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Directorate of Public Works

Dear Fort McCoy Hunters,

After each hunting season, we examine our programs for effectiveness in areas including hunter safety, hunter satisfaction, impact on the military training mission, and wildlife management goals. These efforts ensure a viable hunting program at Fort McCoy. Regulatory changes have been made for the 2013 hunting seasons (the Gun-Deer season in particular) to help ensure a safe, enjoyable, and successful hunt.

Maintaining a high level of communication with our hunters, anglers, trappers and other recreational users is a priority. This letter is intended to detail the technological and regulatory changes that will be implemented for the 2013 fall hunting season. These changes are the result of several years of research and customer feedback.

Through the years we have employed the use of various technologies to increase the information flow. Examples include posting of information on the Fort McCoy Public website ([www.mccoy.army.mil](http://www.mccoy.army.mil)), increasing the number of available lines for the Game Line, and developing a computer-fillable hunting/fishing application forms. We will further expand our use of technology by implementing **i-Sportsman** in September 2013. This new capability will better integrate the overall management of the hunting seasons and provide you, the user, increased options, greater flexibility and more-timely information.

This system has been successfully implemented at several Army installations across the country and provides sportsmen the ability to use either the Internet, a telephone (land line, cell phone, or Smartphone), or an on-site kiosk to sign-in and sign-out of hunting areas, access Game Line updates, complete on-line applications, or check the status of their application.

For the 2013 fall hunting seasons (small game, archery, cantonment archery, turkey, and gun-deer) all hunters will be required to sign in and sign out of the hunting areas using this automated system. The 2013 fall hunting regulation will specify

the Internet website address as well as phone numbers that will allow you to access the **i-Sportsman** system.

Hunters have reported hunting ethics are lacking in respect to both other hunters and wildlife. Unethical practices affect not only a hunting experience, but safety as well. Hunters will be able to report unethical practices using the **i-Sportsman** system. Statements of basic ethical standards have been added to the regulation, to which all hunters are required to comply.

For the Gun-Deer season, six hunting zones (three on North Post and three on South Post) have been established and will be used to document hunting pressure and to assist law enforcement personnel in locating individuals in the event of an emergency. Hunters will be able to sign in to only one zone at a time, but will be able to change zones at any time through use of the sign-in/sign-out procedures as long as vacancies are available for that zone. To change areas, hunters must sign out of the current zone and then sign in for the next zone they plan to hunt. This six-zone system also allows Fort McCoy to limit the number of hunters within an area if needed.

More information will be available as the implementation of the **i-Sportsman** system draws nearer. All Gun-Deer, Cantonment Archery and Fall Turkey applicants who are selected for a permit will receive more-detailed information with their notification. The Fort McCoy Public website also will have more-detailed information throughout the summer as the system nears completion.

We are working hard to ensure the transition to the new system goes as smoothly as possible. We pledge to work quickly to resolve any issues that are encountered.

We value your input and hope you will provide some feedback on your experiences with the new **i-Sportsman** system following the hunting season.

Sincerely,

  
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Commanding