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

# Safety





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## Fort Gordon Directorate of Emergency Services

The Director of Emergency Services (DES) and Conservation Law Enforcement Program encourages any person to report violations of Federal, Georgia state, and Fort Gordon laws, rules, or regulations to include, but not limited to: poaching, any act of disturbing threatened or endangered wildlife species, damage or destruction of critical habitat or archaeological sites, illegal taking of forestry products, etc.

Individuals who witness violations are encouraged to immediately notify the Law Enforcement Center (LEC), (706) 791-4380. Immediate reporting will significantly increase the ability of Law Enforcement to initiate an investigation and take steps to an appropriate action with the suspected violator.

If you wish, you may remain anonymous.

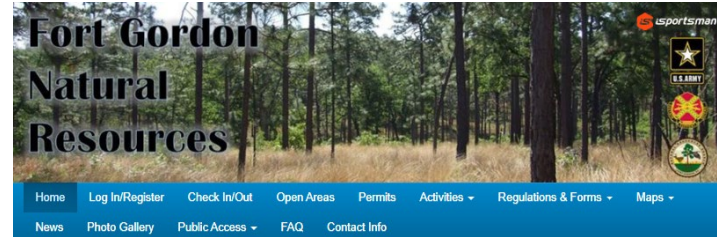
**In case of an emergency: Dial 9-1-1 (Tell them you are on Post)**



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- It is imperative that you **do not confront** any person you feel or suspect is violating the law, thus not put yourself in danger. A Conservation Law Enforcement Officer or Military/Civilian Police officer will be dispatched to your calls.
- iSportsman will be checked daily by the Law Enforcement Center for any check-in and check-out violations.
- Check iSportsman for training areas, lakes/ponds, and/or bicycle routes available for recreation.
- Please ensure you print out a completed Training Area Parking Pass and place it in view on the dash of your vehicle. Pass is required for all recreational activities and is available on the iSportsman website: (look under “Regulations and Forms”).



**Fort Gordon Training Area  
Parking Pass**

iSportsman Permit # : \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date : \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone # : \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact # : \_\_\_\_\_

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



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- Promptly answer/return all calls, texts, and messages you receive during and after completing recreation on Post. It could be the Law Enforcement Center making sure you are safe.
- Ensure all personal information in your iSportsman profile is completely filled out, accurate, and up-to-date. This includes vehicle info, emergency contact info, and physical address info. Be sure to inform your emergency contact that they are listed as such and make sure they understand they may need to be reached in case of an emergency (Answer the phone!). Your emergency contact's phone number should not be the same as yours! Let your emergency contact know your plans, e.g., "I'm going hunting today and plan to be back home at noon."
- Hunters tracking game: Hunters must call the Law Enforcement Center before mandatory check-out time in iSportsman for further instructions. Upon finding game or ending the search, you must call the Law Enforcement Center verifying you are out of the training area and checked out of iSportsman.

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## Contact List for Law Enforcement

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

Chief of Police  
Kevin Pugh  
706-791-4871

Deputy Chief of Police  
Metz Luchey  
706-791-5483

Conservation Law Enforcement  
Supervisor  
VACANT  
706-791-9290



# Natural Resources Priorities

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

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



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## Fort Gordon Annual Priorities

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

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## Threatened & Endangered Species Management

Federally Endangered Species	# of Species
Birds	2*
<b>Species at Risk and Rare Species</b>	
Birds	3
Fish	1
Reptile\Amphibian	2**
Mammals	1
Plants	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>



\*Wood Stork has transient presence (Summer/Migration)  
 \*\*Gopher Tortoise is no longer a federal candidate species but still considered an Army Species at Risk. USFWS is being sued to re-list the gopher tortoise.

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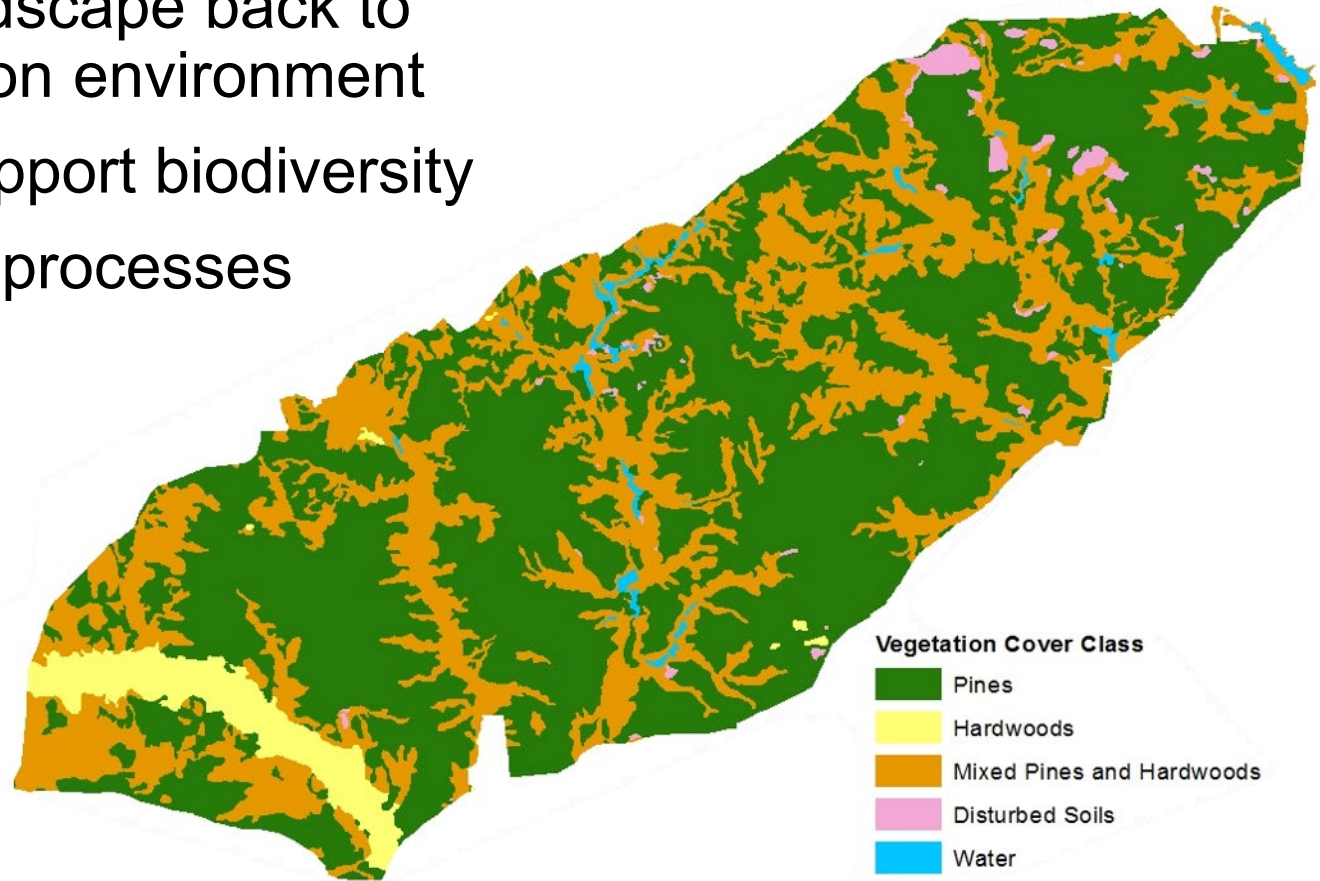




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## Ecosystem Management Strategy

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



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## Undesirable Landscape

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



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## Poor Quality Landscape





## Undesirable Landscape

1902  
11-7-2019  
East

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





## Becoming a Desirable Landscape

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



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## Most Important Tool: Prescribed Fire

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











Hardwood Encroachment – Pre-burn





June 2 – 1.5 Weeks Post-Burn







July 6 – 6 Weeks Post-burn





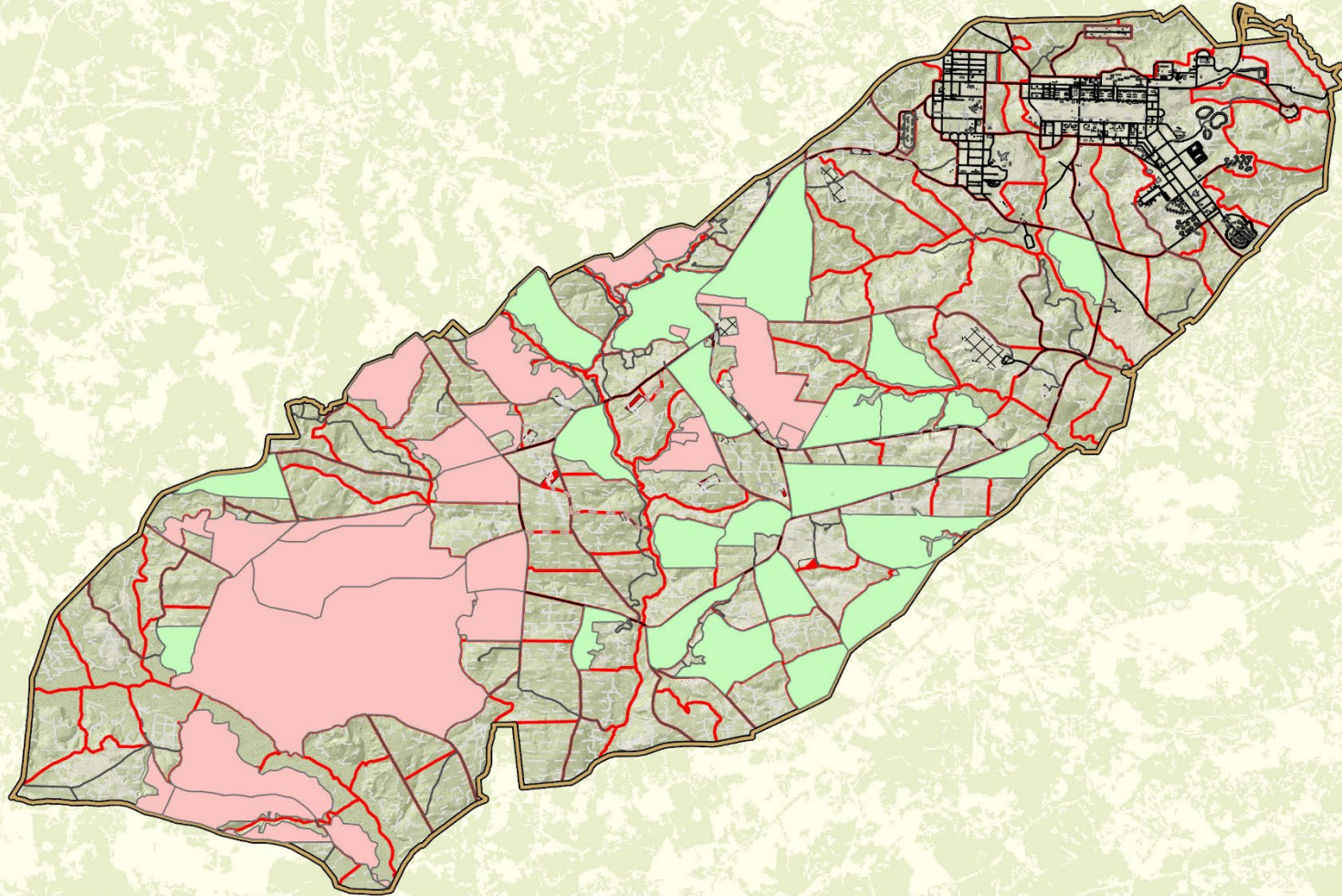


August 23 – 3 Months Post-burn





# FY23 Proposed Prescribed Fire (18,241 acres), Fort Gordon, US Army



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



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## Prescribed Burn

-  Dormant Season
-  Growing Season
-  Burn Units
-  Installation Boundary

## Roads

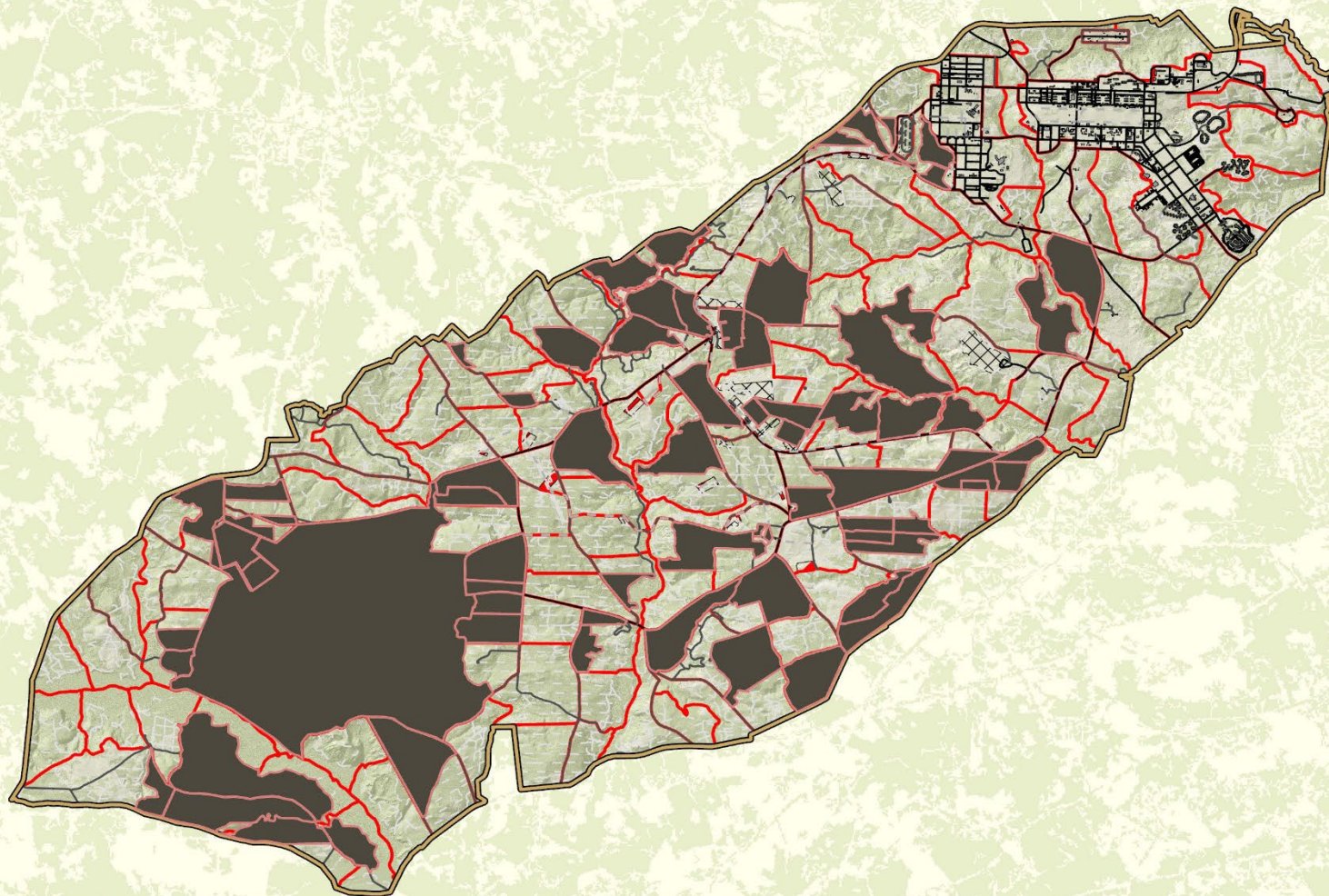
-  Primary
-  Secondary
-  Tertiary

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# FY23 Accomplished Prescribed Fire (16,682 acres), Fort Gordon, US Army



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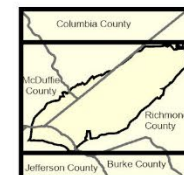
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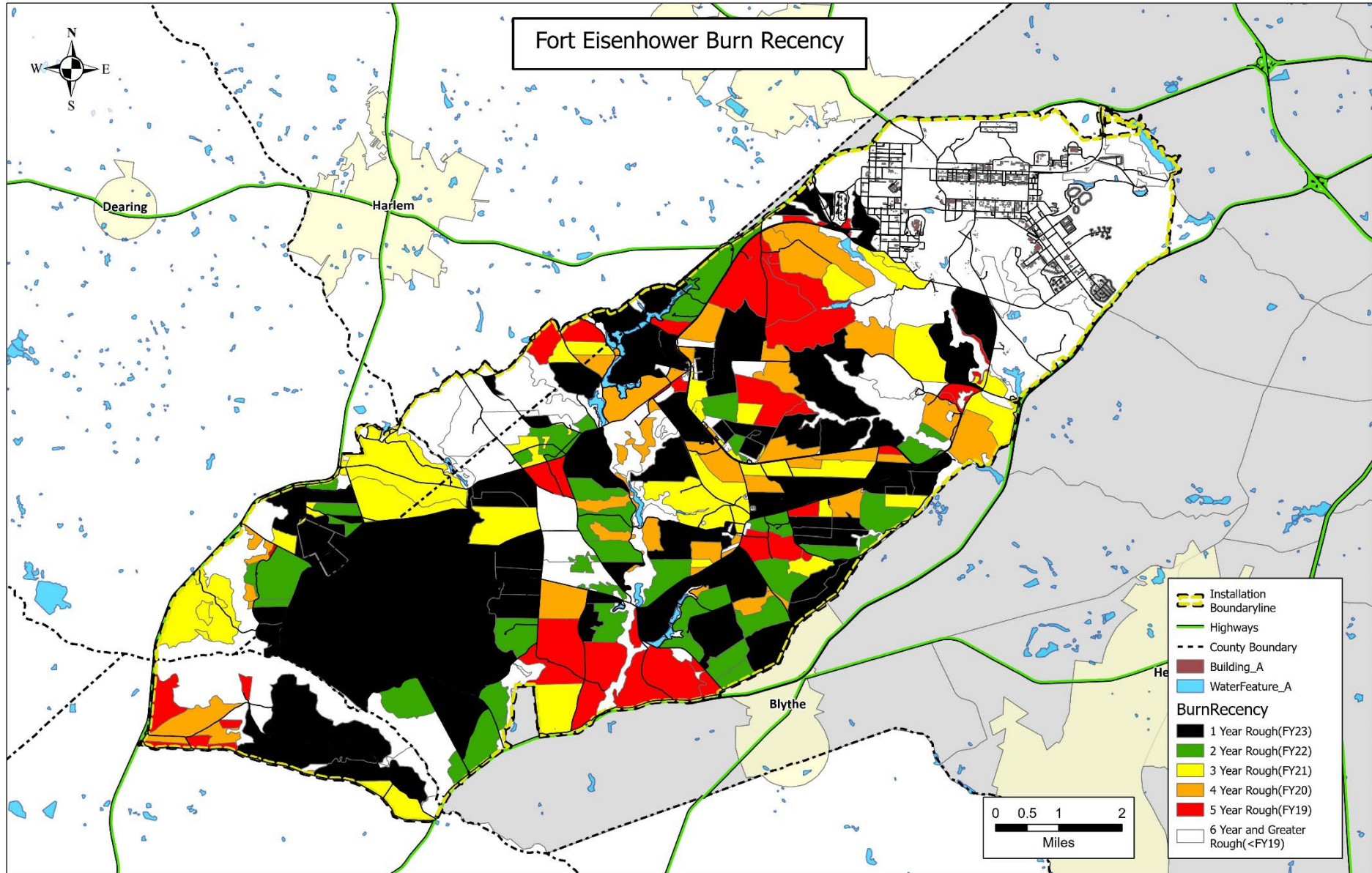


- FY23 Accomplished
- Burn Units
- Installation Boundary
- Roads**
- Primary
- - Secondary
- · - Tertiary

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# Proposed Forest Management Activities, Fort Gordon, US Army

- Installation Boundary
- Training Area Boundaries
- Buildings
- Lakes
- Ranges
- Impact Area

## Programmed Timber Harvests Scheduled FY

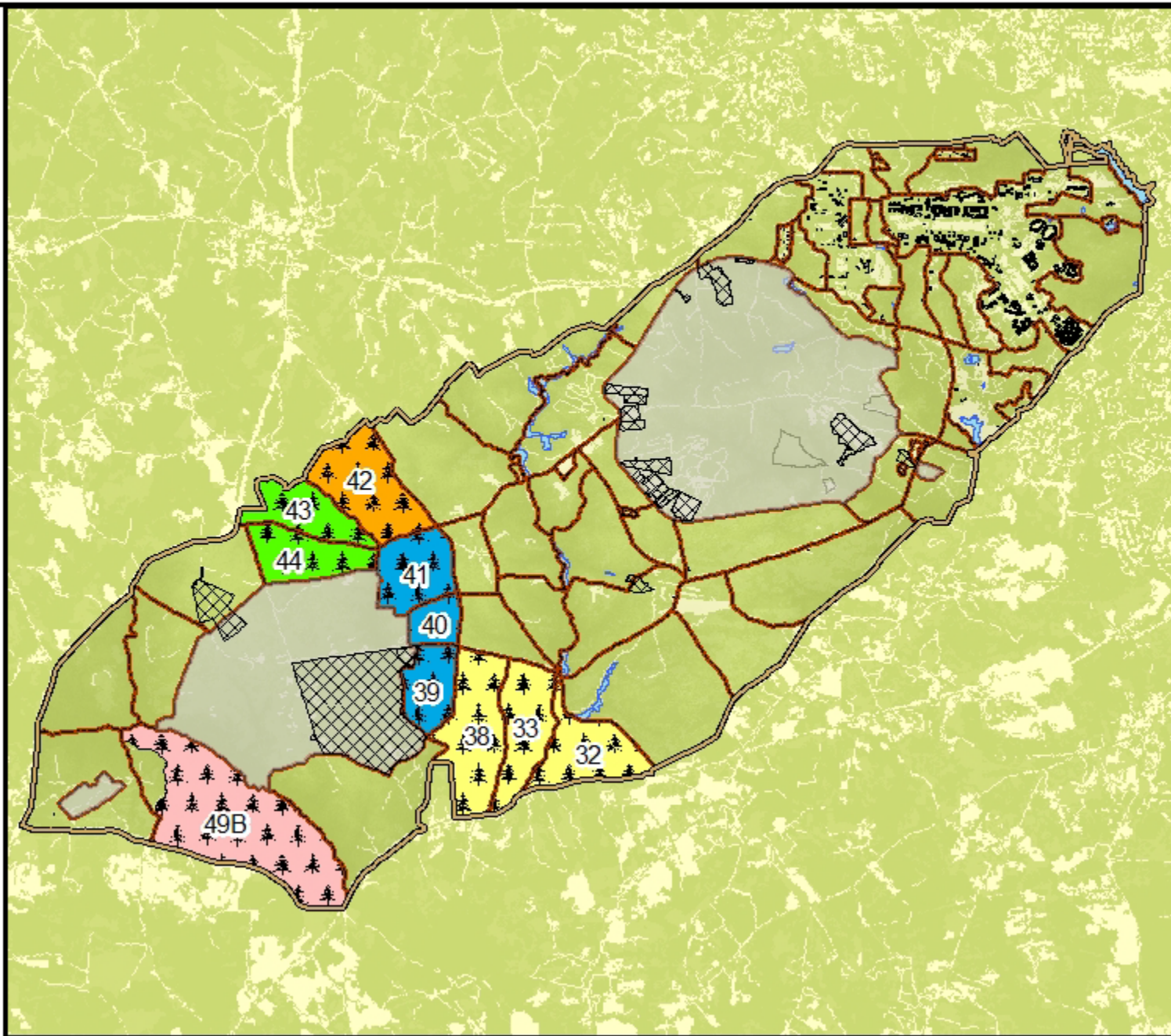
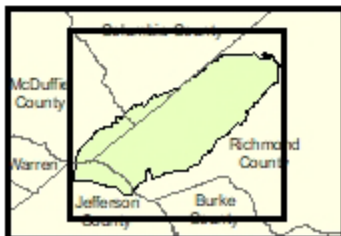
- FY 2023
- FY 2024
- FY 2025
- FY 2026
- FY 2027

World Geodetic System of 1984  
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## Timber Marking and Harvesting



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## Mechanical Midstory Removal



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

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## Herbicide



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

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## Endangered Species Management

### Red-cockaded Woodpecker HMU Management Actions

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	Total
<b>Burned Acres</b>	5700	7300	7550	8210	6125	<u>34,885</u> <u>7000/yr.</u>
<b>Herbicide Acres</b>	1200	315	1527	576	2280	<u>5,898</u> <u>1175/yr.</u>
<b>Mulched Acres</b>	598	614	178	674	458	<u>2,522</u> <u>505/yr.</u>
<b>Timber Stand Improvements</b>	457	650	1970	1389	1375	<u>5,841</u> <u>1170/yr.</u>
<b>Acres planted in longleaf</b>	201	150	150	360	350	<u>1,211</u> <u>242/yr.</u>
<b>Acres Planted with Wiregrass</b>	268	248	21	163	75	<u>775</u> <u>155/yr.</u>





## *Longleaf Management - Benefits to Game Species*

- Wild Turkey

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

- White-tailed Deer

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



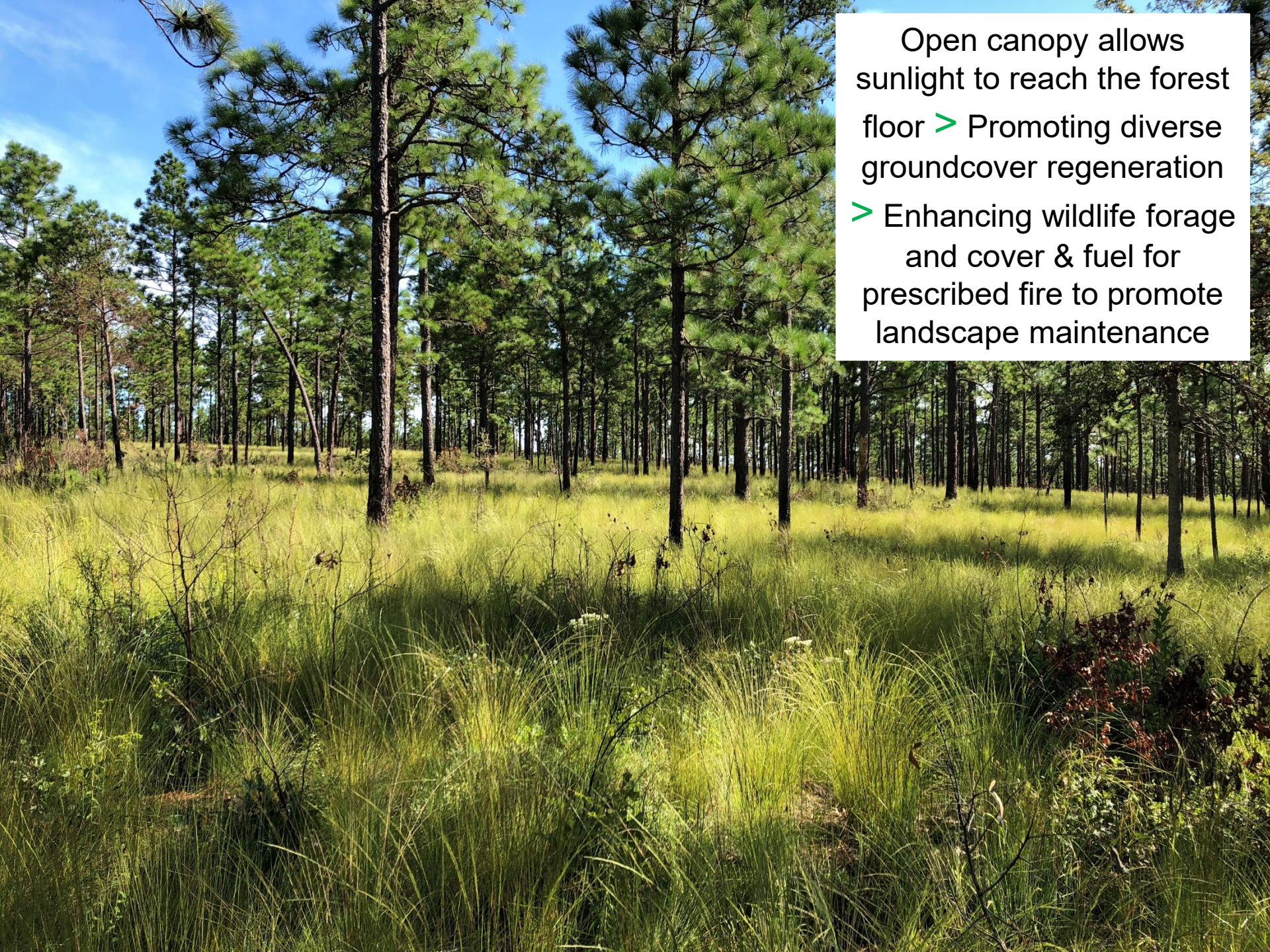








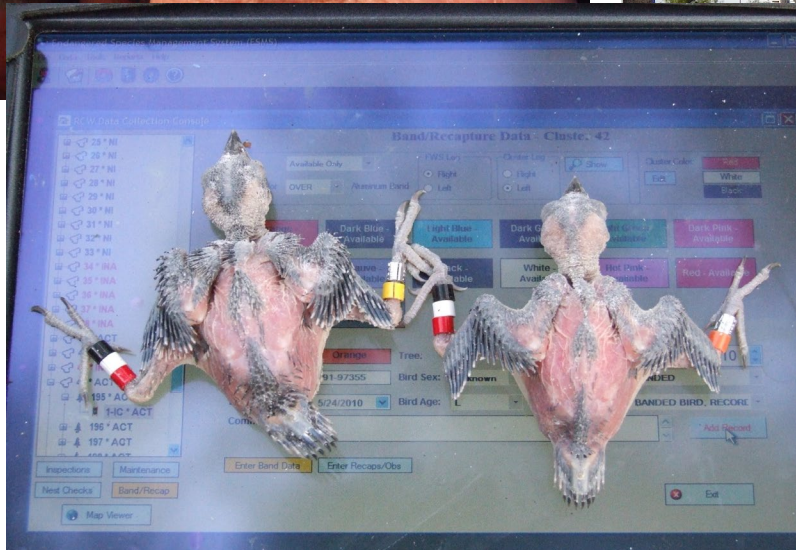




Open canopy allows sunlight to reach the forest floor > Promoting diverse groundcover regeneration > Enhancing wildlife forage and cover & fuel for prescribed fire to promote landscape maintenance



# Red-cockaded Woodpecker

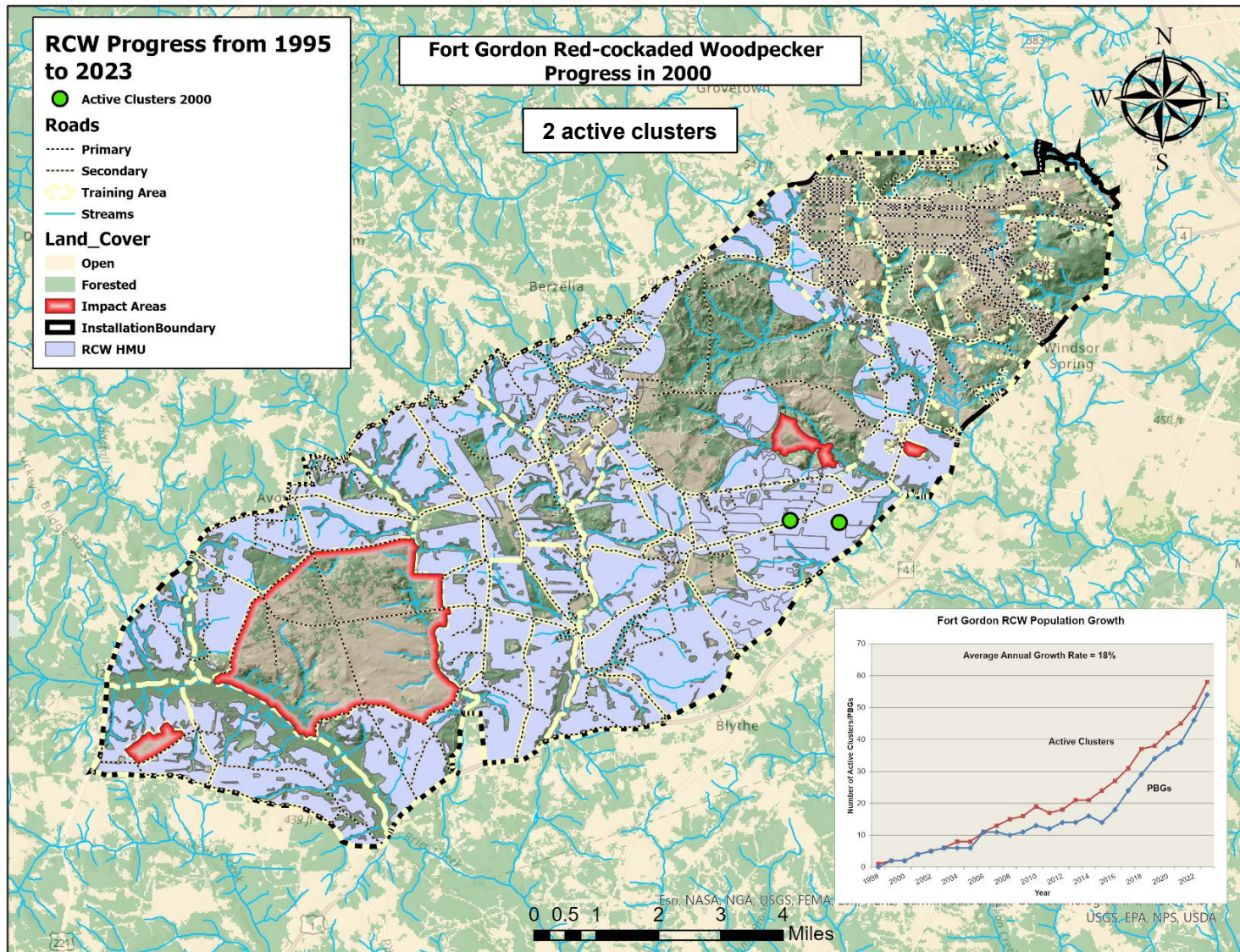


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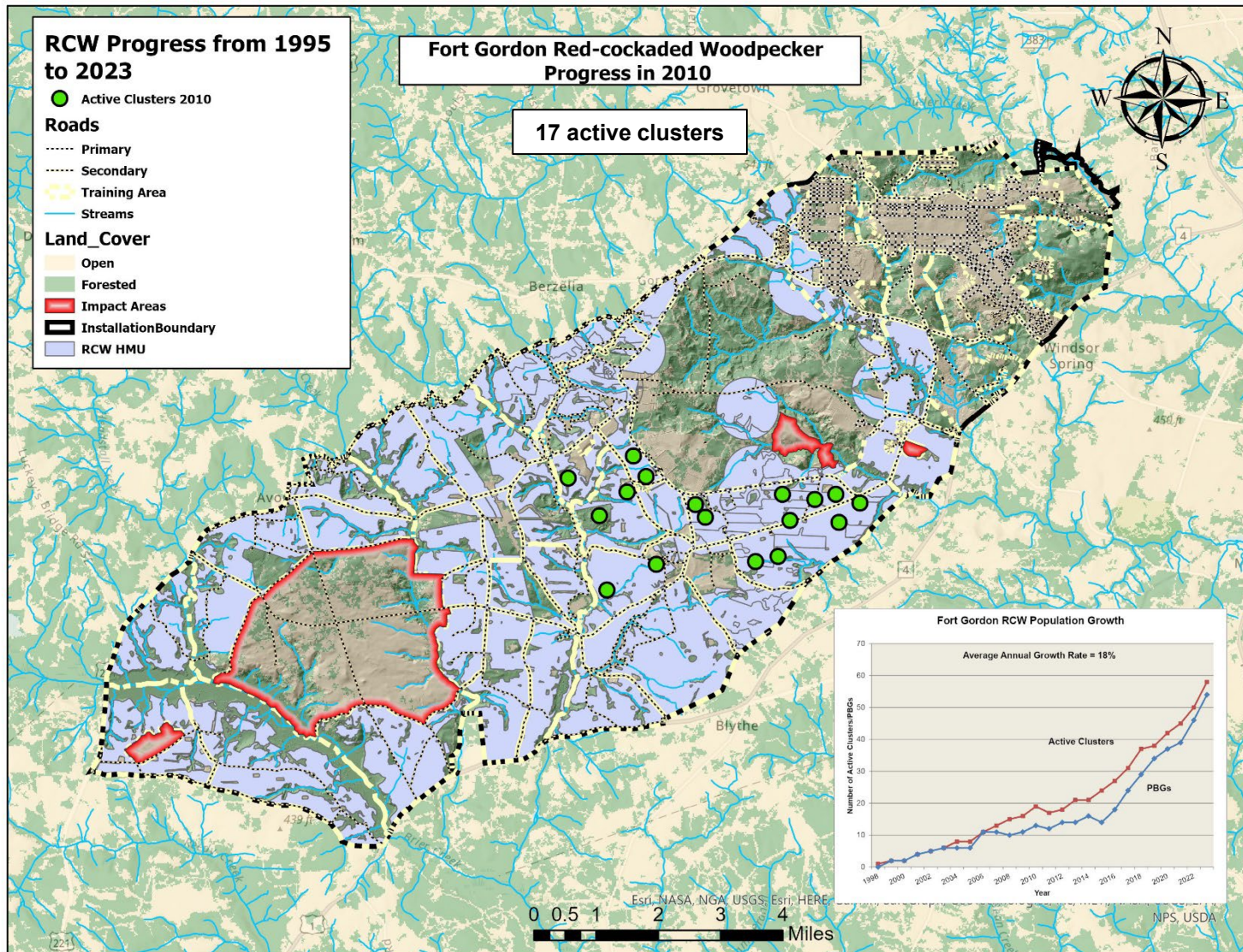
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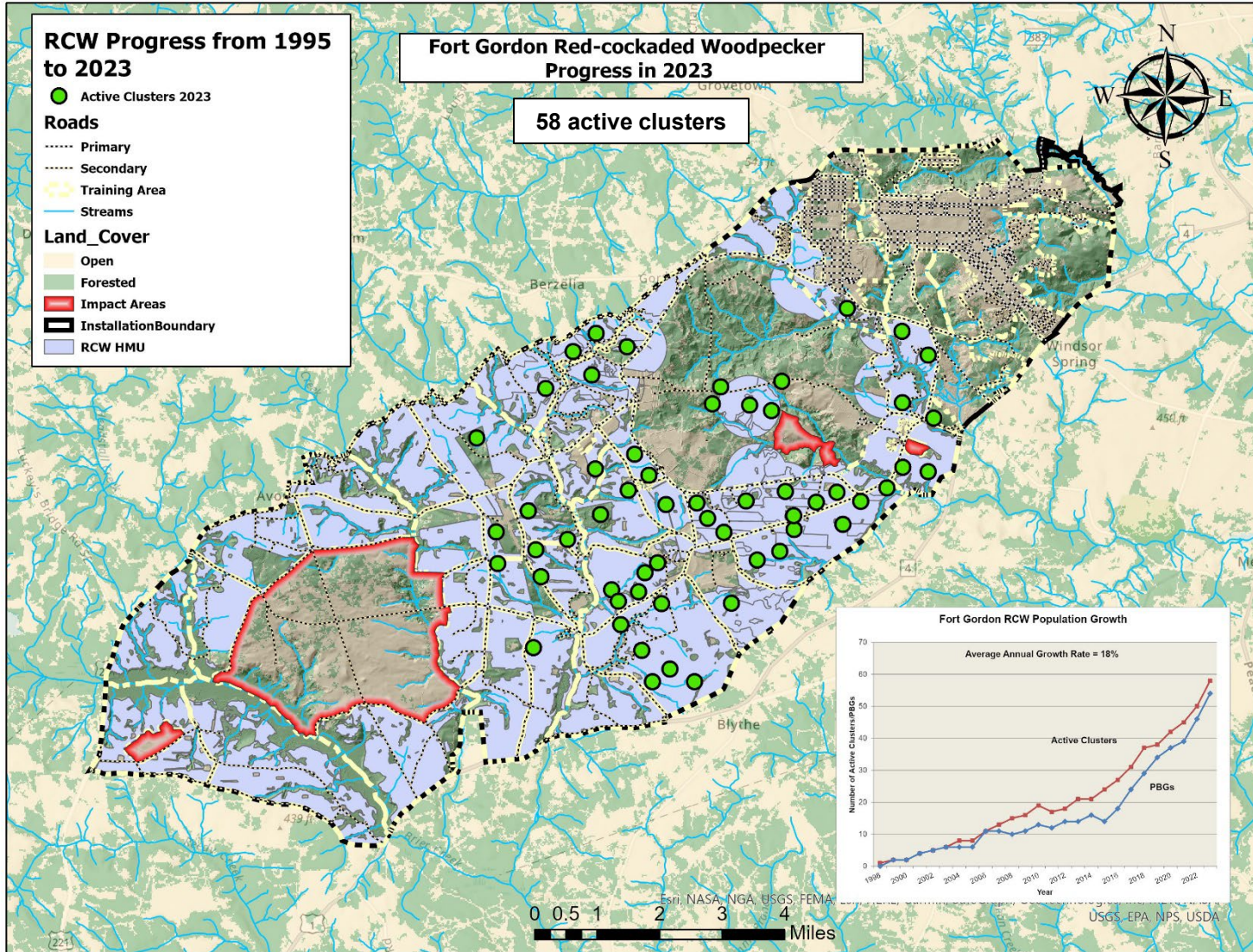
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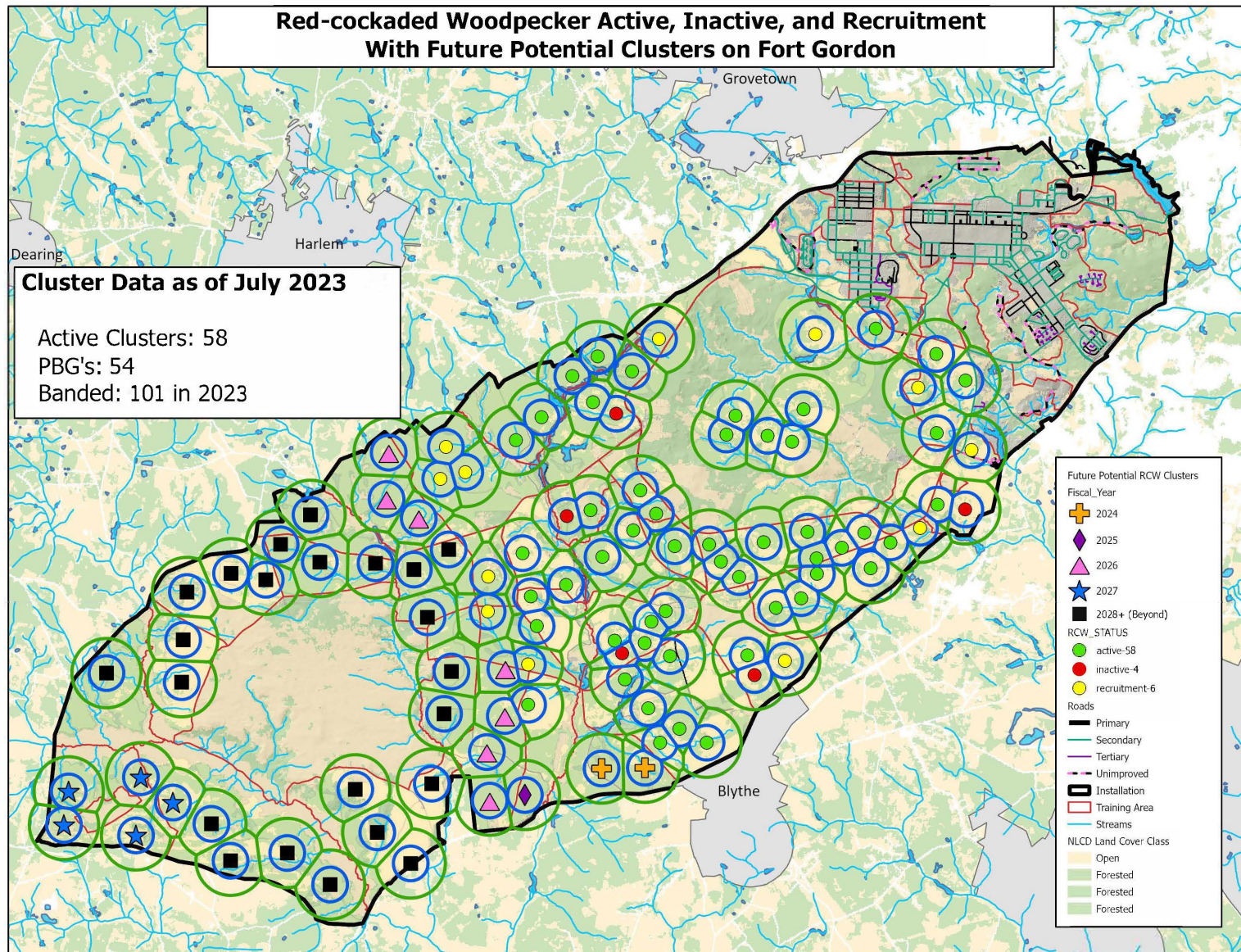








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## Gopher Tortoise Management

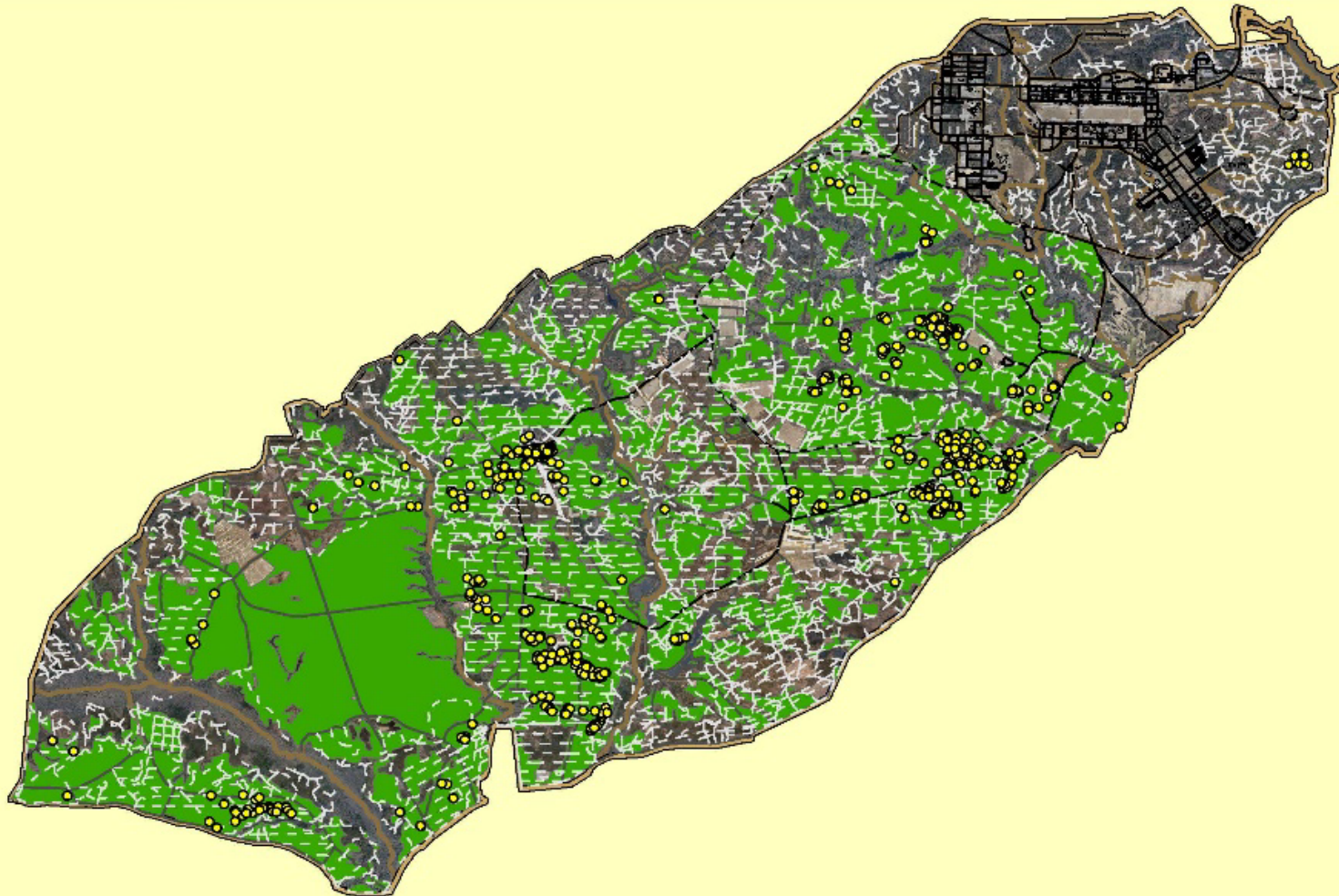
### 100% HMU Population Survey

- 32,415 acres surveyed (line transect distance sampling)
- Found 163 “useable” and 64 “unuseable” burrows
- Observed 40 tortoises
- Estimated population = 280 (95% CI = 191-410)
- Estimated tortoise density = 0.085 tortoises/acre (95% CI = 0.006 – 0.013)



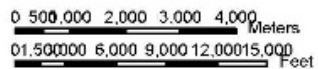


Gopher Tortoise Burrow Locations, Fort Gordon, US Army



Projection Based on:  
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- Installation Boundary – Tertiary
- Buildings
- Roads
  - Primary
  - Secondary
- Training Area Boundaries
- GT Burrow 2022
- Gopher Tortoise HMU (28,200 acres)

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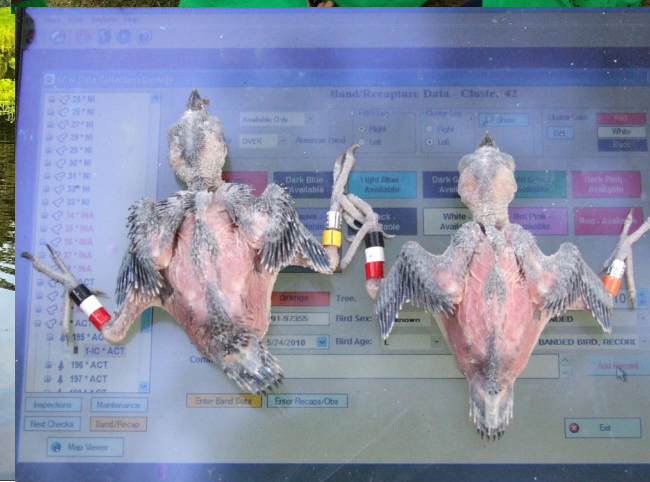
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## *Other NRB Challenges in 2023*

1. Program is constantly being challenged by users and other directorates on Fort Gordon and IMCOM.
2. Addressing ICE comments and other formal complaints
3. Access to SAIA is being challenged.
  - The NRB has submitted an exception to policy to allow continued access to the SAIA.
  - The results are currently pending.



# Game and Fish Management

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## Game Management



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## 2022-2023 Game Harvest Summary

- White-tailed Deer
  - Total- 323
    - Bucks- 182
    - Does- 141
    - Fawns- 20 (6% harvest)
      - (taken from the above numbers)
- Wild Turkey
  - Total- 23
- Small Game
  - Mourning Dove- 1103
  - Gray Squirrel- 6
  - Waterfowl- 171
  - Northern Bobwhite- 147
- Other
  - Rabbits- 2
  - Coyotes- 2
  - Hogs- 1



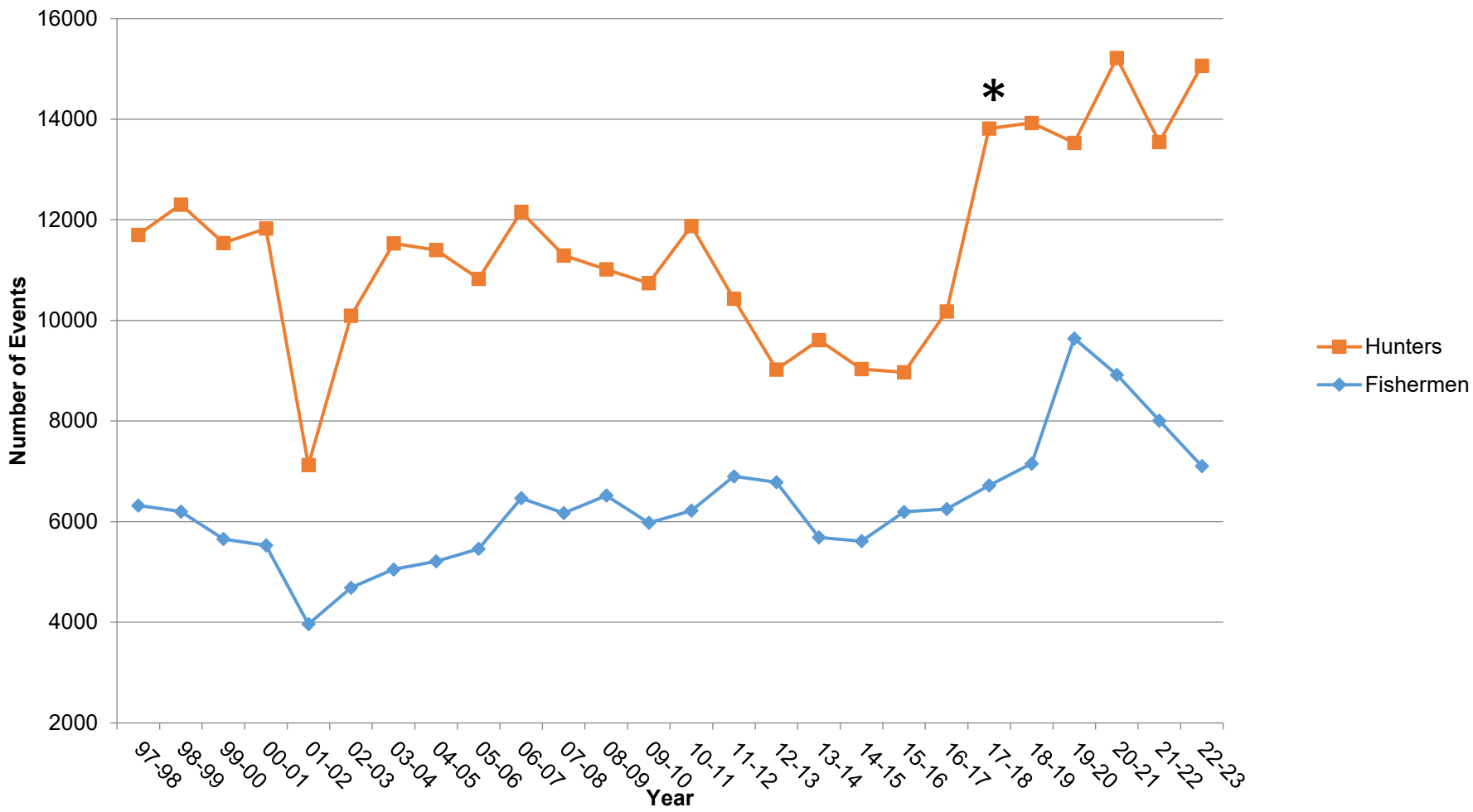
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## Hunter and Fishermen Events Trend



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

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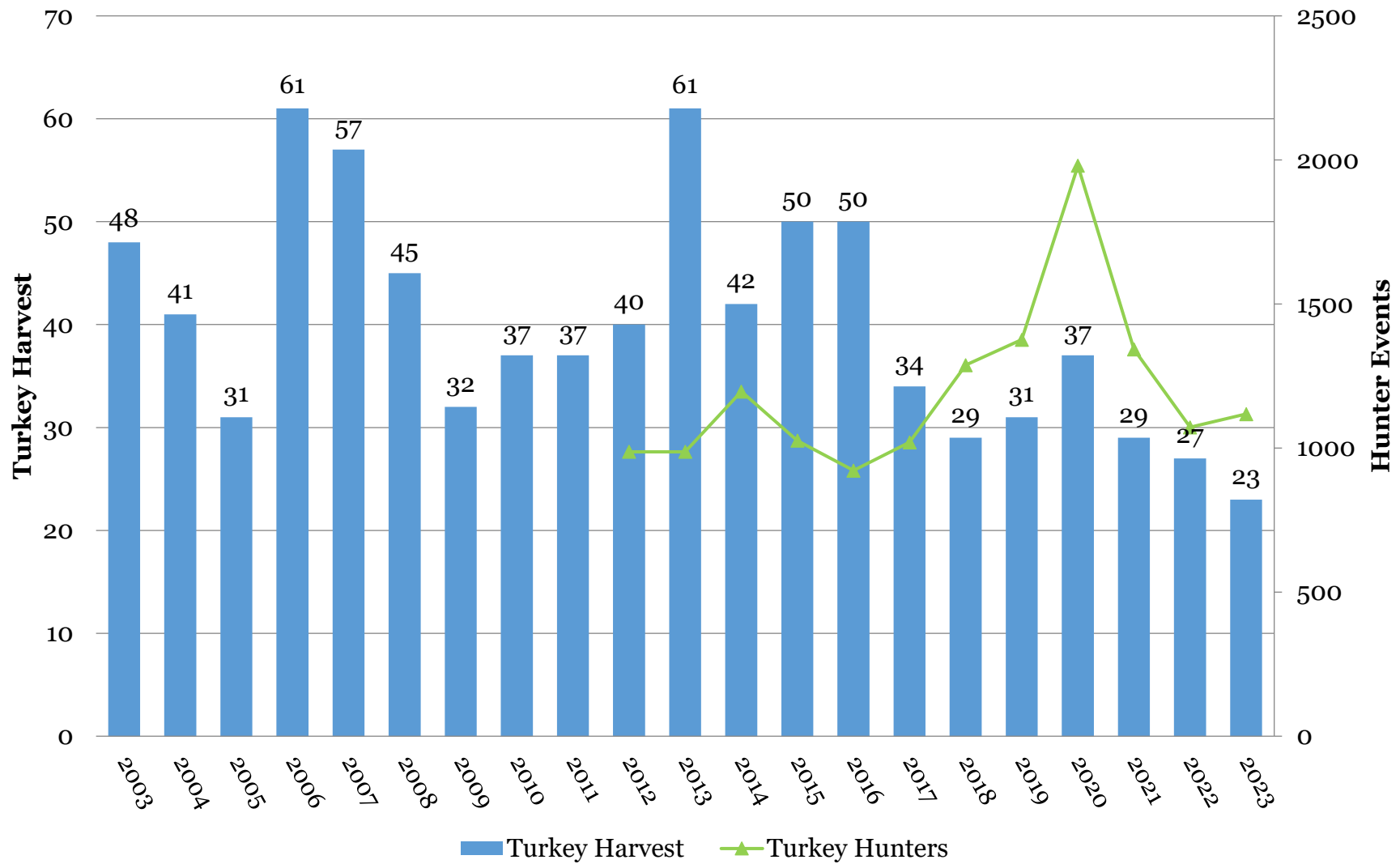
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## 20-Year Turkey Harvest Trend



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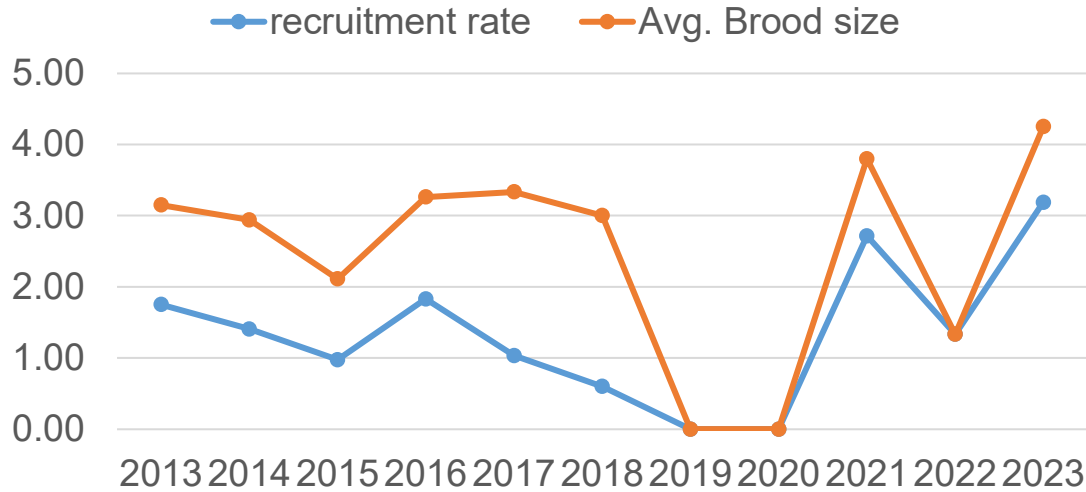
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# Wild Turkey Poults Count

## Turkey Poults Survey Trend

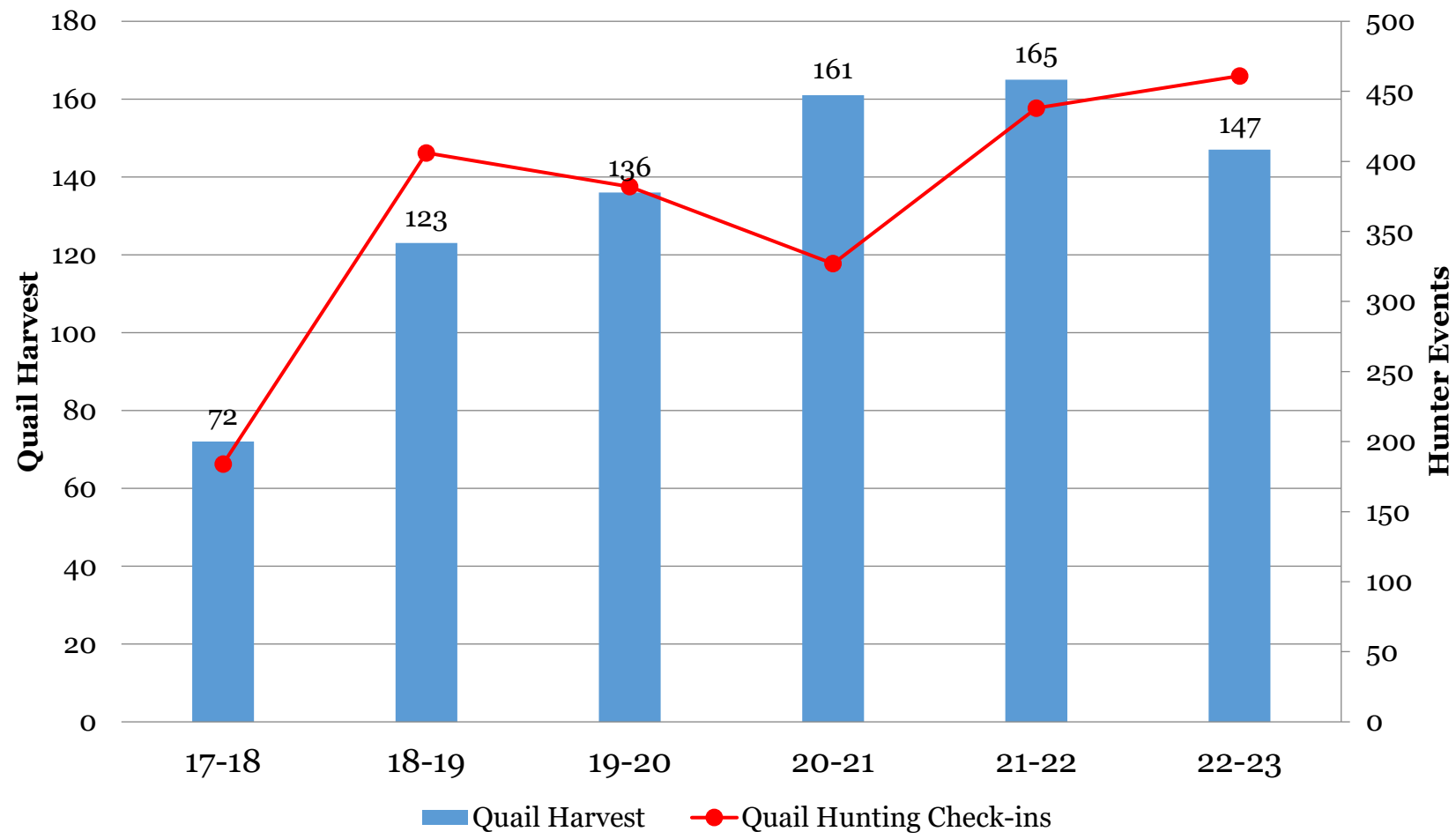


Hens w/o poults	Hens w/ poults	Poults	Avg. brood size	Recruitment	Percent of hens w/o poults
4	12	51	4.25	3.19	25%

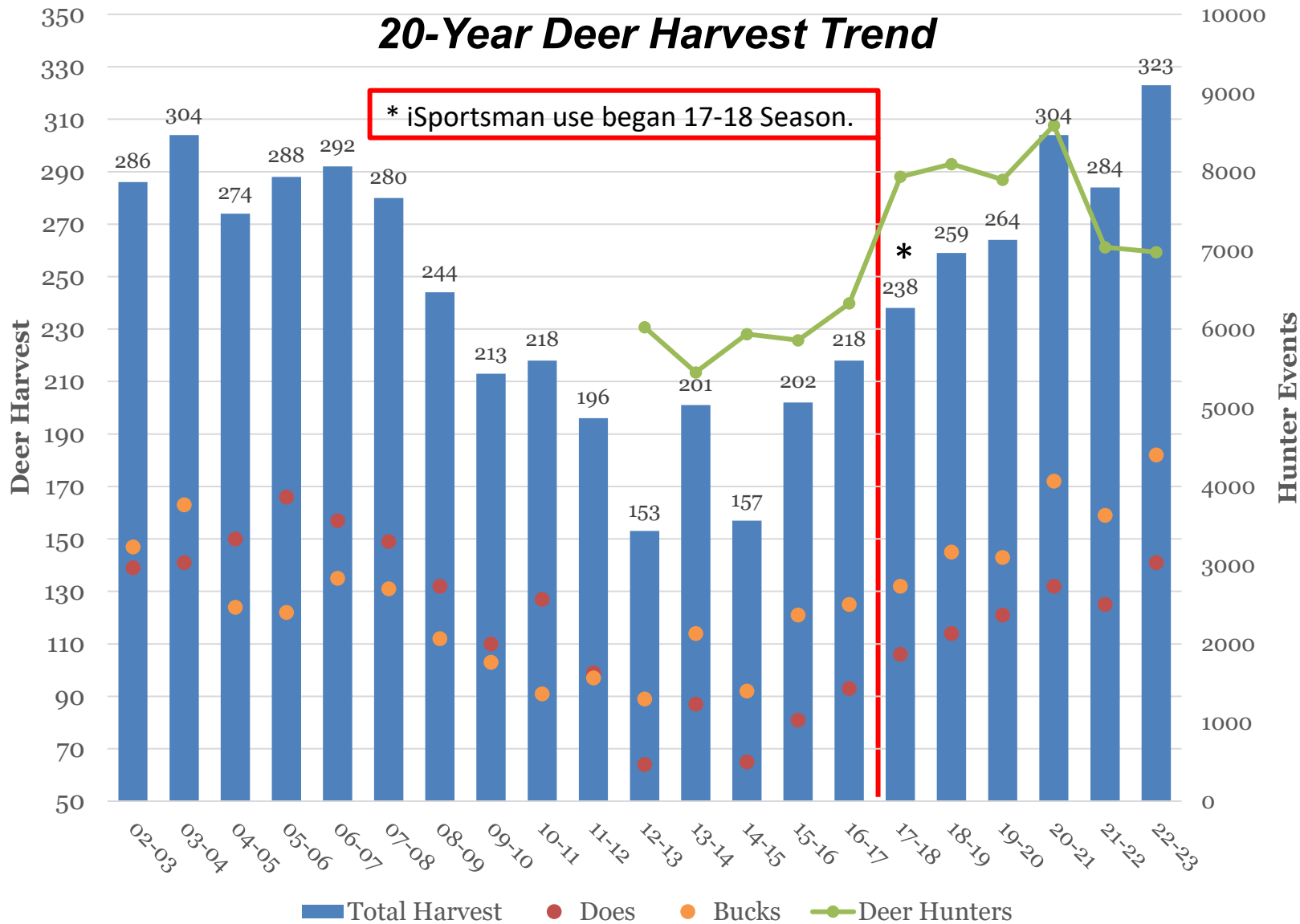




## Quail Harvest Trends (2017-2023)







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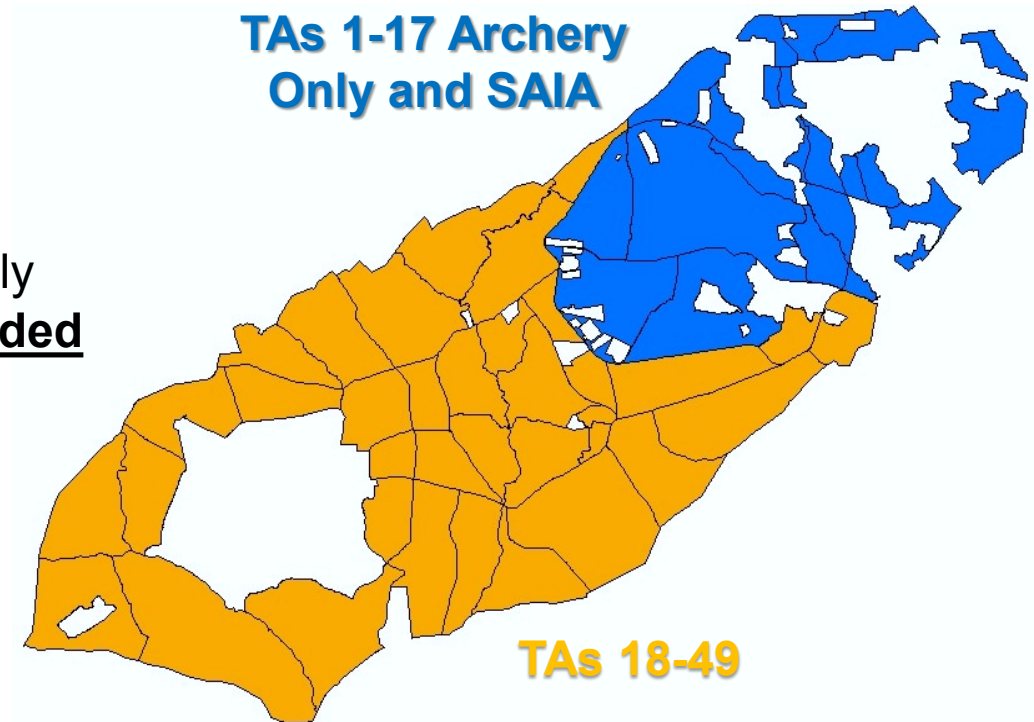


- **Archery Only & SAIA**

- Population reduction
- Either sex all season
- State bag limits apply
- Antlerless quota does not apply
- **TA's 1-17 will have an Extended Archery Season this season (thru Jan. 31).**
- SAIA trophy antler restrictions no longer apply.

- **TAs 18-49**

- Maximize annual sustainable harvest
- Either sex
- Each hunter limited to 2 antlerless deer (\*No Quota)
- State bag limits apply



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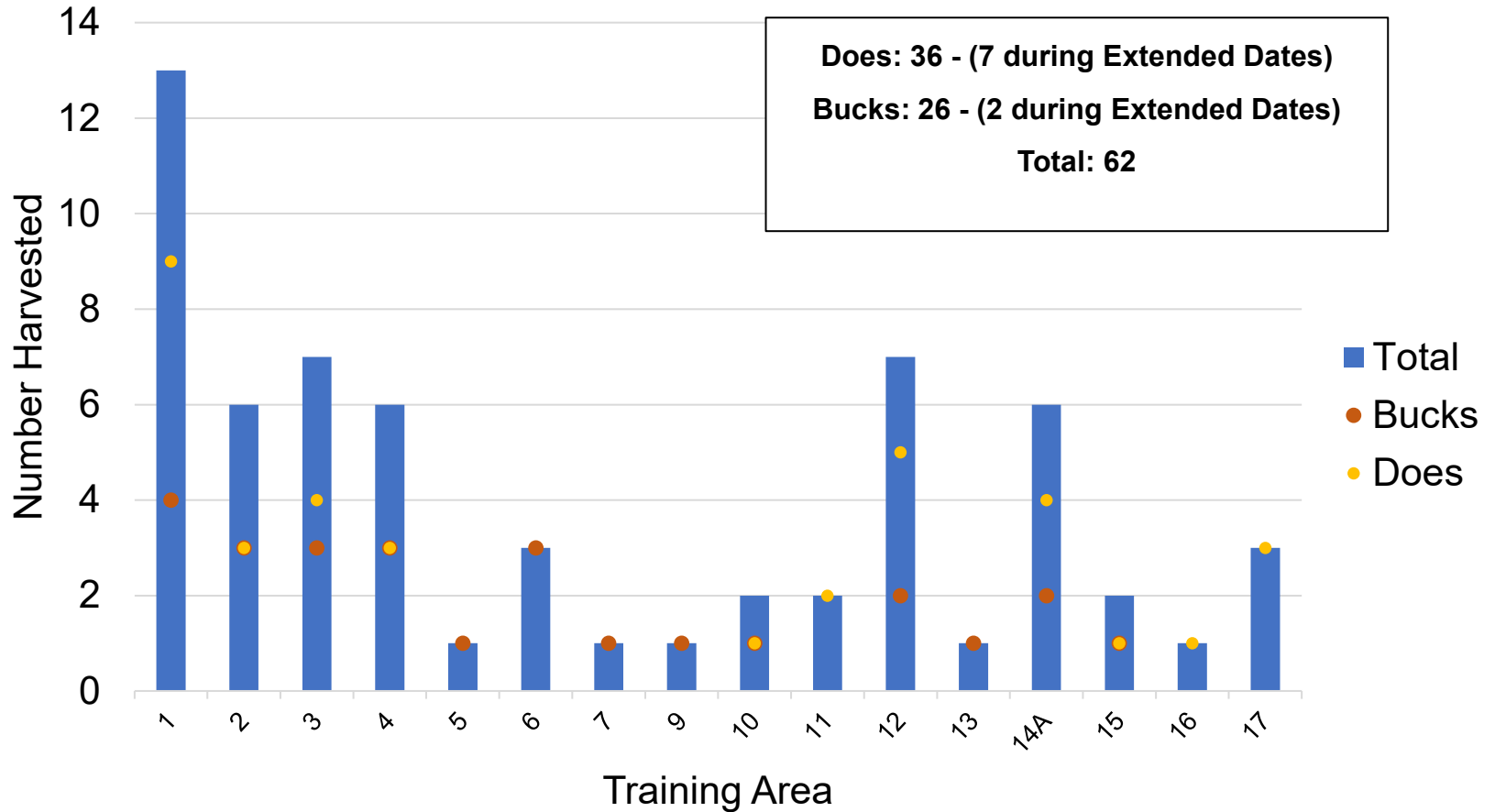








## Deer Harvested by Area in Archery Zone, 2022-2023



Training areas not show had no harvest.

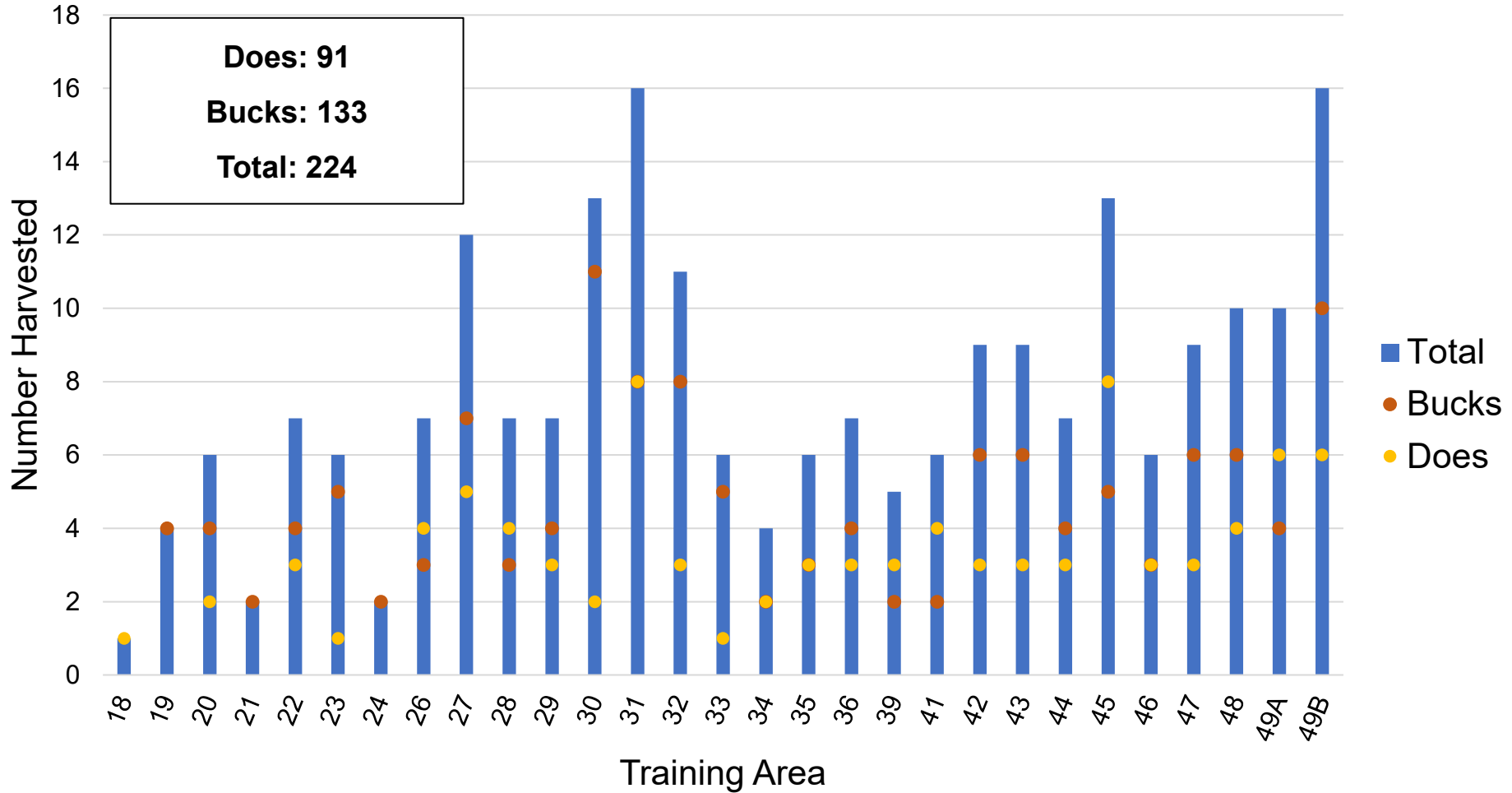
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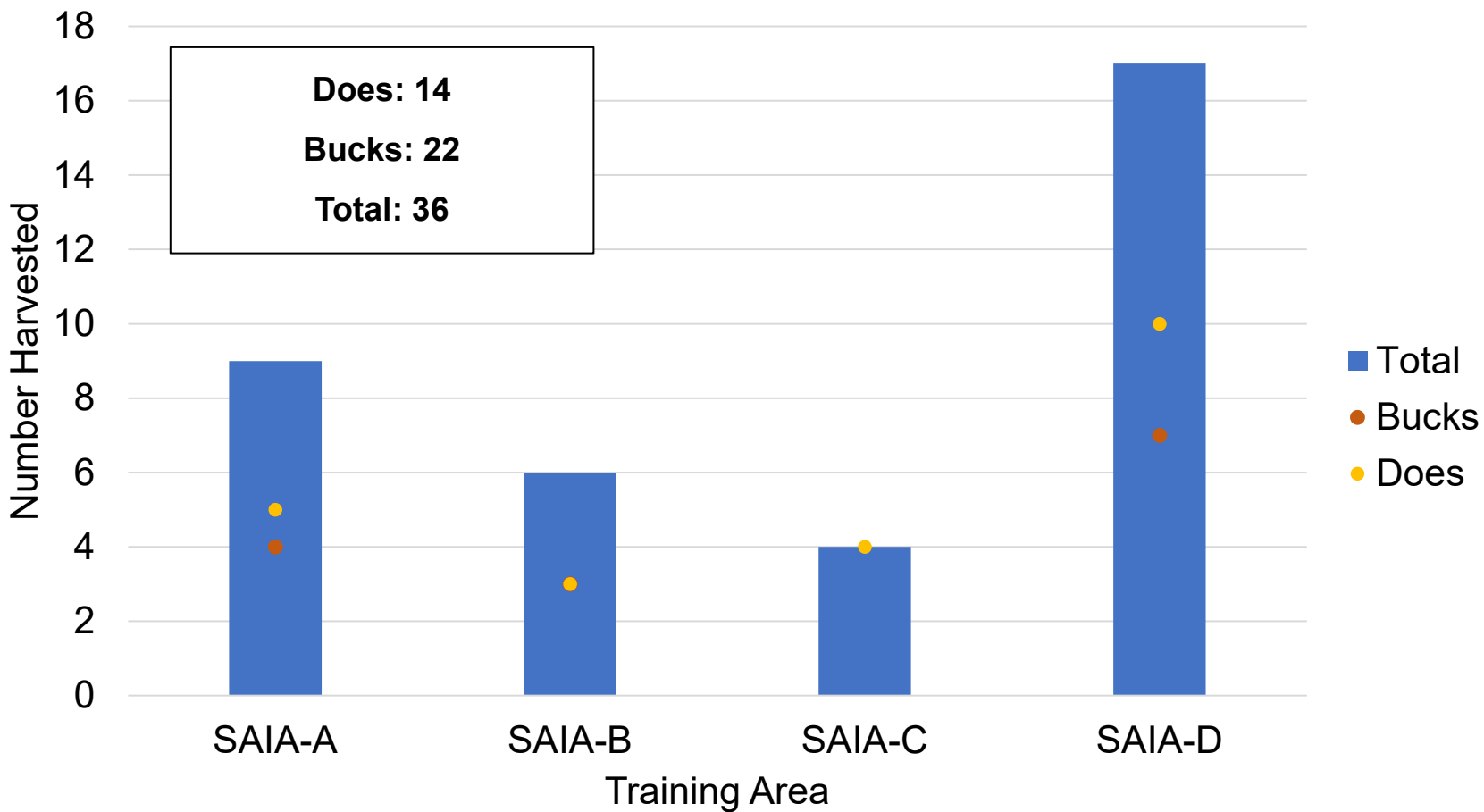


## Deer Harvested by Area in 18-49 Zone, 2022-2023





## Deer Harvested by Area in SAIA Zone, 2022-2023



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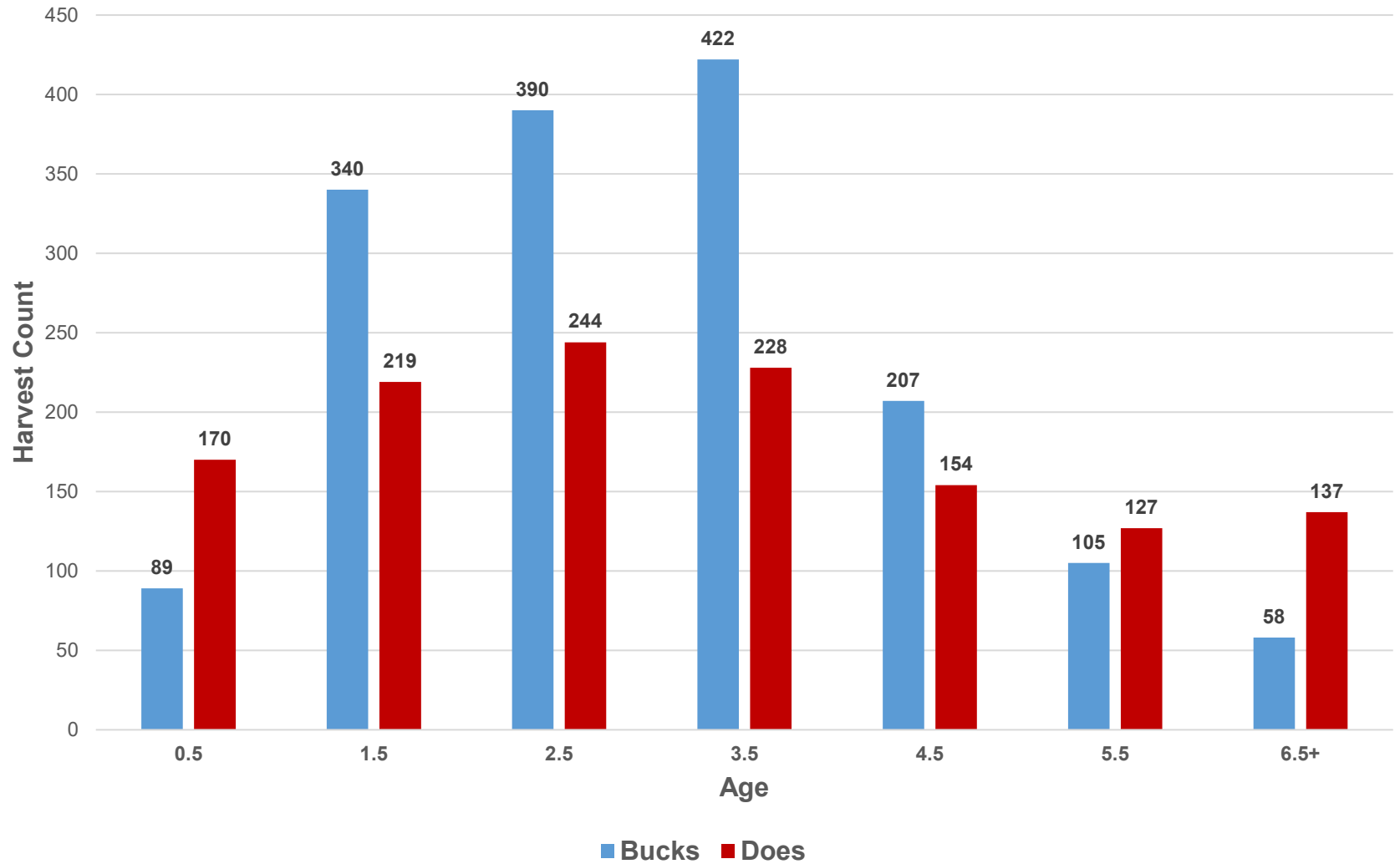






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## 2009-Current Deer Harvest Age Distribution



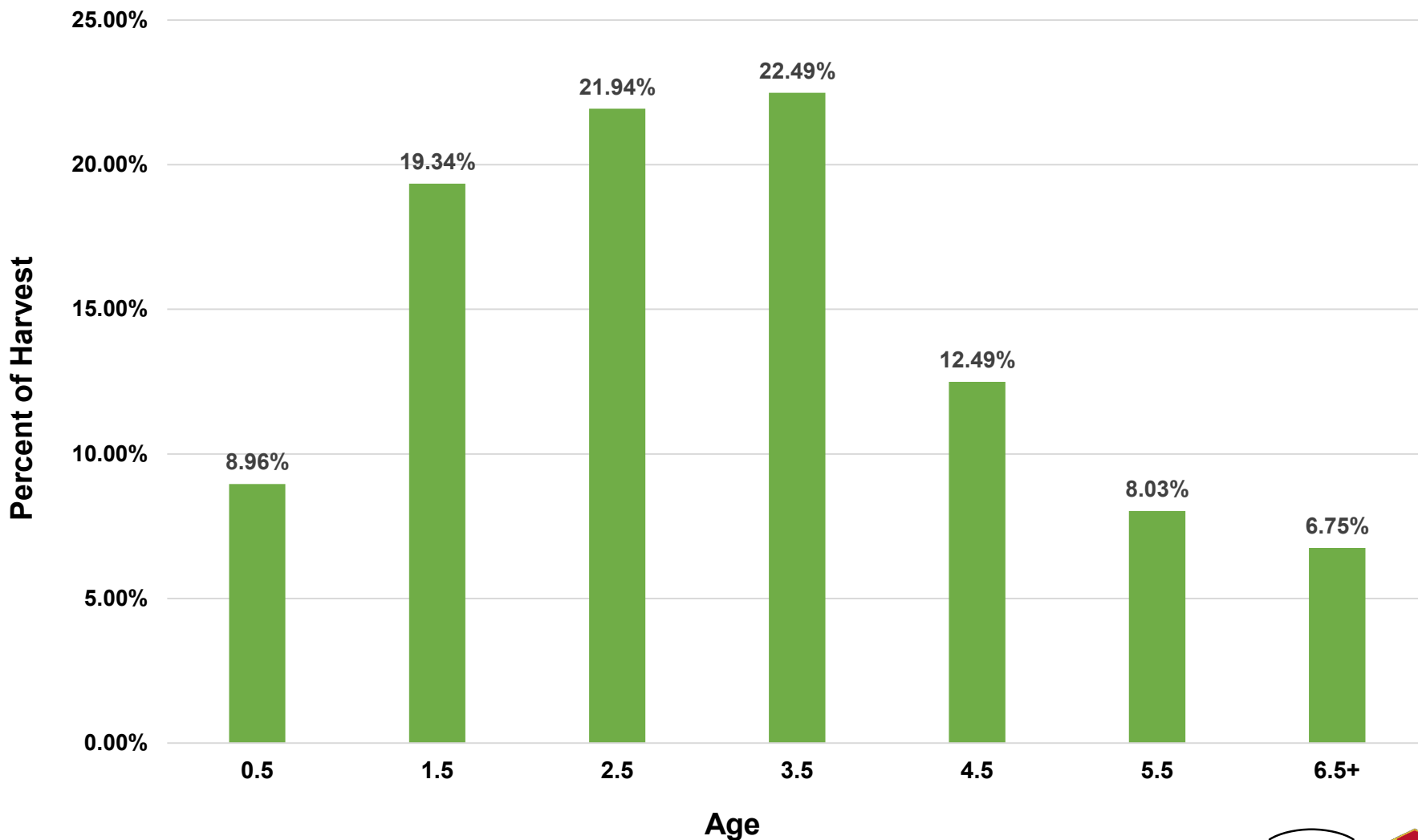
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## 2009-Current: Deer Harvest Percentage Distribution by Age Class



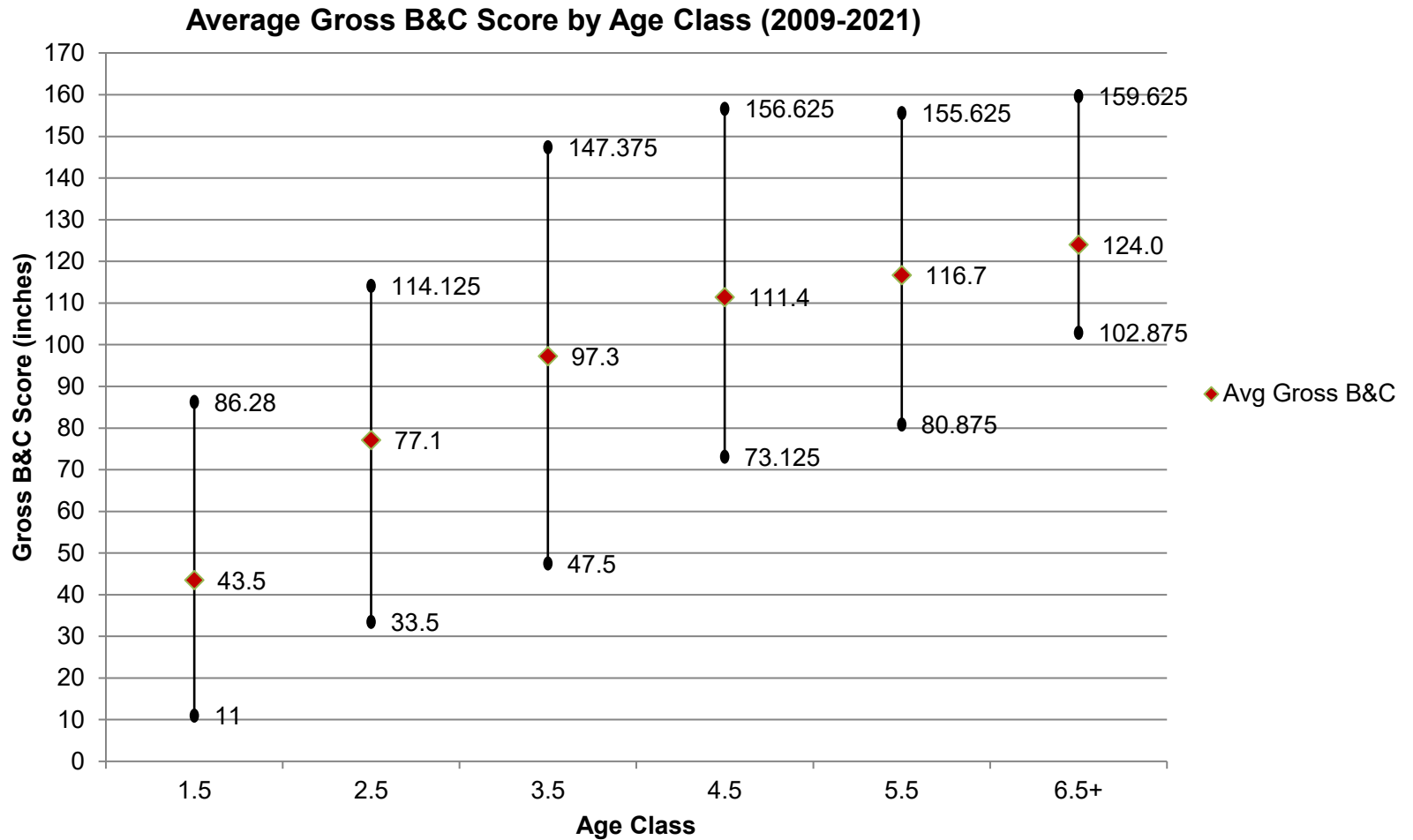
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## Antler Data



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## Antlerless Deer Harvest Quota and Regulation Reminder

- The Antlerless quota for TAs 18-49 was removed in 2022-2023 season and will not be in effect this season.
- However, the Limit of 2 antlerless deer per hunter in TAs 18-49 is still in effect.
- GADNR buck-only season does not apply on Fort Gordon (Either-Sex all season).
- State bag limits in Archery and SAIA zones.
- Statewide, the antler restrictions on one of the bucks are: One of the two antlered bucks must have a minimum of 4 points, 1-inch or longer, on either antler or a minimum 15-inch outside antler spread to be legal.
- Archery areas (TAs 1-17) have been approved by GADNR to fall within their Extended Archery Season. Last year 7 does and 2 bucks were harvested during this extended season.



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

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

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

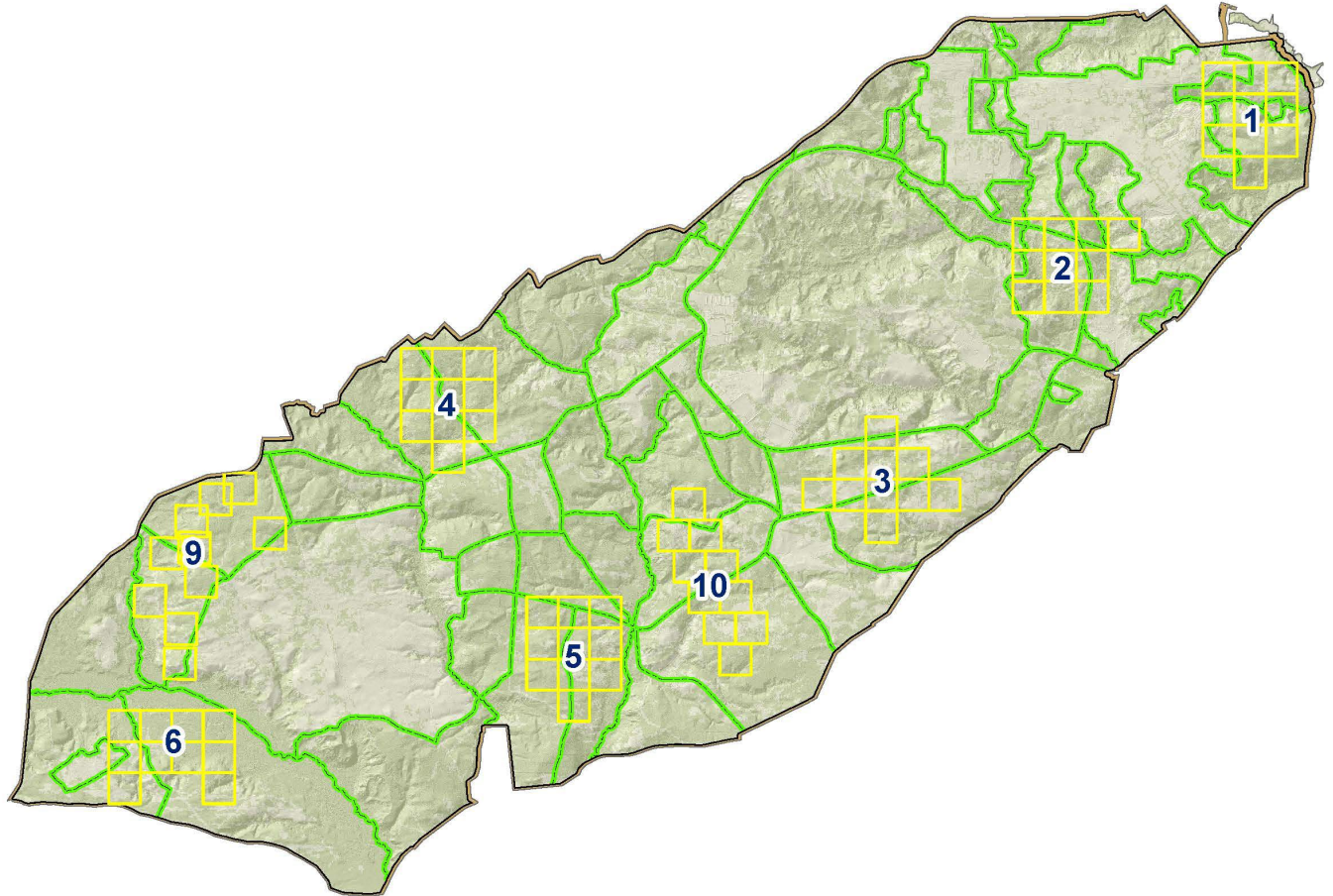
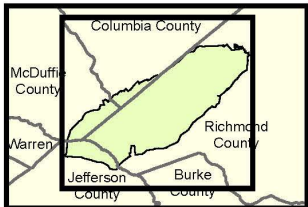
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0 1 2 Kilometers

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## 2022 Deer Camera Survey Results

**Total number, density, and demographic estimates for white-tailed deer on Ft. Gordon in fall 2022 at the camera grid level.**

Zone	Grid	Estimate						Density (Deer/mi <sup>2</sup> )
		Bucks	Does	Fawns	Total	Fawn/Doe	Buck/Doe	
Archery	1	21.09	206.35	35.58	263.02	0.17	0.10	168.33
Archery	2	32.19	109.17	16.47	157.83	0.15	0.29	101.01
18-49	3	49.95	15.31	2.48	67.74	0.16	3.26	43.35
18-49	4	29.97	87.69	10.00	127.66	0.11	0.34	81.70
18-49	5	27.75	61.37	11.03	100.15	0.18	0.45	64.09
18-49	6	29.97	61.39	19.00	110.36	0.31	0.49	70.63
18-49	9	77.70	20.60	3.79	102.09	0.18	3.77	65.34



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## 2022 Deer Camera Survey Results

Total number, density, and demographic estimates for white tailed deer on Ft Gordon in fall of 2022 at the zone and installation level.								
Zone	Area (mi <sup>2</sup> )	Density (deer/mi <sup>2</sup> )	Estimate					Total Deer
			Fawn/Doe	Buck/Doe	Bucks	Does	Fawns	
<b>Archery</b>	8.51	134.67	0.16	0.2	145.09	859.22	141.74	1146.05
<b>18-49 with SAIA &amp; AIA</b>	67.57	65.02	0.19	1.66	1862.47	2130.64	400.51	4393.62
<b>Installation Total</b>	76.02		0.18	0.93	2007.56	2989.86	542.25	5539.67



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## 2022 Deer Camera Survey Results

**A comparison of the white-tailed deer density estimates on Ft Gordon at the zone and installation level for 2014-2022**

	<b>Density (deer/mi<sup>2</sup>) Estimate</b>								
<b>Zone</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Archery</b>	65.61	56.92	77.51	51.07	52.25	58.95	58.61	70.05	134.67
<b>18-49</b>	24.09	25.3	33.2	34.07	36.54	39.37	43.76	50.25	65.02
<b>SAIA</b>	17.25	34.02	38.94	30.02	31.28	36	39.73	31.97	x
<b>AIA</b>	65.84	86.39	58.24	61.02	59.25	52.37	x	x	x
<b>Installation Total</b>	38.83	41.93	48.13	41.18	42.65	45.47	47.43	52.92	99.85



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# 2023 Fall WTD Camera Survey Photos



 MOULTRIE

 77°F  08/17/2023 08:02PM 23CAMERA







63°F



08 / 12 / 2023

02 : 51 AM

49 CAMERA

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**MOULTRIE**

82°F

CAMERA 2

18 AUG 2023 08:11 pm

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 84°F

CAMERA 20-13

17 AUG 2023 06:46 pm

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91°F

CAMERA 3

10 AUG 2023









65°F 08/08/2023 09:20PM 46CAMERA



08/10/2023 07:26AM 38CAMERA



08/15/2023 07:00AM 40CAMERA



08/12/2023 03:45PM 27CAMERA





 68°F ( 08 / 13 / 2023 08 : 05 AM 44 CAMERA

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74°F



~~08/10/2020 10:20PM~~

21CAMERA







**MOULTRIE**



77°F

CAMERA 20-07

19 AUG 2023 10:26 pm

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  78°F **CAMERA 2** **11 AUG 2023 10:51 pm**





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## Check Station Reminders

- Hunters must submit a jawbone from every deer harvested on the installation
- ~~All deer harvested during normal duty hours must be checked by Fort Gordon NRB Personnel (Mon-Thurs: 0800-1600 & Fri: 0800-1500).~~ However, NRB would still like to measure any bucks with at least 4 points on one side at your convenience.
- Deer and turkey kill card information should be submitted through iSportsman during the check-out process **BEFORE** leaving the installation (This is IN ADDITION TO GADNR game check requirements.)





## Fiscal Year 2023 Food Plot Management

Species Forage	Number of Plots (#)	Area (acres)
Spring Mix	1	20 (\$855)
Chufa	77	59 (\$3150)
Fall Mix	TBD	TBD (\$4600)
Dove Fields	13	109 (\$2850)
<b><u>Total:</u></b>	91 + Fall Plots	<b><u>188 + Fall Plots</u></b> <b><u>(\$11,455)</u></b>

The Natural Resources Branch office manages a total of 476 acres across 505 total food plots for supplementing the diets of fauna species such as White-tailed Deer, Wild Turkey, Mourning Dove, and Bobwhite Quail through their forage. So far in FY 23, 91 plots have been planted in chufa, spring mix, and dove fields totaling 188 acres and \$6855 in seed. Fall plots are scheduled to begin planting in early September totaling \$4600 in seed.

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







**5 Tons fertilizer = \$3000**  
**150 bags fall seed = \$4600**  
**Total = \$7600**



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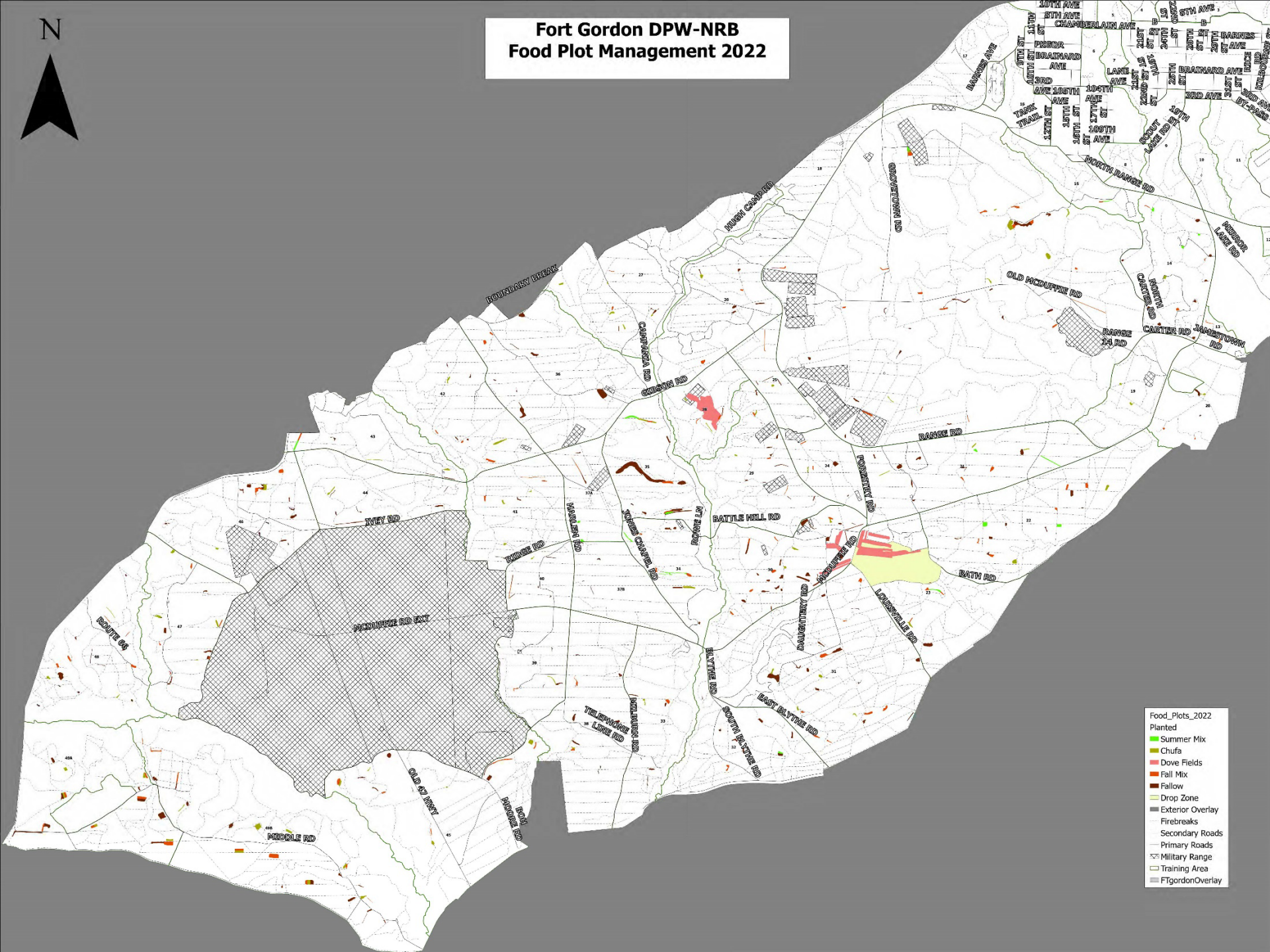
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# Fort Gordon DPW-NRB Food Plot Management 2022



- Food\_Plots\_2022
- Planted
  - Summer Mix
  - Chufa
  - Dove Fields
  - Fall Mix
  - Fallow
  - Drop Zone
  - Exterior Overlay
  - Firebreaks
  - Secondary Roads
  - Primary Roads
  - Military Range
  - Training Area
  - FTGordonOverlay



# Dove Fields 2020





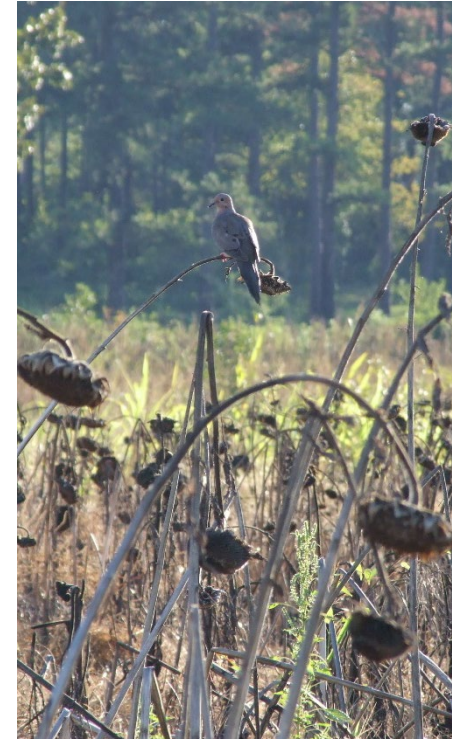
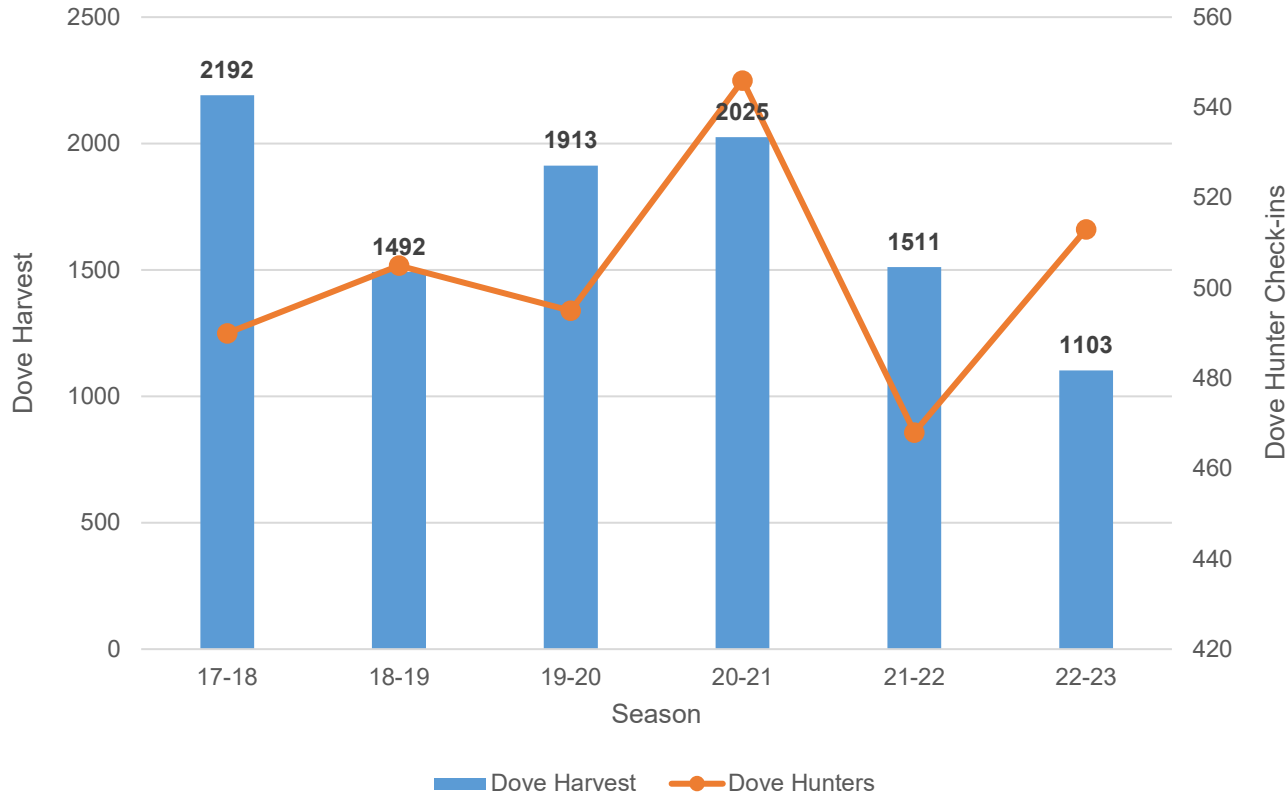
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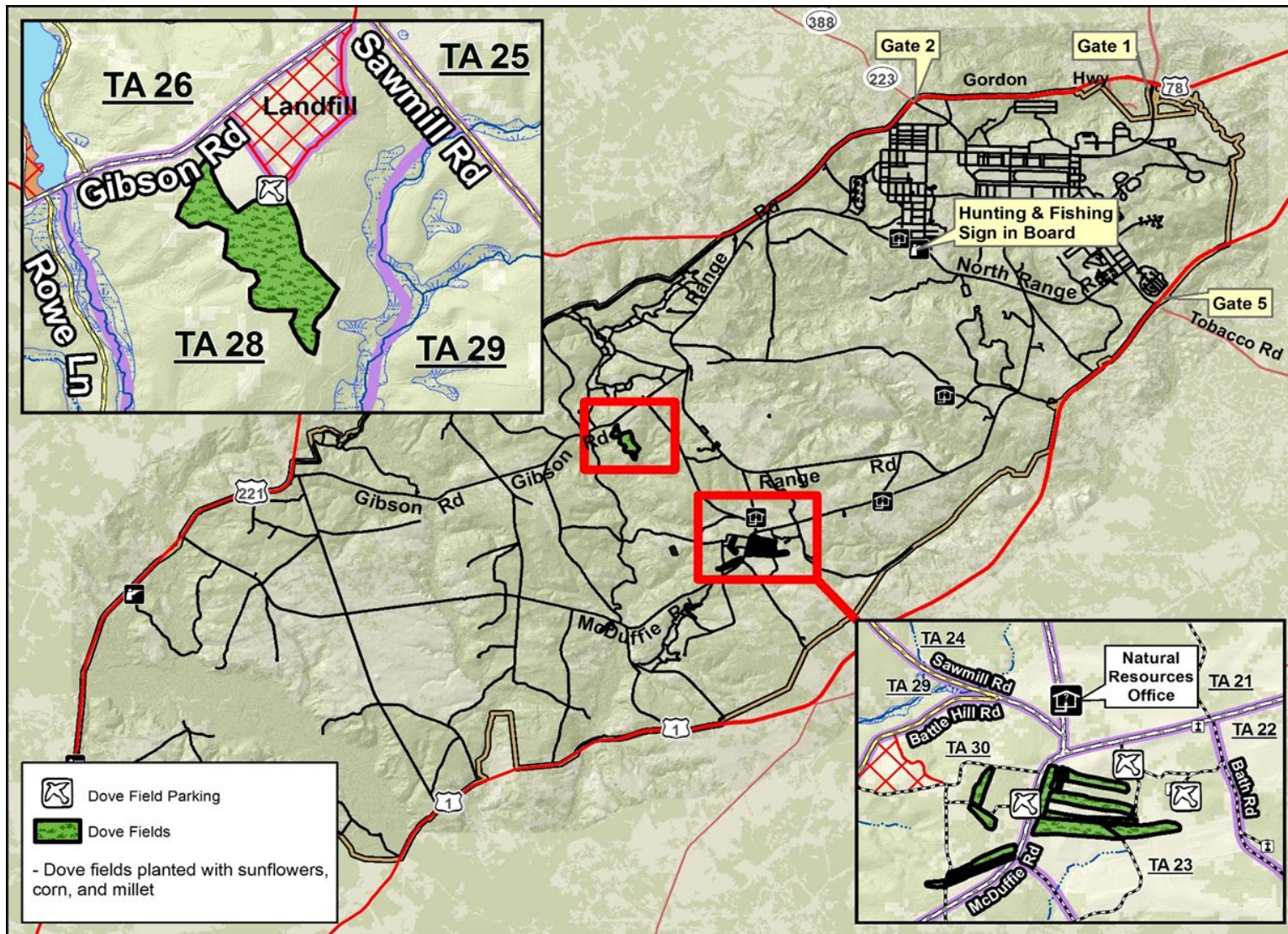


# Dove Hunting

Dove Hunter/Harvest Trends (2017-2023)







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

## 2023 Dove Field Schedule

Training Area	Saturday 2 Sept.	Sunday 3 Sept.	Monday 4 Sept.	5-8 Sept.	9-10 Sept.
23	Open 12:00	Closed	Open	Closed	Open
28	Open 12:00	Open	Closed	Closed	Open
30	Open 12:00	Closed	Open	Closed	Open

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

- Hunting Starts at 12:00 on Saturday 2 Sept. and ends at sunset
- Hunters may enter the fields no earlier than 10:00 on Saturday to choose stand location
- Dove hunting on all other days is 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset
- Hunters should position themselves at least 70 yards apart while hunting
- Hunters should never shoot at low flying birds
- Limit is 15 doves per day

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## Lake Management



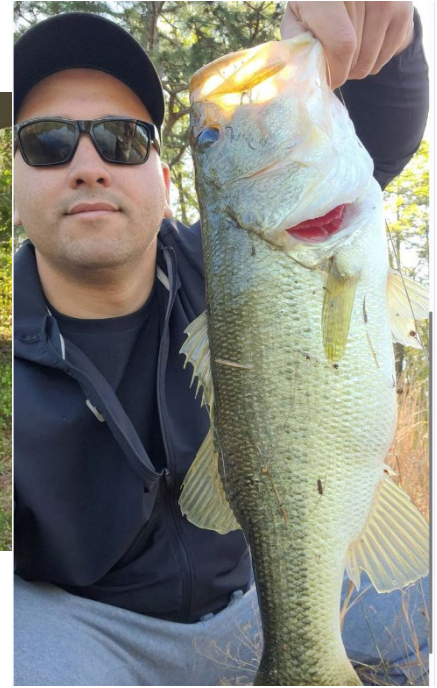
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# Largemouth Bass



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## Fisheries Stocking to Date

<u>Lake</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u># Fish</u>	<u>Species</u>
Clay Pit 1	Oct 2022	1500	Catfish
Little Beaver	Oct 2022	500	Catfish
Fettig	Oct 2022	500	Catfish
Rachel 1	Oct 2022	650	Crappie
Rachel 2	Oct 2022	450	Crappie
Rachel 1	Oct 2022	650	F-1 Bass
Rachel 2	Oct 2022	450	F-1 Bass
Rachel 2	Oct 2022	5000	Bluegill
Whittimore	Jan 2023	600	11– 13” Rainbow Trout
Whittimore	Jan 2023	200	13 -15” Rainbow Trout
Wilkerson	Jan 2023	600	11-13” Rainbow Trout
Wilkerson	Jan 2023	200	13 -15” Rainbow Trout
Rachel 1	Apr 2023	2 loads	Threadfin Shad
Rachel 2	Apr 2023	1 load	Threadfin Shad
Clay Pit 1	May 2023	600	Catfish
Clay Pit 2	May 2023	600	Catfish



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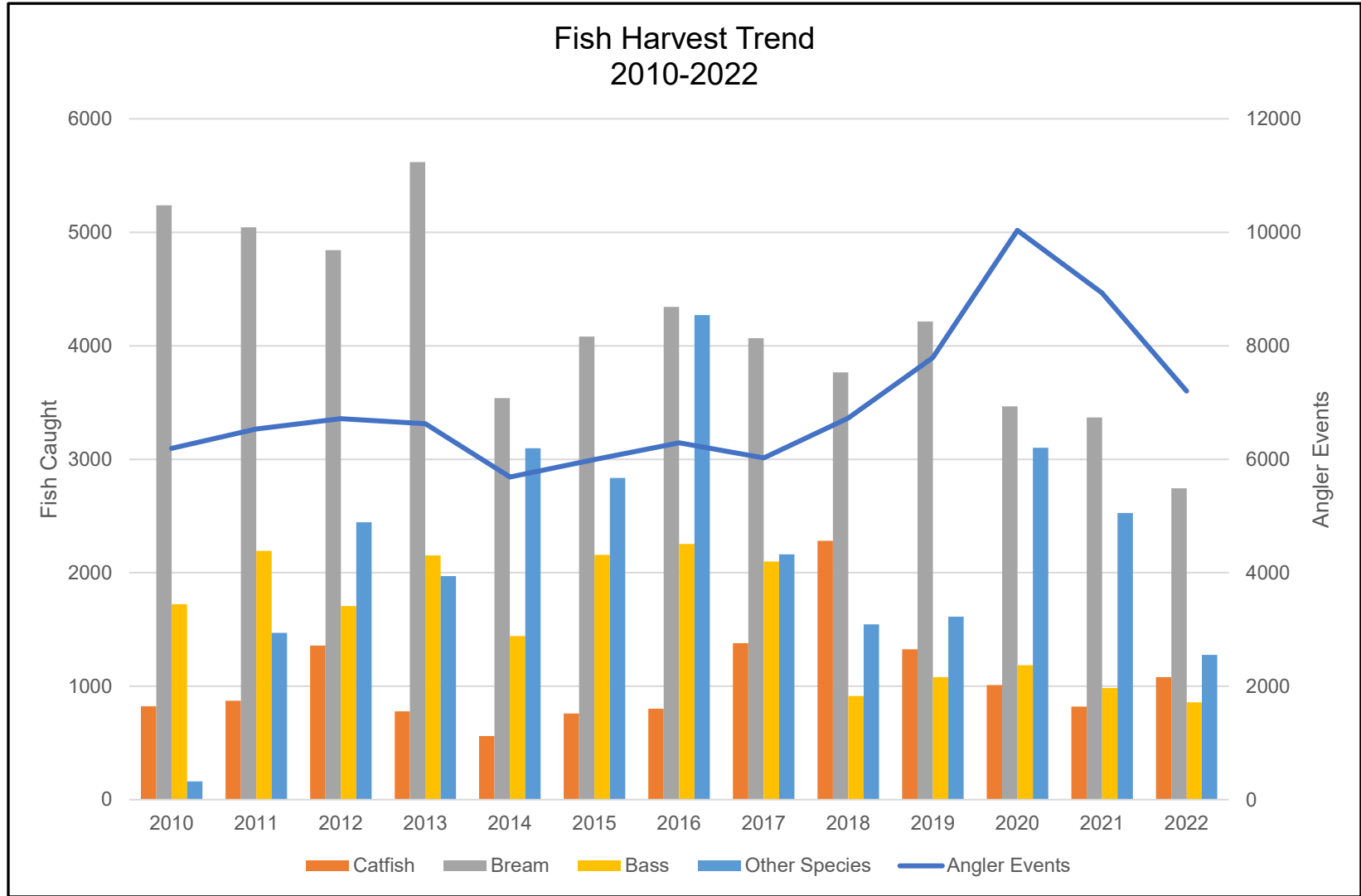
## Lake Management





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## Fish Harvest & Fishing Participation Trend



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- Wilkerson and Whittimore Lakes were stocked with trout in Jan 2023.
- Trout Fishing 2023
  - Whittimore and Wilkerson lakes were stocked with 800 each 11-15 inch rainbow trout in January 2023. \$6700.
  - Fishing opened on the first Saturday in February (Feb. 4).
  - 128 fishermen checked in 558 trout during opening weekend.
- Trout Stocking 2024
  - Plans are to close these lakes on 1 January 2024 and will open on 3 February 2024 for trout fishing.



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## Kids Fishing Derby

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

FREE EVENT **SEPTEMBER 23** OPEN to the PUBLIC

# KIDS' FISHING DERBY & SHOOTING DAY

FREE EVENT

OPEN to the PUBLIC

Register for Gate Access:  
pass.aie.army.mil



### June 2023

- Participants: 128
- Fish Caught: 265
- Weight: 321lbs.
- 32 brought fish to scales (25% reporting)



### Fishing at Claypit Lakes

Registration: 7am | Fishing: 8am

- Trophies awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each of four age groups for the most pounds of fish caught.
- Free hot dogs and sodas for participants
- Please bring your own fishing pole, stringer and/or bucket. (limit one per child)
- Bait will be provided.

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

- Adult must accompany children while on the ranges
- Instruction offered for:
  - Archery
  - Trap
  - Pistol & Rifle Shooting



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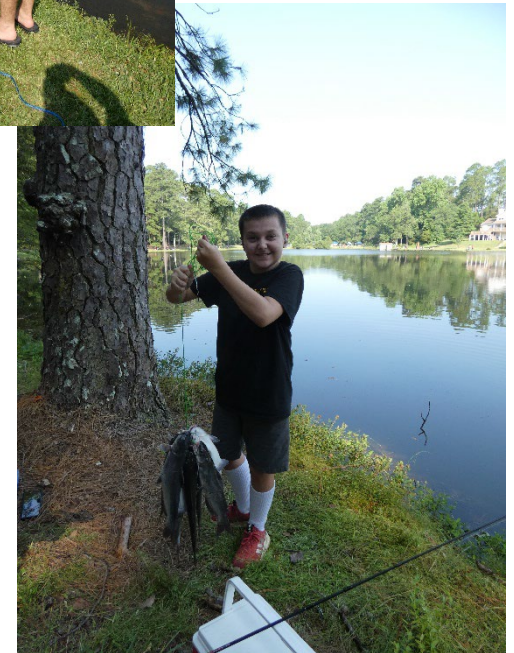


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# Kids Fishing Derby





## *Lake Management*

- Herbicide Spraying for Aquatic Weeds
  - Wilkerson (2)
  - Mirror (2)
  - Union Mill (2)
  - Big Smoak (1)
  - Lower Leitner (1)
  - Fettig (1)
  - Little Beaver (1)
  - Clay Pit 1 (1)
- Total Herbicide Cost: \$4587





## Little Smoak

- Little Smoak was drained in March 2023
- Dam reconstruction to start this summer/fall.
- Beavers are clogging the water control structure causing issues with draining the pond.



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## *Rachel I & II Lakes*

- Water control structures have been replaced.
- Stocked with bass, crappie, and bluegill in Oct 2022 and threadfin shad in Apr 2023.
- Tentative Reopening: Spring 2024





# iSportsman

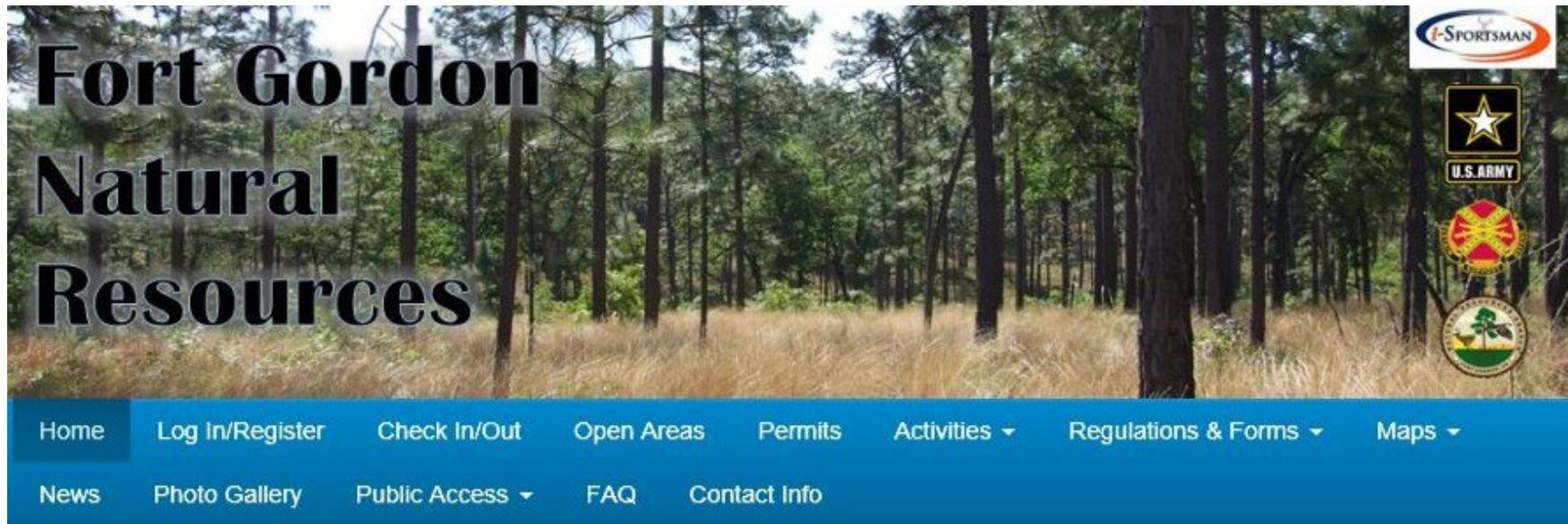
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- <https://ftgordon.isportsman.net> → <https://eisenhower.isportsman.net>
- ✓ Purchase permits online
- ✓ Sign In/Out via phone or internet (smart phone, PC, tablet)
- ✓ Training Area status (with occupancy)
- ✓ Public Access lottery drawing
- ✓ Game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



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# New iSportsman Template



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### LOGIN/REGISTER

Need to login? New to iSportsman?  
Click here to login or register.

### OPEN AREAS

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

### ALERTS/NEWS

Keep up-to-date with the latest  
alerts and news at your facility.



### PERMITS

All recreationists need a permit  
to access recreational areas.

### REGULATIONS

Important information you need  
to know before checking in.

### CHECK-IN

Just need to check-in? Click here to  
go directly to the check-in page.

iSportsman was first conceptualized in 2005 to assist our DoD clients with their wildlife management programs while also providing a better audit trail of receipts for record keeping. In 2007, a beta system was developed by our parent company, Applied Sciences and Information Systems, Inc (ASciS). ASciS is a Virginia-based software development company with a long history of providing services and solutions to natural resources industry and government agencies.

With the help of clients, wildlife biologists, outdoorsmen and land managers, ASciS released the first version of its Interactive Recreational Sports Management System coined iSportsman. We all shared a vision for our system as a more efficient and convenient way to manage outdoor recreational programs and increase safety and opportunity on open lands.



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## Basic iSportsman Website Information

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





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## iSportsman- Common Problems

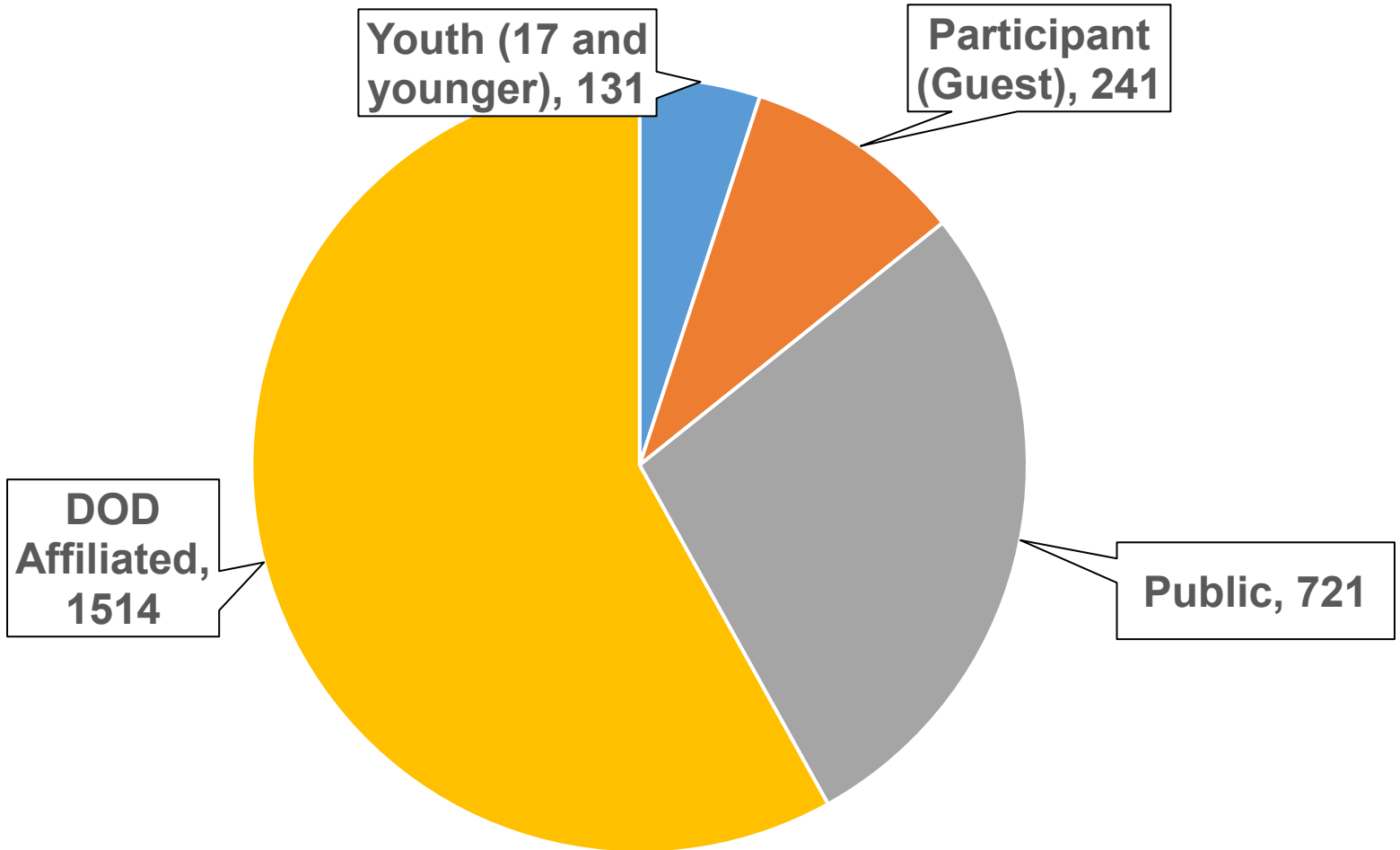
- **Failure to Check Out** – Regulation states that you must be checked out when finished with your activity regardless of the iSportsman required check-out time.
- **Public Access:** Make sure the name on your iSportsman profile matches your driver's license. If there are discrepancies, the VCC may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





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## Permit Sales by Customer Types



2,607 total permits sold to all Customer Types from 16 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 (including all hunting, fishing, bicycle, forestry, & outdoor rec permits)

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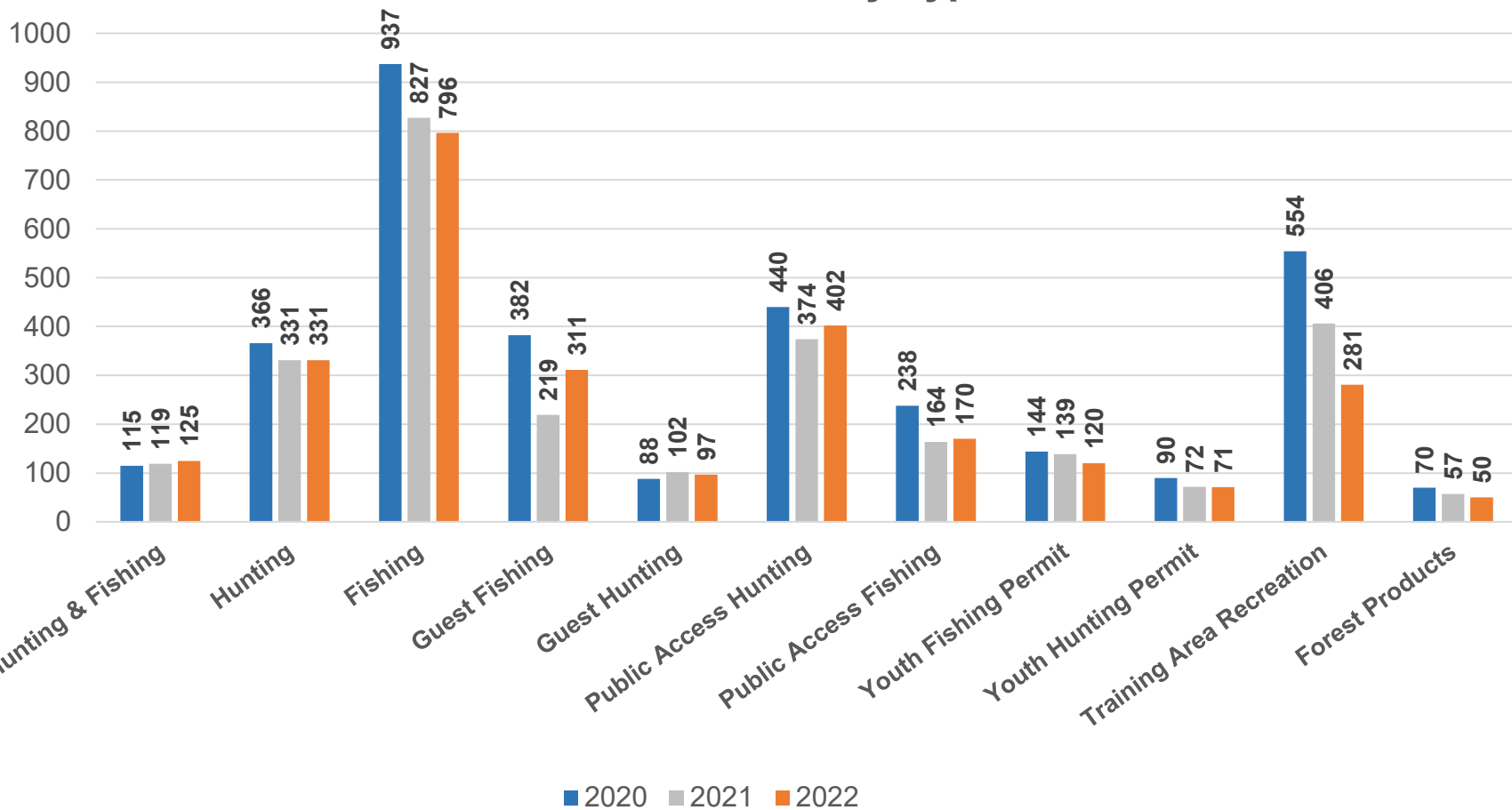




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## Annual Permit Sales by Type

Annual Permit Sales by Type



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## Public Access Lottery

- 2017-2018 Public Access Lottery
  - 485 sportsmen entered and selected
  - 336 sportsmen purchased permits
  - 69% purchased permits
- 2018-2019 Public Access Lottery
  - 536 sportsmen entered and selected
  - 391 sportsmen purchased permits
  - 73% purchased permits
- 2019-2020 Public Access Lottery
  - 638 sportsmen entered and selected
  - 442 sportsmen purchased permits
  - 69% purchased permits
- 2020-2021 Public Access Lottery
  - 770 sportsmen entered and selected
  - 496 sportsmen purchased permits
  - 64% purchased permits
- 2021-2022 Public Access Lottery
  - 689 sportsmen entered and selected
  - 496 sportsmen purchased permits
  - 72% purchased permits
- 2022-2023 Public Access Lottery
  - 696 sportsmen entered and selected
  - 446 sportsmen purchased permits
  - 64% purchased permits
- 2023-2024 Public Access Lottery
  - 774 Sportsman entered and selected





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## Permit Fee Schedule

<b>SCHEDULE OF INSTALLATION PERMIT FEES</b>		
PERMIT	COST	TERM
Hunting (Small Game Only)	\$30.00	1 year from date of purchase
Hunting (Small and Big Game)	\$50.00	1 year from date of purchase
Fishing	\$30.00	1 year from date of purchase
1-Day Participant Hunting (Small and Big Game)	\$10.00	1 day
7-Day Participant Hunting (Small and Big Game)	\$50.00	7 days (consecutive)
1-Day Participant Fishing	\$5.00	1 day
7-Day Participant Fishing	\$25.00	7 days (consecutive)
Training area recreation	\$20.00	1 year from date of purchase
Youth Hunting or Fishing (Age 17 and under, required for check in on iSportsman)	Free	1 year from date of purchase
100% Service-Disabled Hunting and Fishing (See chapter 3-1 for specific requirements)	\$20.00	1 year from date of issuance (validation has no expiration)
Nighttime Hunting (required to check in for night hunting on iSportsman)	\$20.00	1 year from date of purchase
Public Access Lottery Entry Fee	\$10.00	1 lottery drawing
Public Access Hunting (Small Game Only)	\$25.00	1 year from date of purchase, but not to exceed Aug 1 of year following drawing
Public Access Hunting (Small and Big Game)	\$45.00	1 year from date of purchase, but not to exceed Aug 1 of year following drawing
Public Access Fishing	\$25.00	1 year from date of purchase, but not to exceed Aug 1 of year following drawing
<p>NOTE: Installation hunting, fishing, and training area recreation permit fees are included in this regulation for information purposes only and are subject to change at any time.</p>		

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## 21X Account

- Money generated between 1 August 2022 – 31 July 2023 from the sale of Fort Gordon iSportsman permits (Hunting, Fishing, Outdoor Rec) = \$76,540 going into the 21X account. Total spent this year \$84,146.
- All money (100%) collected into the 21X account is spent on Fort Gordon to support the hunting and fishing program.
- \$35,000 spent on Fisheries Management: Fish food(\$6049); Fish stocking: Trout (\$6700), Catfish (\$6000), Bluegill (\$6864), Shad (\$4800); Aquatic Herbicide (\$4587)
- \$27,993 spent on Game Management: Seed (\$10,068), Fertilizer(\$13,050), Chemicals(\$4000), Oak trees(\$700), Equipment cost (\$175).
- \$5,511 spent on equipment, repairs, supplies, camera survey, prescribed fire, etc.
- In 2023 IMCOM required \$15,642.30 for iSportsman, approximately 20% of annual budget.

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## Installation Access Reminders

- Everyone bringing a firearm onto the installation is required to have an approved FG Form 9243 on their person. Participant (Guest) and their permitted sponsor may fill out a Form 7160 for temporary firearms usage during hunting seasons.
- Public Access can get a long-term AIE pass (good for 1 year from date background check (Form 9243)) was completed.
- Participants/Guests must enter through the installation access gates in the same vehicle as sponsor (may be required to stop at VCC)
  - For VCC hours contact: (706) 791-3788/3071. It is recommended that weekend visitors obtain visitors pass ahead of time.





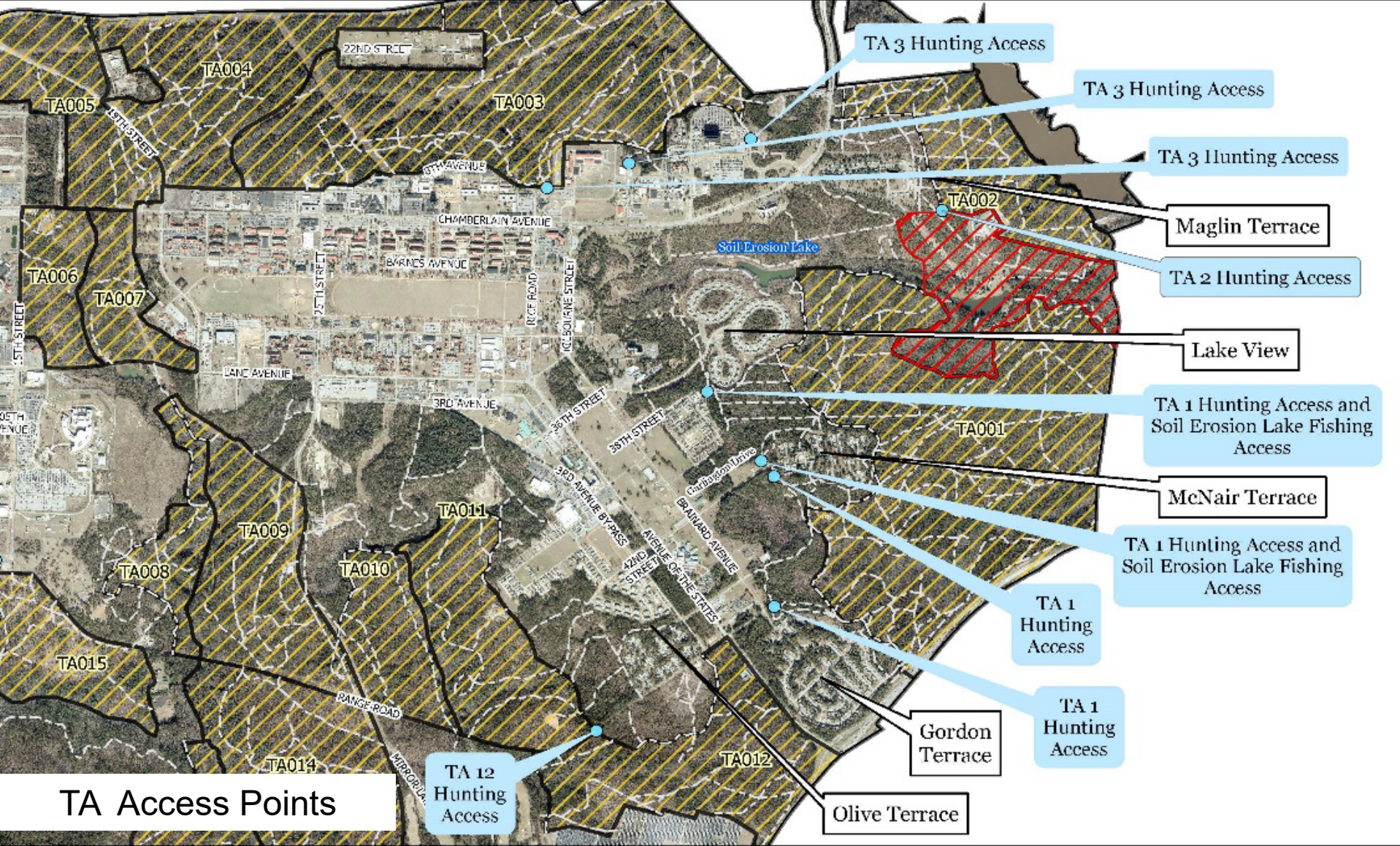
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## Regulation Reminders

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



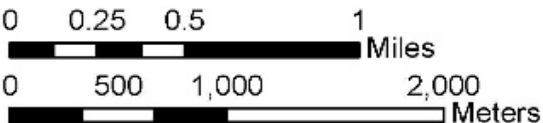




## TA Access Points

Scale: 1:32,000

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



## Legend

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

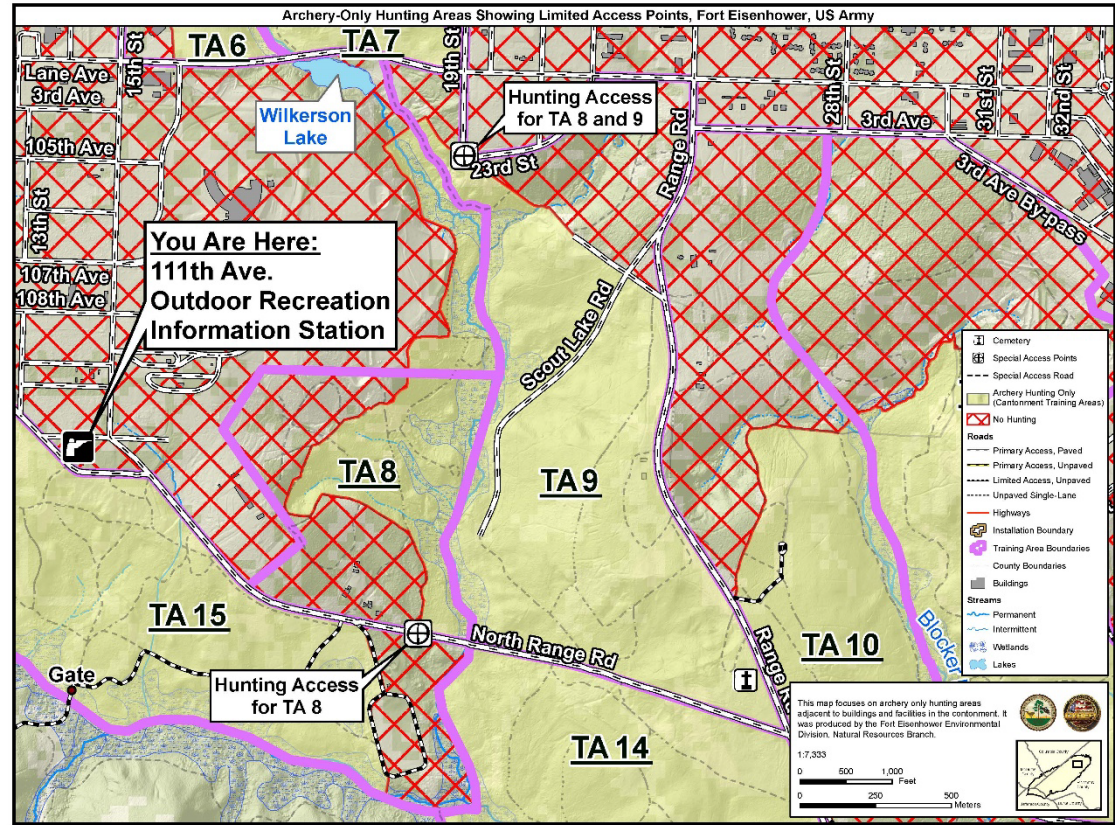
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Outdoor Recreation/Hiking,  
Archery Hunting Must Be  
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iSportsman

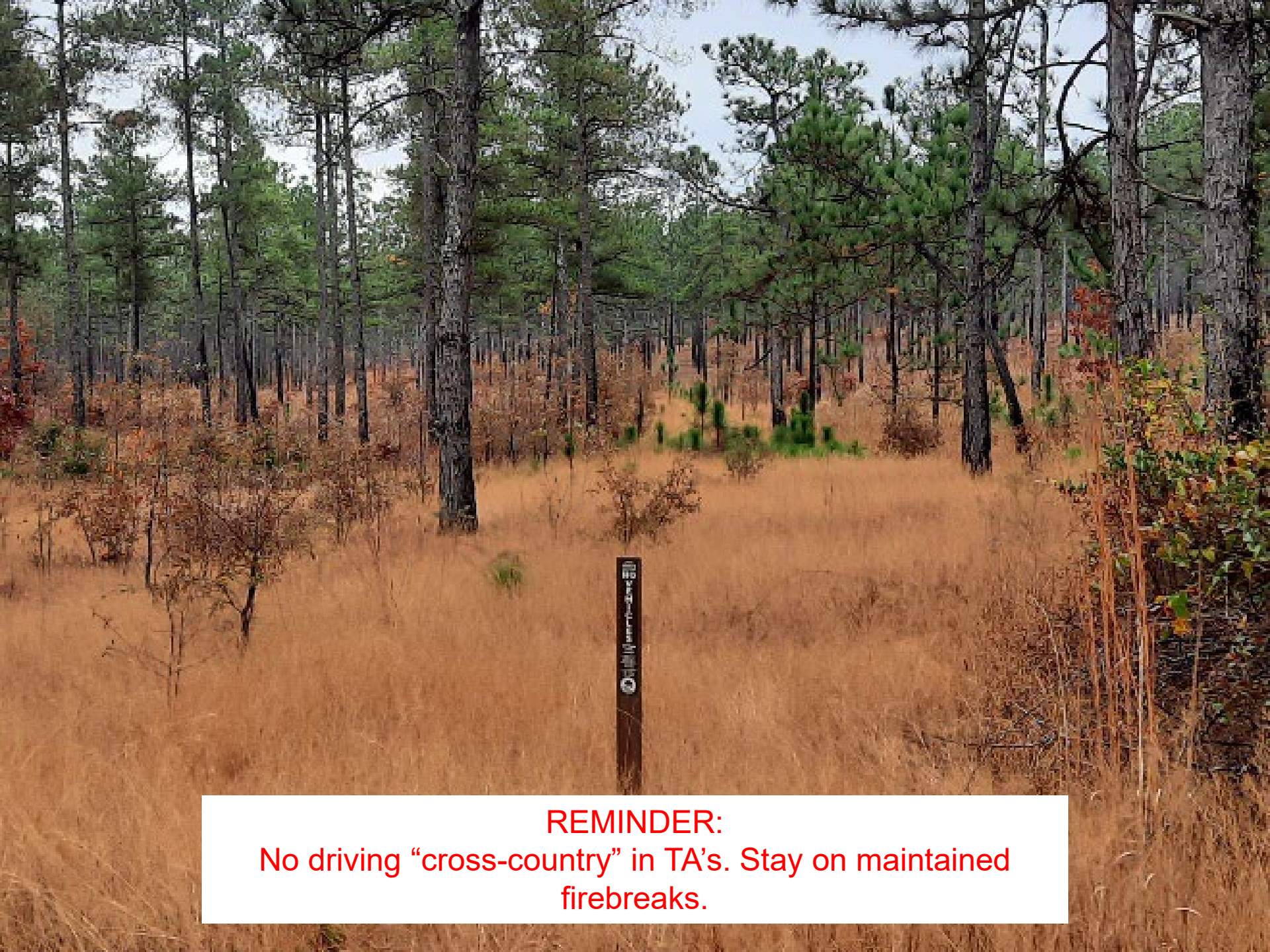


# TA 8 Hunting

- Potential Hunting Days for TA 8
  - Monday October 9
  - Monday October 23
  - Monday November 13
  - Monday December 4







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





**REMINDER: NO CUTTING LIVE TREES!**



## Natural Resources Contact Information

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

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

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

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

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

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

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





## INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT COMMAND



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