

### **7.1. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF FIRE MANAGEMENT AREAS (FMA)**

#### **7.1.1. General.**

a. This chapter is an introduction to each of the FMA SOP's in Appendix 1. It gives a general description of each FMA and discusses current fire issues and management measures, while the SOP is intended to be removed from the IWFMP and used by the IC as a guidance document during suppression operations. The IWFMP SOP will also be included as an annex in the Range Division Hawaii training SOP for each area. Chapter 7 focuses on pre-suppression and planning, while the SOP focuses on suppression of wildfires and decision making.

b. The USARHAW has seven installations on two islands in the State of Hawaii and is in the process of purchasing additional lands on both islands. Each installation is considered one FMA.

**7.1.2. Oahu FMAs.** Training areas on Oahu are distributed throughout the island. While stationed on Oahu, military units concentrate on tactical maneuver training and individual weapons qualifications. Two of these training areas, SBMR and MMR, support up to company size live-fire maneuver training. If it is purchased, SRAA will include a qualification live-fire range as well. Oahu also is home to several sites for maneuver training: DMR, KLOA, KTA, MMR, SBER, SBMR, and, if purchased, SRAA. All of these training areas are limited in respect to training capacity due to limited size and various training restrictions. They provide either maneuver space or live-fire capabilities, few offer both. The acreage listed within the described areas, are acres available for maneuver training and do not include impact areas, cantonment areas, and other areas restricted by environmental and archaeological issues.

a. Dillingham Military Reservation (DMR) is comprised of 269 hectares (664 acres). Two-hundred twenty-three hectares (550 acres) are fee simple, 32 hectares (78 acres) are ceded, 12 hectares (30 acres) are easement, and 3 hectares (7 acres) are by license. The runway and parking areas (35 hectares) are leased to the State of Hawaii Department of Transportation. DMR is used for Command Post Exercise (CPX) operations, Emergency Deployment Readiness Exercise (EDRES), limited maneuver training, equipment and personnel parachute operations, lodgment support operations and Night Vision Goggles (NVG) training for helicopter pilots.

b. Kahuku Training Area (KTA) is comprised of 3808 hectares (9,409 acres), 3335 hectares (8241 acres) are owned in fee. The remaining 465 hectares (1,150 acres) are leased from the State of Hawaii. This is prime maneuver training area, rugged, mountainous, and suitable for light infantry training. It is adequate for brigade task force training and evaluations. Training is restricted to blank ammunition, limited pyrotechnics, and limited digging. The addition of SBCT will add a MOUT Facility that will include the use of short range training ammunition (SRTA).

c. Kawaiiloa Training Area (KLOA) is comprised of 9449 hectares (23,348 acres) of leased land. Leases include 7532 hectares (18,613 acres) from Dole Foods Co., Inc., 140 hectares (345 acres) are leased from Attractions Hawaii, and 1777 hectares (4,390 acres) from the State of Hawaii. This is very rugged terrain used primarily for small infantry unit maneuver and helicopter training including Nap of the Earth (NOE) flights.

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d. Makua Military Reservation (MMR), Pilila’au Range Complex, is comprised of 1696 hectares (4,190 acres). Of this, 69 hectares (170 acres) are fee simple, 1310 hectares (3,236 acres) are ceded, and 316 hectares (782 acres) are leased from the State of Hawaii. Makua is the premier live-fire maneuver area on the island and is capable of company plus size live-fire activities. It can handle all infantry battalion weapon systems and weapons assigned to USARHAW as outlined in the MMR Range SOP.

e. Schofield Barracks East Range (SBER) is comprised of 2086 ceded hectares (5,154 acres). It is extensively used for tactical maneuver training, infantry training and testing, land navigation training, equipment and personnel parachute operations, NCO Academy training, and courses of instruction offered by the Light Infantry Training Command- Air Assault School, Ranger Indoctrination Program, Light Fighter Course, Light Leader Course, and Pacific Warrior Course. The easternmost portion of East Range is rugged terrain and is used for small unit maneuvers.

f. Schofield Barracks Military Reservation (SBMR) is comprised of roughly 3506 ceded and fee hectares (8,663 acres). A 1133 hectare (2,800 acre) range and impact area dominates Schofield Barracks training area. This is the primary individual and crew weapons qualification area in Hawaii. The range area will support limited artillery firing. High explosive weapons and demolition may be used in this area as well. A small southern area will support limited small unit or support element tasks.

g. South Range Acquisition Area (SRAA) may be purchased by USARHAW sometime in the next several years but does not currently exist. It consist of roughly 810 hectares (2,000 acres) on which one qualification range will be built along with associated infrastructure. Limited maneuver training will be conducted there as well.

**7.1.3. Island of Hawaii (The Big Island).** Pohakuloa Training Area (PTA) is comprised of 44,026 hectares (108,792 acres). There are 34,323 hectares (84,815 acres) of ceded land, 9694 hectares (23,954 acres) are leased from the State, Smart Trust, and Mauna Kea Properties, and 9 hectares (23 acres) are easement. PTA is a major training area on the Island of Hawaii, 321 km (200 miles) southeast of Oahu. The large size and isolation allow the 25th ID(L) to fire all of its weapon systems including artillery to their maximum range. The maneuver area supports up to a brigade task force. It is considered a high altitude training area at 2,428m plus (6,000 ft) elevation. Geographical separation provides the Division with surface/air deployment opportunities. The Keamuku Parcel, an additional 9,307 hectares (23,000 acres), may be purchased to the northwest of the existing training area. This will support off road maneuver and force on force exercises for SBCT.