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PTA to open several areas for turkey hunting this weekend

POHAKULOA TRAINING AREA, Hawaii – Army officials are opening training areas 3, 4 and the Keamuku Training Area for bearded turkey hunting, here, March 14-15, from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Training areas 3, 4 and the Keamuku Training Area will be open for bearded turkey hunting only. No slugs allowed.

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 14. Checkout time is no later than 7 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 areas 3 and 4 is through gates 1-6 on East Saddle Road, Hwy. 200.

Hunter access to Keamuku Training Area is through gates 2 and 7 on Old Saddle Road, and gates 11 and 14 on Mamalahoa Highway.

Hunters are required to park in designated parking areas. Firearms, alcoholic beverages, all-terrain vehicles, dirt bikes and/or recreational vehicles are not allowed in the training and hunting areas. Hunters with disabilities can call Officer Brian Mabry at (808) 969-2429.

Spring turkey hunting at PTA follows state of Hawaii regulations, HAR Title 13, Chapter 122 "Rules Regulating Game Bird Hunting, Field Trails and Commercial Shooting Preserves." Special conditions including season length, bag limits, and tag requirements can be found at: <http://dlnr.hawaii.gov/dofaw/announcements/>

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.