

December 13, 2001

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Between
The Oklahoma Army National Guard
And
The Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation

1. The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to establish a mutual understanding between the two parties, the Oklahoma Army National Guard (OKARNG) and the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation (ODWC), on the usage of Camp Gruber Military Reservation, hereinafter known as the "Camp Gruber Maneuver Training Center-Light" (CGMTC-L), for wildlife conservation activities.¹
2. The objective of the MOU is to implement a wildlife conservation program that provides for maximum controlled public access for wildlife activities on CGMTC-L, as identified by the commander, and to insure sound stewardship of all resources. This program will be developed without impeding the primary mission of CGMTC-L in accordance with all pertinent Department of Defense (DOD) and/or Department of Army (DA) Regulation(s), Federal and/or State Law(s).²
3. CGMTC-L Commander/Manager will provide for maximum controlled public access for wildlife activities (See Enclosure 1, for hunting areas). Such maximum controlled public access will be subject to safety, military security, military activities, and military training, threatened and endangered species restrictions. Maximum controlled public access will be permitted at such times as such access can be granted without bona fide impairment of the military mission of the CGMTC-L.³
4. Members of the public wishing to enter the CGMTC-L Training Areas for any reason, are required to receive an annual unexploded ordnance (UXO) safety briefing and permit (permit is valid from 1 July through 30 June). This briefing will be given at Range Control, building 740, between the hours of 7:30 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. Monday through Friday. The CGMTC-L Police Department will provide this briefing during periods Range Control is closed.⁴

¹ Title 16 USC, Sikes Act for Military Reservations & AR 200-3

² Title 16 USC, Sikes Act for Military Reservations & AR 200-3

³ Title 16 USC, Sikes Act for Military Reservations and AR 200-3 & AR 190-16 & AR 210-21

⁴ AR 210-21

5. All hunter(s), regardless of age or military status, eligible to hunt on CGMTC-L must possess the following:

a. A hunting license or proof of exemption and appropriate permits for the season being hunted as stated, annually, in the Oklahoma Hunting Guide & Regulations Booklet, published by ODWC.

b. An annual pre-hunt UXO safety briefing and permit from CGMTC-L.⁵

c. Those hunters born on or after January 1, 1972 must have successfully completed a hunter education course.

6. The gates West of Highway 10, numbers 5, 6, 43, 44, 45, 46, 48, & 49, and Black Hollow Gate, number 16, and gate number 38, entering training area 103, and the two (2) gates, numbers 17 & 23, along Muskogee/Cherokee county line on the CGMTC-L will be opened during the designated hunting seasons listed in paragraph 7. These gates will be opened, no later than, 8:00 P.M. the day before the start of each designated hunting season (See Enclosure 2, for map of gate locations).⁶

7. The following designated hunting seasons will apply to all unrestricted training areas (See Enclosure 1, for map of the hunting areas).

a. The nine (9) day primitive firearms deer season, beginning in October.

b. The nine (9) day deer gun season, beginning in November.

c. The last twenty-one (21) days of December (11 through 31 Dec) for all open wildlife activities.

d. The Spring turkey hunt, beginning the second Saturday of April and running for nine (9) consecutive days.⁷

8. Maximum controlled public access will be afforded for all wildlife activities outside the designated hunting seasons listed in paragraph 7. This access will include scouting and hunting and will be based on availability of training area(s) consistent with the access restrictions include in paragraph 3. The CGMTC-L Chief of Operations and Training will announce which training area(s) are open for wildlife activities forty-eight (48) hours in advance. The CGMTC-L notification

⁵ AR 200-3 & AR 210-21

⁶ AR 190-16

⁷ AR 200-3 & AR 210-21

system will consist of bulletin boards at gates, telephone number to be called for information and a web site to be established.⁸

9. Camping on CGMTC-L will be approved only in designated camping area(s). Camping will be allowed in the Hunters Camp II area during the designated hunting seasons listed in paragraph 7. Open fire(s) will be allowed in the camping area(s) only. The CGMTC-L Commander/Manager may restrict the use of fire(s) in the camping area(s) during dry conditions or if the CGMTC-L is under a state fire ban. Maximum controlled public access route to Hunters Camp II will be through Hilltop Road Gate, number 12. This gate will open at 8:00 A.M. two (2) days before the start of the designated hunting seasons and will close at midnight of the last day of each designated hunting season.⁹

10. All motorized vehicles must stay on the maintained road network. No All Terrain Vehicle(s) (ATV) are allowed on the CGMTC-L, except those permittee(s) who have acquired an ODWC Nonambulatory Permit. If Permit holders are using an ATV permittee(s) are required to wear a safety helmet. All Permit holders will abide by all rules and regulations applicable to this permit. Only those training areas and/or roads that are determined suitable and specifically designated for such use will be open.¹⁰

11. ODWC Game Warden(s) and/or Camp Gruber law enforcement officer(s) has legal jurisdiction to enforce ODWC wildlife law(s) or regulation(s) on CGMTC-L. Any person(s) who violates any wildlife law(s) or regulation(s) is subject to apprehension or detainment by ODWC Game Warden(s) or Camp Gruber law enforcement officer(s). Person(s) abusing an ODWC Wildlife regulation, law, or the CGMTC-L wildlife regulation are subject to being barred from access to CGMTC-L for wildlife activities.¹¹

12. CGMTC-L Commander/Manager will provide ODWC personnel with unrestricted access to all unrestricted training areas during the designated hunting seasons and to those training areas identified via the forty-eight (48) hours notification system. Special arrangement(s) for entry into the training area(s) during other times must be coordinated with the CGMTC-L Range Control Range Officer. The Range Control Officer can be contacted at Building 740, or at 918-487-6041.¹²

⁸ AR 210-21

⁹ AR 210-21 & AR 190-16

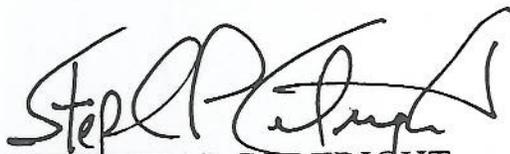
¹⁰ AR 200-3 & AR 385-55 & ODWC Hunting Guide

¹¹ Title 16 USC, Sikes Act for Military Reservations

¹² Title 16 USC, Sikes Act for Military Reservations & AR 210-21

13. The CGMTC-L Commander/Manager will notify ODWC Area Biologist when a change or changes occur in DOD and/or DA Regulation(s), Federal and/or State Law(s) and/or UXO Policies that govern the use of the CGMTC-L. ODWC Area Biologist will notify the CGMTC-L Commander/Manager when a change or changes occur in ODWC wildlife law(s) or regulation(s) that affect the use of the CGMTC-L.¹³

14. This MOU pertains to Camp Gruber Military Reservation (CGMTC-L), which is under license in Muskogee County to the OKARNG. OKARNG and ODWC will work together ensuring both parties meet the intent of this MOU. This MOU is effective as of January 1, 2003 and will remain in effect until replaced by another MOU agreed to, in writing, by both parties. Request for changes to this MOU may originate from either party. This MOU between both parties supersedes all other understandings, agreements, oral or written.¹⁴

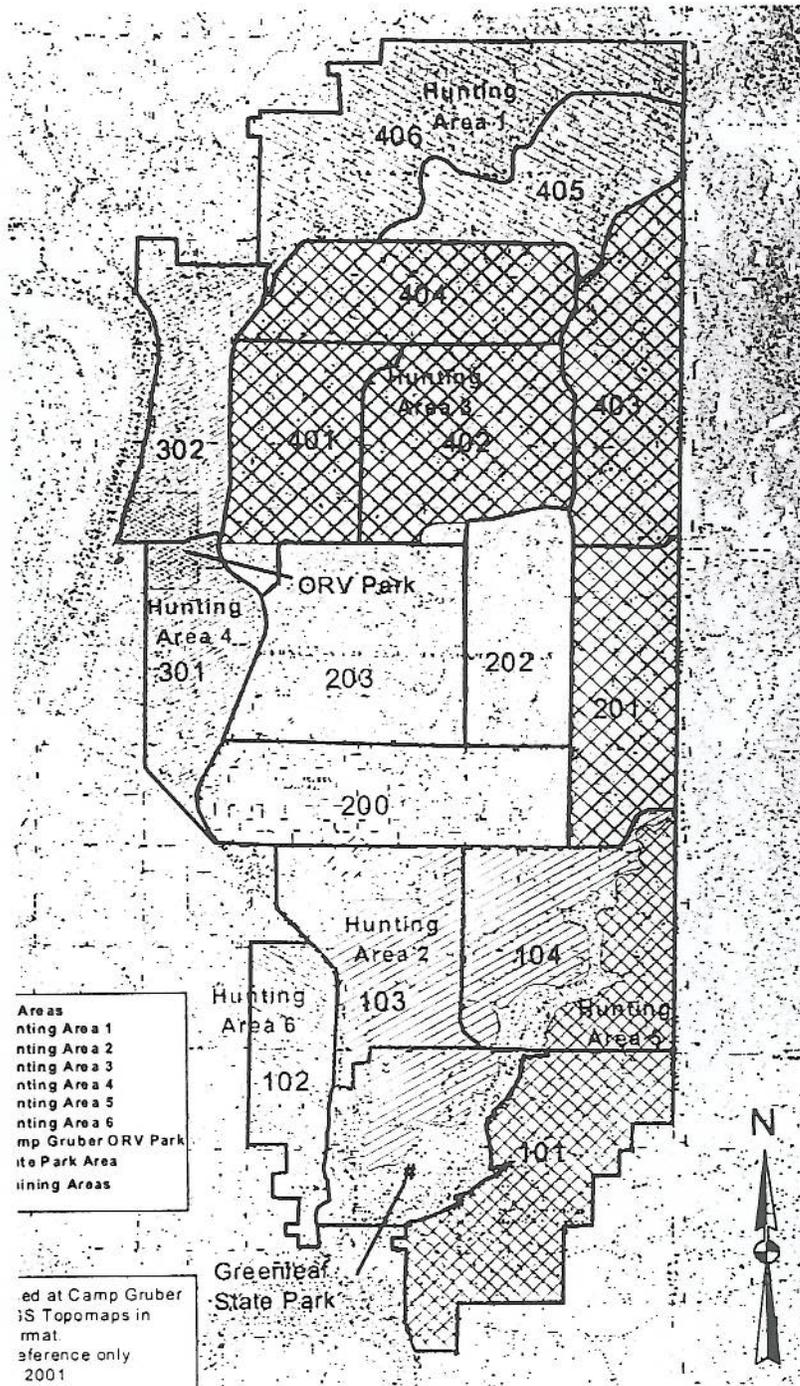

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¹³ Title 16 USC, Sikes Act for Military Reservations & AR 200-3

¹⁴ Title 16 USC, Sikes Act for Military Reservations & AR 200-3 & ODWC 2002-2003 Hunting Guide

Hunting Areas Camp Gruber Training Center



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