

PINON CANYON 2011 BIG GAME SEASONS: HUNTER INFORMATION

The principal use of Department of Defense lands and waters is to support mission related activities; all other land uses are subordinate. Fort Carson lands and waters are available for non-military purposes in accordance with Army Regulation 200-1 (Environmental Protection and Enhancement), Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP), Sikes Act, and Army directives and policies when compatible with the military mission, installation safety and security, ecosystem sustainability, natural resources management, and fiscal responsibility. Possession of a recreation permit and a state hunting license does not guarantee access to Pinon Canyon.

The Pinon Canyon entrance gate is located at milepost 24, about 30 miles northeast of Trinidad and 45 miles southwest of La Junta on US Highway 350. The installation is 35-45 miles from the nearest store or gas, so plan accordingly. Before travelling to Pinon Canyon, call (719) 524-0529 or (719) 524-0526 to ensure the installation is open for hunting.

Please review the following requirements to avoid delays accessing the installation.

FIREARMS REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT

- a) All firearms transported on to Pinon Canyon must be registered with the Fort Carson Provost Marshal's Office. Firearms must be registered by submitting a completed FC Form 66-E (Registration of Personal Firearms).
- b) Identified below are the different ways to register a firearm. Regardless of the method chosen to register a firearm, you must allow 2-3 weeks for the form to be processed.**
- c) All firearms transported on to Pinon Canyon must be registered with the Fort Carson Provost Marshal's Office. Firearms must be registered by submitting a completed FC Form 66-E (Registration of Personal Firearms). Allow 2-3 weeks for the form to be processed. The form is available at Building 6012 on Fort Carson and online at the Fort Carson hunting website (<http://www.mwrfortcarson.com/hunting-fishingfc.php>).
- d) To register a firearm in person, obtain the form at the Fort Carson Vehicle Registration Office adjacent to Gate 1 on Highway 115 (Building 6012). You will need to provide the following information: social security number, and serial number, make/model, caliber/gauge, barrel length, and overall length of each firearm. Do not bring the firearm to Fort Carson for registration.
- e) To register a firearm by mail, send a request for the form and a self-addressed stamped envelope to PMOP/PMD, ATTN: Weapons Registration, 7227 Christie St, BLDG 2700, Fort Carson, CO 80913. After completing the form, return it to the same address.
- f) FC Form 66-E can be obtained from the Fort Carson hunting website listed above. Mail the completed form to the above address or drop it off at Building 6012 at Gate 1.

- g) The FC Form 66-E is approved when PMO stamps it and delivers it to the applicant. Delivery is complete when PMO either hands the form or mails the form to the applicant. Responsibility for obtaining the form and ensuring the registration process is completed rests with the recreationist.
- h) The approved form must be carried by the recreationist when possessing a firearm on Fort Carson or Pinon Canyon. If you previously registered a firearm, but no longer have a copy of the form, call the Chief of Conservation Law Enforcement, 719-524-5394.

SAFETY BRIEFING REQUIREMENT

- a) All recreationists must attend a safety briefing at either Fort Carson or Pinon Canyon before hunting on Pinon Canyon. Except for December 2011, the briefing at Fort Carson is given at 18:00 the first and last Wednesday every month at Building 9550 (Range Control), located on the northwest corner of Butts and Wilderness roads.
- b) Call the DPW Wildlife Pinon Canyon Wildlife for information on obtaining a range safety briefing: (719) 524-0529 or (719) 524-0526.

HUNTING PERMIT REQUIREMENT

- a) A recreation permit is required and can be purchased at the Pinon Canyon Headquarters (HQ). The permit is valid from 1 April or the date of purchase through the following 31 March. On Fort Carson, a permit can be purchased at Building 2429. The permit is valid at Fort Carson and Pinon Canyon.
- b) The cost of an annual permit is \$15.00 for Fort Carson Soldiers and \$25.00 for Uniform Soldiers not stationed at Fort Carson, military retirees, and DA civilian employees. Civilian permits are \$35.00.
- c) Permits can be purchased by personal checks or money orders only. Cash will not be accepted.

DOWNRANGE PASS

- a) A daily downrange pass issued by Range Control is required, which is obtained at the Pinon Canyon HQs (Building 300). Hunters must return to HQs by the time specified on the pass.

GATE HOURS

- a) Pinon Canyon Gate hours for the remainder of December and January are posted at the Fort Carson website (<http://www.mwrfortcarson.com/hunting-fishingfc.php>). Call (719) 524-0529 or (719) 524-0526 for the latest information.
- b) Hours and days are subject to change. Changes in gate hours will be posted online at the Fort Carson hunting website.

VEHICLES/HORSES

- a) ATV use is not permitted on Pinyon Canyon.

- b) Horses are not permitted for hunting.

CAMPING

- a) Except for porta-johns, no facilities are provided for camping. Hunters must remove their garbage from the camping area when leaving. Campsites are available first-come, first-served. Hill Ranch, located approximately 1-mile north of the entrance gate on US Hwy 350 is currently the only campground designated for the 2011 season.

GAME MANAGEMENT UNIT 147

- a) Big game hunters possessing a downrange pass specifically granting permission, may cross the east boundary of Pinon Canyon to enter Game Management Unit 147 located on Comanche Grassland, U.S. Forest Service property. A permission letter is no longer required. Hunters accessing GMU 147 are required to attend a downrange safety briefing, obtain a recreational permit, register firearms, and obtain a downrange pass.

CONTACT INFORMATION

- a) Pinon Canyon DPW Wildlife Office: (719) 524-0529 or 524-0526

- b) Fort Carson DPW Wildlife Office: (719) 524-5393, 524-5306, 526-8006