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Outdoor Recreation, Conservation, and Natural Resource Policies and Enforcement on United States Army Garrison Alaska Installation Land and Water

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Summary. This regulation covers the enforcement of outdoor recreation policies on United States Army Garrison Alaska (USAG Alaska) managed lands and procedures for gaining recreational access. Also included are use and treatment of forest resources, cultural resources protection, hunting, fishing, trapping, weapons possession and use, off-road recreational vehicle (ORV) use, and motorized watercraft use.

Applicability. This regulation applies to all individuals (active duty, reserve, and civilian) whose activities involve or affect the use of protection of natural or cultural resources on USAG Alaska managed lands.

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Chapter 1 General

1-1. Purpose and Objectives

USAG Alaska Regulation 190-13 establishes policy and procedures and assigns responsibilities for the conservation and use of natural resources, protection of cultural resources, and the administration of outdoor recreation activities. The objectives are:

- a. To de-conflict outdoor recreation activities and the execution of the military mission by controlling access.
- b. To sustain and protect environmental quality, cultural environment, aesthetic values, and ecological USAG Alaska resources by:
- (1) Enforcing compliance with State and Federal environmental protection laws, regulations, policies and procedures as outlined in 16 USC 670a (Sikes Act), Army Regulation (AR) 200-1 (Environmental Protection and Enhancement).
- (2) Establishing requirements for those recreating on USAG Alaska managed lands to aid in the preservation and sustainment of natural resources as required by law and in support of the Army mission.
 - (3) Protecting Alaskan cultural resources from damage, theft, or destruction.
- (4) Implementing regulations that may be more restrictive than Alaska Department of Fish and Game regulations.

1-2. References, Forms, Explanation of Abbreviations

Required and related publications and prescribed and referenced forms are listed in the Appendix. Abbreviations and special terms used in this regulation are explained in the glossary.

1-3. Associational Publications

See Appendix A.

1-4. Applicability

- a. This regulation applies to all individuals whose activities have the potential to affect the military mission or resources on USAG Alaska managed lands.
- b. All land under the ownership, jurisdiction, and/or management of USAG Alaska to include, but not limited to, Fort Wainwright Main Post, Fort Greely Main Post, Tanana Flats Training Area, Yukon Training Area, Donnelly Training Area, Gerstle River Training Area, Black Rapids Training Area, Whistler Creek Training Area, Tok Fuel Terminal, Sears Creek Pump Station, and Haines Tank Farm.

1-5. Responsibilities

Responsibilities for compliance with this regulation are assigned as follows:

- a. The Garrison Commander (GC) will:
- (1) Plan land utilization to avoid or minimize adverse effects on environmental quality and provide for sustained accomplishment of the mission.
 - (2) Implement a conservation law enforcement program.
- (3) Establish policies and procedures to ensure recreationists are aware of requirements for their activities on USAG Alaska, control access to training lands, and sanction guidelines for violations of such requirements.
- (4) Suspend/revoke access permits as appropriate in accordance with current enforcement policies and penalty guidelines.
- (5) Enforce natural resource, cultural resource, environmental, and range regulations on USAG Alaska managed lands in coordination with Directorate of Emergency Services (DES).
- (6) Develop procedures and establish requirements for recreational access to USAG Alaska managed lands and establish sanction guidelines for violations of such requirements.
 - b. The Directorate of Public Works (DPW) will:
 - (1) Manage all phases of the Conservation Program.
- (2) Maintain the U.S. Army Recreation Tracking (USARTRAK) System to issue various types of access permits and communicate user access to USAG Alaska managed lands.
- (3) Ensure that the Garrison Commander is kept informed regarding natural and cultural resource issues that could impact the mission or could result in violation of laws, policies, or this regulation.

- (4) Provide Public Affairs with information regarding natural and cultural resource issues that may affect the public.
- (5) Update the USARTRAK website that informs recreationists of the requirements and regulations for recreational activities.
- (6) Coordinate with Conservation Law Enforcement, Range Control, and the Garrison Commander to designate maneuver trails for recreational vehicle use.
- (7) Maintain kiosks in the training areas where appropriate that will include the update of maps, brochures, and public notices regarding hunting, trapping, fishing, and woodcutting access.
- (8) Lead reviews of the USARTRAK website with other stakeholders and update enforcement policies and guidelines as needed.
- (9) Coordinate with, and provide recreation data to, Conservation Law Enforcement and other stakeholders listed in this regulation.
 - c. The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (DFMWR) will:
 - (1) Provide regulatory information to recreational users.
- (2) Coordinate with Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security (DPTMS), and Range Control before conducting organized activities. Organized activities will be conducted following all applicable regulations.
 - d. Directorate of Emergency Services (DES) will:
 - (1) Enforce all provisions of this regulation to include all applicable State and Federal regulations.
- (2) Appoint and train the appropriate number of Military Police, Department of Army Civilian Police, and/or Conservation Law Enforcement Officers to meet the enforcement component requirements and responsibilities of this regulation (DODI 5525.17).
- (3) Coordinate with the DPW as required on issues involving resource management, enforcement, and implementation of this regulation.
- (4) Conduct detailed investigations of suspected violations of this regulation and applicable laws and regulations.
- (5) Present completed investigations to the appropriate commander or agency for prosecutorial or punitive consideration.
- (6) Establish and implement public outreach programs as necessary for the dissemination of information and education of personnel regarding the requirements for compliant outdoor recreational activities.
- (7) Assist in updating informational kiosks with maps and information, and post signage in the training areas.
- (8) Conduct patrols to enhance the safety and security of installation lands and enforce the requirement of this regulation.
- e. Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security (DPTMS) will provide access to areas for activities not controlled by the USARTRAK system or Range Control RFMSS system for recreation, consistent with the needs to conduct mission requirements.
 - f. Fort Wainwright and Donnelly Training Area Range Control will:
- (1) Provide range and training area closure information to the USARTRAK system, DES Law Enforcement, DPW, and PAO.
- (2) Provide an annual range safety briefing for all personnel required to enter training areas for management and enforcement duties.
- (3) Assist DPW in maintaining kiosks in the training areas where appropriate that will include the update of maps, brochures, and public notices regarding hunting, trapping, fishing, and woodcutting access.
 - g. The Public Affairs Officer (PAO) will:
- (1) Provide information received from the stakeholders (GC, DPW, DFMWR, DES, and DPTMS) to the public through various media outreach programs concerning the requirements for compliant outdoor recreational activities on USAG Alaska.
- (2) Assist with the resolution of military training conflicts as well as natural and cultural resources issues that may affect the general public.
- (3) Facilitate use of USAG Alaska managed lands for recreational events by non-military organizations

1-6. Reading of the Regulations

a. Personnel using USAG Alaska managed lands must be familiar with applicable state and federal regulations.

b. DPW Environmental Division shall provide brochures, maps, websites, and additional materials as appropriate to inform the public of regulatory requirements.

1-7. Punitive Actions

- a. Military personnel who violate any provision of this regulation, including associated federal and state laws, are subject to prosecution under applicable Uniform Code of Military Justice provisions (10 USC 801 et seg).
- b. All violators, regardless of affiliation, may be tried in courts of state or federal jurisdiction for applicable violations of state or federal law, and are subject to the penalties of those jurisdictions (18 USC 13–Assimilative Crimes Act, AR190-29, 32 CFR 552.18(f)(2) and/or 10 U.S.C. 2671(c) for enforcement of Alaska Fish and Game Laws).
- c. In lieu of, or in addition to the above penalties, the Garrison Commander, in cooperation with DES, may impose administrative sanctions for noncompliance in the form of warnings, suspension of recreational privileges, and banishment and/or disbarment from the Installation (18 USC 1382).

1-8. Installation and Regulatory Agency Access

- a. It is the policy of USAG Alaska to cooperate fully with all federal and state agency representatives. USAG Alaska works closely with regulatory agencies to ensure compliance with applicable conservation and cultural resource regulations. The Garrison Commander authorizes installation access, subject to safety requirements and military security, to designated agencies. All visiting agencies must coordinate through PAO, Range Control, and DES before entry onto USAG Alaska managed lands.
- b. Law Enforcement, DPW Environmental Division, Range Control, U.S. Department of Interior, and Alaska Department of Fish and Game personnel must coordinate with Range Control to be exempt from the provisions of this regulation if operating within the scope of their authority.

Chapter 2 Outdoor Recreation

2-1. General

- a. Personnel, regardless of military or civilian status, may recreate on USAG Alaska managed lands on an equal basis subject to compliance with applicable federal, state, and military laws and regulations, and must do so safely without jeopardizing the military mission.
- b. Every effort will be made to ensure multiple use of military lands; however, public access may be restricted or denied by the Garrison Commander.
- c. All non-military groups/organizations requesting recreational access to USAG Alaska managed lands must direct their land-use request to the garrison PAO.

Commercial guiding (as defined by AS 08.54) is prohibited on all USAG Alaska managed lands.

- a. The U.S. Government shall not be liable for any damage or injury to equipment, persons, or property, resulting from the use or participation in any recreational activity on USAG Alaska managed lands. All persons engaging in recreational activities on USAG Alaska managed lands do so at their own risk. Recreational users are financially liable for any damage to government or private property resulting from their activity.
- *b.* If in violation of these regulations, it is the individual offender's responsibility to remove trash, repair damages, and/or incur any fines and/or damage caused.

2-2. Recreational Access to U.S. Army Garrison Alaska Managed Lands

- a. Recreational users may not enter any of the areas indicated as closed on the USARTRAK system, any area that is closed to recreation, or any "Off-Limits" area, as indicated by placard, blockade, red flag, or websites.
- b. All persons, 16 years of age and older, wishing to recreate on USAG Alaska managed lands controlled by the USARTRAK system must obtain a Sikes Act Permit (SAP). A SAP can be obtained online at the USARTRAK website.
- c. All persons recreating on USAG Alaska managed lands controlled by the USARTRAK system must check in online on the USARTRAK website or by phone (877-250-9781) prior to entering training areas.
- d. Recreationist are prohibited from conducting recreational activities within 100 meters (328 feet) of any building or equipment. Recreationists are allowed to travel within 100 meters of building or equipment on their way to a recreational activity but are prohibited from stopping.

2-3. Firearms

- a. All military and civilian personnel wanting to possess, transport, or store privately owned firearms on USAG Alaska Main Posts (See Appendix C and D) shall follow USAG Alaska Fort Wainwright Policy Letter #27 and USAG Alaska Fort Greely Policy Memorandum 19-11. See USARTRAK website for map updates.
- b. Areas exempt from the firearm registration requirements are all USAG Alaska ranges and training areas that do not require access gained via a staffed (military police/security force) access control point (i.e., Tanana Flats, Yukon, Donnelly (east and west), Gerstle River, Black Rapids, and Whistler Creek). See Fort Wainwright Policy Letter #27 and Fort Greely Policy Memorandum 19-11 for registration requirements.
- c. Except as otherwise noted in this regulation, the use of Army ranges and training areas for sport-firing activities are outlined in USARAK Regulation 350-2.
- d. Privately owned firearms may be transported in or on motorized vehicles and watercraft in areas exempted from firearm registration (i.e. non-cantonment areas), provided there is no round in the chamber. Magazines, clips or revolver cylinders for these firearms may be loaded and/or contained within the weapon itself provided there is no round in the chamber or immediately behind the firing pin or hammer. This policy applies to all personnel engaged in authorized recreational activities at USAG Alaska ranges and training areas authorized for recreation. Individuals are responsible for safety while transporting firearms in a loaded condition.
- e. Discharge of firearms on USAG Alaska managed lands is prohibited except while participating in a legal hunting or trapping activity, in defense of life or property from wildlife, or on ranges authorized for such use. Recreational target shooting in training areas is not allowed.
- f. Discharge of firearms or bows (during hunting activity) within 100 meters (328 feet), of a building or facility is prohibited (with the exception of ranges authorized for such use).

- g. Firearms or bows will not be discharged from, on, or across the drivable surface of any constructed road (AS 16.05.255; 5 AAC 92.080).
- h. Areas closed to the discharge of firearms and/or bows are described in the USARTRAK website section and 2-4. sub-section *q*.
 - i. Government-owned firearms or ammunition will not be used for hunting purposes.
- j. Individuals engaged in lawful hunting, fishing, camping, hiking, trapping or other lawful outdoor activities that typically involve carrying a firearm for personal protection from wildlife may carry a firearm concealed on their person; "concealed on the person" is defined as hidden from plain view (USAG Alaska Policy Letter #27). Otherwise, privately owned firearms or weapons are not to be carried concealed on Fort Wainwright Main Post or Fort Greely Main Post. The authority granted by the State of Alaska to carry a concealed firearm is not valid within Fort Wainwright Main Post or Fort Greely Main Post. This does not apply to law enforcement personnel.
- k. Firearms found to be stored, transported, or used in manners or methods contrary to this regulation may be confiscated by the Fort Wainwright or Fort Greely Police or other military police personnel.

2-4. Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping

- a. Hunting, fishing, and trapping activities are administered by the DPW Environmental Division, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG).
- b. Harvest of fish and game as defined by ADFG regulations may be allowed on USAG Alaska managed lands. The Garrison Commander has the authority to further restrict the ADFG regulations on USAG Alaska managed lands. Further restriction on the harvest of any species will be indicated in the USARTRAK website.
- c. All incidents involving the killing or wounding of any wild animal on USAG Alaska managed lands, whether in defense of life or property (as defined by the State of Alaska), during military training, incidental take by trap or snare, or as the result of an accident, will be reported immediately to the DES Conservation Law Enforcement officer. This does not apply to the legal harvest of game animals, except where required in this regulation.
- d. While hunting or in the possession of firearms, persons under 16 years of age must be under the direct or immediate supervision of their parent(s) or an adult 21 years of age or older, who is currently authorized to recreate on USAG Alaska managed lands and is in full compliance with all applicable rules and regulations.
- e. No permanent tree stands/towers will be erected or used for any recreational purpose including hunting. Portable tree stands can be used provided minimal vegetation is cut (in accordance with other provisions in this regulation) and must be removed at the end of the season or outdoor activity for which they are used.
- f. Personal equipment will not be stored in training areas more than 30 days unless allowed under a specific permitted activity. All equipment must be removed within 30 days or coordinated with the DPW Environmental Division and DES for requisite permitting.
 - g. Restrictions for hunting on Fort Wainwright Main Post and Fort Greely Main Post are as follows:
 - (1) Off-limit areas described in the USARTRAK website,
- (2) Small game under ADFG permit may be taken by bow and arrow or shotgun using shotgun shells with BB (4.57 mm diameter) shot or smaller only.
 - (3) Hunting by method of predator calling or baiting is prohibited.
 - (4) Trapping is prohibited.
 - (5) Use of firearms, hunting, or trapping of any kind in the cantonment area is prohibited.
- h. Military personnel are prohibited from recreating while in an "on-duty" status; however, during bona fide survival training exercises, participants may take fish or small game per federal and state laws. No privately-owned firearms may be carried or used during on-duty status (USARAK Regulation 350-2).

2-5. Problem or Nuisance Wildlife

Disposition of problem or nuisance wildlife, including birds protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, will be administered by personnel from DPW Conservation Branch or DES Conservation Law Enforcement in cooperation with appropriate state and federal agencies. Required depredation permits will be acquired by the DPW Conservation Branch, the Ladd Field Manager, or the Allen AAF Manager. The DPW Conservation Branch must be informed before any action is taken on USAG Alaska managed lands under a depredation permit.

2-6. Off-Road Recreational Vehicles (ORV) and Motorized Watercraft

- a. General.
- (1) An ORV is any motorized vehicle designed primarily for, or capable of, cross-country travel on or immediately over land, sand, snow, ice, marsh, swampland, or other natural terrain; except that such term excludes any government vehicle when used in official (non-recreation) capacity including military, fire, ambulance, Range Control, DPW, or law enforcement vehicle when used for official purposes. ORVs are further divided into two classifications: those with a Curb Weight of 1500 lbs. or less, and those over 1500 lbs. Curb Weight.
- (2) ORV and motorized watercraft regulations apply to all persons, civilian and military, operating ORVs and motorized watercraft on USAG Alaska managed lands. All ORVs and motorized watercraft will be operated in compliance with State of Alaska laws addressing registration, safety equipment, and pollution.
- (3) Passengers on ORVs are authorized if the ORV is equipped with factory mounted passenger seats, and the passenger is seated in that seat (AR 190-5).
- (4) Federally owned vehicles including aircraft, ORVs, and boats will not be used for purposes directly or indirectly related to recreation. These prohibitions do not apply to MWR vehicles.
 - b. ORV and Motorized Watercraft Operating Criteria
- (1) All land and water on USAG Alaska managed lands are closed to ORVs and motorized watercraft, except those areas and/or trails that are determined suitable, and specifically designated, for ORV and motorized watercraft use in this regulation. Training areas may be wholly or partially closed at various times depending on seasonal conditions, including water levels, snow depth, or other issues.
- (2) Any operation of ORVs or motorized watercraft that causes, or is likely to cause, significant, undue damage to soil, wildlife, wildlife habitat, improvements, cultural, or vegetative resources, or other uses is prohibited (43 USC 8341.1(f)(4)).
- (3) Cross country travel is restricted to the following classification types defined by DPW, approved by DES and Range Control, and advertised to the public on the USARTRAK system. These roads and trails are described in the USARTRAK website.
 - (1) Non-motorized; ORVs are not permitted. Non-motorized use only.
 - (2) Unimproved; ORVs less than 1500 lbs. Curb Weight are permitted year-round.
- (3) Improved; All ORVs permitted on designated roads, given they do not damage the surface soil or improved roadway per Section 2-6 sub-section b(2). ORV's are restricted to designated roads described as "Improved Roadway" and may not leave the designated roads unless otherwise specified under a specific recreation activity.
- (4) No person under 16 years of age will operate an ORV, unless under the direct and visual supervision of their parent(s) or an adult 21 years of age or older, who is currently authorized to recreate on USAG Alaska managed lands and is in full compliance with all applicable rules and regulations.
- (5) Approved protective helmets, eye protection, hard-soled shoes, long trousers, and brightly colored or reflective outer upper garment will be worn by operators and passengers when in operation (AR 190-5)
- (6) All occupants in or on watercraft, regardless of age, will wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved Type I, II, or III personal flotation device while on USAG Alaska waters.
- (7) The Garrison Commander with input from DPW, DES, Installation Safety, and Range Control may further restrict specific types of ORV and motorized watercraft use if it is determined that such use and activity will or has the potential to impact safety, security, soil, vegetation, wildlife, wildlife habitat, cultural and historic resources, or mission requirements. Restrictions on ORV and/or motorized watercraft of designated sites will remain in effect until such adverse effects have been mitigated, including site restoration if necessary and appropriate measures implemented to prevent any such recurrence.
 - (8) Motorized watercrafts are not permitted in restricted areas.

2-7. Aircraft

- a. Private and commercial aircraft operating within USAG Alaska airspace are subject to Federal Aviation Administration and military flight rules and restrictions.
- b. Private and commercial aircraft used to access USAG Alaska managed lands for recreational activities must comply with all aspects of this regulation.

2-8. Wood Cutting

- a. All tree/shrub cutting on the Fort Wainwright and Fort Greely cantonment areas and associated training lands require a general wood cutting permit that can be obtained on the USARTRAK website. Check-in requirements are applicable for trainings areas when harvesting wood.
- b. Excluding Fort Wainwright Main Post and Fort Greely Main Post, trees under four inches in diameter may be cut without a permit but only under the following conditions: brushing out existing trails, clearing camping spots, or minor clearing for hunting or trapping use. Clearing more than 1/10th acre (66 ft. x 66 ft. or equivalent) of vegetation (More than 4 in. diameter) is prohibited.
 - c. All trees must be cut less than six inches from the ground.
- d. It is prohibited for anyone to peel bark or in any other way damage any live standing tree without a special use permit.

2-8. Prohibited Activities

- a. Pets that are not under voice or leash control.
- b. Hang gliding, para-gliding, or bungee-jumping.
- c. Use of a motorized vehicle to tow persons on skis, bicycles, snowboards, inner-tubes, non-motorized sleds, or any other similar non-motorized recreational equipment by rope or cable.
- d. Commercial recreational activities, excluding outfitting (AS 08.54.790), unless approved by the Garrison Commander.
- e. All personal possessions, trash, and other items brought in to USAG Alaska managed lands are limited to 30 days and must be removed unless otherwise permitted by the Garrison Commander. This includes any permanent construction without a specific permit from the Garrison Commander or unless otherwise defined as part of a specific permitted activity (i.e., bear baiting and trapping). Anything left on USAG Alaska managed lands after 30 days will be considered trash. These items include hunting camps, tree stands, hunting towers, cabins, tent frames, shelters, coolers, etc.
- f. Littering or abandoning any man-made objects (including geocaching). Refuse will be put in authorized trash containers and will not be buried. Persons camping or picnicking will pick up all trash, including unburned trash in the fire pit, and properly dispose of it by transport trash to authorized disposal areas.
- g. Blocking or impeding access to training lands. Erecting camps or barricades on main trails or otherwise attempting to keep other recreational users out of or off of USAG Alaska managed lands is not allowed. There is no "ownership" or claim to an area for any recreational activity. USAG Alaska managed lands, when open, are available for everyone's recreational use within the restrictions of this regulation unless otherwise defined in a specific permitted activity (i.e., bear baiting and trapping).
 - h. Displaying signs, unless required by ADFG/USAG Alaska Regulations.
- i. Damaging fences, roads, dams, buildings, bridges, plantings, other improvements, or disturbing the landscape by rutting, trenching, or damaging wetlands.
- j. Tampering with unexploded ordnance. If ordnance or suspected ordnance is found, contact Range Control or the Military Police immediately. Under no circumstances will such ordnance be touched or in any way disturbed by unauthorized personnel.
- k. Recreational activities involving the removal of minerals (including gold panning, dredging, mining of any kind), fossils, and cultural resources including archeological artifacts and human remains.
- I. Release of hazardous substances. If the release of a hazardous substance causes environmental damage to natural or cultural resources under Army control, the person or persons who released the substance is potentially liable for the environmental damage and cost (s) associated with remediation. Immediately report petroleum, oil, or lubricant spills to the Fire Department and DPW Environmental noting the size, location, and type of spill. Take immediate action to control, contain, and clean up spills, per the Installation Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure Plan. Failure to comply could result in the revocation of recreation privileges on USAG Alaska managed lands and possible criminal penalties.
- m. Release of invasive species (AS 03.05 010, AS03.05.030, AS 44.37.030, 11AAC 34.020). If release of an invasive species causes environmental damage, the person(s) who released the organism is potentially liable. Immediately report the release of invasive species to DPW Environmental Division, noting the size, location, and type of invasive species.
- n. No digging in excess of six inches in depth without completion of an Excavation Clearance Request (Dig Permit).
 - o. The recreational use of Unmanned Aerial Systems shall follow USAG Alaska Policy Letter #24.

Appendix A

References

Referenced Federal Regulations

16 USC 670a – 670o (1989), Sikes Act Conservation Programs on Military Installations (AKA Sikes Act) (PL 86-797; 16 USC 670 *et seq.*) Federal Trespass [Entering military, naval, or Coast Guard property] (18 USC 1382) Uniform Code of Military Justice (10 USC 801 *et seq*), 1950, Title 32, CFR, Part 552.18

Department of the Army Regulations (AR)

AR 190-5, Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision

USARAK Regulations/Policies

USARAK Regulation 190-1, Military Police Physical Security

Referenced Forms

DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms is cited in the Suggested Improvements Statement)

Appendix B

Related References

Related Federal Regulations

10 USC 2671, Military Reservations and Facilities: Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping (a) General Requirements for Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping

American Indian Religious Freedom Act of 1978, as amended (PL 95-341; 42 USC 1996) Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979 (PL 96-95:16 USC 470a-11)

Laws of States Adopted for Areas within Federal Jurisdiction (Assimilative Crimes Act) (18 USC13). Military Reservation and Facilities: hunting, fishing, and trapping (10 USC 2671) [An update of the Military Construction Authorization Act]

National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966 (as amended; PL 89-665; 16 USC 470 et sea.).

Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 (PL 101-601; 25 USC 3001-3013). Department of Defense Instruction (DODI) 5525.17, Conservation Law Enforcement Program (CLEP)

Related Department of the Army Regulations (AR)

AR 200-1, Environmental Protection and Enhancement AR 350-19, Army Sustainable Range Program AR 385-63, Range Safety AR 525-13, Antiterrorism

Related USARAK Regulations/Policies

USARAK Regulation 385-1, United States Army Alaska Safety Program USARAK Regulation 350-2, Training – Range Safety USARAK Land Withdrawal EIS USARAK CG Policy Statement 0-18, Concealed Firearms Policy

Related USAG Regulations

USAG Alaska Fort Greely Installation Policy Memorandum #19-11 Privately Owned Weapons USAG Alaska Fort Wainwright Policy Letter #24 Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) USAG Alaska Fort Wainwright Policy Letter #27 Privately Owned Firearms (POFs)

Related USAG Alaska Management Plans

Integrated Cultural Resources Management Plans (ICRMP) Integrated Natural Resources Management Plans (INRMP) Integrated Pest Management Plan (IMPM)

Related Websites/Links

Alaska Administrative Code: http://touchngo.com/lglcntr/akstats/AAC.htm

Alaska Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV): http://www.state.ak.us/local/akpages/ADMIN/dmv

Alaska Statutes: http://www.touchngo.com/lglcntr/akstats/statutes.htm

Army Publishing Division: http://www.apd.army.mil

Bureau of Land Management (Alaska Region): http://www.blm.gov/ak/st/en.html

Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping - State of Alaska Regulations: http://www.wildlife.alaska.gov/index.cfm

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Alaska Region): https://www.fws.gov/alaska

USAG Alaska USARTRAK website: https://usartrak.isportsman.net

USAG Alaska Natural Resources Homepage: https://home.army.mil/alaska/index.php/fort-wainwright/garrison/public-works/environmental/natural-resources

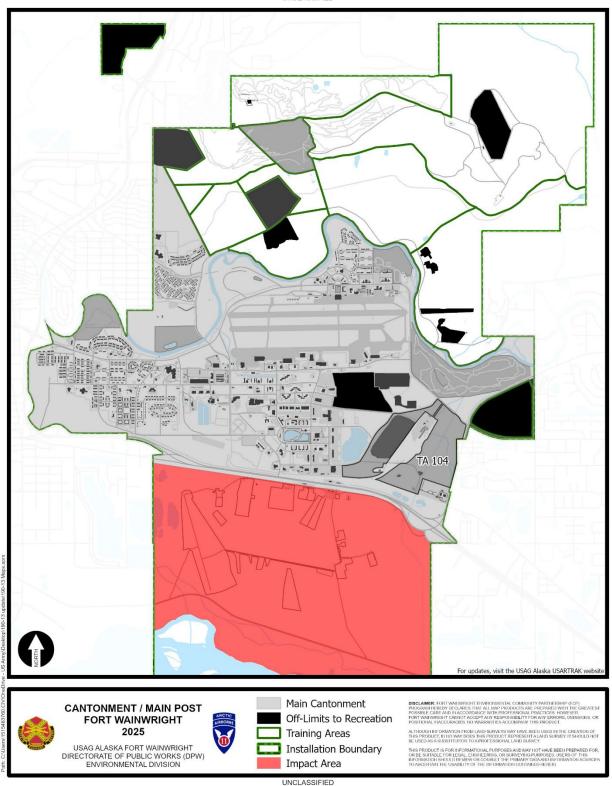
USAG Alaska Publications and Blank Forms website: http://www.wainwright.army.mil/dhr/asd.asp

USAG Alaska Fort Greely DES Weapons Registration Page: https://home.army.mil/alaska/index.php/fort-greely/garrison/des/weapons-registration

Appendix C

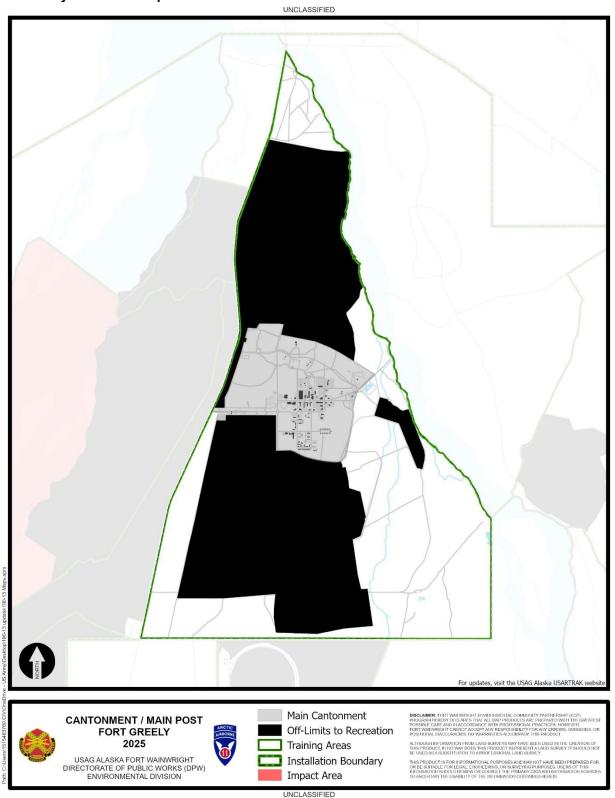
Fort Wainwright Main Post Map

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Appendix D

Fort Greely Main Post Map



Glossary

Cantonment

The total area of the cantonment (installation land area less range and training land) described in the USARTRAK website.

Civilian

A person who is not an active member of the military or the police.

Conservation

Combined natural and cultural resources programs performed by the DPW Environmental Division, USAG Alaska.

Cultural resources

Sites, structures, landscapes, and objects of some importance to a culture or community for scientific, traditional, religious, or other reasons.

Curb Weight

Also known as kerb weight, refers to the total mass of a vehicle with standard equipment and all necessary operating consumables, such as motor oil, transmission oil, brake fluid, coolant, and sometimes a full tank of fuel, while not loaded with either passengers or cargo.

Firearm

(A) any weapon (including a starter gun) which will or is designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive; (B) the frame or receiver of any such weapon; (C) any firearm muffler or firearm silencer; or (D) any destructive device. Such term does not include an antique firearm.

Fossil

The remains (or an impression) of a plant or animal that existed in a past geological time and has been excavated from the soil.

Geocaching

An outdoor treasure-hunting game in which the participants use a Global Positioning System receiver or other navigational techniques to hide and seek containers (called "geocaches" or "caches").

Improved Roadway

A constructed road or highway that is maintained by a government agency or its designee.

Main Post

Areas within an installation's boundary as determined by access gained via a staffed (military police/security force) access control point (USARAK Regulation 190-1).

Military Personnel

Active duty and retired members of the United States Armed Forces.

Motorized Vehicle

A motor-propelled land, water, or air conveyance.

Motorized Watercraft

A watercraft propelled by machinery. This term includes any vessel temporarily or permanently equipped with a motor (e.g. riverboats, airboats, hydrofoils, personal watercraft, etc.).

Natural Resources

Resources (actual and potential) supplied by nature.

Off-Road Recreational Vehicle (ORV)

Any motorized vehicle designed primarily for, or capable of, cross-country travel on or immediately over land, water, sand, snow, ice, marsh, swampland, or other natural terrain; except that such term excludes any military, fire, ambulance, or law enforcement vehicle when used for official purposes. ORVs are further divided into two classifications: those with a Curb Weight of 1500 lbs. or less, and those over 1500 lbs. Curb Weight.

Ordnance

Explosives, chemicals, pyrotechnics, bombs, guns and ammunition, flares, smoke, or napalm.

Permit

Written authorization to conduct an activity.

Recreational Shooting

Skeet or target shooting not involved in military training and without the intent of hunting (taking of animals).

Remediation

Repair of damaged natural areas.

Small game

All game as defined as small game by ADFG in the Alaska Hunting Regulations.

Stand (tree)

A tree stand is a platform, seat, or other contrivance meant for the purpose of hunting game animals from an elevated position.

Take

Taking, pursuing, hunting, fishing, trapping, or in any manner disturbing, capturing, or killing or attempting to take, pursue, hunt, fish, trap, or in any manner, capture or kill fish or game.

Trail

An unimproved road that does not undergo government-sanctioned maintenance.

Training Area

A section of a military Installation, given identifiable boundaries and a numerical designation.

Transport

Shipping, carrying, importing, exporting, or receiving or delivering for shipment, carriage, or export.

Visitor

An individual desiring to enter the Installation but not affiliated with the Department of Defense.

Visitor Pass

Authorization provided to a visitor allowing entry to the Installation as a visitor and issued at the Visitor Control Center.

Watercraft

Any vessel or craft designed specifically and only for movement on the surface of the water.

Withdrawal (of lands)

Withholding an area of federal land from settlement, sale, location, or entry, under some or all of the general land laws, for the purposed of limiting activities under those laws in order to maintain other public values in the area or reserving the area for a particular public purpose or program; or transferring jurisdiction over an area of federal lands, other than "property" governed by the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act as amended (40 USC 472) from one department, bureau or agency to another department, bureau, or agency (FLPMA, sec.103(j)).

SUMMARY of CHANGE

USAG AK 190-13

Outdoor Recreation, Conservation, and Natural Resource Policies and Enforcement on United States Army Garrison Alaska Installation Land and Water

This major revision, dated 1 July 2025 -

- o Recreation Access Permit (RAP) was changed to Sikes Act Permit (SAP) throughout.
- Updated Section 2-2.a
 - Include the term "Off-Limits Areas" to reference language in the Recreation Reference Maps found on the USARAK website.
 - Removed "verbal warning" and "other means of communication" to improve the ability for enforcement to adjudicate.
- Inserted para 2-2.d: "Recreationist are prohibited from conducting recreational activities within 100
 meters of any building or equipment. Recreationist are allowed to travel within 100 meters of building
 or equipment on their way to a recreational activity but are prohibited from stopping."
- o Changed 50 meters (164 feet) to 50 meters (164 feet) (para 2-3.f)
 - This change was made to be consistent with para 2-2.d).
 - This change was made so that recreationists do not camp or loiter near infrastructure needed for training and other activities required for Training Area maintenance.
- o Changed Gross Vehicular Weight Rating (GVWR) to Curb Weight (para 2-6.a(1)).
 - This change was made so that both Law Enforcement and the recreating public can use a common language when describing vehicle weight.
 - The curb weight of nearly all vehicles can be found on the internet and/or the vehicles owner's manual.
- o Removed "Camping" Section from previous version (formerly Section 2-9).
 - Was redundant with "Prohibited Activities" Section (Formerly Section 2-10.e.; now 2-9.e.)
 - Removed para 2-10.i from previous version because it was redundant with para 2-8.b



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Summary. This regulation covers the enforcement of outdoor recreation policies on United States Army Garrison Alaska (USAG Alaska) managed lands and procedures for gaining recreational access. Also included are use and treatment of forest resources, cultural resources protection, hunting, fishing, trapping, weapons possession and use, off-road recreational vehicle (ORV) use, and motorized watercraft use.

Applicability. This regulation applies to all individuals (active duty, reserve, and civilian) whose activities involve or affect the use of protection of natural or cultural resources on USAG Alaska managed lands.

Interim changes. Interim changes to this regulation are not official unless they are authenticated by the Garrison Commander.

Proponent Agency. Directorate of Public Works (DPW)

Suggested Improvements. Users are invited to send comments and suggested improvements on DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) directly to DPW, ATTN: AMIM-AKP-E.

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Summary of Change

Chapter 1 General

1-1. Purpose and Objectives

USAG Alaska Regulation 190-13 establishes policy and procedures and assigns responsibilities for the conservation and use of natural resources, protection of cultural resources, and the administration of outdoor recreation activities. The objectives are:

- To de-conflict outdoor recreation activities and the execution of the military mission by controlling access.
- b. To sustain and protect environmental quality, cultural environment, aesthetic values, and ecological USAG Alaska resources by:
- (1) Enforcing compliance with State and Federal environmental protection laws, regulations, policies and procedures as outlined in 16 USC 670a (Sikes Act), Army Regulation (AR) 200-1 (Environmental Protection and Enhancement).
- (2) Establishing requirements for those recreating on USAG Alaska managed lands to aid in the preservation and sustainment of natural resources as required by law and in support of the Army mission.
 - (3) Protecting Alaskan cultural resources from damage, theft, or destruction.
- (4) Implementing regulations that may be more restrictive than Alaska Department of Fish and Game regulations.

1-2. References, Forms, Explanation of Abbreviations

Required and related publications and prescribed and referenced forms are listed in the Appendix. Abbreviations and special terms used in this regulation are explained in the glossary.

1-3. Associational Publications

See Appendix A.

1-4. Applicability

- a. This regulation applies to all individuals whose activities have the potential to affect the military mission or resources on USAG Alaska managed lands.
- b. All land under the ownership, jurisdiction, and/or management of USAG Alaska to include, but not limited to, Fort Wainwright Main Post, Fort Greely Main Post, Tanana Flats Training Area, Yukon Training Area, Donnelly Training Area, Gerstle River Training Area, Black Rapids Training Area, Whistler Creek Training Area, Tok Fuel Terminal, Sears Creek Pump Station, and Haines Tank Farm.

1-5. Responsibilities

Responsibilities for compliance with this regulation are assigned as follows:

- a. The Garrison Commander (GC) will:
- (1) Plan land utilization to avoid or minimize adverse effects on environmental quality and provide for sustained accomplishment of the mission.
 - (2) Implement a conservation law enforcement program.
- (3) Establish policies and procedures to ensure recreationists are aware of requirements for their activities on USAG Alaska, control access to training lands, and sanction guidelines for violations of such requirements.
- (4) Suspend/revoke access permits as appropriate in accordance with current enforcement policies and penalty guidelines.
- (5) Enforce natural resource, cultural resource, environmental, and range regulations on USAG Alaska managed lands in coordination with Directorate of Emergency Services (DES).
- (6) Develop procedures and establish requirements for recreational access to USAG Alaska managed lands and establish sanction guidelines for violations of such requirements.
 - b. The Directorate of Public Works (DPW) will:
 - (1) Manage all phases of the Conservation Program.
- (2) Maintain the U.S. Army Recreation Tracking (USARTRAK) System to issue various types of access permits and communicate user access to USAG Alaska managed lands.
- (3) Ensure that the Garrison Commander is kept informed regarding natural and cultural resource issues that could impact the mission or could result in violation of laws, policies, or this regulation.

- (4) Provide Public Affairs with information regarding natural and cultural resource issues that may affect the public.
- (5) Update the USARTRAK website that informs recreationists of the requirements and regulations for recreational activities.
- (6) Coordinate with Conservation Law Enforcement, Range Control, and the Garrison Commander to designate maneuver trails for recreational vehicle use.
- (7) Maintain kiosks in the training areas where appropriate that will include the update of maps, brochures, and public notices regarding hunting, trapping, fishing, and woodcutting access.
- (8) Lead reviews of the USARTRAK website with other stakeholders and update enforcement policies and guidelines as needed.
- (9) Coordinate with, and provide recreation data to, Conservation Law Enforcement and other stakeholders listed in this regulation.
 - c. The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (DFMWR) will:
 - (1) Provide regulatory information to recreational users.
- (2) Coordinate with Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security (DPTMS), and Range Control before conducting organized activities. Organized activities will be conducted following all applicable regulations.
 - d. Directorate of Emergency Services (DES) will:
 - (1) Enforce all provisions of this regulation to include all applicable State and Federal regulations.
- (2) Appoint and train the appropriate number of Military Police, Department of Army Civilian Police, and/or Conservation Law Enforcement Officers to meet the enforcement component requirements and responsibilities of this regulation (DODI 5525.17).
- (3) Coordinate with the DPW as required on issues involving resource management, enforcement, and implementation of this regulation.
- (4) Conduct detailed investigations of suspected violations of this regulation and applicable laws and regulations.
- (5) Present completed investigations to the appropriate commander or agency for prosecutorial or punitive consideration.
- (6) Establish and implement public outreach programs as necessary for the dissemination of information and education of personnel regarding the requirements for compliant outdoor recreational activities.
- (7) Assist in updating informational kiosks with maps and information, and post signage in the training areas.
- (8) Conduct patrols to enhance the safety and security of installation lands and enforce the requirement of this regulation.
- e. Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security (DPTMS) will provide access to areas for activities not controlled by the USARTRAK system or Range Control RFMSS system for recreation, consistent with the needs to conduct mission requirements.
 - f. Fort Wainwright and Donnelly Training Area Range Control will:
- (1) Provide range and training area closure information to the USARTRAK system, DES Law Enforcement, DPW, and PAO.
- (2) Provide an annual range safety briefing for all personnel required to enter training areas for management and enforcement duties.
- (3) Assist DPW in maintaining kiosks in the training areas where appropriate that will include the update of maps, brochures, and public notices regarding hunting, trapping, fishing, and woodcutting access.
 - g. The Public Affairs Officer (PAO) will:
- (1) Provide information received from the stakeholders (GC, DPW, DFMWR, DES, and DPTMS) to the public through various media outreach programs concerning the requirements for compliant outdoor recreational activities on USAG Alaska.
- (2) Assist with the resolution of military training conflicts as well as natural and cultural resources issues that may affect the general public.
- (3) Facilitate use of USAG Alaska managed lands for recreational events by non-military organizations

1-6. Reading of the Regulations

a. Personnel using USAG Alaska managed lands must be familiar with applicable state and federal regulations.

b. DPW Environmental Division shall provide brochures, maps, websites, and additional materials as appropriate to inform the public of regulatory requirements.

1-7. Punitive Actions

- a. Military personnel who violate any provision of this regulation, including associated federal and state laws, are subject to prosecution under applicable Uniform Code of Military Justice provisions (10 USC 801 et seg).
- b. All violators, regardless of affiliation, may be tried in courts of state or federal jurisdiction for applicable violations of state or federal law, and are subject to the penalties of those jurisdictions (18 USC 13–Assimilative Crimes Act, AR190-29, 32 CFR 552.18(f)(2) and/or 10 U.S.C. 2671(c) for enforcement of Alaska Fish and Game Laws).
- c. In lieu of, or in addition to the above penalties, the Garrison Commander, in cooperation with DES, may impose administrative sanctions for noncompliance in the form of warnings, suspension of recreational privileges, and banishment and/or disbarment from the Installation (18 USC 1382).

1-8. Installation and Regulatory Agency Access

- a. It is the policy of USAG Alaska to cooperate fully with all federal and state agency representatives. USAG Alaska works closely with regulatory agencies to ensure compliance with applicable conservation and cultural resource regulations. The Garrison Commander authorizes installation access, subject to safety requirements and military security, to designated agencies. All visiting agencies must coordinate through PAO, Range Control, and DES before entry onto USAG Alaska managed lands.
- b. Law Enforcement, DPW Environmental Division, Range Control, U.S. Department of Interior, and Alaska Department of Fish and Game personnel must coordinate with Range Control to be exempt from the provisions of this regulation if operating within the scope of their authority.

Chapter 2 Outdoor Recreation

2-1. General

- a. Personnel, regardless of military or civilian status, may recreate on USAG Alaska managed lands on an equal basis subject to compliance with applicable federal, state, and military laws and regulations, and must do so safely without jeopardizing the military mission.
- b. Every effort will be made to ensure multiple use of military lands; however, public access may be restricted or denied by the Garrison Commander.
- c. All non-military groups/organizations requesting recreational access to USAG Alaska managed lands must direct their land-use request to the garrison PAO.

Commercial guiding (as defined by AS 08.54) is prohibited on all USAG Alaska managed lands.

- a. The U.S. Government shall not be liable for any damage or injury to equipment, persons, or property, resulting from the use or participation in any recreational activity on USAG Alaska managed lands. All persons engaging in recreational activities on USAG Alaska managed lands do so at their own risk. Recreational users are financially liable for any damage to government or private property resulting from their activity.
- *b.* If in violation of these regulations, it is the individual offender's responsibility to remove trash, repair damages, and/or incur any fines and/or damage caused.

2-2. Recreational Access to U.S. Army Garrison Alaska Managed Lands

- a. Recreational users may not enter any of the areas indicated as closed on the USARTRAK system, any area that is closed to recreation, or any "Off-Limits" area, as indicated by placard, blockade, red flag, or websites.
- b. All persons, 16 years of age and older, wishing to recreate on USAG Alaska managed lands controlled by the USARTRAK system must obtain a Sikes Act Permit (SAP). A SAP can be obtained online at the USARTRAK website.
- c. All persons recreating on USAG Alaska managed lands controlled by the USARTRAK system must check in online on the USARTRAK website or by phone (877-250-9781) prior to entering training areas.
- d. Recreationist are prohibited from conducting recreational activities within 100 meters (328 feet) of any building or equipment. Recreationists are allowed to travel within 100 meters of building or equipment on their way to a recreational activity but are prohibited from stopping.

2-3. Firearms

- a. All military and civilian personnel wanting to possess, transport, or store privately owned firearms on USAG Alaska Main Posts (See Appendix C and D) shall follow USAG Alaska Fort Wainwright Policy Letter #27 and USAG Alaska Fort Greely Policy Memorandum 19-11. See USARTRAK website for map updates.
- b. Areas exempt from the firearm registration requirements are all USAG Alaska ranges and training areas that do not require access gained via a staffed (military police/security force) access control point (i.e., Tanana Flats, Yukon, Donnelly (east and west), Gerstle River, Black Rapids, and Whistler Creek). See Fort Wainwright Policy Letter #27 and Fort Greely Policy Memorandum 19-11 for registration requirements.
- c. Except as otherwise noted in this regulation, the use of Army ranges and training areas for sport-firing activities are outlined in USARAK Regulation 350-2.
- d. Privately owned firearms may be transported in or on motorized vehicles and watercraft in areas exempted from firearm registration (i.e. non-cantonment areas), provided there is no round in the chamber. Magazines, clips or revolver cylinders for these firearms may be loaded and/or contained within the weapon itself provided there is no round in the chamber or immediately behind the firing pin or hammer. This policy applies to all personnel engaged in authorized recreational activities at USAG Alaska ranges and training areas authorized for recreation. Individuals are responsible for safety while transporting firearms in a loaded condition.
- e. Discharge of firearms on USAG Alaska managed lands is prohibited except while participating in a legal hunting or trapping activity, in defense of life or property from wildlife, or on ranges authorized for such use. Recreational target shooting in training areas is not allowed.
- f. Discharge of firearms or bows (during hunting activity) within 100 meters (328 feet), of a building or facility is prohibited (with the exception of ranges authorized for such use).

- g. Firearms or bows will not be discharged from, on, or across the drivable surface of any constructed road (AS 16.05.255; 5 AAC 92.080).
- h. Areas closed to the discharge of firearms and/or bows are described in the USARTRAK website section and 2-4. sub-section *q*.
 - i. Government-owned firearms or ammunition will not be used for hunting purposes.
- j. Individuals engaged in lawful hunting, fishing, camping, hiking, trapping or other lawful outdoor activities that typically involve carrying a firearm for personal protection from wildlife may carry a firearm concealed on their person; "concealed on the person" is defined as hidden from plain view (USAG Alaska Policy Letter #27). Otherwise, privately owned firearms or weapons are not to be carried concealed on Fort Wainwright Main Post or Fort Greely Main Post. The authority granted by the State of Alaska to carry a concealed firearm is not valid within Fort Wainwright Main Post or Fort Greely Main Post. This does not apply to law enforcement personnel.
- k. Firearms found to be stored, transported, or used in manners or methods contrary to this regulation may be confiscated by the Fort Wainwright or Fort Greely Police or other military police personnel.

2-4. Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping

- a. Hunting, fishing, and trapping activities are administered by the DPW Environmental Division, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG).
- b. Harvest of fish and game as defined by ADFG regulations may be allowed on USAG Alaska managed lands. The Garrison Commander has the authority to further restrict the ADFG regulations on USAG Alaska managed lands. Further restriction on the harvest of any species will be indicated in the USARTRAK website.
- c. All incidents involving the killing or wounding of any wild animal on USAG Alaska managed lands, whether in defense of life or property (as defined by the State of Alaska), during military training, incidental take by trap or snare, or as the result of an accident, will be reported immediately to the DES Conservation Law Enforcement officer. This does not apply to the legal harvest of game animals, except where required in this regulation.
- d. While hunting or in the possession of firearms, persons under 16 years of age must be under the direct or immediate supervision of their parent(s) or an adult 21 years of age or older, who is currently authorized to recreate on USAG Alaska managed lands and is in full compliance with all applicable rules and regulations.
- e. No permanent tree stands/towers will be erected or used for any recreational purpose including hunting. Portable tree stands can be used provided minimal vegetation is cut (in accordance with other provisions in this regulation) and must be removed at the end of the season or outdoor activity for which they are used.
- f. Personal equipment will not be stored in training areas more than 30 days unless allowed under a specific permitted activity. All equipment must be removed within 30 days or coordinated with the DPW Environmental Division and DES for requisite permitting.
 - g. Restrictions for hunting on Fort Wainwright Main Post and Fort Greely Main Post are as follows:
 - (1) Off-limit areas described in the USARTRAK website,
- (2) Small game under ADFG permit may be taken by bow and arrow or shotgun using shotgun shells with BB (4.57 mm diameter) shot or smaller only.
 - (3) Hunting by method of predator calling or baiting is prohibited.
 - (4) Trapping is prohibited.
 - (5) Use of firearms, hunting, or trapping of any kind in the cantonment area is prohibited.
- h. Military personnel are prohibited from recreating while in an "on-duty" status; however, during bona fide survival training exercises, participants may take fish or small game per federal and state laws. No privately-owned firearms may be carried or used during on-duty status (USARAK Regulation 350-2).

2-5. Problem or Nuisance Wildlife

Disposition of problem or nuisance wildlife, including birds protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, will be administered by personnel from DPW Conservation Branch or DES Conservation Law Enforcement in cooperation with appropriate state and federal agencies. Required depredation permits will be acquired by the DPW Conservation Branch, the Ladd Field Manager, or the Allen AAF Manager. The DPW Conservation Branch must be informed before any action is taken on USAG Alaska managed lands under a depredation permit.

2-6. Off-Road Recreational Vehicles (ORV) and Motorized Watercraft

- a. General.
- (1) An ORV is any motorized vehicle designed primarily for, or capable of, cross-country travel on or immediately over land, sand, snow, ice, marsh, swampland, or other natural terrain; except that such term excludes any government vehicle when used in official (non-recreation) capacity including military, fire, ambulance, Range Control, DPW, or law enforcement vehicle when used for official purposes. ORVs are further divided into two classifications: those with a Curb Weight of 1500 lbs. or less, and those over 1500 lbs. Curb Weight.
- (2) ORV and motorized watercraft regulations apply to all persons, civilian and military, operating ORVs and motorized watercraft on USAG Alaska managed lands. All ORVs and motorized watercraft will be operated in compliance with State of Alaska laws addressing registration, safety equipment, and pollution.
- (3) Passengers on ORVs are authorized if the ORV is equipped with factory mounted passenger seats, and the passenger is seated in that seat (AR 190-5).
- (4) Federally owned vehicles including aircraft, ORVs, and boats will not be used for purposes directly or indirectly related to recreation. These prohibitions do not apply to MWR vehicles.
 - b. ORV and Motorized Watercraft Operating Criteria
- (1) All land and water on USAG Alaska managed lands are closed to ORVs and motorized watercraft, except those areas and/or trails that are determined suitable, and specifically designated, for ORV and motorized watercraft use in this regulation. Training areas may be wholly or partially closed at various times depending on seasonal conditions, including water levels, snow depth, or other issues.
- (2) Any operation of ORVs or motorized watercraft that causes, or is likely to cause, significant, undue damage to soil, wildlife, wildlife habitat, improvements, cultural, or vegetative resources, or other uses is prohibited (43 USC 8341.1(f)(4)).
- (3) Cross country travel is restricted to the following classification types defined by DPW, approved by DES and Range Control, and advertised to the public on the USARTRAK system. These roads and trails are described in the USARTRAK website.
 - (1) Non-motorized; ORVs are not permitted. Non-motorized use only.
 - (2) Unimproved; ORVs less than 1500 lbs. Curb Weight are permitted year-round.
- (3) Improved; All ORVs permitted on designated roads, given they do not damage the surface soil or improved roadway per Section 2-6 sub-section b(2). ORV's are restricted to designated roads described as "Improved Roadway" and may not leave the designated roads unless otherwise specified under a specific recreation activity.
- (4) No person under 16 years of age will operate an ORV, unless under the direct and visual supervision of their parent(s) or an adult 21 years of age or older, who is currently authorized to recreate on USAG Alaska managed lands and is in full compliance with all applicable rules and regulations.
- (5) Approved protective helmets, eye protection, hard-soled shoes, long trousers, and brightly colored or reflective outer upper garment will be worn by operators and passengers when in operation (AR 190-5)
- (6) All occupants in or on watercraft, regardless of age, will wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved Type I, II, or III personal flotation device while on USAG Alaska waters.
- (7) The Garrison Commander with input from DPW, DES, Installation Safety, and Range Control may further restrict specific types of ORV and motorized watercraft use if it is determined that such use and activity will or has the potential to impact safety, security, soil, vegetation, wildlife, wildlife habitat, cultural and historic resources, or mission requirements. Restrictions on ORV and/or motorized watercraft of designated sites will remain in effect until such adverse effects have been mitigated, including site restoration if necessary and appropriate measures implemented to prevent any such recurrence.
 - (8) Motorized watercrafts are not permitted in restricted areas.

2-7. Aircraft

- a. Private and commercial aircraft operating within USAG Alaska airspace are subject to Federal Aviation Administration and military flight rules and restrictions.
- b. Private and commercial aircraft used to access USAG Alaska managed lands for recreational activities must comply with all aspects of this regulation.

2-8. Wood Cutting

- a. All tree/shrub cutting on the Fort Wainwright and Fort Greely cantonment areas and associated training lands require a general wood cutting permit that can be obtained on the USARTRAK website. Check-in requirements are applicable for trainings areas when harvesting wood.
- b. Excluding Fort Wainwright Main Post and Fort Greely Main Post, trees under four inches in diameter may be cut without a permit but only under the following conditions: brushing out existing trails, clearing camping spots, or minor clearing for hunting or trapping use. Clearing more than 1/10th acre (66 ft. x 66 ft. or equivalent) of vegetation (More than 4 in. diameter) is prohibited.
 - c. All trees must be cut less than six inches from the ground.
- d. It is prohibited for anyone to peel bark or in any other way damage any live standing tree without a special use permit.

2-8. Prohibited Activities

- a. Pets that are not under voice or leash control.
- b. Hang gliding, para-gliding, or bungee-jumping.
- c. Use of a motorized vehicle to tow persons on skis, bicycles, snowboards, inner-tubes, non-motorized sleds, or any other similar non-motorized recreational equipment by rope or cable.
- d. Commercial recreational activities, excluding outfitting (AS 08.54.790), unless approved by the Garrison Commander.
- e. All personal possessions, trash, and other items brought in to USAG Alaska managed lands are limited to 30 days and must be removed unless otherwise permitted by the Garrison Commander. This includes any permanent construction without a specific permit from the Garrison Commander or unless otherwise defined as part of a specific permitted activity (i.e., bear baiting and trapping). Anything left on USAG Alaska managed lands after 30 days will be considered trash. These items include hunting camps, tree stands, hunting towers, cabins, tent frames, shelters, coolers, etc.
- f. Littering or abandoning any man-made objects (including geocaching). Refuse will be put in authorized trash containers and will not be buried. Persons camping or picnicking will pick up all trash, including unburned trash in the fire pit, and properly dispose of it by transport trash to authorized disposal areas.
- g. Blocking or impeding access to training lands. Erecting camps or barricades on main trails or otherwise attempting to keep other recreational users out of or off of USAG Alaska managed lands is not allowed. There is no "ownership" or claim to an area for any recreational activity. USAG Alaska managed lands, when open, are available for everyone's recreational use within the restrictions of this regulation unless otherwise defined in a specific permitted activity (i.e., bear baiting and trapping).
 - h. Displaying signs, unless required by ADFG/USAG Alaska Regulations.
- i. Damaging fences, roads, dams, buildings, bridges, plantings, other improvements, or disturbing the landscape by rutting, trenching, or damaging wetlands.
- j. Tampering with unexploded ordnance. If ordnance or suspected ordnance is found, contact Range Control or the Military Police immediately. Under no circumstances will such ordnance be touched or in any way disturbed by unauthorized personnel.
- k. Recreational activities involving the removal of minerals (including gold panning, dredging, mining of any kind), fossils, and cultural resources including archeological artifacts and human remains.
- I. Release of hazardous substances. If the release of a hazardous substance causes environmental damage to natural or cultural resources under Army control, the person or persons who released the substance is potentially liable for the environmental damage and cost (s) associated with remediation. Immediately report petroleum, oil, or lubricant spills to the Fire Department and DPW Environmental noting the size, location, and type of spill. Take immediate action to control, contain, and clean up spills, per the Installation Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure Plan. Failure to comply could result in the revocation of recreation privileges on USAG Alaska managed lands and possible criminal penalties.
- m. Release of invasive species (AS 03.05 010, AS03.05.030, AS 44.37.030, 11AAC 34.020). If release of an invasive species causes environmental damage, the person(s) who released the organism is potentially liable. Immediately report the release of invasive species to DPW Environmental Division, noting the size, location, and type of invasive species.
- n. No digging in excess of six inches in depth without completion of an Excavation Clearance Request (Dig Permit).
 - o. The recreational use of Unmanned Aerial Systems shall follow USAG Alaska Policy Letter #24.

Appendix A

References

Referenced Federal Regulations

16 USC 670a – 670o (1989), Sikes Act Conservation Programs on Military Installations (AKA Sikes Act) (PL 86-797; 16 USC 670 *et seq.*) Federal Trespass [Entering military, naval, or Coast Guard property] (18 USC 1382) Uniform Code of Military Justice (10 USC 801 *et seq*), 1950, Title 32, CFR, Part 552.18

Department of the Army Regulations (AR)

AR 190-5, Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision

USARAK Regulations/Policies

USARAK Regulation 190-1, Military Police Physical Security

Referenced Forms

DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms is cited in the Suggested Improvements Statement)

Appendix B

Related References

Related Federal Regulations

10 USC 2671, Military Reservations and Facilities: Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping (a) General Requirements for Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping

American Indian Religious Freedom Act of 1978, as amended (PL 95-341; 42 USC 1996) Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979 (PL 96-95:16 USC 470a-11)

Laws of States Adopted for Areas within Federal Jurisdiction (Assimilative Crimes Act) (18 USC13). Military Reservation and Facilities: hunting, fishing, and trapping (10 USC 2671) [An update of the Military Construction Authorization Act]

National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966 (as amended; PL 89-665; 16 USC 470 et sea.).

Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 (PL 101-601; 25 USC 3001-3013). Department of Defense Instruction (DODI) 5525.17, Conservation Law Enforcement Program (CLEP)

Related Department of the Army Regulations (AR)

AR 200-1, Environmental Protection and Enhancement AR 350-19, Army Sustainable Range Program AR 385-63, Range Safety AR 525-13, Antiterrorism

Related USARAK Regulations/Policies

USARAK Regulation 385-1, United States Army Alaska Safety Program USARAK Regulation 350-2, Training – Range Safety USARAK Land Withdrawal EIS USARAK CG Policy Statement 0-18, Concealed Firearms Policy

Related USAG Regulations

USAG Alaska Fort Greely Installation Policy Memorandum #19-11 Privately Owned Weapons USAG Alaska Fort Wainwright Policy Letter #24 Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) USAG Alaska Fort Wainwright Policy Letter #27 Privately Owned Firearms (POFs)

Related USAG Alaska Management Plans

Integrated Cultural Resources Management Plans (ICRMP) Integrated Natural Resources Management Plans (INRMP) Integrated Pest Management Plan (IMPM)

Related Websites/Links

Alaska Administrative Code: http://touchngo.com/lglcntr/akstats/AAC.htm

Alaska Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV): http://www.state.ak.us/local/akpages/ADMIN/dmv

Alaska Statutes: http://www.touchngo.com/lglcntr/akstats/statutes.htm

Army Publishing Division: http://www.apd.army.mil

Bureau of Land Management (Alaska Region): http://www.blm.gov/ak/st/en.html

Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping - State of Alaska Regulations: http://www.wildlife.alaska.gov/index.cfm

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Alaska Region): https://www.fws.gov/alaska

USAG Alaska USARTRAK website: https://usartrak.isportsman.net

USAG Alaska Natural Resources Homepage: https://home.army.mil/alaska/index.php/fort-wainwright/garrison/public-works/environmental/natural-resources

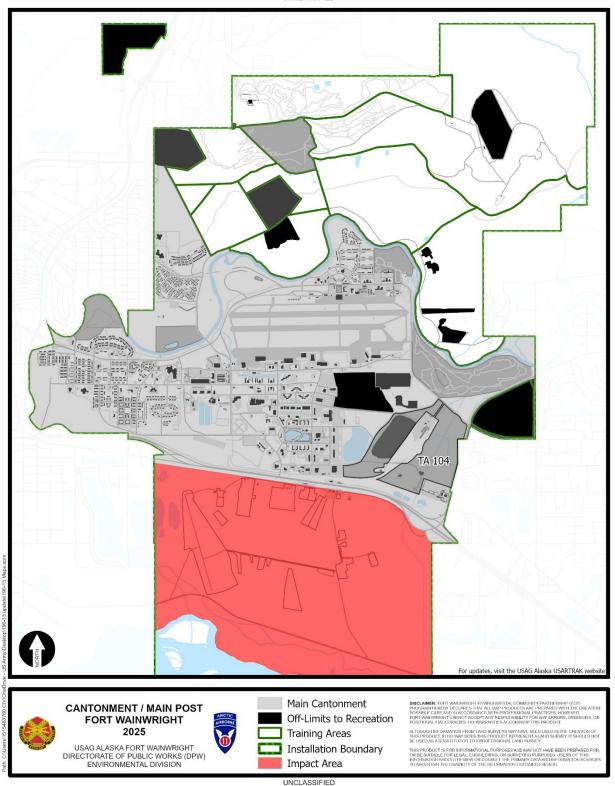
USAG Alaska Publications and Blank Forms website: http://www.wainwright.army.mil/dhr/asd.asp

USAG Alaska Fort Greely DES Weapons Registration Page: https://home.army.mil/alaska/index.php/fort-greely/garrison/des/weapons-registration

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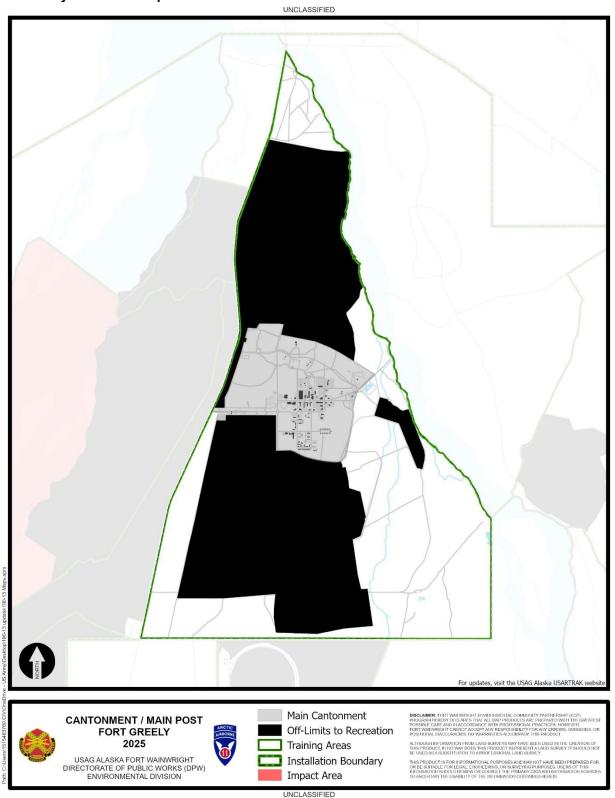
Fort Wainwright Main Post Map

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Fort Greely Main Post Map



Glossary

Cantonment

The total area of the cantonment (installation land area less range and training land) described in the USARTRAK website.

Civilian

A person who is not an active member of the military or the police.

Conservation

Combined natural and cultural resources programs performed by the DPW Environmental Division, USAG Alaska.

Cultural resources

Sites, structures, landscapes, and objects of some importance to a culture or community for scientific, traditional, religious, or other reasons.

Curb Weight

Also known as kerb weight, refers to the total mass of a vehicle with standard equipment and all necessary operating consumables, such as motor oil, transmission oil, brake fluid, coolant, and sometimes a full tank of fuel, while not loaded with either passengers or cargo.

Firearm

(A) any weapon (including a starter gun) which will or is designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive; (B) the frame or receiver of any such weapon; (C) any firearm muffler or firearm silencer; or (D) any destructive device. Such term does not include an antique firearm.

Fossil

The remains (or an impression) of a plant or animal that existed in a past geological time and has been excavated from the soil.

Geocaching

An outdoor treasure-hunting game in which the participants use a Global Positioning System receiver or other navigational techniques to hide and seek containers (called "geocaches" or "caches").

Improved Roadway

A constructed road or highway that is maintained by a government agency or its designee.

Main Post

Areas within an installation's boundary as determined by access gained via a staffed (military police/security force) access control point (USARAK Regulation 190-1).

Military Personnel

Active duty and retired members of the United States Armed Forces.

Motorized Vehicle

A motor-propelled land, water, or air conveyance.

Motorized Watercraft

A watercraft propelled by machinery. This term includes any vessel temporarily or permanently equipped with a motor (e.g. riverboats, airboats, hydrofoils, personal watercraft, etc.).

Natural Resources

Resources (actual and potential) supplied by nature.

Off-Road Recreational Vehicle (ORV)

Any motorized vehicle designed primarily for, or capable of, cross-country travel on or immediately over land, water, sand, snow, ice, marsh, swampland, or other natural terrain; except that such term excludes any military, fire, ambulance, or law enforcement vehicle when used for official purposes. ORVs are further divided into two classifications: those with a Curb Weight of 1500 lbs. or less, and those over 1500 lbs. Curb Weight.

Ordnance

Explosives, chemicals, pyrotechnics, bombs, guns and ammunition, flares, smoke, or napalm.

Permit

Written authorization to conduct an activity.

Recreational Shooting

Skeet or target shooting not involved in military training and without the intent of hunting (taking of animals).

Remediation

Repair of damaged natural areas.

Small game

All game as defined as small game by ADFG in the Alaska Hunting Regulations.

Stand (tree)

A tree stand is a platform, seat, or other contrivance meant for the purpose of hunting game animals from an elevated position.

Take

Taking, pursuing, hunting, fishing, trapping, or in any manner disturbing, capturing, or killing or attempting to take, pursue, hunt, fish, trap, or in any manner, capture or kill fish or game.

Trail

An unimproved road that does not undergo government-sanctioned maintenance.

Training Area

A section of a military Installation, given identifiable boundaries and a numerical designation.

Transport

Shipping, carrying, importing, exporting, or receiving or delivering for shipment, carriage, or export.

Visitor

An individual desiring to enter the Installation but not affiliated with the Department of Defense.

Visitor Pass

Authorization provided to a visitor allowing entry to the Installation as a visitor and issued at the Visitor Control Center.

Watercraft

Any vessel or craft designed specifically and only for movement on the surface of the water.

Withdrawal (of lands)

Withholding an area of federal land from settlement, sale, location, or entry, under some or all of the general land laws, for the purposed of limiting activities under those laws in order to maintain other public values in the area or reserving the area for a particular public purpose or program; or transferring jurisdiction over an area of federal lands, other than "property" governed by the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act as amended (40 USC 472) from one department, bureau or agency to another department, bureau, or agency (FLPMA, sec.103(j)).

SUMMARY of CHANGE

USAG AK 190-13

Outdoor Recreation, Conservation, and Natural Resource Policies and Enforcement on United States Army Garrison Alaska Installation Land and Water

This major revision, dated 1 July 2025 -

- o Recreation Access Permit (RAP) was changed to Sikes Act Permit (SAP) throughout.
- Updated Section 2-2.a
 - Include the term "Off-Limits Areas" to reference language in the Recreation Reference Maps found on the USARAK website.
 - Removed "verbal warning" and "other means of communication" to improve the ability for enforcement to adjudicate.
- Inserted para 2-2.d: "Recreationist are prohibited from conducting recreational activities within 100
 meters of any building or equipment. Recreationist are allowed to travel within 100 meters of building
 or equipment on their way to a recreational activity but are prohibited from stopping."
- o Changed 50 meters (164 feet) to 100 meters (328 feet) (para 2-3.f)
 - This change was made to be consistent with para 2-2.d).
 - This change was made so that recreationists do not camp or loiter near infrastructure needed for training and other activities required for Training Area maintenance.
- o Changed Gross Vehicular Weight Rating (GVWR) to Curb Weight (para 2-6.a(1)).
 - This change was made so that both Law Enforcement and the recreating public can use a common language when describing vehicle weight.
 - The curb weight of nearly all vehicles can be found on the internet and/or the vehicles owner's manual.
- o Removed "Camping" Section from previous version (formerly Section 2-9).
 - Was redundant with "Prohibited Activities" Section (Formerly Section 2-10.e.; now 2-9.e.)
 - Removed para 2-10.i from previous version because it was redundant with para 2-8.b