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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 FS 200-

1. Please read the FS 200-1 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 iSportsman 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 regular elk seasons. Persons 12-17 are eligible to apply for the youth cow elk lottery.

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 FS 200-1, 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, road restrictions are in place. 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 Blinds

a. 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 non ambulatory user checks into the blind.

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

c. Non ambulatory blinds will be identified at area selections.

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

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

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

7. Hunting Date

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

TABLE 1-1

Deer and Elk Season Dates 2025-2026

SEASONS	SEPT				OCT				NOV				DEC				JAN			
ELK ARCHERY				27Sept- 3 Oct																
DEER ARCHERY					4 Oct - 31 Dec															
DEER YOUTH GUN						18-19														
DEER MUZZLELOADER							25Oct- 2 Nov													
ELK MUZZLELOADER								1-2												
DEER GUN WK 1											29-30									
DEER GUN WK 2												5-7								
DEER GUN WK 3													12-14							
ELK GUN WK 1											29-30									
ELK GUN WK 2												6-7								
ELK GUN WK 3													13-14							
Jan Archery Elk*																	1-31 Jan			
Antlerless Elk Gun*																	10-11			

8. Quotas

Deer Quotas –

- a. Deer harvest by season was analyzed following the 2024-2025 season. The last 10 years of harvest by season was used to redefine quota distribution across the three deer seasons.
- b. Deer Quota distribution: 35% Archery, 20% Muzzle Loader, 45% Gun. Any remaining 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 40 – Does 60
- West Range East (TA 39 and TA35 and areas east to 144)
Bucks 40 – Does 70
- Quanah Range –
Bucks 30 – Does 50
- East Range –
Bucks 35 – Does 65
- Total Bucks 145 Total Does 245 Total Quota 390

c. Elk Quotas –

West Range Bulls	46	
West Range Cows	80	
Quanah Range Bulls	18	
Quanah Range Cows	38	
Total Bulls 64	Total Cows 118	Total Elk 182

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 – Three deer Bag Limit.
- d. Muzzleloader Deer Season – Three deer Bag Limit.
- e. Gun Deer Season – Two deer Bag Limit.
- f. Pending doe harvest through the season, Natural Resources Branch will determine if a bonus antlerless tag will be issued to all deer hunters NLT 8 DEC 2025.
- g. Elk Bag Limit – 1 Elk either sex can be harvested in the 2025-2026 season.
- h. Hunters who draw and participate in a regular gun or muzzle loader elk weekend will not be eligible to elk gun hunt any weekends following the weekend drawn and hunted.
- i. **In the 2024-2025 Deer and Elk season and bag limits circular, the sit out period for those who harvested elk in the 2024-2025 season was lifted. Those who harvested elk are not required to sit out in the 2025-2026 season.**
- j. **Elk hunters who harvest a bull in the 2025-2026 season will be required to sit out during the 2026-2027 season. Hunters who harvest a cow will not be required to sit out in the 2026-2027 season.**

10. Procedures for Deer and Elk Hunting Lotteries

**** In person account 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 1700.**

A. Deer Archery

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

B. Deer Muzzle Loader

- 1. **25, 26, 27, 31 OCT, and 1, 2 NOV hunts will be administered through a lottery. Lottery procedures are listed below.**
- 2. **28, 29, 30 OCT – No associated lottery. Hunters will check in to available areas via iSportsman on these days.**

3. 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.

4. All hunters who enter the first deer 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.

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

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

7. Sportsman Services will be open 0630-1700 daily during muzzle loader season and open 0730-1500 on 24 OCT.

8. No standby drawings will be conducted.

9. Standby tags will start being issued starting at 1400 the day prior to the hunt date. As well as issued on the day of the hunt. If there are multiple people present at 1400, a standby drawing will be administered. After that the stand by tags are first come, first serve.

** The first muzzle loader lottery will go live on 23 OCT – Area Selection 24 OCT Area Selection. 25 OCT Hunt Date.

** If Sunday 26 OCT is not filled entirely from the first draw, the second lottery will go live 24 OCT. Area selection 25 OCT.

** The lottery for 31 OCT Hunt Date will go live 29 OCT. Area Selection on 30 OCT.

C. Youth Deer Gun

1. Youth ages 9-17 are eligible to hunt during the youth deer gun season.

2. Lottery will open 1200 10 OCT and close at 1600 on 17 OCT.

3. Pre hunt briefing will take place at 1700 on OCT 17 at BLD 1465. Area Assignment will occur at the pre hunt briefing.

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

D. Youth Cow Elk Gun

1. Youth ages 12-17 are eligible to apply for this lottery.

2. Youth ages 16-17 are still eligible to participate in regular season elk hunts if they do not harvest a cow.

3. Lottery will open 6 OCT at 1200 and close at 1200 on 8 OCT at 1200
4. This is not a guarantee draw. This is a true lottery. The number of tags to be drawn will be determined before the lottery.
5. Pre hunt briefing will take place at 1700 on OCT 17 at BLD 1465. Area Assignment will occur at the pre hunt briefing.
6. Youth who are drawn will not be eligible to enter the youth deer gun lottery.
7. Harvested elk will count towards the state and installation bag limit.

E. Deer Gun

1. Sportsman Services Will be open 0730-1500 on 28 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.
3. 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.
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 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.
6. 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 West at the Quanah trailer.

** The First Deer Gun Weekend lottery will go live on 26 NOV (27 NOV is a Holiday) – Area Selection 28 NOV. Hunt Dates 29 and 30 NOV.

** Friday 5 DEC Lottery will go live 3 DEC. Area selection 4 DEC. Hunt Date 5 DEC.

** The lottery for Weekend two (06 and 07 DEC) will go live 04 DEC. Area selection on 05 DEC. Hunt dates 6 and 7 DEC.

** The Lottery for Friday 12 DEC will go live 10 DEC. Area Selection 11 DEC.

**The Lottery for Weekend three (13 and 14 DEC) will go live 11 DEC. Area Selection 12 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 bldg. 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 26 SEPT.

7. Standby tags will be available starting at 1400 the day prior to the hunt date. As well as issued on the day of the hunt. If there are multiple people present at 1400, a standby drawing will be administered. After that the stand by tags will be issued on a first come, first serve basis.

8. All standby tags will be cow only.

** The First Elk Archery lottery will go live on 25 SEPT. 26 SEPT Area Selection. 27 SEPT Hunt Date

** If Sunday 28 SEPT is not filled entirely from the first draw, the second lottery will go live 26 SEPT. Area selection 27 SEPT.

** The lottery for 29 SEPT Hunt Date will go live 27 SEPT. Area Selection on 28 SEPT.

G. Gun and Muzzle Loader Elk Hunting

a. Sportsman Services will be open 0730-1500 on lottery closing days. To allow users to validate accounts if needed. (22 OCT, 19 and 26 NOV and 3 and 31 DEC)

b. 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.

c. Hunts are 2 days long.

d. 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 at 1200.

e. 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.

f. 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.

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

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

i. No Standby tags will be available.

** Muzzle Loader Weekend Lottery will open on 20 OCT at 1200. Lottery will Close on 22 OCT at 1200. Area selection at 1130 on 31 OCT

** Gun Weekend 1 Lottery will open 17 NOV at 1200. Lottery will close on 19 NOV at 1200. Area Selection at 1130 on 28 NOV

** Gun Weekend 2 Lottery will open 24 NOV at 1200. Lottery will close on 26 NOV at 1200. Area Selection at 1130 on 05 DEC

**Weekend 3 Lottery will open on 1 DEC a 1200. Lottery will close on 3 DEC at 1200. Area Selection will be at 1130 on 12 DEC.

**Antlerless elk weekend, if quota permits, Lottery will open at 1200 on 29 DEC. Lottery will close on 31 DEC at 1200. Area Selection at 1130 on 9 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.