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DEER AND ELK HUNTING, QUOTAS, AND BAG LIMITS ON FORT SILL

Summary. This circular establishes policies, procedures, and responsibilities concerning the conduct of the deer and elk hunting seasons on Fort Sill.

Applicability. This circular applies to persons who hunt deer or elk on Fort Sill.

Distribution. Fort Sill Hunting community via the Fort Sill Isportsman webpage. <https://ftsill.isportsman.net/>

1. Purpose. This circular sets forth the procedures that are not otherwise identified in the FS200-1 for the conduct of the deer and elk seasons under authority prescribed in Fort Sill Regulation 200-1.

2. Reference. Required and related publications; and, prescribed and referenced forms, are listed in appendix A.

3. Explanation of Abbreviations and Terms. Abbreviations and terms used in this regulation are explained in the glossary.

4. Records Management. Records created as a result of processes prescribed by this regulation must be identified, maintained, and disposed of according to AR 25-400-2, The Army Records Information Management System (ARIMS) and DA Pam 25-403, Guide to Recordkeeping in the Army. Record titles and descriptions are available on the Army Records Information Management System website (<https://www.arims.army.mil/arims/Default.aspx>).

5. General.

***** The following bullets in the general section are highlighted items from the FS200-1. Please read the FS200-1 for all regulations*****

a. Hunters will not enter Fort Sill range areas without first physically checking in via Isportsman. <https://ftsill.isportsman.net/> The only gate authorized for use by sportsmen and women for access to Quanah Range is Twin Gates unless otherwise posted on Fort Sill's Isportsmans home Page.

b. Persons less than 9 years of age will not participate in gun deer or muzzleloader deer seasons. An eligible adult (21 years or older) with a valid Ft Sill hunting permit must accompany and positively supervise each hunter under 16 years old. Persons under 16 years will not participate in gun elk hunting.

c. During deer and elk gun seasons, hunters must physically check harvested deer and elk at Sportsman Services BLD1458 or Twin Gates if hunting Quanah range. Animals will be physically checked prior to departing for residences or other non-hunting activities. IAW FS200-1, Sportsman are required to check all big game animals via isportsman and IAW Oklahoma state regulations via the go outdoors Oklahoma website. <https://gooutdoorsoklahoma.com/>

d. The DPW Natural Resources Branch may change bag limits, close hunting areas, restrict weapons, or take any measures deemed necessary if data indicates an undesirable harvest of deer or elk.

e. During gun deer/elk season, certain roads are closed to hunters unless they are recovering a harvested deer or elk. Open roads are indicated on the Natural Resources Road Restriction Map posted on the Fort Sill Isportsman webpage under the maps link.

f. Hunters must remove all edible portions of harvested big game(excluding viscera, hide, and bones) from the range.

6. Non Ambulatory Hunters

a. Nonambulatory validation are applied to users that provide proof of nonambulatory or motor vehicle permit issued by the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation(ODWC).

b. Permits issued by ODWC do not carry the same permissions on Fort Sill as they do on other public lands and WMA's in Oklahoma.

c. Non ambulatory users are only permitted to drive to and park at nonambulatory blinds.

1. This validation does not allow permit holders to drive on restricted roads during deer and elk gun seasons.

d. Nonambulatory validation on Fort Sill allows permit holders to have prioritized access to nonambulatory blinds that have been placed across the range.

1. Nonambulatory users will be given a validation that allows them to check in to nonambulatory blinds.

2. During Deer gun season area assignments, Non ambulatory blinds will only be available to non ambulatory users. Vacant blinds can be used by other users if there are no non ambulatory users checked into the blind. Check in status can be found

on the Fort Sill Isportsman page. Blinds will be vacated if a nonambulatory user checks into the blind.

3. Non ambulatory blinds are available for use by all users during other seasons WHEN NOT OCCUPIED by a non ambulatory user.

e. Nonambulatory blinds will be identified at area selections.

f. Non ambulatory Hunters will apply for regular lotteries and are permitted to select from available blinds during area selection.

g. As permit holders come through the area assignment process, they will be able to select from available blinds.

h. Users will check into the blinds as they would check into other training areas.

i. Nonhunting participants that are assisting non ambulatory users will check in to the associated Training area.

7. Hunting Dates

a. Deer and Elk Season dates are listed in table 1-1 below.

TABLE 1-1
Deer and Elk Season Dates 2024-2025

SEASONS	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN
ELK ARCHERY	28Sept-04 OCT				
DEER ARCHERY		5 Oct -31 DEC			
DEER YOUTH GUN		19-20			
DEER BLACK POWDER (PRIMITIVE)		05-11			
DEER BLACK POWDER (MUZZLELOADER)		12-18			
DEER/ELK GUN WK 1			30 Nov - 1 Dec		
DEER/ELK GUN WK 2				7-8	
DEER/ELK GUN WK 3				14-15	
DEER/ELK GUN WK 4				21-22	
Jan Archery Elk*					1-31 Jan
Antlerless Elk Gun*					11-12
*Quota Dependant					

8. Quotas

Deer Quotas –

a. Deer Quotas will be distributed as follows. 25% Archery, 25% Muzzle Loader, 50% Gun. Any left over muzzleloader permits will be rolled into remaining Archery and/or Gun Quotas. As necessary, Natural Resources Branch will adjust the distribution of Quotas across individual ranges to ensure consistent harvest across the installation.

- West Range West (TA 31 and TA 34 and areas west to 115)
Bucks 33 - Does 45
- West Range East (TA 39 and TA35 and areas east to 144)
Bucks 32 – Does – 55
- Quanah Range –
Bucks 25 - Does – 45
- East Range –
Bucks 35 – Does 70
- Total Bucks 125 - Total Does 215 Total Quota - 340

b. Elk Quotas –

West Range Bulls	45		
West Range Cows	80		
Quanah Range Bulls	20		
Quanah Range Cows	40		
Total Bulls 65	Total Cows 120	Total Elk 185	

9. Bag Limits.

a. Deer bag limit - Bag limits for all four deer seasons (deer archery, youth deer gun, deer muzzleloading and gun deer) combined is 3 deer. Which may include no more than one antlered deer. An antlered deer is a deer with at least 3-inches of antler above the natural hairline on either side. Other deer are considered antlerless. Hunters must follow all bag limits for each season.

b. Concerning all deer seasons. Only one deer may be harvested per day.

c. Archery Deer Season. Two deer Bag Limit.

d. Muzzleloader Deer Season. Two deer Bag Limit

e. Gun Deer Season. Two deer Bag Limit.

d. Elk Bag Limit – 1 Elk either sex can be harvested in the 2024-2025 season.

e. Hunters who draw and participate in a gun elk weekend will not be eligible to elk gun hunt any weekends following the weekend drawn and hunted.

f. In an effort to maintain a stable elk population, the 1 year sit out period for those who harvest elk will be suspended for the 2024-2025 elk season.

10. Procedures for Deer and Elk Hunting Lotteries

****In person validations are required for all users. Validations are tied to valid ID expiration dates. Users must validate in person before they will be able to purchase Ft Sill permits and apply for lotteries.**

**** Validations will be permitted for current lotteries up until 0900 the day of the lottery closure. Excluding Youth Deer Gun – Validations will be permitted until 1500.**

a. Deer Archery –

1. Hunters will check in and check out via Isportsman. There are no associated lotteries for this season.

b. Deer Primitive muzzle loader.

1. Hunters will check in and check out via Isportsman. There are no associated lotteries for this season.

c. Deer Modern muzzle loader

1. Two days before hunt days, lottery will open at 1500. Lottery will close at 1000 the day before the hunt. Area assignment will happen at 1200 the same day (day prior to the hunt) and will take place in the parking lot of bld 1458

2. All hunters who enter the first deer modern muzzle loader lottery will be placed in the field. The associated list will be fully exhausted. Hunters are not guaranteed to hunt Saturday, but hunters are guaranteed to be placed in the field Saturday, Sunday, or Monday if needed. All ensuing draws will only be used for the day the draw was conducted for. The associated list will not carry over and those who enter the associated lotteries are not guaranteed to be drawn.

3. The drawn lists will be saved as a PDF. Multiple copies will be taken to the parking lot ahead of area selection.

4. Hunters will receive an area pass the day of area assignment.

5. Sportsman Services will be open 0630-1700 Daily during modern muzzle loader season and open 0730-1500 on 11OCT.

6. No standby drawings will be conducted.

7. Standby Tags are available first come, first serve. Standby tags will start being issued starting at 1500 the day prior to the hunt date. As well as issued on the day of the hunt.

** The First modern muzzle loader lottery will go live on 10 OCT – Area Selection 11 OCT Area Selection. 12 OCT Hunt Date

** If Sunday 13 OCT is not filled entirely from the first draw, the second lottery will go live 11 OCT. Area selection 12 OCT.

** The lottery for 14 OCT Hunt Date will go live 12 OCT. Area Selection on 13 OCT.

d. Youth Deer Gun

1. Lottery will open 1200 11 OCT and close at 1500 on 18 OCT.

2. Pre hunt briefing will take place at 1700 on OCT 18 at BLD 1465. Area Assignment will occur at the pre hunt briefing.

3. Harvested deer count against annual deer gun bag limits.

e. Deer Gun

1. Sportsman Services Will be open 0730-1500 on 29 NOV.

2. Two days before hunt days, lottery will open at 1500. Lottery will remain open until 1000 the following day. Lottery will close at 1000. Area assignment will happen at 1200 the same day (day prior to the hunt). and will take place in the parking lot of bld 1458.

1. All hunters who enter the first deer gun lottery will be placed in the field. The associated list will be fully exhausted. Hunters are not guaranteed to hunt Saturday, but hunters are guaranteed to be placed in the field Saturday, Sunday, or in weekend two if needed. All ensuing draws will only be used for the day the draw was conducted for. The associated list will not carry over and those who enter the ensuing lotteries are not guaranteed to be drawn.

3. The drawn lists will be saved as a PDF. Multiple copies will be taken to the parking lot ahead of area selection.

4. Hunters will pick up their pass the morning of their hunt between 0500-0530. West and East Range hunters will pick up their passes at BLD1458 Sportsman Services. Quanah hunters will pick up their passes at Twin Gates on Quanah Range.

5. Standby drawing will be conducted at 0530 the morning of every hunt date. All passes not picked up by 0530 the morning of the hunt will be forfeited to the standby drawing. Standby drawings for east and west range will occur at BLD1458 and standby drawings for Quanah Range hunters will take place at Twin Gates at the Quanah trailer.

** The First Deer Gun Weekend lottery will go live on 27 NOV(28 NOV is a Holiday) – Area Selection 29 NOV. Hunt Dates 30 NOV and 1 DEC.

** If weekend two is not filled entirely from the first lottery, the second weekend lottery will go live 5 DEC. Area selection 6 DEC. Hunt Dates 7 and 8 DEC.

** The lottery for Weekend three 14 and 15 DEC will go live 12 DEC. Area Selection on 13 DEC.

** The Lottery for Weekend four 21 and 22 DEC will go live 19 DEC. Area Selection 20 DEC.

f. Elk Archery

1. Two days before hunt days, lottery will open at 1500. Lottery will remain open until 1000 the following day. Lottery will close at 1000. Area assignment will happen at 1200 the same day (day prior to the hunt). and will take place in the parking lot of bld 1458

2. Hunters that are drawn are not guaranteed an either sex tag.

3. All hunters who enter the first elk archery lottery will be placed in the field. The associated list will be fully exhausted. Hunters are not guaranteed to hunt Saturday, but hunters are guaranteed to be placed in the field Saturday, Sunday, or Monday if needed. All ensuing draws will only be used for the day the draw was conducted for. The associated list will not carry over and those who enter the ensuing lotteries are not guaranteed to be drawn.

4. The drawn lists will be saved as a PDF. Multiple copies will be taken to the parking lot ahead of area selection.

5. Hunters will receive an area pass the day of area assignment.

6. Sportsman Services will be open 0630-1700 Daily during elk archery season and will be open 0730-1500 on 27 SEPT.

7. No standby drawings will be conducted.
8. All standby tags will be cow only on a first come, first serve basis.
9. Standby tags will start being issued starting at 1500 the day prior to the hunt date. As well as issued on the day of the hunt.

** The First Elk Archery lottery will go live on 26 SEPT. 27 SEPT Area Selection. 28 SEPT Hunt Date

** If Sunday 29 SEPT is not filled entirely from the first draw, the second lottery will go live 27 SEPT. Area selection 28 SEPT.

** The lottery for 30 SEPT Hunt Date will go live 28 SEPT. Area Selection on 29 SEPT.

g. Gun Elk Hunting.

1. Sportsman Services will be open 0730-1500 on lottery closing days. To allow users to validate accounts if needed. (20 and 27 NOV. 4, 11, and 30 DEC)

2. Area assignment and Elk Hunt Brief occurs at 1130 on the Friday ahead of the weekend hunt. As quota allows, either sex, antlered, and antlerless permits will be available each weekend. Area Assignments will take place in the parking lot of Bld 1458.

3. Hunts are 2 days long.

4. 12 days before the first weekend (two Mondays before the weekend hunt). Lottery is opened at 1200. Lottery is closed 10 days prior to the hunt (Two Wednesdays Prior before) at 1200.

5. Drawings will be followed immediately by an email to the winners of the lottery. Giving information associated with the area selection process. The email will also request a soft concurrence of presence.

6. Individuals drawn are guaranteed to hunt if they are present for the Elk Hunt Briefing. The only exception to this would be major unexpected training exercises or range closures.

7. Those who choose to pass will not be negatively affected. They will be eligible to apply for the remaining hunts.

8. Those who choose to hunt will not be eligible to hunt any of the remaining Elk Gun weekends.

9. No Standby Drawings will be conducted.

** Weekend 1 Lottery will open on 18 NOV at 1200. Lottery will Close on 20 NOV at 1200. Area selection at 1130 on 29 NOV

** Weekend 2 Lottery will open 25 NOV at 1200. Lottery will close on 27 NOV at 1200. Area Selection at 1130 on 6 DEC

** Weekend 3 Lottery will open 2 DEC at 1200. Lottery will close on 4 DEC at 1200. Area Selection at 1130 on 13 DEC

**Weekend 4 Lottery will open on 9 DEC a 1200. Lottery will close on 11 DEC at 1200. Area Selection will be at 1130 on 20 DEC.

**Antlerless elk weekend, if quota permits, Lottery will open at 1200 on 30 DEC(01 JAN is a Holiday). Lottery will close on 02 JAN at 1200. Area Selection at 1130 on 10 JAN.



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Appendix A References

Section I Required Publications

Fort Sill Reg 200-1

Recreational Use, Management, Harvest, and Protection of Natural Resources.

USAFACFS Reg 200-2

Environmental Protection and Enhancement.

Section II Related Publications

Section III Prescribed Forms

Section IV Referenced Forms

DA Form 2028

Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms

Glossary

Section I Abbreviations

AR
Army Regulation

ATV
All-terrain-vehicles

DA
Department of the Army

DPW
Directorate of Public Works

EQ
Environmental Quality

FS
Fort Sill

Section II

Terms

This section contains no entries.

Section III Special Abbreviations and Terms

This section contains no entries.