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Hunting at PTA on hiatus until August

POHAKULOA TRAINING AREA, Hawaii – Hunting will be on a hiatus, here, for approximately three weeks as Army staff focus on enhancing U.S. Army Garrison-Pohakuloa’s hunting program.

The hiatus runs July 18 through August 3.

“We’re taking a look at the recent hunting activity and assessing how it may affect our long-term management goals—this break is a part of those efforts,” said John Polhemus, game manager, USAG-Pohakuloa.

Hunting opportunities at PTA differ from other public hunting areas because availability depends on military training schedules, which can change from week to week.

“We aren’t able to offer a traditional season over the course of several months, so having a better understanding of the animals’ short term responses to hunting pressure, and finding the right balance between applying and removing pressure is important to maintaining a sustainable program,” Polhemus said, adding that he appreciates the hunting community’s understanding during the short break.

Army officials anticipate resuming hunting August 8-9, pending training area availability. The Army opens areas at PTA for hunting most weekends; however, hunting is subject to military training needs.

For the latest information, call the PTA Hunter’s Hotline at (808) 969-3474; or visit www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/pta, and click on the “Hunting” tab.