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PTA to open several areas for bow hunting, Friday

POHAKULOA TRAINING AREA, Hawaii – Army officials are opening several training areas for bow hunting, here, Nov. 28, from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Training areas 1-4, 9-16 and the Keamuku Training Area 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; Pu'u Huluhulu, located at the intersection of Mauna Kea Access Road and Saddle Road near mile marker 28; or Pu'u Anahulu, located on Mamalahoa Highway (Hwy 190) across from mile marker 15. Checkout time is no later than 7 p.m. each day.

Hunting passes will be provided at the check-in stations beginning Thursday 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 areas is as follows:

- Areas 1-4: Through any of gates 1-10 on East Saddle Road, east of Pohakuloa's main gate.
- Areas 10 and 11: Through any of gates 1-7 on West Saddle Road, west of Pohakuloa's main gate.
- Areas 9 and 12-16: Through Ahi Gate, near mile marker 38.5, on West Saddle Road.
- Keamuku: Through gates 2, 7 and 10 on Old Saddle Road or gates 11 and 14 on Mamalahoa Highway.

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.