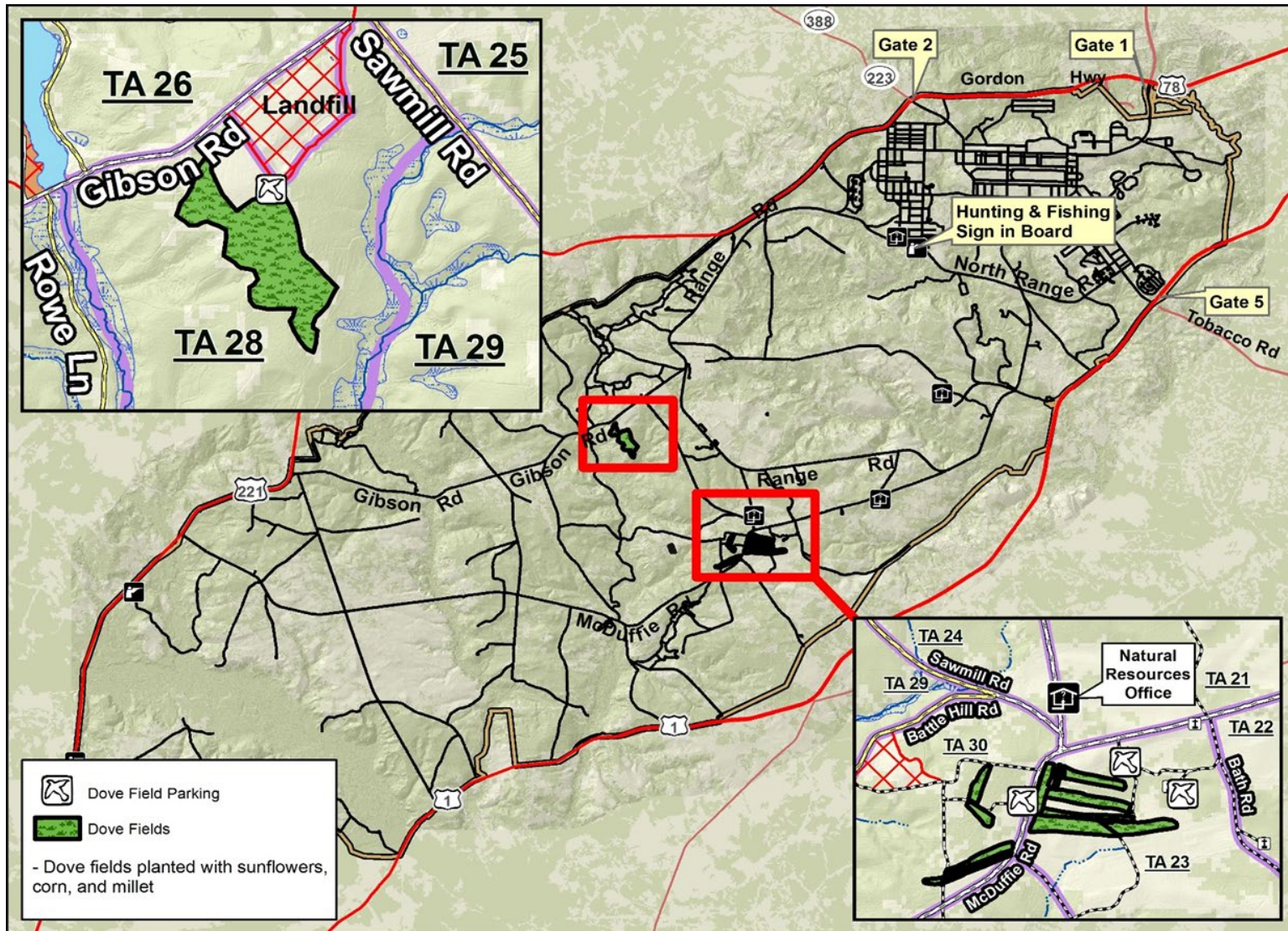
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Dove Hunting



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Dove Fields



Dove Fields 2020



Deer Damaged Dove Fields 2024



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Dove Fields 2025



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Dove Fields for 2025

- Credit cards were frozen from February - April
- Total cost for 2024 dove fields is approximately **\$11,025**.
- Total Cost for 2025 dove fields was approximately **\$2,620**
- **Seed:** Sunflowers 1 bags (\$60), Corn 1 bags (\$220), Total \$280
- **Fertilizer:** 80 bags X \$16.75 = \$1340
- **Chemicals:** \$1000
- **Electric Fence:** \$0
- Only planted 1/3 of normal dove field
- Been spraying weeds and burning in preparation for future years (killing sandspurs)

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

2025 Dove Field Schedule

Training Area	Saturday 6 Sept.	Sunday 7 Sept.	Monday 8 Sept.	9-12 Sept.	13-14 Sept.
23	Open 12:00	Open	Closed	Closed	Open
28	Open 12:00	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed
30	Open 12:00	Open	Open	Open	Open

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

- Hunting Starts at 12:00 on Saturday 6 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

CLEAN UP AFTER YOURSELVES!



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Largemouth Bass



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Fisheries Stocking to Date

<u>Lake</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u># Fish</u>	<u>Species</u>
Clay Pit 2	Sept 2024	800	Catfish
Clay Pit 3	Sept 2024	500	Catfish
Clay Pit 3	Nov 2024	1,000	Catfish
Big Beaver	Nov 2024	2,000	Catfish
Little Beaver	Nov 2024	2,000	Catfish
Fettig	Nov 2024	1,500	Catfish
Big Smoak	Nov 2024	1,500	Catfish
Little Beaver	Nov 2024	1,000	Red-ear
Little Beaver	Nov 2024	5,000	Bluegill
Big Beaver	Nov 2024	3,000	Red-ear
Big Beaver	Nov 2024	20,000	Bluegill
Big Beaver	Nov 2024	4,000	5" Catfish
Whittimore	Jan 2025	750	13-20" Rainbow Trout
Clay Pit 1	Feb 2025	17,500	2-5" Catfish
Little Beaver	Feb 2025	4,000	2-5" Catfish
Big Beaver	Feb 2025	13,500	2-5" Catfish
Little Beaver	June 2025	150	2-3" Bass
Big Beaver	June 2025	630	2-3" Bass
Clay Pit 2	June 2025	800	Catfish
Clay Pit 3	June 2025	400	Catfish



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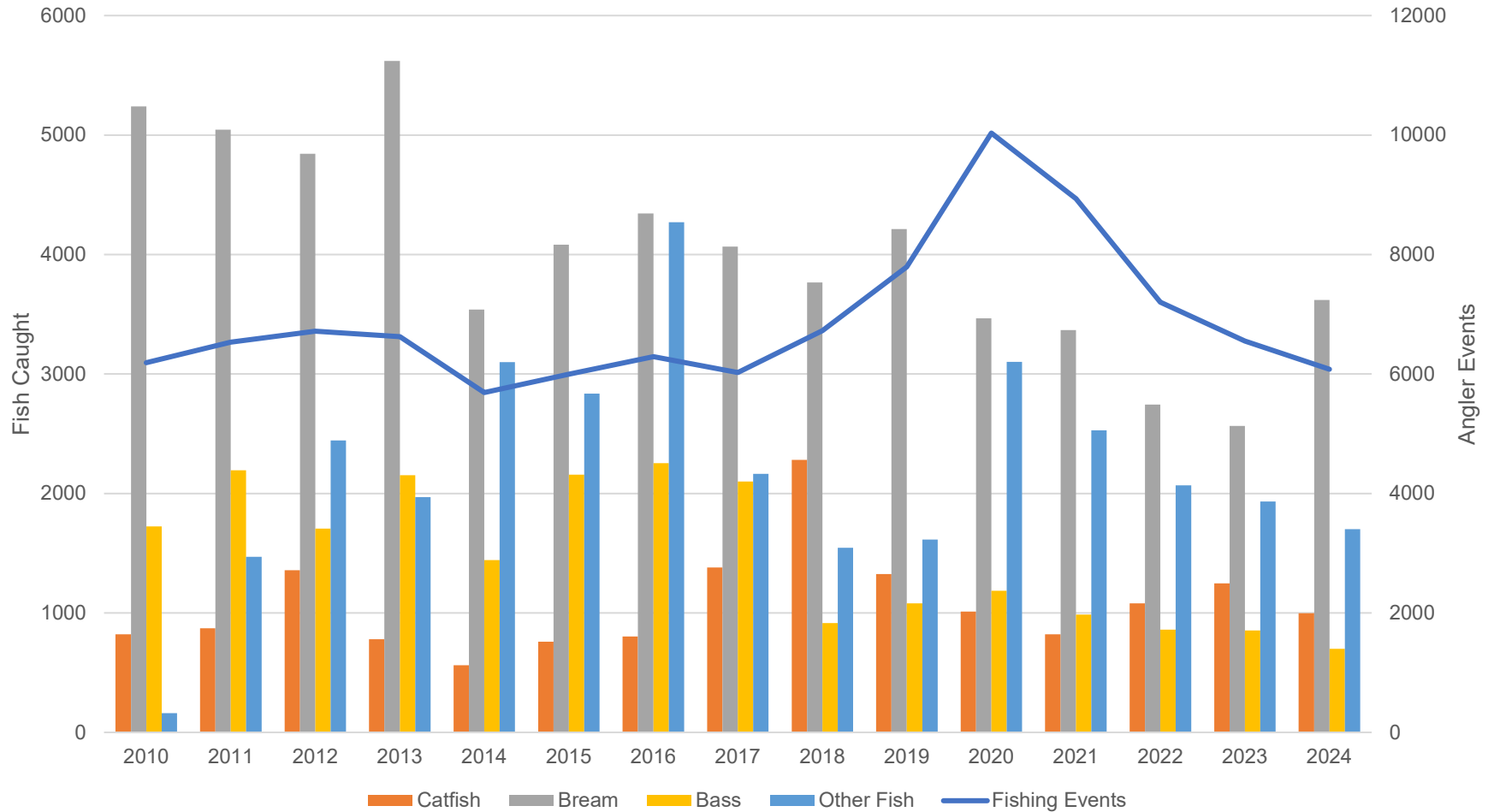
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Fish Harvest & Fishing Participation Trend

Fish Harvest Trend
2010-2024



• Trout Fishing 2025

- Whittimore Lake was stocked with 750 13-20 inch rainbow trout in January 2025. \$5000.
- Wilkerson Pond was not stocked due to pond repairs.
- Fishing opened on the first Saturday in February (Feb. 1).
- 86 fishermen checked in 319 trout during opening weekend.



• Trout Stocking 2026

- Plans are to close these lakes on 1 January 2026 and will open on 7 February 2026 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.aie.army.mil

KIDS' FISHING DERBY
JUNE 21 CLAYPIT LAKES
Registration 7am
Fishing 8am-11am
followed by lunch and awards







June 2025

- *Participants:* 118
- *Fish Caught:* 306
- *Weight:* 387lbs.
- 25 "first-time" fishers

FREE EVENT SEPTEMBER 27 **OPEN to the PUBLIC**

KIDS' FISHING DERBY & SHOOTING DAY



Fishing at Claypit Lakes

Registration: 7am

Fishing: 8am-11am

- 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, bucket and/or stringer (limit one pole per child)
- Bait provided

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

Adult must accompany children while on the ranges.

Instruction offered for:

- Archery
- Clays Shooting
- Pistol and Rifle Fire



Sponsorship Does Not Imply Army Endorsement.

706-791-5078

    
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- Herbicide Spraying for Aquatic Weeds
 - Mirror (2)
 - Union Mill (2)
 - Wilkerson (2)
 - Clay Pit 1 & 2 (1)
 - Eisenhower (2)
 - Rachel 1 & 2 (1)
 - Lower Leitner (2)
- Total Herbicide Cost: \$4850



Big Beaver









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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 was stocked with shellcracker, bluegill, bass, and catfish.



- **Big Beaver:**

- Nov 2024 stocked Bluegill and Shellcrackers. Cost \$5,000.
- June 2025 stocked Largemouth Bass. Cost \$2300
- Open for fishing October 2026.

- **Little Beaver:**

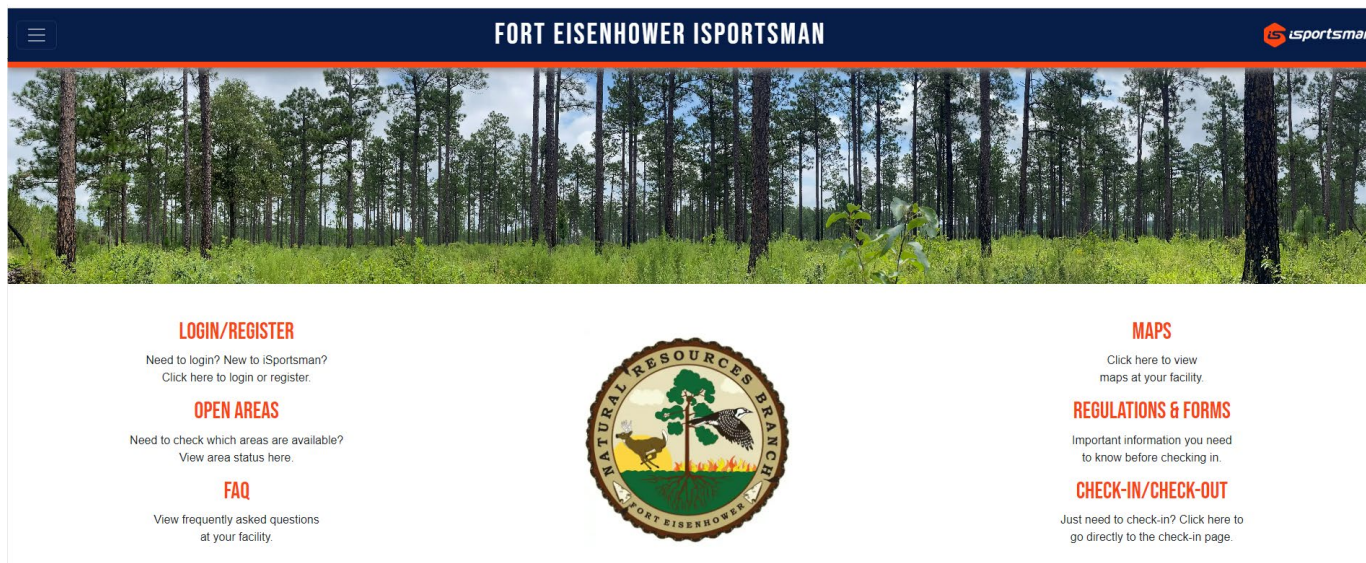
- Nov 2024 stocked Bluegill and Shellcrackers. Cost \$2560.
- June 2025 stocked Largemouth Bass. Cost \$1100.
- Open for fishing October 2026.

iSportsman

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iSportsman

- <https://ftgordon.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)



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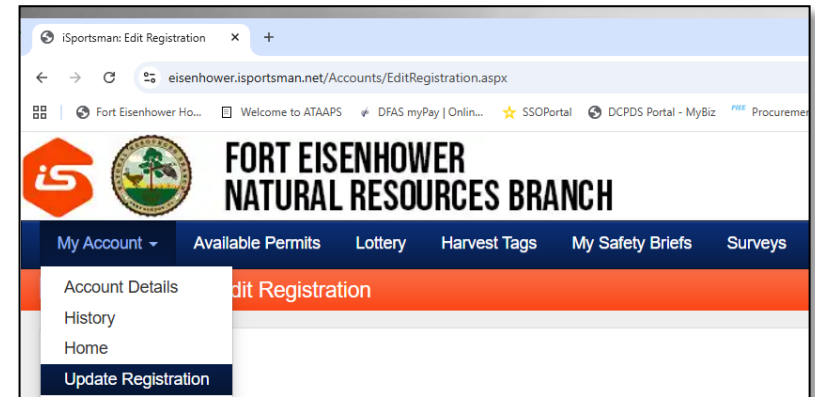
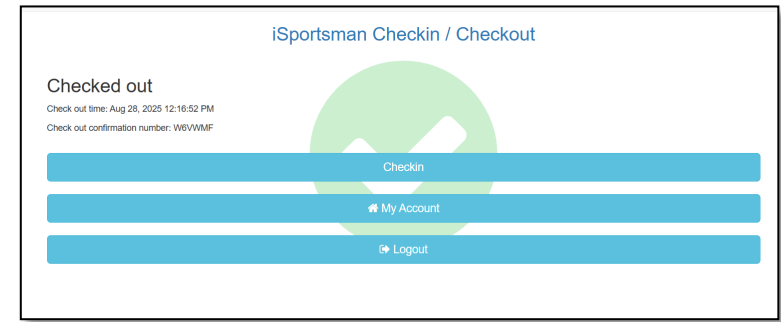
Basic iSportsman Website Information

- ✓ 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.**



Phone (required)

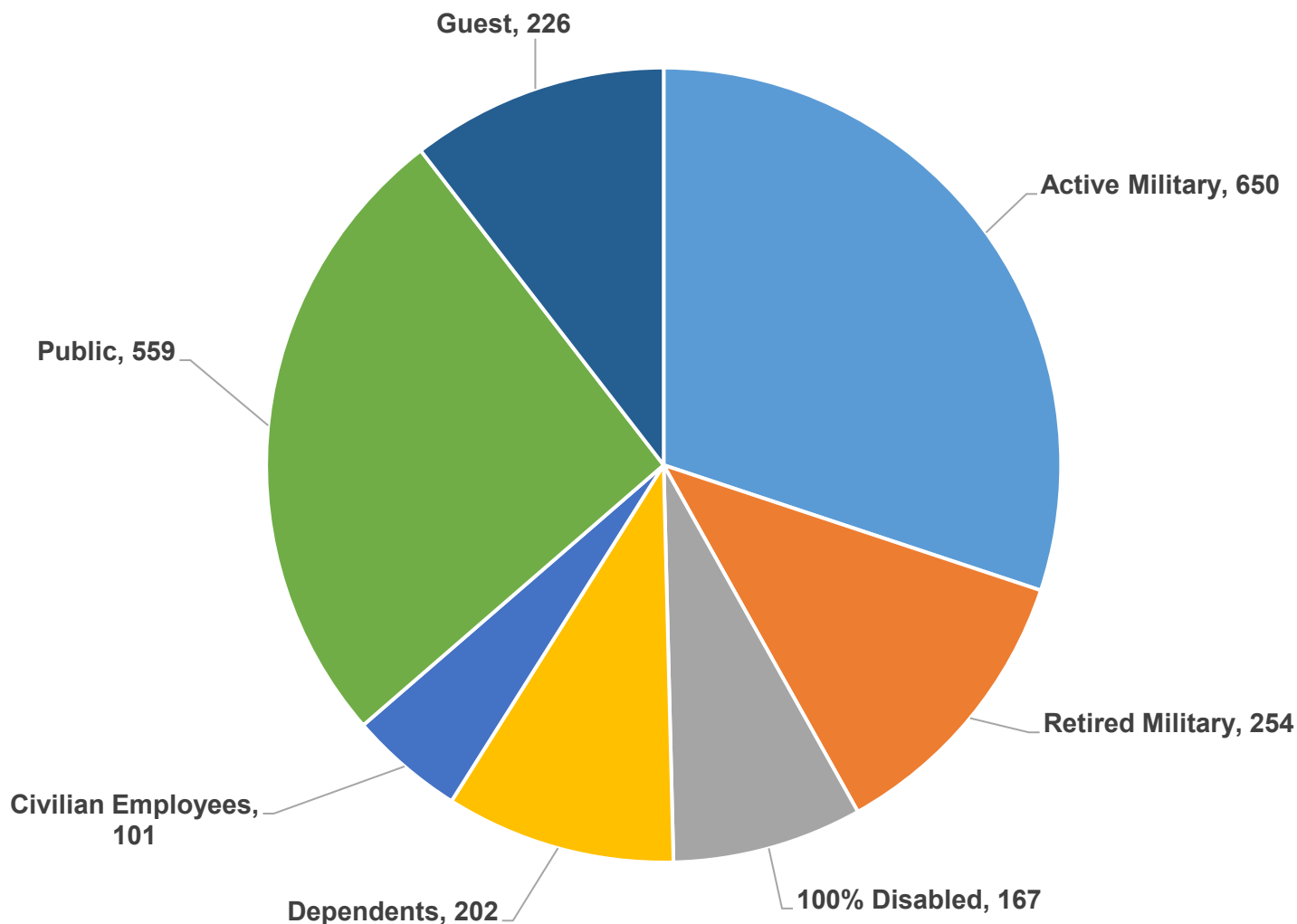
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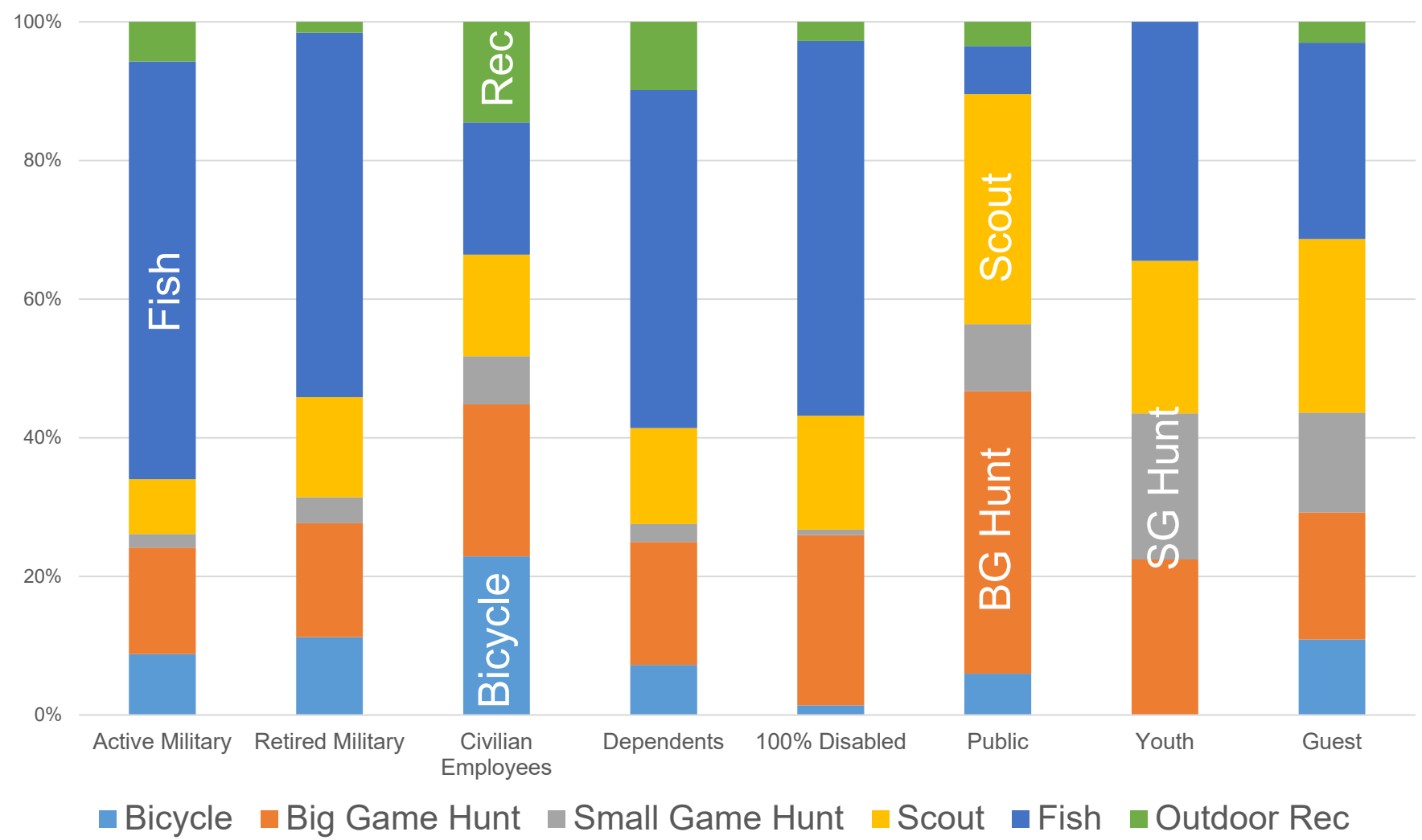
Text Messages ☒ Yes ☐ No

Can this number receive text (SMS) messages? Texting is used only for emergency administration messages while recreating.

Permit Sale Demographics



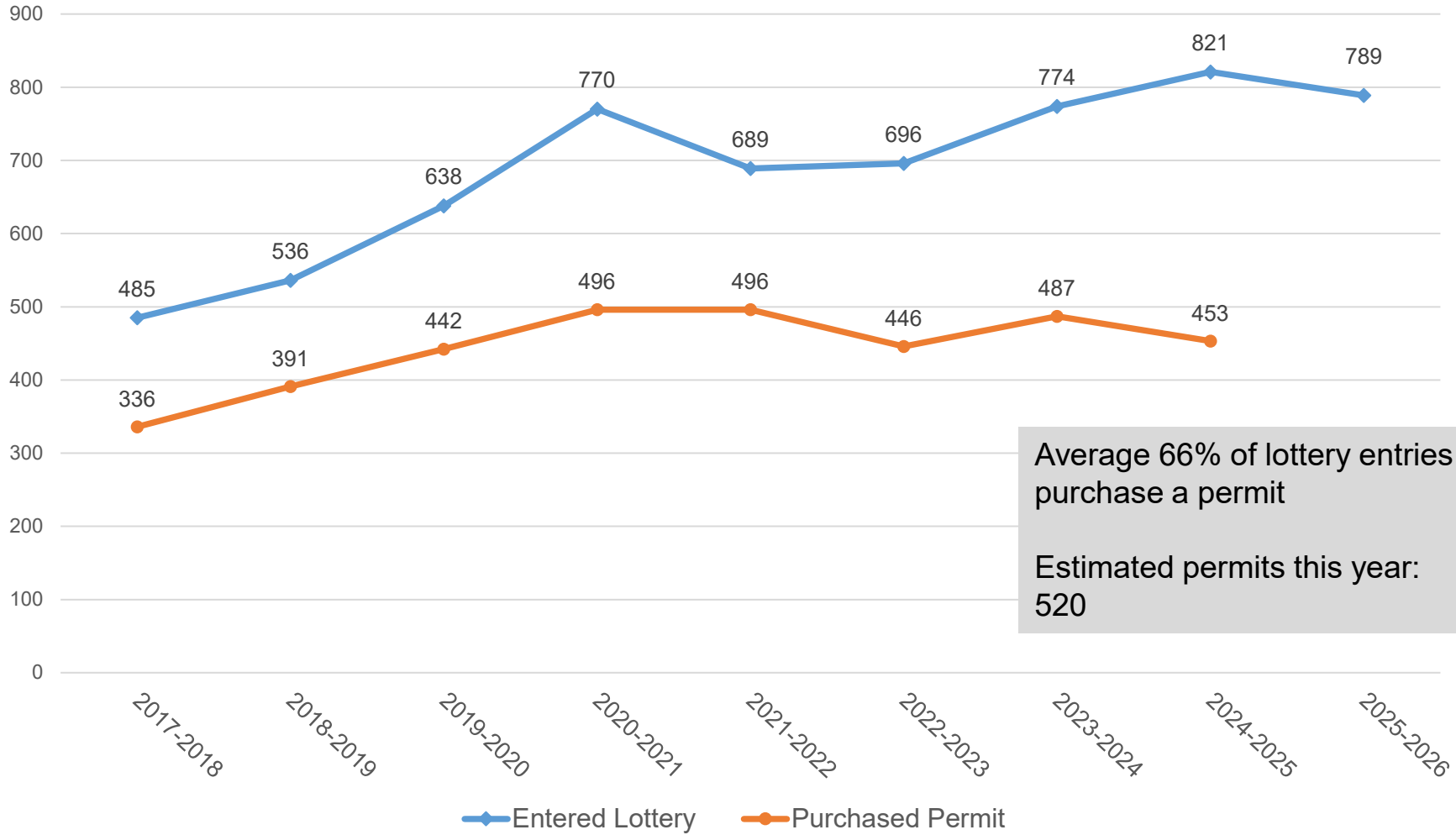
Activity Use by Customer Type



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Public Access Lottery

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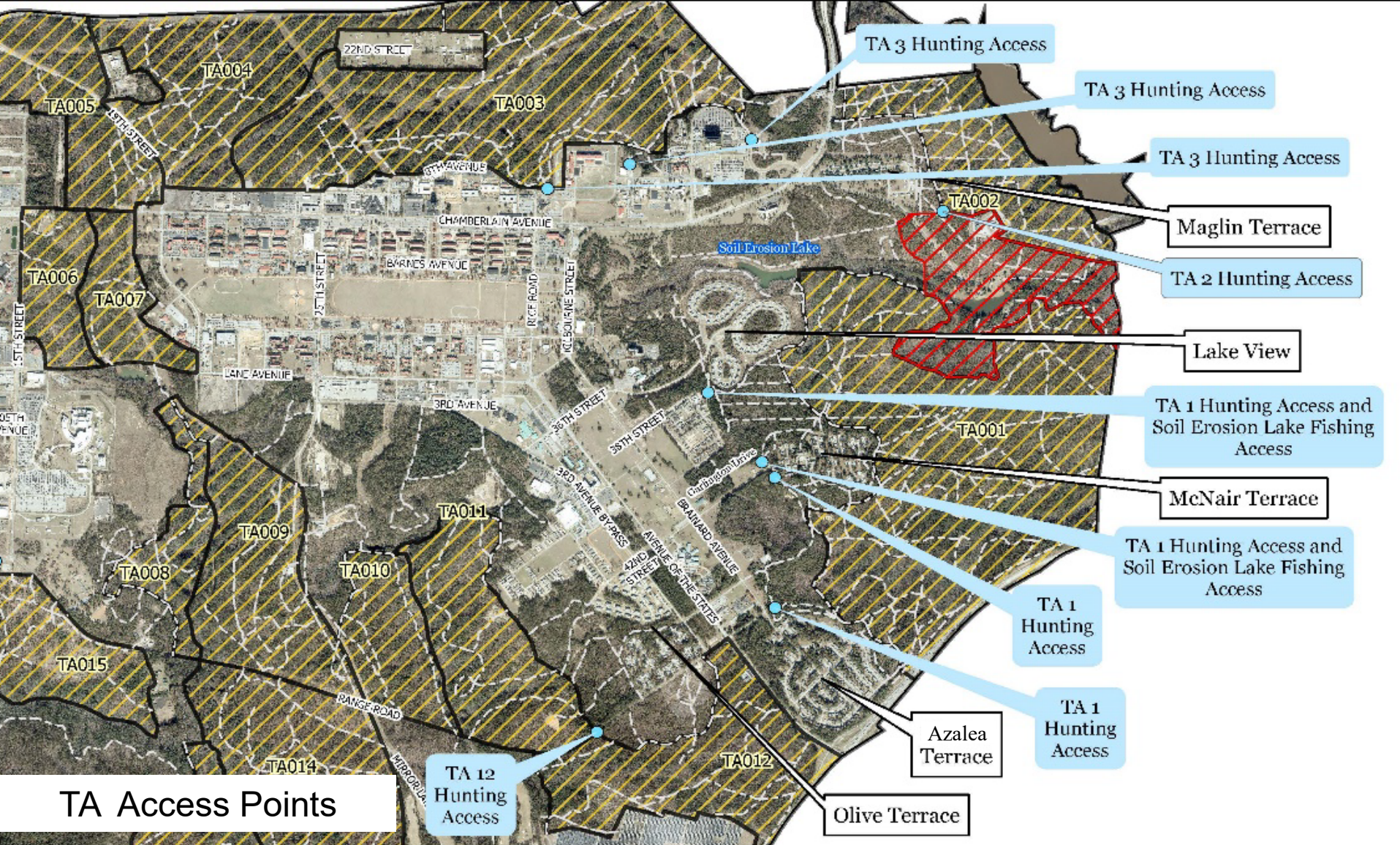
Installation Access Reminders

- 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 FG Form 9243 (newest updated version) to the VCC and a copy of your driver's license.
 - Wait 30 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 visitor's pass ahead of time (VCC closed Saturdays and Sundays).

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Regulation Reminders

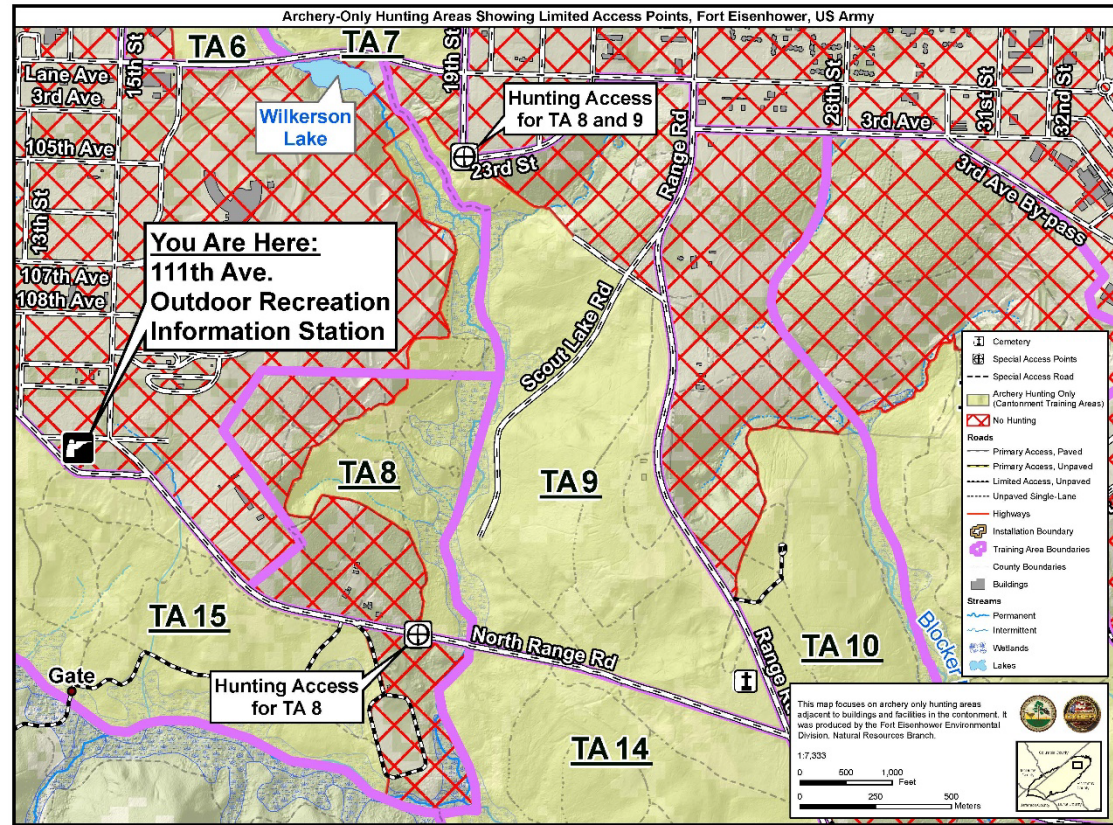
- Participants must have a daily or weekly permit. Sponsor and participant must also have a completed NAF form 7160 or 9243.
- All hunters, regardless of age, must have a hunter education certificate to hunt.
- All sportsmen need to display a Fort Gordon Training Area Parking pass. They can be printed 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 Gordon 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.



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TA 8 Hunting

- Potential Hunting Days for TA 8
 - Monday November 3
 - Monday November 17
 - Monday December 8
 - Monday December 15
 - Monday January 12



Natural Resources Contact Information

Natural Resources Branch
(Business Hours)*
(706) 791-9932/2397/9983

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) 832-7661
(706) 791-9983/2397

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 Gordon
911.

Upcoming Changes



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Upcoming Changes

- Regulation 420-5 Update
 - We are working to update the Hunting Fishing and Training Area Recreation regulation by the end of the year
 - Trail camera ban
 - Training Area 17 new boundary
 - Potential updates
 - Straightwall Caliber
 - Violation updates
- FG Form 9243 Processing
 - DES manpower reduction has caused delays in processing 9243
 - No overtime approval to process 9243 forms
 - Approval granted to pay for DES overtime from 21x funds, estimated cost \$3100

iSportsman Cost for FY 2026

- In 2025 IMCOM required \$12,855 for iSportsman, approx 15% of FY 24 (\$86,130) budget.
- In 2024 IMCOM required \$27,210 for iSportsman, approx 37% of FY 23 (\$73.825) budget.
- In 2023 IMCOM required \$15,642 for iSportsman, approx 19.5% of FY 22 (\$80,220) budget.
- In 2022 IMCOM required \$20,000 for iSportsman, approx 29% of FY 21 (\$68,565) budget.

4-year 21x average = \$77,185

PROPOSED FUTURE ISPORTSMAN COST FROM IMCOM

- Number of installation users X \$15 = installation iSportsman cost
- FY 26 Fort Gordon iSportsman users 2433 X \$15 =\$36,495
- Projected FY 25 Budget \$70,000 - \$36,495(iSportsman) = \$33,505.
- iSportsman will cost approximately 52% of FY 25(\$70,000) budget.
- ISportsman cost \$36,495 + DES Cost \$3,100 = \$39,595 Admin cost
- \$39,595 / \$77,185 = 51% of annual budget at current fee schedule.

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Proposed Fee Schedule

PERMIT	PROPOSED COST	CURRENT COST
Hunting (Small Game Only)	\$45	\$30
Hunting (Small and Big Game)	\$65	\$50
Fishing	\$45	\$30
Training Area Recreation	\$35	\$20
100% Service-Disabled Hunting and Fishing	\$35	\$20
Nighttime Hunting	\$25	\$20
Public Access Lottery Entry Fee	\$25	\$10
Public Access Hunting (Small Game Only)	\$40	\$25
Public Access Hunting (Big and Small Game)	\$60	\$45
Public Access Fishing	\$40	\$25
1-Day Participant Hunting (Small and Big)	\$15	\$10
7-Day Participant Hunting (Small and Big)	\$75	\$50
1-Day Participant Fishing	\$10	\$5
7-Day Participant Fishing	\$50	\$25
Youth Hunting and Fishing	FREE	FREE

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Money Generated with Fee Increase

- Based on 3-year average of permit sales

Permit Category	Average # Permits Sold	Cost Increase	Total
Hunting	315	\$15	\$4,725
Fishing	742	\$15	\$11,130
100% Disabled	133	\$15	\$1,845
Outdoor Recreation	263	\$15	\$3,945
Guest	367	\$5/day	\$2,275
Public Access	801 entry; 592 permits	\$15 entry; \$15 permit	\$20,895
TOTAL			\$44,815

Customer Type	Entry Cost	Fishing Cost	Hunting Cost	Combo Cost
Military/DoD Civilian	NA	\$45	\$65	\$110 (\$80)
Public Access	\$25	\$40	\$60	\$125 (\$80)
100% Disabled	NA	NA	NA	\$35 (\$20)

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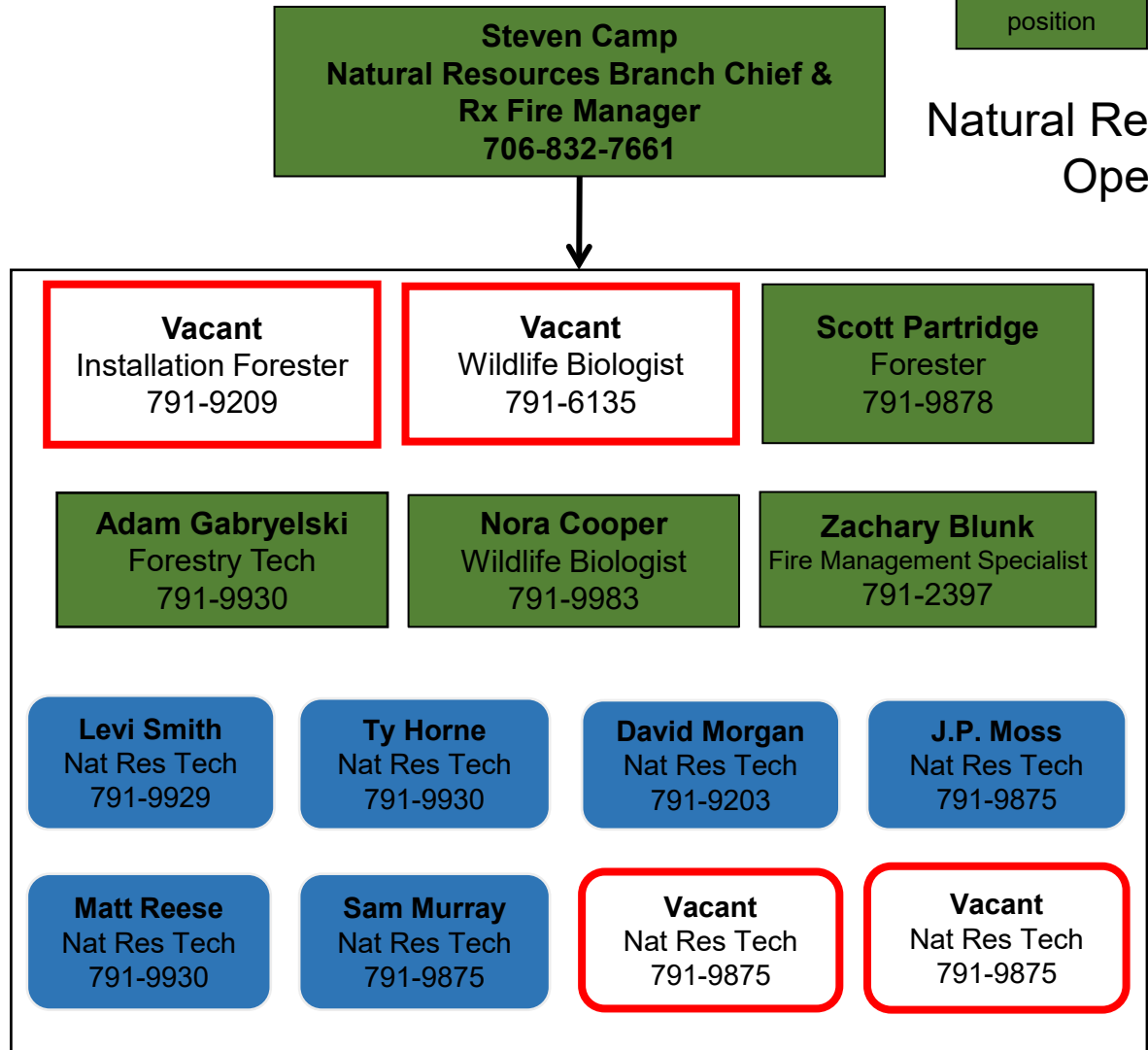
Natural Resources Branch, Environmental Division

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Government position

Contract position

Natural Resources Field Operations



INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT COMMAND



SUSTAIN, SUPPORT, DEFEND

