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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, April 12-13, from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Training areas 1-4, 9, 12 and 14-16 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. Checkout 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 1-4, 9, 12, and 14-16 are through any of gates 1-10 east of Mauna Kea State Park on new Saddle Road (Highway 200). Hunter access to training areas 9, 12, and 14-16 are through the gate at mile marker 38.5 on new Saddle Road.

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.