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This instruction implements AFD32-70, *Environmental Quality*, and Colorado fishing and wildlife statutes, which apply to the USAF Academy's natural resources program. It instructs how to administer the program and the rules that apply to fishing and hunting on Academy land, including Farish Recreation Area. This instruction applies to everyone assigned to or residing on the USAF Academy and those people authorized to fish, hunt, or trap on the Academy or its properties. See **Attachment 1** for glossary of terms.

Units are responsible to comply with AFI37-138, *Records Disposition-Procedures and Responsibilities* and AFMAN37-139, *Records Disposition Schedule* for maintaining and disposing of electronic or paper records kept on file.

SUMMARY OF REVISIONS

Restructures the content and updates office titles and symbols throughout; adds cooperative agreement with US Fish and Wildlife Service and deletes Natural Resources office having game warden law enforcement duties (paragraph **1.2.**); adds authorized volunteers (paragraph **1.5.**); deletes 510 CES/CEVP wildlife Law Enforcement and adds 10 SFS (paragraph **1.5.2.**); deletes the limit of only 500 annual permits a year for military retirees (paragraph **2.1.2.**); changes 10 ABW/CC to 10 CES/CC (paragraph **2.1.3.**); deletes who may not fish (paragraph **2.2.**); adds non-motorized and float tubes not allowed in non-potable reservoirs (**2.3.6.2.**); adds liability waiver (**3.1.4.**); deletes USAF Academy employees will not salvage wildlife while on duty (paragraph **3.4.2.**); deletes Academy's Wildlife Officer and adds Natural Resource office (paragraph **3.5.1.2.**); deletes 10 CES/CEOHHE (paragraph **3.5.2.3.**); adds striped skunks (paragraph **3.6.2.**); paragraphs whose content changed are preceded by an (|) bar.

1. Administering the Natural Resources Program:

1.1. The Commander, 10th Civil Engineer Squadron (10 CES/CC), manages the USAF Academy fishery, wildlife, and forestry programs.

1.2. Natural Resources (10 CES/CECN) supervises daily operations through a cooperative agreement with the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). Security Forces (10 SFS) enforces fish and wildlife violations listed in [Attachment 1](#).

1.3. The Colorado Division of Wildlife (CDOW) and the US Fish and Wildlife Service may provide officers to assist in management and enforcement of State and Federal wildlife and fishing statutes, laws, and regulations on lands and lakes administered by the USAF Academy. (Also see cooperative agreement with CDOW and USFWS).

1.4. The Director, 10th Services Squadron (10 MSG/SV), administers the sale of the USAF Academy fishing permits.

1.5. 10 CES/CECN, 10 SFS, Farish Recreation Area (10 MSG/SVRF), CDOW and USFWS, and authorized volunteers:

1.5.1. Check USAF Academy fishing and hunting permits.

1.5.2. Report violators to 10 SFS, El Paso County Sheriff, CDOW or USFWS as appropriate.

1.6. USAF Academy anglers and hunters must follow Colorado fishing and hunting statutes, this instruction, and any posted regulatory signs.

2. Fishing on the USAF Academy:

2.1. **Who May Fish on the USAF Academy** (Also see AFI32-7064, *Integrated Natural Resources Management*):

2.1.1. Active duty military, cadets, Preparatory School students, military retirees and their family members and guests.

2.1.2. USAF Academy civil service, non-appropriated fund, Army or Air Force Exchange Service personnel and their family members and guests.

2.1.3. Individuals with special authorization from 10 CES/CC, such as military veterans who have a 60 percent or greater disability from the Veterans Administration, and their family members and guests.

2.1.4. Visiting and distinguished Visiting Professors assigned to the faculty.

2.1.5. Registered patrons at Farish Recreation Area not authorized to purchase an annual permit may purchase a one-day permit. The Academy limits these one-day permits to 4,000 per fiscal year.

2.1.6. All other DoD employees, their family members, and bona fide guests may purchase a one-day permit. The Academy limits these one-day permits to 2,000 per fiscal year and no more than 300 permits per month.

2.1.7. Military reservists assigned to the USAF Academy and on temporary duty (TDY) orders while performing their duties on the Academy. TDY personnel must have a copy of their orders when they apply for a USAF Academy fishing permit.

2.2. **How to Get a USAF Academy Fishing Permit.** Annual permits for the calendar year go on sale the first week of that year. If you are an eligible person under 16 years of age, you do not need a USAF Academy fishing permit or a Colorado state fishing license; however, you are entitled to only

one-half of the daily bag limit unless you purchase both licenses. All other eligible persons must do the following in order to fish on the USAF Academy:

- 2.2.1. Possess a valid State of Colorado fishing license.
- 2.2.2. Possess a USAF Academy fishing permit that can be purchased at the Outdoor Recreation Center (10 MSG/SVRO) or at Farish Recreation Area during normal business hours.
- 2.2.3. Have the proper form of identification (active duty, reserve, retired identification card, TDY orders, etc.) for proof of eligibility.
- 2.2.4. If you are an eligible Veterans Administration or military disabled angler and possess the Colorado State free license, you may obtain a USAF Academy free lifetime fishing permit from 10 CES/CECN, located in building 9030.

2.3. Rules to Follow While Fishing on the USAF Academy:

- 2.3.1. Licenses and sponsorship information.
 - 2.3.1.1. Have on your person a valid State of Colorado fishing license with the appropriate USAF Academy fishing permit.
 - 2.3.1.2. If you are a family member or guest, your sponsor need not accompany you while fishing, but you must provide sponsorship information if asked by an authorized official.
- 2.3.2. Fishing is not allowed in the golf course ponds and non-potable reservoirs #1 and #2.
- 2.3.3. Observing Daily and Seasonal Restrictions:
 - 2.3.3.1. You may fish at all hours, unless the area is otherwise posted.
 - 2.3.3.2. Ice fishing is not allowed on the Academy lakes. Ice fishing is allowed on all Farish lakes but not until the lakes are officially opened for ice fishing by the Farish staff. This decision is based on the thickness of the ice needed to ensure safe use.
- 2.3.4. Taking, Killing, and Baiting Fish:
 - 2.3.4.1. Do not use minnow traps, seines, trotlines, or jugs.
 - 2.3.4.2. You may take crayfish (crawdads) by hand, one baited line, trap, pot, or dip net. However, do not leave any devices overnight or unattended. There is no limit on crawdads, but a state fishing license and an Academy fishing permit are required.
 - 2.3.4.3. Do not use live fish for bait or release live fish into USAF Academy waters (minnows, sunfish, suckers of any species, etc). Immediately release grass carp back into the water. These fish are stocked to control aquatic vegetation.
 - 2.3.4.4. Do not use corn for angling or chumming.
 - 2.3.4.5. Use only artificial lures with barbless hooks, as defined by state statute, in designated catch-and-release areas. These areas are non-potable reservoir #4 (Goat Camp Reservoir) and non-potable reservoir #3 (Mesa Lake).
- 2.3.5. Limiting Your Catch. Take only a daily aggregate bag and possession limit of four trout, including only one trout 14 inches or over, and five channel catfish. This daily bag limit is the maximum number of fish you may take in one day regardless of any disposition made of the fish

during that day. Look for other special restrictions at any of the lakes or streams, which the USAF Academy may post, as conditions require.

2.3.6. Conducting Yourself Around and in USAF Academy Waters:

2.3.6.1. All persons are responsible for properly disposing of trash. Do not clean fish at the lakes or streams. A fish cleaning station is available at Farish during the summer months.

2.3.6.2. Do not swim in or use boats, rafts, or other floating devices of any kind on USAF Academy lakes, reservoirs, or streams--with the exception of rental paddleboats (Farish) or non-motorized float tubes for fishing. Float tubes are not allowed in the non-potable reservoirs. Coast Guard approved personal flotation devices are required for paddleboats and float tubes.

2.3.6.3. Park your vehicles only in designated areas.

2.3.6.4. Camping and open fires are not allowed at lakes or streams on the Academy.

3. Hunting, Trapping, and Handling Wildlife on the USAF Academy. The USAF Academy does not approve of or practice the indiscriminate killing of wildlife. Anyone wishing to take protected non-game, game, and certain individual nuisance or injured wildlife (deer, elk, black bear, mountain lion, bobcat, and coyote) must get specific authorization from 10 CES/CECN. In turn, 10 CES/CECN requests special authorization from the CDOW or the US Fish and Wildlife Service to take and dispose of protected game and non-game wildlife.

3.1. Hunting Wildlife:

3.1.1. The 10th Air Base Wing Commander (10 ABW/CC) approves, in writing, a hunting season on USAF Academy lands.

3.1.2. If you hunt on USAF Academy lands, you must have either the appropriate state or federal license and a USAF Academy access permit.

3.1.3. Hunt according to safety requirements, approved wildlife management objectives and plans, and state and federal wildlife laws.

3.1.4. All hunters on the Academy are required to sign a liability waiver prior to hunting.

3.2. How to Get a USAF Academy Hunting Permit. Information on how to obtain a USAF Academy deer or elk hunting permit and a Colorado Division of Wildlife deer or elk license is published each spring in the Colorado Division of Wildlife Hunting Season Information Brochure or by phoning Natural Resources at 333-3308. The USAF Academy is designated as state game management unit 512. Hunting of any species is prohibited at Farish.

3.3. Trapping Wildlife. Trapping of wildlife on the USAF Academy is not allowed unless the 10 CES/CECN has coordinated with the appropriate state or federal agency and approved it, in writing.

3.4. Requirements to Handle or Dispose of Wildlife:

3.4.1. Organizations that dispose of or handle any wildlife must:

3.4.1.1. Possess the appropriate federal and state permits.

3.4.1.2. Maintain a log that contains dates of activities, species involved, cause of death, person disposing of animal, and method of disposal.

3.4.1.3. Forward a copy of the log to 10 CES/CECN at the end of each month. 10 SFS forwards reports involving wildlife and other natural resources to 10 CES/CECN as appropriate.

3.4.2. Some wildlife is salvageable under Colorado law. Individuals desiring to salvage wildlife must obtain a permit from 10 CES/CECN or the CDOW within 48 hours after the animal is removed from the kill site.

3.5. Handling Injured or Dead Wildlife. If you are in a vehicle accident that injures or kills larger wildlife (fox or larger), report the accident to the 10 SFS who will in turn report it directly to 10 CES/CECN during duty hours or leave a message on voice mail at 333-3308.

3.5.1. 10 SFS personnel will accomplish the following:

3.5.1.1. Dispatch injured animal if it is unlikely it will survive. The officer on the scene must decide whether to destroy the animal and select the appropriate method.

3.5.1.2. If wildlife is deemed to have been killed or injured in an illegal manner (i.e., poaching), notify the Academy's Natural Resource office or the CDOW District Wildlife Manager immediately. In order to protect evidence, these animals are not to be moved, salvaged or given away, but should be left at the scene of the crime until CDOW law enforcement arrives.

3.5.1.3. Move dead animal off the road, away from traffic, if it is causing a traffic hazard.

3.5.1.4. Report dead animals to 10 CES/CECN (333-3308).

3.5.1.5. Injured wildlife that appears to have a reasonable chance of survival should be given the opportunity to recover on their own in the wild.

3.5.1.6. For injured animals that leave the area, notify 10 CES/CECN immediately during duty hours or the next workday after duty hours.

3.5.2. 10 CES/CECN will accomplish the following:

3.5.2.1. Respond to 10 SFS calls on wildlife that may have been injured or killed illegally. Provide 10 SFS an updated on-call phone listing quarterly.

3.5.2.2. Dispatch injured animal if it is unlikely it will survive. The personnel on scene must decide whether to destroy the animal and select the appropriate method or transport to a care facility.

3.5.2.3. Remove or arrange for removal of dead animals from the roadside and decide where the carcasses are placed.

3.5.2.4. Search the vicinity of a vehicle accident involving wildlife to determine if the animal has died or if it survived the accident.

3.5.2.5. Maintain a current log and map of deer and elk vehicle accidents.

3.5.2.6. Issue CDOW road-kill permits for big game (deer, elk, and antelope).

3.6. Reporting and Controlling Potentially Dangerous Or Nuisance Wildlife:

3.6.1. Report rattlesnakes, black bear, mountain lion, injured deer, or unusual wildlife to 10 CES/CECN as soon as practical during duty hours. Bear and other wildlife sightings can also be reported through email to Bear_Watch or <mailto: Bear.Watch@usafa.af.mil>. 10 CES/CECN maintains records of the sightings.

3.6.2. The USAF Academy does not destroy wildlife that is not a threat to human safety. If it is deemed a threat, then it is dispatched or captured and relocated away from populated areas or turned over to the CDOW. In accordance with Colorado Division of Wildlife regulation, Article VIII #800 B.9., striped skunks will not be relocated. If caught in a live trap, they must be terminated and disposed of.

3.6.3. Birds, along with their nests, eggs, feathers, and body parts, are protected by federal and state laws and will not be removed without 10 CES/CECN approval.

3.7. Conducting Wildlife Control Projects:

3.7.1. Conduct these projects only with approval of 10 CES/CECN and CDOW or with direct supervision of either office.

3.7.2. 10 CES/CECN notifies 10 SFS of the time, place, and circumstances of the wildlife control projects.

3.8. Avoiding Poisons, Feeding, Dumping, and Target Shooting:

3.8.1. Do not use poisons for wildlife control unless special written permission is obtained from 10 CES/CECN.

3.8.2. Do not feed any animals or place salt blocks or other attractants for large mammals (deer and elk) and rodents without permission from 10 CES/CECN.

3.8.3. Do not target shoot on USAF Academy lands.

3.8.4. Do not dump yard waste, household waste, or other refuse on Academy lands.

4. Forestry and Range on the USAF Academy :

4.1. Removal of forest products is prohibited without an approved permit. Forest products include firewood, logs, tree transplants, Christmas trees, boughs, pinecones, and bark.

4.2. Removal of native plant species, including trees, shrubs, forbs, and grasses is prohibited.

4.3. Removal of rocks, soil, cultural resources, archeological resources, and fossils is prohibited.

5. Off-road Vehicles (ORVs):

5.1. To minimize impacts on the soils and wildlife, ORVs are prohibited on USAF Academy lands unless specifically authorized. Off-road vehicle use is defined as any motorized vehicles traveling off the roadways, on unpaved roads, or any other area where prohibited by signs. Vehicles may travel on the unpaved roads that lead to Ice Lake, Stanley Canyon Trailhead, Deadman's Lake, and Mesa Lake. ORVs include motorized bikes, all-terrain vehicles, and snowmobiles.

5.2. Use of ORVs by government personnel in performance of their duties is authorized. Care will be exercised to prevent damage to soils and vegetation.

6. Controlling Domestic Pets:

6.1. Keep domestic pets (normally dogs and cats) on a leash and under control on all areas of the USAF Academy, including the fishing lakes and streams. Do not allow dogs in the water when waterfowl or anglers are present. Do not ride horses near or in the fishing lakes.

6.2. It is unlawful for any person to knowingly or negligently allow or direct a dog that is under their control to harass wildlife, whether or not the wildlife is actually injured by such dog. (See Colorado State Statute 33-6-128).

6.3. Report pet owners in violation of this instruction to 10 SFS, who will act as necessary, to enforce this instruction.

7. Camping:

7.1. Camping is authorized only in designated areas at Farish and the FamCamp. Scout groups may use the Scout camping area near the B-52 with prior written permission. For permission, call USAFA Public Relations Community Relations (HQ USAFA/PAC) at 333-7482 or send email to mailto:pa_comrel@usafa.af.mil.

7.2. The base Fire Chief must approve all open fires.

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Attachment 1

GLOSSARY OF REFERENCES AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Terms

Guest—A visitor who is a guest of an eligible user.

Family Members (Dependents)—

A lawful spouse.

Unmarried children under 21 years of age including adopted children, stepchildren, or wards (foster and preadoptive children) who depend on the sponsor for over half of their support.

Unmarried children 21 years of age or over who depend on the sponsor for over half of their support because of mental or physical handicaps.

Unmarried children who have not passed their 23rd birthday and are enrolled in a full-time course of study at an approved institute of learning.

Parents, including father, mother, stepparent by adoption, and parents-in-law who depend on the sponsor for over half of their support.

Annual Fishing Permit—A permit allowing fishing during one calendar year. (The fishing season runs from 1 January to 31 December each year.)

1-Day Fishing Permit—A permit allowing fishing on the day stated on the permit.

Fish and Wildlife Violations and Penalties—

Fishing without an Air Force Academy Permit - \$50.00

Pursuant to Title 10, United States Code, Section 2671(c)

Hunting without an Air Force Academy Permit -

Big game - \$250.00

Other - \$50.00

Pursuant to Title 10, United States Code, Section 2671(c)

Trespassing onto Air Force Academy lands for the purpose of hunting or fishing without an Air Force Academy Permit - \$50.00

Pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 1382