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PTA to open Keamuku training area for archery (bow) and shotgun Bearded Turkey hunting only this weekend

POHAKULOA TRAINING AREA, Hawaii – Army officials are opening the Keamuku training area for shotgun or archery (bow) Bearded Turkey (Gobbler only) hunting only, here, March 1 - 2, 2014 from 5:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The Keamuku area only will be open for shotgun or bow Bearded Turkey (Gobbler only) hunting only. For shotgun, no slugs are permitted.

All hunters must check-in and check out at one of the following hunter's check-in stations: Kilohana, located on Saddle Road between mile markers 43 and 44, Pu'u Huluhulu, located at the intersection of Mauna Kea Access Road and Saddle Road near mile marker 28, or Pu'u Anahulu check-in station located in the vicinity of mile marker 14 on Hwy 190. Check-out time is no later than 7:30 p.m. each day.

Hunting passes will be provided at the check-in stations beginning Friday after 5:00 p.m. These passes must be signed and placed on the vehicle's dashboard. Hunters who do not have a signed hunting pass on their dashboard will be barred from hunting for 30 days.

Hunters enter/exit the Keamuku training area through gates 2 & 7 on Old Saddle Rd and through gates 11 & 14 on Highway 190. Park in the designated area, vicinity of mile markers 49 & 50. No parking is allowed on the shoulders of the highways. Hunting areas will be monitored by federal and local law enforcement agencies.

No person shall remove any live game from the Keamuku hunting area (Hawaii Administrative Rules regarding Hunting (Title 13-123-22 (f) (1))). Bag limits will be enforced by Hawaii Hunting Rules.

Firearms, alcoholic beverages, all-terrain vehicles, dirt bikes and/or recreational vehicles are not allowed in the training and hunting areas.

For more information, call the PTA Hunter's Hotline at (808) 969-3474; visit www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/pta, and click on the "Hunting" tab; or refer to instructions on the hunting pass. Hunters can also call 969-2411 or (808) 656-3154 during business hours.