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This instruction implements Air Force Policy Directive (AFPD) 32-70, *Environmental Quality*, and the State of Colorado wildlife laws applicable to the U.S. Air Force Academy's (USAFA) Natural Resources program. It explains how the Natural Resources program is administered and describes the regulations that apply to: fishing, hunting, wildlife management, recreational trail use, and the protection of natural resources on USAFA, including Farish Recreation Area and Bullseye Auxiliary Airfield. Other corresponding guidance is outlined in the USAFA *Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP)* and Air Force Instruction (AFI) 32-7064, *Integrated Natural Resources Management*. This instruction applies to all individuals training, working, residing, visiting, or recreating at USAFA. This publication does not apply to the Air Force Reserve Command (AFRC) or the Air National Guard (ANG). Refer recommended changes and questions about this publication to the Office of Primary Responsibility (OPR) using Air Force (AF) Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Publication*. The authorities to waive requirements in this publication are identified with a Tier 3 (T-3) number following the compliance statement. See AFI 33-360, *Publications and Forms Management*, for a description of the authorities associated with the Tier numbers. Submit requests for waivers through the chain of command to the appropriate Tier waiver approval authority. The waiver authority for non-tiered requirements in this publication is 10 CES/CEIEA. Ensure that all records created as a result of processes prescribed in this publication are maintained in accordance with (IAW) Air Force Manual (AFMAN) 33-363, *Management of Records*, and disposed of IAW the Air Force Records Information Management System (AFRIMS) Records Disposition Schedule (RDS).

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

This document has been substantially revised and must be completely reviewed. Major changes include updating the options for purchasing a fishing permit online or over-the-counter in Section 1.2., 1.4., and 2.2.1.; changing the daily catch limit to three (3) fish in Section 2.2.2., 2.2.3., and 2.3.11; and adding Monument Creek use restrictions in 4.4. The document also revises USAFA Form 130, *USAF Academy Fishing Permit*.

1. Administration of the Natural Resources Program:

1.1. The Commander of the 10th Civil Engineer Squadron (10 CES/CC) is responsible for the fisheries, wildlife, range, and forestry management programs and oversees the implementation of the *Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan* (INRMP).

1.2. Natural Resources (10 CES/CEIEA) implements the INRMP and conducts daily management and operations through Cooperative Agreements with the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW). The USFWS Cooperative Agreement provides financial support for biologists to carry out the natural resources management function. 10 CES/CEIEA also collects hunting and fishing fees and issues permits online at <https://usafa.isportsman.net>.

1.3. CPW and USFWS is responsible for enforcing all fishing, hunting, and other applicable wildlife laws and regulations. Wildlife law enforcement assistance provided by CPW is authorized under concurrent State jurisdiction and through the Cooperative Agreement. 10th Security Forces (10 SFS) personnel may assist CPW and USFWS as necessary.

1.4. The Force Support Squadron (10 FSS) collects over-the-counter fishing permit fees. The charging of fees for outdoor recreation activities is authorized by the Sikes Act Improvement Act (Section 670b of Title 16, United States Code (U.S.C.)). 10 FSS deposits the receipts in a reimbursable conservation program account (57X) administered by the Air Force Civil Engineer Center (AFCEC).

2. Fishing on USAFA:

2.1. Individuals Authorized to Fish:

2.1.1. Persons in the following categories, with DoD identification, are eligible to purchase an annual USAFA fishing permit: active duty military, USAFA cadets and Preparatory School students, military retirees, USAFA civil servants and non-appropriated fund employees, Army and Air Force Exchange Service employees, visiting faculty, individuals with special authorization from 10 CES/CC, military reservists on USAFA orders, and immediate family members of individuals in the above categories (see **Attachment 1**). These persons may also sponsor guests for a one-day fishing permit.

2.1.2. Purple Heart recipients and veterans with DoD identification and a 60% or higher service-connected disability documented by the Department of Veterans Affairs (DAV) are eligible for a free lifetime fishing permit. Immediate family members (see **Attachment 1**) of these individuals are also eligible to purchase an annual or one-day fishing permit. The free lifetime fishing permits are only issued through 10 CES/CEIEA (Building 9030, 719-333-3308) with the appropriate DAV documentation and DoD identification.

2.1.3. The sponsored guests of individuals listed in [paragraph 2.1.1.](#) and [paragraph 2.1.2.](#), and other DoD civilian employees (and their sponsored guests) are eligible to purchase a one-day fishing permit.

2.1.4. Overnight camping and lodging guests at Farish Recreation Area, who are otherwise not eligible for a fishing permit, may purchase a one-day fishing permit for each day of their stay, including the day of checking-out.

2.2. Purchasing a USAFA Fishing Permit:

2.2.1. Fishing permits (annual, one-day, second rod) must be purchased online at <https://usafa.isportsman.net> or over-the-counter at Outdoor Recreation, Farish Recreation Area, and FamCamp. A valid form of DoD identification to confirm eligibility is required to obtain a permit and must be carried when fishing. Annual permits are valid 1 January to 31 December. A state-issued fishing license is not required. **NOTE:** Fishermen are highly encouraged to use the online permit system. The fishing program must be self-supporting, so the permit fees cover the annual cost of stocking the hatchery-reared fish. By using iSportsman to purchase permits, administrative costs are substantially reduced and more of the fee goes toward fish stocking and other natural resources and recreational amenities. Fishing permits sold over-the-counter at Outdoor Recreation, Farish Recreation Area, and FamCamp incur a processing fee that is included in the cost of the permit.

2.2.2. A second rod permit, valid only for USAFA and Farish Recreation Area, allows a fisherman to simultaneously use two fishing rods, but this does not change the daily catch limit of three (3) fish. All fishermen, regardless of their eligibility category, must have a second rod permit if using two poles. A state-issued second rod stamp is not valid on USAFA.

2.2.3. If an eligible fisherman is under 16 years of age, a permit is not required, but the youth may only keep two (2) fish. A fisherman under 16 years of age must purchase a second rod permit if fishing with two rods simultaneously. Fisherman under 16 years of age may keep the daily catch limit of three (3) fish if an annual or one-day permit is purchased.

2.3. USAFA Fishing Rules:

2.3.1. All fishermen must possess a valid fishing permit and optional second rod permit as required by this publication. A USAFA fishing permit is required during the State's annual free fishing weekend in June.

2.3.2. Sponsors must accompany guests when purchasing an over-the-counter permit and while fishing

2.3.3. Fishing is prohibited in the golf course ponds and non-potable reservoirs.

2.3.4. Fishing is allowed from 0001-2400.

2.3.5. Ice fishing is prohibited on the USAFA and Farish Recreation Area lakes.

2.3.6. Chumming and the use of minnow traps, seines, trotlines, or floating jugs is prohibited.

2.3.7. The use of corn bait and live minnows is prohibited.

2.3.8. Dumping or transferring fish or other aquatic animals and plants into the lakes and streams is prohibited. Fishermen must clean all gear (e.g., waders, nets, tackle) to remove any debris that may carry invasive animals or plants between bodies of water.

2.3.9. Grass carp stocked for aquatic weed control must be immediately released.

2.3.10. Crayfish (crawdads) may be taken by hand, baited line, trap, pot, or dip net. Traps or other tackle may not be left unattended or overnight in the lakes. There is no daily limit on crayfish, but a USAFA fishing permit is required.

2.3.11. The daily catch limit is three (3) fish, with no size restriction.

2.3.12. Trash must be properly disposed of in the available garbage receptacles. The cleaning of fish and disposal of entrails in the lakes or garbage receptacles is prohibited.

2.3.13. Organizations conducting a fishing derby or group fishing activity must have at least one annual fishing permit holder for every five non-permitted participants (e.g. youth). For such events, all participants older than 16 years of age must have a valid annual or one-day fishing permit. All group events must be coordinated with Natural Resources. A waiver of the permit requirement for charitable organization events may be requested through the 10 CES/CC.

2.4. Other Rules Pertaining to the USAFA Lakes and Streams:

2.4.1. Swimming, boating, rafting, tubing, or any other floatation device (excluding float tubes and rental paddleboats at Farish) is prohibited in the lakes and streams. A Coast Guard approved personal floatation device is required when using a paddleboat or float tube. Gas motors are prohibited on float tubes.

2.4.2. Use of the lakes for USAFA-approved training or other activities must be coordinated with 10 CES/CEIEA.

2.4.3. Vehicles must park in designated areas and may not be driven around the USAFA lakes without a State-issued handicap placard or license plate. The handicap accessible fishing piers are reserved for disabled fisherman.

2.4.4. Camping and open fires are prohibited around the lakes, except in established campsites at Farish.

2.4.5. Mobility-impaired fishermen who have a State-issued handicap parking placard or license plate can be issued a badge to access the Kettle Lakes through the K-1 airfield gate. Handicap fishermen must complete a USAFA Form 120, *Facility/Barrier Electronic Access Request*, at 10 CES/CEIEA (Building 9030, 719-333-3308) prior to obtaining a gate access badge from the Pass and Registration Center.

3. Hunting, Trapping, and Care and Handling of Injured or Deceased Wildlife:

3.1. Hunting, trapping, harassing, or dispatching of nuisance or injured wildlife must be authorized by 10 CES/CEIEA. Additional approval from CPW or USFWS may be required depending on the species of concern. 10 CES/CEIEA staff are authorized to transport and discharge firearms during the approved hunts and for dispatching injured or nuisance animals.

3.2. Hunting of Deer, Elk, and Turkey:

3.2.1. The 10th Air Base Wing Commander (10 ABW/CC) is responsible for approving all hunting access and activities. Hunting is prohibited at Farish Recreation Area and Bullseye Auxiliary Airfield.

3.2.2. Hunters must possess a valid state license and USAFA access permit, receive a safety briefing, and sign a liability waiver.

3.2.3. Hunting is conducted in accordance with all USAFA-specified safety requirements and in accordance with State and Federal laws.

3.2.4. Information on State-issued hunting licenses for USAFA (Game Management Unit 512) is published in CPW brochures and on the CPW website. Additional USAFA-specific hunting information is available at <https://usafa.isportsman.net>.

3.3. Trapping of Wildlife:

3.3.1. Trapping of wildlife (other than for pest management) is prohibited unless 10 CES/CEIEA or other organizations (e.g., Department of Biology) have received approval and permits from the appropriate State and Federal agencies.

3.4. Care and Handling of Injured or Deceased Wildlife:

3.4.1. Organizations and contractors that dispose of or handle any wildlife must possess the appropriate Federal and State permits. These organizations and contractors must maintain a log of all wildlife handling or disposal activities, including species information, cause of death or injury, individual disposing of the animal, and the date and method of disposal. Copies of these records must be provided to 10 CES/CEIEA as requested.

3.4.2. Drivers involved in a wildlife-vehicle accident resulting in the injury or death of a large mammal (bobcat, fox, coyote, deer, elk, bear, mountain lion, etc.) must report the accident to 10 SFS at (719) 333-2000, who will then notify 10 CES/CEIEA.

3.4.3. Road-killed deer and elk may be salvageable, but a Road Kill Wildlife Possession permit must be obtained from 10 CES/CEIEA or CPW within 48 hours to legally possess the animal. When necessary, 10 SFS refers to a 10 CES/CEIEA-generated list of people wanting to salvage road-killed deer or elk. 10 CES/CEIEA holds a sign-up each August to create an updated list of up to 30 individuals interested in salvaging animals.

3.4.4. The 10 SFS personnel responding to injured wildlife notifications have the discretion to determine if an animal should be dispatched. Injured wildlife that appears to have a reasonable chance of survival will be given an opportunity to recover unassisted. If 10 SFS believes that an animal may have been killed or injured illegally (i.e., poaching), 10 CES/CEIEA and CPW will be notified. In order to protect any evidence, the animal will not be disturbed until a CPW wildlife officer has had an opportunity to assess the scene. The 10 SFS will report all deceased wildlife to 10 CES/CEIEA to ensure proper disposal of dead animals.

3.5. Reporting and Controlling Potentially Dangerous or Nuisance Wildlife:

3.5.1. The USAFA does not destroy, trap, or relocate wildlife that is not posing an immediate threat to public health or safety or causing significant property damage.

3.5.2. Animals presenting a possible public safety hazard (e.g., rattlesnake, black bear, mountain lion, and injured wildlife) should be reported immediately to 10 SFS or 10 CES/CEIEA.

3.5.3. Birds, occupied nests, eggs, and bird parts are protected by Federal and State laws and shall not be disturbed or possessed without 10 CES/CEIEA approval and/or the required Migratory Bird Treaty Act permit.

3.6. Feeding and Possessing Wildlife:

3.6.1. Feeding or possessing wildlife is prohibited by State law. All personnel, residents, and visitors are prohibited from providing food, mineral supplements, salt blocks, or other items that could attract wildlife.

3.6.2. The feeding of birds is allowed, but three or fewer feeders should be offered to avoid attracting wildlife that may create a dangerous or nuisance situation. 10 CES/CEIEA and the housing office may direct that bird feeders need to be removed if there are re-occurring wildlife conflicts.

4. Protection of Other Natural Resources:

4.1. The destruction or removal of plants (including tree limbs, bark, pinecones, flowers, etc.), rocks, soil, historical and cultural resources, archeological resources, and fossils is prohibited without the required permit or 10 CES/CEIEA approval.

4.2. Firewood permits are available through 10 CES/CEIEA. Firewood cutting or gathering without a permit is prohibited.

4.3. Open dumping of yard waste, household waste, or other refuse is prohibited.

4.4. Recreating (such as fishing, tubing, rafting, boating, swimming) in Monument Creek is prohibited due to safety and environmental concerns.

5. Off-Road Vehicle (ORVs) Restrictions:

5.1. Off-road vehicle operation is prohibited unless authorized for official business, military training, or security patrols. Off-road vehicle (ORV) use is defined as any licensed or unlicensed motorized vehicle traveling on other than maintained roads. Unlicensed motorized bikes, motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles, and snowmobiles are prohibited in all natural areas. Authorized ORV users must avoid unnecessary impacts to soil, vegetation, wildlife, wetlands, and cultural resources.

6. Controlling Domestic Animals:

6.1. Domestic pets must be under the physical and voice control of their owner at all times. Stray, nuisance, or aggressive pets should be reported to 10 SFS.

6.2. Dogs must be leashed or kept in a fenced area. Dogs are allowed to swim in the lakes, but they may not interfere with fishermen or disturb waterfowl. It is illegal under State law to allow a dog to chase or harass wildlife.

6.3. Free-roaming cats are prohibited. Cats must remain indoors, or can be outdoors only under the immediate supervision of the owner.

6.4. Horses may only be ridden on unpaved roads and established recreational trails. Horses must be kept at least 100-feet from lakes.

7. Camping:

7.1. Camping is authorized in designated areas at Farish Recreation Area, Peregrine Pines FamCamp, and the Youth Camping Area (near the Northgate B-52 display). To reserve the Youth Camping Area, contact Public Relations/Community Relations (HQ USAFA/PAC) at 719-333-7482 or pa.comrel@usafa.af.mil. To make a reservation at Farish Recreation Area, call (719) 687-9098.

7.2. The Fire Chief (10 CES/CEF) must approve all open fires in the designated camping areas or elsewhere on USAFA.

8. Recreational Trail Use:

8.1. Hikers, runners, and cyclists must yield to horses; cyclists must yield to pedestrians on all trails. Mountain bikers must maintain control and ride at speeds appropriate for the sight distance and terrain to avoid colliding with other users. All road and trail cyclists must wear a helmet. Additional restrictions and rules to promote pedestrian and bicycle safety are outline in AFI91-207_USAFASUP, *U.S. Air Force Traffic Safety Program*.

8.2. Trails users are highly encouraged to recreate with a partner or in a group to enhance personal safety and security.

8.3. Creating new trails and shortcutting between existing trails is prohibited. Using wet and muddy trails is highly discouraged to prevent trail damage and unnecessary wear-and-tear.

8.4. Large USAFA-sponsored events (e.g., races, trail rides, training exercises) must coordinate use of the trail system with 10 CES/CEIEA. Events that cause excessive trail wear-and-tear or damage may be required to reimburse the base for trail maintenance and repair.

8.5. Dogs or other pets accompanying a trail user must be leashed at all times.

9. Instruction and Regulation Enforcement:

9.1. Anyone who violates any portion of this instruction or any state or federal law or regulation concerning fishing or hunting, natural or cultural resource protection, or an act affiliated with those laws, or any act inconsistent with good safety practices, or commits any act which results in injury or damage to persons or property, may have their specific privilege relating to the violation suspended or revoked.

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Attachment 1**GLOSSARY OF REFERENCES AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION*****References***

AFI 32-7064, *Integrated Natural Resources Management*, 18 Nov 2014

AFI 91-207_USAFASUP, *U.S. Air Force Traffic Safety Program*, 14 Nov 2017

AFMAN 33-363, *Management of Records*, 1 March 2008

AFI 33-360, *Publications and Forms Management*, 1 Dec 2015

AFPD 32-70, *Environmental Quality*, 20 July 1994

Sikes Act Improvement Act, Section 670a-670o of Title 16, United States Code (U.S.C.)

Adopted Forms

AF Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Publication*

USAF Form 120, *Facility/Barrier Electronic Access Request*

Abbreviations and Acronyms

AF—Air Force

AFMAN—Air Force Manual

AFPD—Air Force Policy Directive

AFRC—Air Force Reserve Command

AFRIMS—Air Force Records Information Management System

ANG—Air National Guard

CPW—Colorado Parks and Wildlife

OPR—Office of Primary Responsibility

RDS—Records Disposition Schedule

USFWS—United States Fish and Wildlife Service

USAF—United States Air Force Academy

Terms

Annual Fishing Permit—A USAFA fishing permit valid from 1 January to 31 December.

Float tube—A floatation device specifically designed to suspend a fisherman in the water from the waist down and is not propelled by oar, paddle, or motor.

Sponsored Guest—A visitor, other than an immediate family member, who is sponsored by an eligible user for a one-day fishing permit

Immediate Family Member—A lawful spouse; unmarried children under 21 years of age, including adopted children, stepchildren, or wards that depend on the sponsor for over half of

their support; unmarried children 21 years of age or older who depend on the sponsor for over half of their support because of mental or physical handicaps; unmarried children under 23 years of age enrolled full-time in an approved college, university, or trade school; parents, including father, mother, stepparent by adoption, and parents-in-law who depend on the sponsor for over half of their support.

One-Day Fishing Permit—A USAFA permit valid only for the day(s) listed.

Second Rod Permit—A supplemental permit authorizing a fisherman to simultaneously use two fishing rods. The permit is not valid outside USAFA and does not change the daily catch limit of three (3) fish.