

ITEM #	PREVIOUS VERSION	UPDATED VERSION	RATIONALE FOR CHANGE
SECTION 1-A			
CHANGE A1.	All individuals 18 years of age or older (on or before 01 September of the permitted hunting year) are required to purchase a Permit to access Avon Park Air Force Range.	All individuals 18 years of age or older (on or before 01 August of the permitted hunting year) are required to purchase a Permit to access Avon Park Air Force Range.	To make Permit age requirement match the Permit year (01 August through 31 July of the following year)
SECTION 2-D			
CHANGE D3.4.	As updates to the military range schedules can occur within 24hrs, it is the Permit Holder's responsibility to check the Management Unit status each day. This can be done at the time of sign-in, or by reviewing the schedule at the information kiosks at Willingham, Morgan Hole and Austin Hammock Campgrounds.	As updates to the military range schedules can occur within 24hrs, it is the Permit Holder's responsibility to check the Management Unit status each day. This can be done at the time of sign-in, or by reviewing the schedule at the information kiosks at Willingham, Morgan Hole and Austin Hammock Campgrounds. Up-to-date scheduling information is available on the Avon Park AFR Outdoor Recreation app or at https://avon.isportsman.net/info.aspx.	Included to draw attention to modern methods of schedule distribution so that all Permit Holders can stay informed of schedule changes when they occur
CHANGE D8.1.	MRA Permit Holders shall sign in during the week or on weekends, via https://avon.isportsman.net or at the sign-in logbook at Austin Hammock Campground, when entering or exiting the installation.	MRA Permit Holders shall sign in using the logbook on the front porch of Bulding 600 when entering or exiting the installation.	The MRA sign in logbook was relocated from Austin Hammock to Building 600 by request of the MRA Advisory Committee representatives. The iSportsman check-in system is not being implemented at this time.
CHANGE D8.2.	Management Unit 14 shall be utilized by both PRA and MRA Permit Holders. This Unit is considered part of the Public Recreation Area and as such will follow the PRA hunting regulations and season dates.	Management Unit 14 and the northwest corner of Management Unit 4 (Ivey) shall be utilized by both PRA and MRA Permit Holders. Both Units are considered part of the Public Recreation Area and as such will follow the PRA hunting regulations and season dates.	Inclusion of new joint-usage MRA/PRA Management Unit Ivey in the northwest corner of Unit 4. Ivey boundaries are designated with signs in the field and is surrounded by cattle fencing for easy delineation. Follows PRA-specific regulations with regards to hunting (i.e. season dates, treestands, ground blinds, antler restrictions, etc.)
SECTION 2-E			
CHANGE E4.	Should Permit Holders hear three (3) blasts from an air horn while on the installation, they shall cease all other activities and return to their vehicles immediately. Updated information will be posted at the information kiosks at Building 600, Morgan Hole, Willingham, and Austin Hammock Campgrounds.	Should Permit Holders hear three (3) blasts from an air horn while on the installation, they shall cease all other activities and return to their vehicles immediately. Updated information will be posted to the Avon Park AFR Outdoor Recreation app.	As with D3.4., the app is the primary method of distributing information and allows rapid response to changes in scheduling or conditions.
CHANGE E9.3.	Mopeds, motorcycles, electric bicycles (e-bikes), and pedal-assist bicycles, are prohibited.	Mopeds, motorcycles, electric bicycles (e-bikes), and pedal-assist bicycles, are prohibited. The Outdoor Recreation Program does not authorize those with State-issued Alternative Mobility Permits (AMP) to use e-bikes on USAF property.	We attempted a pilot program to allow e-bike usage for those who qualified for AMP Permits. This did not have the effect we anticipated & we have cancelled the pilot program. E-bikes, pedal-assist, or any bicycle powered by any engine or battery not of human origin, is prohibited on USAF property.
SECTION 3-G			
CHANGE G3.	No camping will be allowed within 25 feet of a picnic pavilion, pump, latrine, or shower facility.	No camping will be allowed within 25 feet of a picnic pavilion, pump, latrine, shower facility, or campground boundary.	Included to support the prescribed fire program & as Phase 1 of planned campground upgrades

CHANGE G7.	Vehicles may not be stored in any Campground. A single tent, camper and/or trailer may be stored (see paras G8.2. and G9.2.), but any storage of fuel or other flammable liquid is prohibited with the exception of butane or propane in certified tanks up to a maximum of 40lbs per trailer/camper.	Vehicles may not be stored in any Campground. A single tent, camper and/or trailer may be stored for an additional fee , but any storage of fuel or other flammable liquid is prohibited with the exception of butane or propane in certified tanks up to a maximum of 40lbs per trailer/camper. Camping equipment shall be stored no earlier than one (1) week before the start of Muzzleloader Season and removed no later than one (1) week after the end of Spring Turkey Season, or as authorized by the Installation Commander.	Seasonal Camper / Tent Storage has been eliminated to simplify the storage permitting process and enforcement. Permit Holders may now store a camper or tent for the entire hunt season (Muzzleloader through Spring Turkey) for a one-time fee. This brings PRA camper storage in line with MRA camper storage. Also in preparation of Phase 1 of planned campground upgrades.
DELETION G8.2.	All campers and camping equipment must be removed from the Range when recreation closes each weekend, with the following exceptions: PRA Permit Holders may store a single tent, camper and/or a single trailer in Willingham and Morgan Hole Campgrounds for the duration of General Gun, Small Game and Spring Turkey Seasons, for an additional fee per camper/trailer per hunt season. Campers shall be brought in no more than one (1) week before the start of a hunt season and removed no later than one (1) week after the hunt season ends, or as authorized by the Installation Commander.	G8.2. deleted (see G7. update above)	See G7. explanation above
DELETION G9.2.	MRA Hunt Permit Holders may store a single tent, camper and/or a single trailer at Austin Hammock Campground for an additional fee per camper/trailer. Campers shall be brought in no more than one (1) week before the start of Muzzleloader Season and removed no later than one (1) week after Spring Turkey Season ends, or as authorized by the Installation Commander.	G9.2. deleted (see G7. update above)	Removed for redundancy, as already stated in G7. above
SECTION 3-H			
CHANGE H5.1.	MRA Permit Holders may fish the Rim Canal, Arbuckle Creek behind Management Units C.E. and Austin Hammock and the Lake Arbuckle boat ramp adjacent to the Main Gate during the allotted period for their Permit type.	MRA Permit Holders may fish the Rim Canal, Arbuckle Creek behind Management Units C.E. and Austin Hammock and the Lake Arbuckle boat ramp adjacent to the Main Gate during the allotted period for their Permit type. The Lake Arbuckle boat ramp is for the sole usage of MRA Permit Holders and is not a public boat ramp.	Included to clarify who is eligible to use the Lake Arbuckle boat ramp in light of the newly installed gate at Lake Arbuckle.
SECTION 4-I			
CHANGE I1.	All harvested game shall be checked at the Outdoor Recreation Office (Building 600). If self-checked after hours, Permit Holders checking game will be responsible for making all biological measurements as indicated on the self-check forms available. Permit Holders are also responsible for extracting a jawbone on all white-tailed deer harvested. For those wishing to have their harvested deer mounted, jawbones must be returned to the Outdoor Recreation Office before 30 April of the permit year.	All harvested game shall be checked at the Outdoor Recreation Office (Building 600) with Outdoor Recreation staff. A self-check form will be made available for game harvested after hours or when Outdoor Recreation staff are unable to check in game. White-tailed deer and wild turkey shall also be reported to FWC per State regulations.	Simplified instructions for checking in game. as well as reminding Hunt Permit Holders about State regulations concerning FWC reporting.

ADDITION I3.	<i>Original I3. renumbered to I6.; see below.</i>	Legal bucks shall have a minimum of three (3) points on one side, except under the circumstances stated in para N3.1., regardless of main beam length.	In consultation with the Advisory Committee and FWC Law Enforcement, the Outdoor Recreation Program has eliminated the 10-inch main beam rule for "legal" bucks. All bucks shall have a minimum of 3 points on one side, regardless of main beam length. However, State regulations still apply for short main beam lengths.
ADDITION I4.	<i>Original I4. renumbered to I5; see below.</i>	Baiting of game is prohibited throughout the installation at all times, unless authorized by the Installation Commander. As such, the unauthorized introduction or transport of grain onto or across the installation is prohibited.	In consultation with FWC Law Enforcement, transporting grain onto or across the installation without prior authorization from the Installation Commander will be considered the same as baiting. Please review Schedule of Violations, P19. below.
CHANGE I5.	<i>Originally numbered I4.</i> Tree stands and ground blinds are limited to three (3) per person and shall be in good working condition to provide a safe environment from which to hunt. All stands/blinds shall be labeled with the owner's Permit number at eye level so that the owner may be contacted by staff if necessary. All tree stands are subject to random checks and shall be confiscated by Outdoor Recreation if deemed noncompliant with these regulations.	Tree stands, ground blinds and game cameras , are limited to three (3) per person. All hunting equipment brought onto the installation shall be labeled with the owner's FWC Customer ID # so that the owner may be contacted by staff if necessary. All hunting equipment is subject to random checks and shall be confiscated by Outdoor Recreation or FWC Law Enforcement if deemed noncompliant with these regulations	In consultation with the Advisory Committee and FWC Law Enforcement, the Outdoor Recreation Program is pre-empting a potential State regulation change with regards to game camera usage. Cameras will be limited to three (3) per Permit Holder, to be labeled as outlined, to allow for fair use of USAF natural resources.
CHANGE I6.	<i>Originally numbered I3.</i> Hunting equipment is prohibited except seven (7) days prior to the opening of Archery Season until seven (7) days following the close of any hunt season. All traces that hunting equipment was present shall also be removed (i.e. flagging tape, markers, etc.).	Tree stands shall be placed one (1) week prior to the opening of Archery Season until one (1) week after the end of General Gun Season, as shown in Section 5 . All traces that hunting equipment was present shall also be removed (i.e. flagging tape, markers, etc.).	Updated tree stand removal dates to allow tree stands to be taken down before temperatures rise too high. Section 5 refers to the State-issued hunt season dates; should deer harvest limits be reached before the official end of General Gun Season, tree stands may remain until one (1) week after the official end of General Gun Season.
CHANGE I20.1.	The MRA has permanent tree stands available for public use. These public stands will be marked with orange paint. Public stands are first come, first served.	The MRA has permanent tree stands available for public use, except in Management Unit 14 and the northwest corner of Management Unit 4 (Ivey) . These public stands will be marked with orange paint. Public stands are first come, first served.	Included to reflect joint-use MRA/PRA Management Unit 14 and newly created Management Unit Ivey regulation dictating that all joint-use Management Units will follow PRA regulations with regards to hunting and season dates. See Change D8.2. above.
SECTION 4-K			
CHANGE K1.1.	During Archery Season, only archery equipment may be brought onto the installation. Longbows, crossbows, and recurve bows shall have a minimum draw weight of 30lbs. Arrows used to take deer, turkey or hogs shall be equipped with broadheads having a minimum width of seven-eighths inches. Pistols of any kind are prohibited. A pistol is hereby defined as a firearm designed to be held and fired by the use of a single hand, having a barrel length of nine (9) inches or less, and having a magazine inserted into the grip, or in the case of revolvers, cartridges inserted into the cylinder.	During Archery Season, only archery equipment may be brought onto the installation. Only Hunt or Companion Hunt Permit Holders with a State-issued Disabled Crossbow Permit may use crossbows during Archery Season . Longbows, crossbows, and recurve bows shall have a minimum draw weight of 30lbs. Arrows used to take deer, turkey or hogs shall be equipped with broadheads having a minimum width of seven-eighths inches. Pistols of any kind are prohibited. A pistol is hereby defined as a firearm designed to be held and fired by the use of a single hand, having a barrel length of nine (9) inches or less, and having a magazine inserted into the grip, or in the case of revolvers, cartridges inserted into the cylinder.	Included by request of the Advisory Committee in support of reducing the speed at which deer are harvested in order to extend deer season for as long as possible.

CHANGE K6.	When transporting firearms, including crossbows, in a vehicle, the firearm(s) must not have a projectile in the chamber or cylinder, or have a loaded projectile container (such as a clip or magazine) inserted into the weapon.	Firearms (including crossbows) shall be completely unloaded while being transported by vehicle.	Simplified wording for clarification
SECTION 4-M			
CHANGE M2.	Up to 120 slots are available for participation in the Limited Entry Dog Hunts. This total shall be made up of a combination of PRA Hunt and Companion Hunt Permit Holders who register for a Dog Hunt Endorsement and Dog Hunt Only Permit Holders. If less than sixty (60) Permit Holders are registered (in any combination), the area may be reduced for the following permit year.	Up to 120 slots each are available for participation in the Limited Entry Deer and Hog Dog Hunts. Permit Holders who purchase the combination PRA Annual Hunt Permit with Deer and Hog Dogs (see para B5.) contribute to both total participation limits for the scheduled dog hunts.	Dog Hunt Only Permits have been eliminated. Instead, PRA Annual Hunt with Deer and/or Hog Dog Permits have been introduced to replace the Endorsements and Dog Hunt Only Permits.
CHANGE M3.	All Permit Holders participating in the Limited Entry Dog Hunts shall complete a special briefing prior to registering for a Dog Hunt Endorsement or purchasing a Dog Hunt Only Permit.	All Permit Holders wishing to purchase a PRA Dog Hunt Permit shall complete a special briefing prior to purchase.	Simplified wording to include changes in M2. above
ADDITION M5.	<i>Original M5. renumbered to M6.</i>	<u>PRA Deer Dog Hunt Permit Holders are required to register with the State of Florida in accordance with State regulations. Information can be found at https://myfwc.com/license/recreational/hunting/deer-dog/.</u>	Included to be in compliance with State regulations; see link. Applies to Deer Dogs only; Hog Dogs & Small Game dogs excluded, as per State regulations.
SECTION 5			
CHANGE Archery	14 Sep – 13 Oct 2024 Limit 50 does	13 Sep – 12 Oct 2025 Limit 50 does; harvest limits apply to PRA	Included to clarify harvest limits; MRA harvests account for ~1% of total game harvests across all species, are permitted 20% as many Permits as compared to PRA & are allotted 6% as much land as PRA. For the 2024-2025 season, MRA deer harvest were 17 deer (15M + 2F) out of 195 (147M + 48F) total deer harvested; no deer were harvested on the MRA after deer season ended on the PRA.
CHANGE General Gun	02 Nov 2024 – 19 Jan 2025 or 150 bucks harvested (PRA only) whichever comes first	01 Nov 2025 – 18 Jan 2026 or 150 bucks, whichever comes first Harvest limits apply to PRA	See Archery explanation above
ADDITION Special Event Fishing Derby	N/A	May 09, 2026	Included date to allow ample planning; date subject to change

ADDITION Range Closure Off Season	N/A	PRA will be closed temporarily to accommodate infrastructure upgrades Jun 01 - Jul 31, 2026	Major changes to Willingham, Morgan Hole & Austin Hammock Campgrounds are currently in the planning & pre-construction stages. In order to implement these upgrades while minimizing interruption of public usage during the hunting season, the Outdoor Recreation Program will focus on this project during the off-season. Due to restrictions placed on the Program with regards to Gates 2, 3 & 4, staff & volunteers cannot provide access AND complete these upgrades. Please note, the PRA will be open for the Independence Day weekend (fire danger conditions allowing), as well as four "Volunteer Weekends" where interested PRA Permit Holders can come out to assist with building/installing picnic tables, clearing brush, marking camp spots, and other jobs. More information will be posted closer to the end of Spring Turkey Season.
SECTION 5-N			
CHANGE N2.	Migratory Bird Season shall follow dates as published at https:// myfwc.com/regulations/hunting/birds/ for Zone C.	Migratory Bird Season shall follow dates as published at https:// myfwc.com/regulations/hunting/birds/ for Zone C, except where they overlap with Archery and Muzzleloader Seasons.	Included for clarification on duck & snipe seasons
CHANGE N3.1.	As the buck harvest limit approaches, restrictions on legal game may be increased to four (4) points on one side in an effort to extend the hunt season for as long as possible. The Outdoor Recreation Office will advise all PRA Hunt Permit Holders one (1) week prior to increasing restrictions on legal bucks.	When the buck harvest reaches half of the total limit, restrictions on legal game shall be automatically increased to four (4) points on one side the following weekend. The Outdoor Recreation Program will make notice of this the Wednesday before that weekend.	Makes the implementation of antler restrictions on the PRA automatic at halfway to the total harvest limit
SECTION 6-P			
CHANGE P14.	Willingly checking game with close to 10-inch main beam	Willingly checking buck with less than 3 points on one side	Re-worded to reflect elimination of 10-inch rule (see I3. above)
DELETION P15.	Willingly checking game with less than 9-inch main beam	P15. deleted	Removed as unnecessary
CHANGE P16.	Failure to check game or avoiding check station	Re-numbered to P15.; penalties increased to 1 year suspension for first offense, 2-3 years for two or more offenses	Increase penalties to reflect seriousness of violation
CHANGE P19.	Baiting of game	Unauthorized transport of bait onto or across USAF property First offense: Warning Two or more offenses: 1-2 years	Violation added to reflect changes to I4.; see above