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PTA to open several areas for bow hunting this weekend

POHAKULOA TRAINING AREA, Hawaii – Army officials are opening several training areas for bow hunting, here, Saturday and Sunday, from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Training areas 2, 10 and 11 will be open for bow hunting of mammals only. Hunters are allowed one pig, one goat and one sheep, per day, in keeping with state bag limits. Shooting sheep with blue collars is not 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, or Pu'u Huluhulu, located at the intersection of Mauna Kea Access Road and Saddle Road near mile marker 28. 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 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.

Hunter access to training area 2 is through the northern gates 1-5 on Highway 200 (east side). Hunter access to training areas 10 and 11 is through the northern gates 1-6 on Highway 200 (west side).

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.