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CAMP MCCAIN TRAINING CENTER
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GRENADA, MISSISSIPPI 38901

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MEMORANDUM FOR All Recreational Users at Camp McCain Training Center

SUBJECT: Camp McCain 2026-2027 Recreational Use Regulations and Access Procedures

1. REFERENCES.

a. Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks ("MDWFP") 2026-2027 Hunting and Fishing Regulations and 2026-2027 Hunting Seasons.

b. 16 USC 670 ("Sikes Act").

c. AR 200-1, Environmental Protection and Enhancement, 13 Dec 2007

2. PURPOSE. To provide enforceable rules and regulations pertaining to hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreational activities on the installation.

3. APPLICABILITY. This policy applies to all recreational users on the installation.

4. POLICY. Hunting, fishing, and other outdoor recreational activities will be conducted in accordance with applicable Federal and State laws, Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks (MDWFP) rules and regulations, Army Regulations (AR), Camp McCain Security, and this Hunting, Fishing, and Recreational Use Standard Operating Procedure (SOP). This SOP is punitive in nature. Violators may be subject to criminal and/or administrative action including revocation of permits, ban from the installation, prosecution under applicable Federal and State laws.

5. PROPONENT. The proponent for this policy is the Directorate of Plans, Operations, Training, and Security and also Mississippi Army National Guard Environmental Branch.

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CAMP MCCAIN TRAINING CENTER
HUNTING, FISHING, AND RECREATIONAL USE
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE (SOP)

1. Camp McCain, a Mississippi Army National Guard training center, is open to the public for consumptive and non-consumptive recreational use by the application of an internet-based fee permitting system**,** in accordance with the Sikes Act (16 USC 670). All recreational users must obtain a $17.00 non- transferable permit prior to hunting, fishing, or participation in other outdoor recreational activities on Camp McCain. To obtain a permit, individuals must access the Camp McCain Recreational Use internet site, https://ms.ng.mil/Pages/Default.aspx, and follow the instructions. Each permit will be valid for one (1) year from the date of purchase. Permit(s) must be displayed on the vehicle dashboard with the permit holder's name clearly visible through the windshield, and the wallet portion of the permit carried in personal possession while recreating. If there are multiple recreational users in one vehicle, all permits must be displayed on the dashboard. Recreational users participating in hunting or fishing must possess a valid Mississippi hunting license or Mississippi fishing license.

2. There are approximately 12,500 acres open to the public for recreational use (see Camp McCain Recreational Use Map for restricted areas and other recreational use areas). Fishing lakes/ponds are authorized in areas west of James H. Biddy Road and south of Greensboro Road (See paragraph 22 for fishing information). Closed dates for public access at Camp McCain are published weekly in the Grenada newspaper "The Grenada Star." DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. To determine when Camp McCain is open for recreational use, call the Camp McCain Recreational Use Information phone line at **601-387-6001** no earlier than 12 PM the day before your request. DURING CLOSED PERIODS, NO RECREATIONAL USE WILL BE ALLOWED ON CAMP MCCAIN.

3. Camp McCain has Restricted Recreational Use Areas. Area A (Aviation Complex, Slough Pond, area west of Division Road and south of Armor Road, and area west of Tow Road and east of Patriot Road) is archery hunting only for deer the entire deer season. Small game and turkey hunting is allowed in Area A during their open seasons. No rifle calibers larger than .22 in Area A at any time. Area B (Rail Spur south of Murff Drive) is archery hunting only. NO FIREARMS ALLOWED in Area B at any time. Area C (Cantonment Area) is NO RECREATIONAL USE ALLOWED. Area D (Training Area #20/Range Complex) is archery hunting only for deer the entire deer season. Small game and turkey hunting is allowed in Area D during their open seasons with shotguns and no rifles larger than .22 caliber. Special permitted use areas (handicap hunting areas) marked with signs stated "Hunting By Special Use Permit Only" in Training Area #19, Training Area #24, and Training Area #25/#3 are reserved for handicap hunters who have obtained a special use permit only and closed to hunters using a regular recreational use permit. The only exception to this rule is youth hunters 12 years of age and younger, accompanied at all times by a permitted adult, who is at least 21 years of age, may use the special permitted areas. The accompanying adult is prohibited from harvesting any animal in the special use area. These hunters wanting to use this

exception must check with **CMTC Security (601-387-6052 or 662-417-9205)** prior to occupying the handicap blind/special use area. If at any point during the hunt a permitted handicap hunter arrives and wishes to hunt that blind/area, the youth and accompanying adult must vacate that special use area immediately. Special permitted use areas will be closed for hunting by non-handicap permitted hunters from the beginning of archery season to the end of the last day of deer season. Public access through designated special permitted use areas is prohibited during the entire deer season. Hunters must access land surrounding special use permitted areas by not walking through designated special permitted use areas. See Camp McCain Recreational Use Map and Special Use Permit Area Maps for more details on these locations.

4. All persons accessing Camp McCain for the purpose of hunting, fishing, trapping, or other approved outdoor activities are responsible for following and adhering to all applicable Federal, State, Department of Defense, and Camp McCain laws and regulations. Recreational users are also responsible for knowing where they are at all times while on Camp McCain. A map showing the boundary, roads, access gates, training areas, and special use permitted areas is provided on purchase of a permit and is also available for viewing at the Security Office building (0S200) and inside the Deer Management Assistance Program building (0S408).

5. All persons fifteen (15) years of age and younger, must be in the presence and under the direct supervision of a licensed or exempt hunter at least twenty-one (21) years of age, when hunting. A licensed hunter supervising a child as provided in this section must hold a valid Mississippi hunting license for the species being hunted.

6. Safety Precautions:

a. Target shooting is prohibited.

b. No hunting or shooting within fifty (50) yards of any building.

c. No alcoholic beverages allowed during recreational use.

d. Unauthorized personnel will not access any structure, facility, tower, or building.

e. Do not touch or pick up any object that may be hazardous. Examples would be unexploded ordinance, ammunition, etc., that could cause injury or death.

f. No shooting across Camp McCain boundary lines. Boundary lines are marked with one red line on trees along boundary line. Lands adjacent to Camp McCain are private land and entering these properties may subject the recreational user to criminal liability for trespass. Stands, blinds, or other hunting positions should be placed so that the hunter does not shoot across any boundary line and onto adjacent private property.

g. During any firearm season for deer, recreational users must wear in full view, a minimum of five hundred (500) square inches of solid unbroken fluorescent orange. When hunting quail, rabbit, or hog on Camp McCain hunters must wear a hunter orange vest or cap.

7. Harassment of wildlife, including spotlighting is prohibited

8. The use of thermal imaging devices (including scopes, handheld devices, etc.) is prohibited.

9. Use of metal detectors on Camp McCain is prohibited.

10. Starting or kindling a fire on Camp McCain is prohibited.

11. Littering on Camp McCain is prohibited including shotgun shell casing.

12. Camping and/or the use of Recreational Camping Vehicles on Camp McCain is prohibited.

13. Game/Trail camera use on Camp McCain is prohibited.

14. The use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (drones) is prohibited on Camp McCain.

15. Man drives are prohibited on Camp McCain. A man drive is defined as two or more organized people moving through an area with the intent to flush, move or direct animals to make them more visible for harvest.

16. Roads/Vehicles: During all deer firearms seasons, no loaded shoulder-fired weapons are allowed within 50 feet of the center line of any road. No shooting is allowed in, on, or across any road or right-of-way. No privately owned vehicles (POV) including cars, trucks, ATV's, horses, carts, or any other type of conveyance are allowed in the training areas of Camp McCain except for the retrieval of harvested deer while being escorted by Camp McCain Security. Bicycles/electric bicycles are allowed on graveled roads for recreational access. Bicycles/electric bicycles (gasoline powered bicycles are not allowed) are prohibited during the spring turkey hunting season. Vehicles blocking any Camp McCain gate may be towed at the owner's expense. No POV's/ATV's are allowed on wildlife food plots, stream beds, or wetland areas.

17. Tree Stands/Blinds: Constructing or hunting from any permanent stand or blind is prohibited. Destroying, defacing, cutting, driving nails or spikes into, or otherwise damaging any standing live tree, natural feature, or plant is prohibited. Portable stands (including tripods and ground blinds) that are not removed from the area daily must have the hunter's name and phone number permanently and legibly written on or attached to the stand. Stands left on the installation do not reserve hunting locations. Camp McCain is not responsible for stands damaged or destroyed by any legal actions of its employees. Portable stands may not be installed on Camp McCain prior to seven

(7) days before deer season opens, nor left longer than fourteen (14) days after the last deer season ends. Stands not in compliance with these regulations may be confiscated and disposed of by Camp McCain staff.

18. Fall-Arrest Systems: Every occupant of an elevated hunting device shall wear a Fall Arrest Device manufactured to applicable Tree Stand Manufacturers Association industry standards appropriate for the occupant's size and weight.

19. Baiting and Feeding: No bait or feed is allowed on Camp McCain at any time. No food plots may be placed on Camp McCain without prior written approval of the Camp McCain Environmental Office or the Base Operations Supervisor.

20. Guides/Outfitters: No person or group of persons may act as a guide, outfitter, or in any other capacity for which they are paid or promised to be paid by any other individual or individuals for services rendered.

21. Transporting or releasing onto Camp McCain or the capture and removal of any live animal or plant is prohibited without prior written permission by the Camp McCain Environmental Office, or the Base Operations Supervisor.

22. Other Seasons: Hunting/Trapping, also small game seasons and bag limits for game species not listed in this document will follow the current State of Mississippi seasons and bag limits established by the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks. Do not leave shotgun shell casing on Camp McCain. Training Area #3/25 is open for a drawn YOUTH DOVE HUNTING ONLY hunt at a date and time TBD. Youth hunters are considered 15 years of age and younger who have purchased a permit under their guardian's name. Youth hunters must be accompanied by a parent or guardian 21 years of age or older. Parent(s) or Guardian(s) are allowed to hunt with the youth hunter. Contact Camp McCain ENV staff at 662-294-0304, 0305 for information. Training Area #3/25 is open for public dove hunting to adults and youth after the Camp McCain Youth Dove Hunt.

23. During raccoon, opossum, and bobcat seasons, hunting is allowed without dogs during daylight hours and with dogs from one-half hour after sunset until 4:00 A.M. Seasons and bag limits for raccoon, opossum, and bobcat will follow the State of Mississippi seasons and bag limits established by the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks.

24. Wild Hogs: Wild hogs are classified as nuisance animals and hunters are encouraged to kill them at every opportunity. The opportunity to kill hogs on Camp McCain is provided only for population control purposes and not for sport. Wild hogs may be killed during daylight hours only during any open season with weapons and ammunition legal for that season. Trapping (including snaring) of hogs is prohibited.

25. Whitetail Deer: Deer season dates and legal weapons will follow the current State of Mississippi public lands season dates and legal weapons established by the Mississippi

Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks. Use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited except for the use of trailing dogs used to retrieve wounded deer.

a. Bag Limits

Antlered Buck Deer: Bag limit on legal antlered buck deer is one (1) buck per day and three (3) per annual season. A legal antlered buck deer is defined as any buck, regardless of number of points, having either a minimum ten (10)-inch inside spread or a minimum thirteen (13)-inch main beam length. ***One (1) antlerless deer must be harvested before harvesting an antlered buck deer on Camp McCain*.** Hunters fifteen years of age or younger who harvest an antlered buck deer will have their harvest applied to the parent or guardian who accompanies them. Hunters fifteen years of age or younger must abide by the same harvest rules as licensed hunters.
Antlerless Deer: Bag limit on antlerless deer is five (5) per annual season. ***One (1) antlerless deer must be harvested before harvesting an antlered buck deer on Camp McCain*.** Antlerless deer are male or female deer which do not have hardened antler above the natural hairline. Antlerless deer can be harvested at any time during any open deer season during normal shooting hours with legal weapons. There is no daily bag limit on antlerless deer. Hunters fifteen years of age or younger who harvest an antlerless deer will have their harvest applied to the parent or guardian who accompanies them. Hunters fifteen years of age or younger must abide by the same harvest rules as licensed hunters.

b. Legal Weapons

Youth Gun: Youth may carry and use any firearm with which they can safely hunt, and in compliance with other applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

Archery: Longbows, recurves, compound bows, and crossbows. No hunting with dogs. Deer hunting is prohibited during September early velvet season on Camp McCain.

Primitive Weapons: Weapons legal for use during the primitive weapons season are all archery equipment and primitive firearms. Primitive firearm weapons may be used during any open season for deer starting November 19th.

Gun: There are no caliber or magazine capacity restrictions on firearms except as noted in special use area regulations section(s). Primitive weapons and archery equipment may be used during gun seasons.

26. Post-Harvest Procedures (Deer): Hunters will call **Camp McCain Security (601-387-6052 or 662-417-9205)** within **one hour** after harvesting deer and notify Security of the gate number they will need to enter to retrieve the deer. Security will escort hunter to retrieve deer**.** Post-harvest tracking with dog is allowed. Camp McCain participates in

the Mississippi Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP). Hunters must weigh and legibly record **ALL** harvest data correctly on DMAP tags located at building S-408. Hunters are also required to remove the jawbone from harvested deer and attach a DMAP tag to the jawbone using a tie, then deposit the jawbone in the red basket located at building S-408. Jawbone should not be left attached to head for CWD sample. **Failure to comply with these regulations may result in having access privileges suspended or revoked.** Field stripping of deer (i.e., just taking the back strap) is prohibited. Field dressing of deer is permitted. Processing (cleaning meat) harvested deer on the installation property is prohibited.

a. For Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) hunters are required to remove harvested deer heads with four (4) to six (6) inches of the neck remaining on head (remove antlers if present before depositing head). Place the head in a garbage bag (jawbone must be removed separately and placed in the basket along with the DMAP tag). Hunters will fill out **ALL** information correctly on CWD sample tag, attach top of CWD sample tag with a zip-tie to the knot on garbage bag then tear bottom part off the CWD sample tag and keep receipt. Then, place bag with CWD tag attached into the freezer located at building 0S408 (DMAP shed). To check your Chronic Wasting Disease test results, go to https://www.mdwfp.com/wildlife-hunting/chronic-wasting-disease/ and click on "Check Your CWD Test Results" then enter your sample number and last name. A DMAP tag must be filled out for antlered buck deer even if taking the head to taxidermist, jawbone not required with tag. If antlered deer is to be mounted, deer heads may be deposited in freezer at building 0S408 after taxidermist remove horns and hide (deer cape) if taxidermist doesn't participate in Chronic Wasting Disease sampling. **Failure to comply with these regulations may result in having access privileges suspended or revoked.**

27. Eastern Wild Turkey: Turkey season dates and legal weapons will follow the State of Mississippi public lands season dates and legal weapons established by the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks. Non-resident hunters must be drawn to hunt Camp McCain March 15 – March 28. Information for non-resident public land draw can be found at the website: https://www.mdwfp.com/wildlife-hunting/turkey-program/.

28. Turkey Harvest and Reporting: During the spring turkey season, **ALL HARVESTED TURKEYS MUST BE REPORTED** on a Turkey Harvest Reporting Card located at the DMAP building (S-408) to be measured and weighed. The Turkey Harvest Reporting Card must be completely filled out with the hunter's information of the front of card and Turkey Harvest Information on the back of card, then placed inside the red basket container at DMAP building (S-408). **Non-compliance by hunters in completing their turkey harvest information card may result in the suspension or revocation of the individual hunter's Camp McCain permit and the shortening of the season or suspension of turkey hunting on Camp McCain in future years**. Turkey seasons and bag limits for turkey will follow the current State of Mississippi 2023-2024 seasons

and bag limits established by the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks.

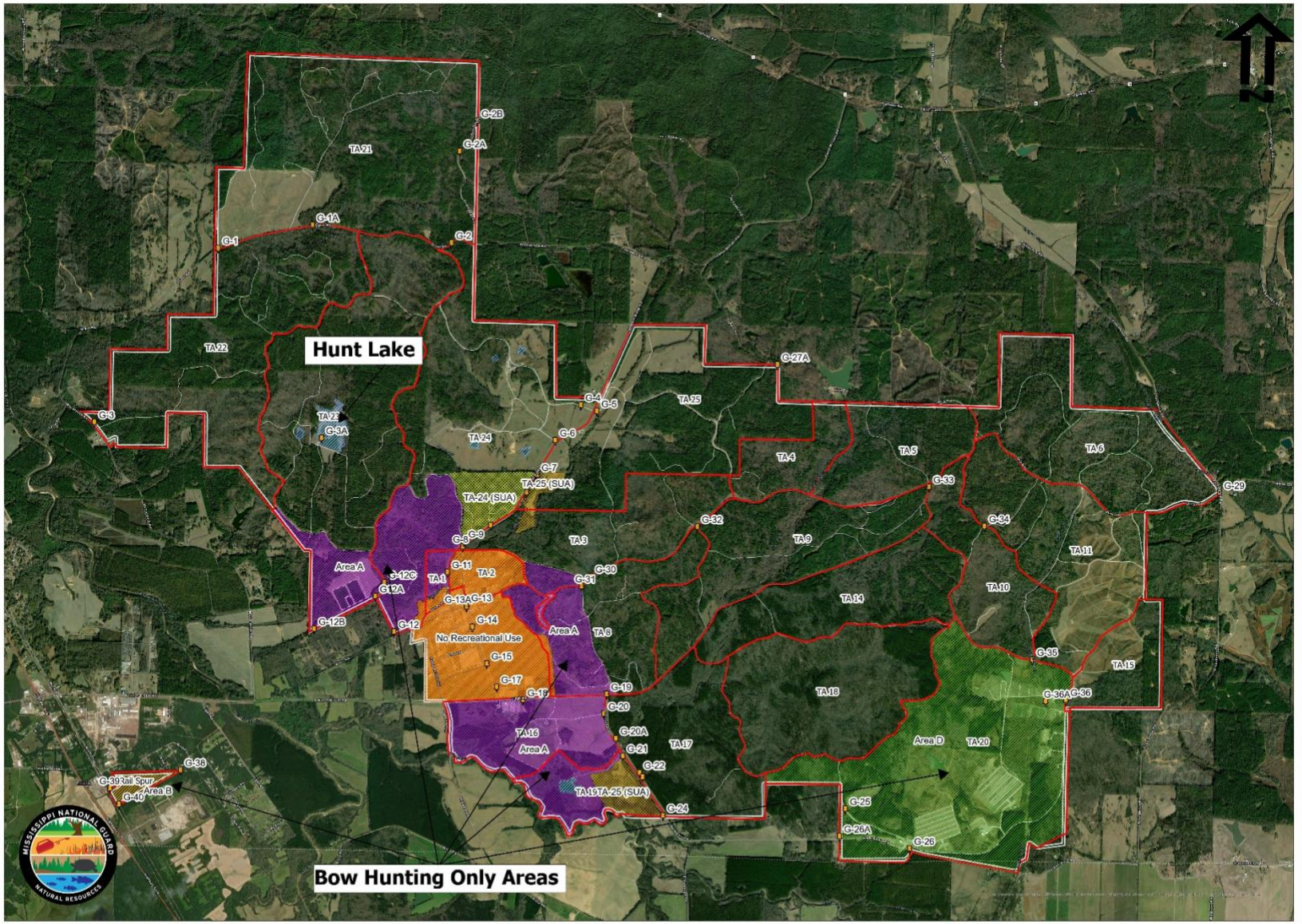
29. Fishing Information: Camp McCain's fishing areas include water bodies west of James H. Biddy Road and the Slough Pond. Slough Pond (Training Area #19) and Hunt Lake (Training Area #23) are the only fishing areas open during deer hunting season. Fishing may be allowed during periods of training. Boats being used on Hunt Lake shall be limited to using only electric trolling motors, paddles, and push poles. Gas/Diesel outboard motors can remain on boats but cannot be used. Call **Camp McCain Security (601-387-6052 or 662-417-9205**) for fishing information. Hunt Lake fishing limits are posted on signs in several locations around the lake. The remainder of the fishable water bodies at Camp McCain follow the current state limits. Recreational users fishing Hunt Lake must fill out a "User Information Card" located in the metal box at the display kiosk at Hunt Lake prior to fishing and must fill out the back side of the card, "Fishing Report", which includes species caught and number caught after fishing. The card will then be deposited in the collection side of the metal box prior to leaving.

30. Disabled Hunter Access: Individuals with disabilities who meet criteria A or B listed in **Appendix A** may receive special permitted use. Special permitted use allows eligible hunters exclusive recreational access to special use areas by wheelchair/power chair, ATV/UTV, bicycle, or foot and special use hunting ground blinds. Users must provide documentation or other credible assurance of his or her disability in order to determine eligibility for a special use permit. See Appendix A for special use permit criteria and qualifications instructions for obtaining a special use permit. After receiving a special use permit hunters must call Camp McCain Security before arriving at Camp McCain to hunt for gate access. Individuals that are deemed eligible are still required to obtain a regular Camp McCain Recreational Use Permit with no additional cost for the special use permit. Handicap hunters will be allowed to bring persons with them for assistance. Only one weapon is allowed to be used while hunting, and only the handicap hunter is allowed to use the weapon. See Special Use Permit Area maps below for more details of the hunting blind locations.

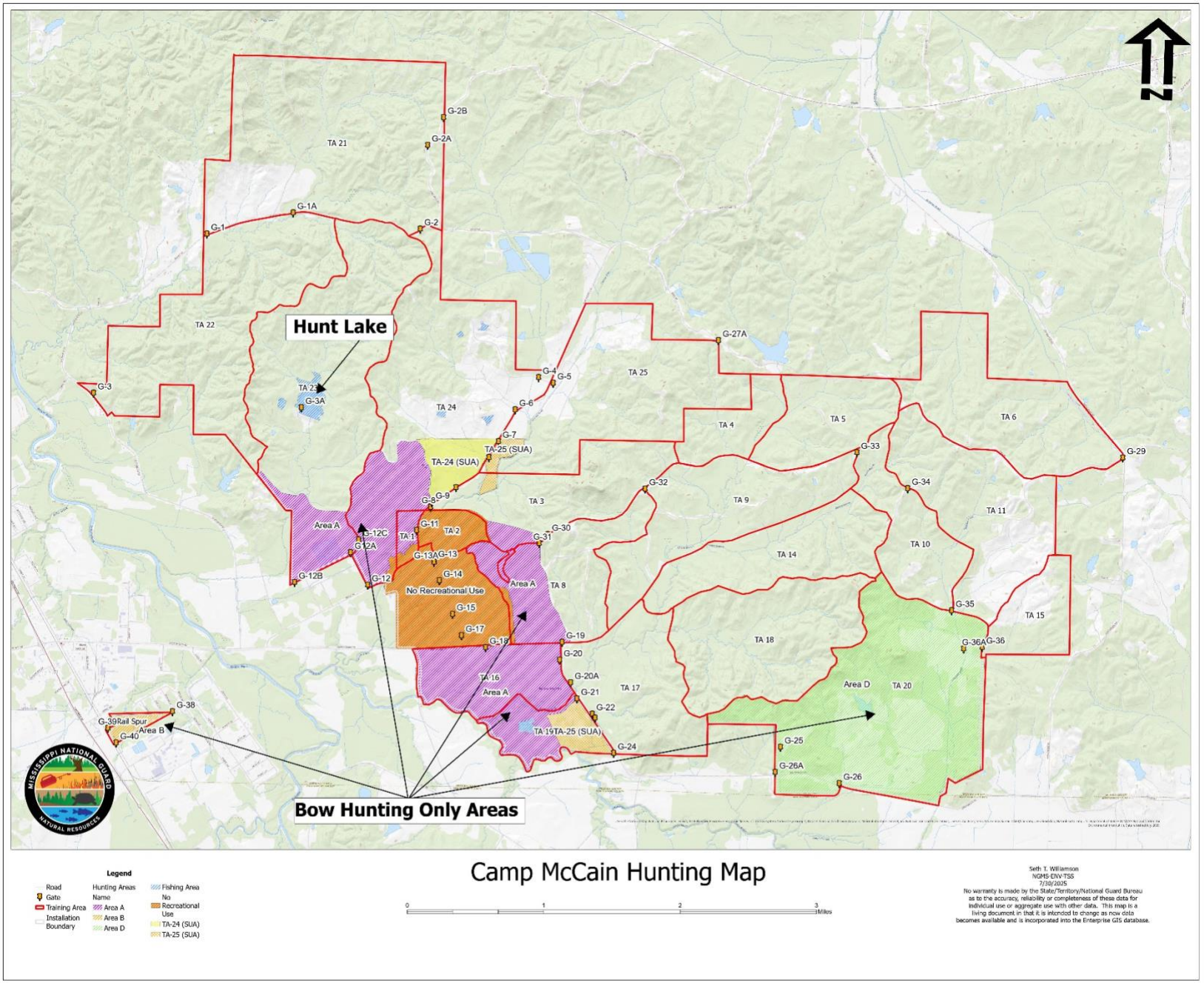
31. Camp McCain regularly conducts prescribed burns. During prescribed burns the associated training area(s) will be CLOSED for all public access. All other training areas may be OPEN for recreational use. To find out if a prescribed burn is scheduled, call **601-387-6001**.

32. In the event of an emergency, dial **601-387-6052/662-417-9205.**

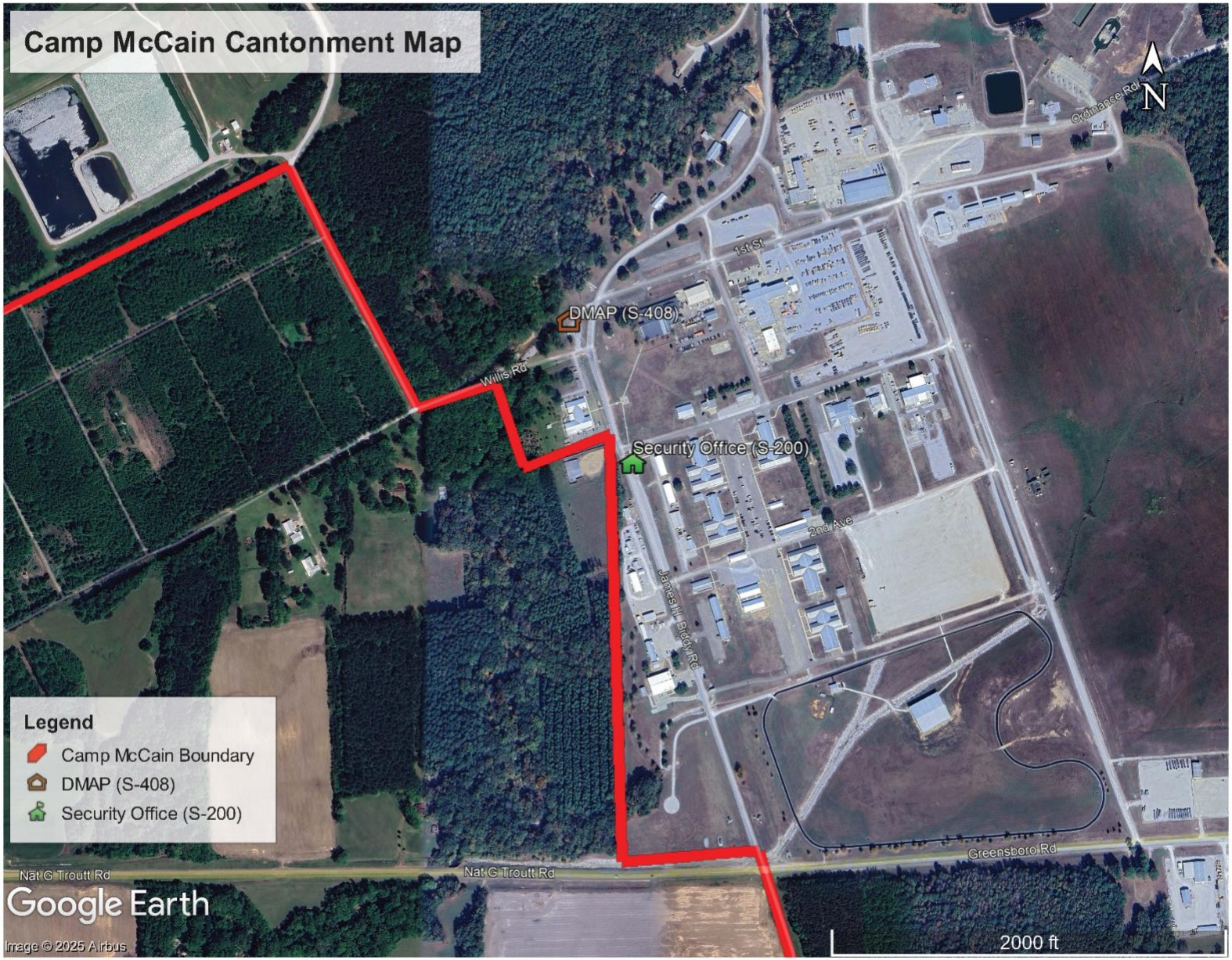
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Appendix A
Special Use Permit Criteria and Qualification Instructions

Contact Camp McCain's Environmental staff at **601-387-6032/6033** to obtain a special use permit. Office hours are from 7:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. Camp McCain's Environmental staff office address is 3152 James H. Biddy Road, building # S-101, Grenada, Mississippi.

A. The following criteria will determine the eligibility of individuals to be issued a special use permit for the purpose of accessing special use areas for individuals with disabilities on Camp McCain. Permits for individuals who meet the following criteria may be issued by Camp McCain's Environmental staff without physician certification.

1. Individuals who are paraplegic or hemiplegic.

2. Individuals who are permanently dependent upon a wheelchair for mobility.

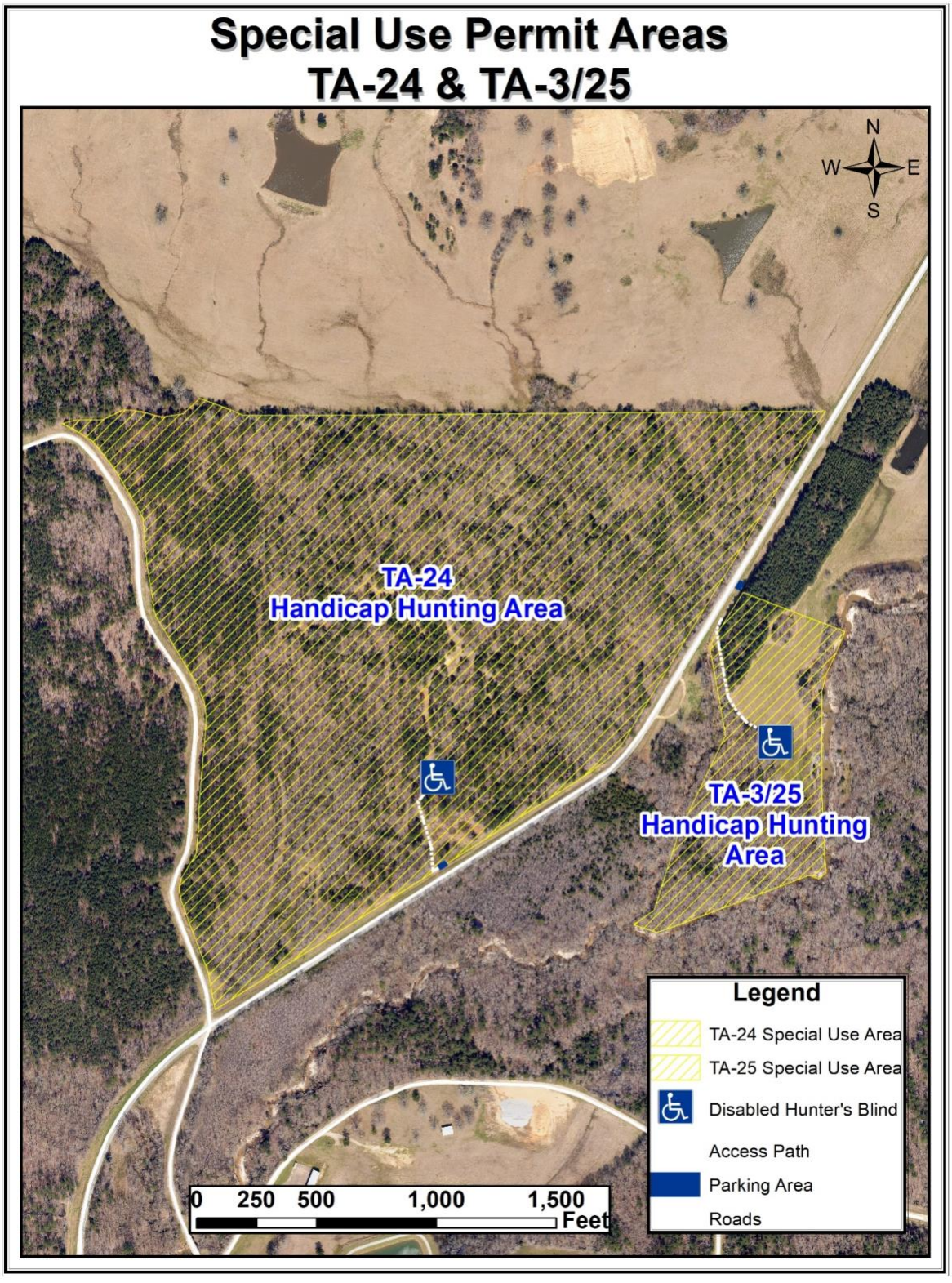
3. Individuals who require permanent use of braces, full prosthesis (one or both legs), or crutches for walking.

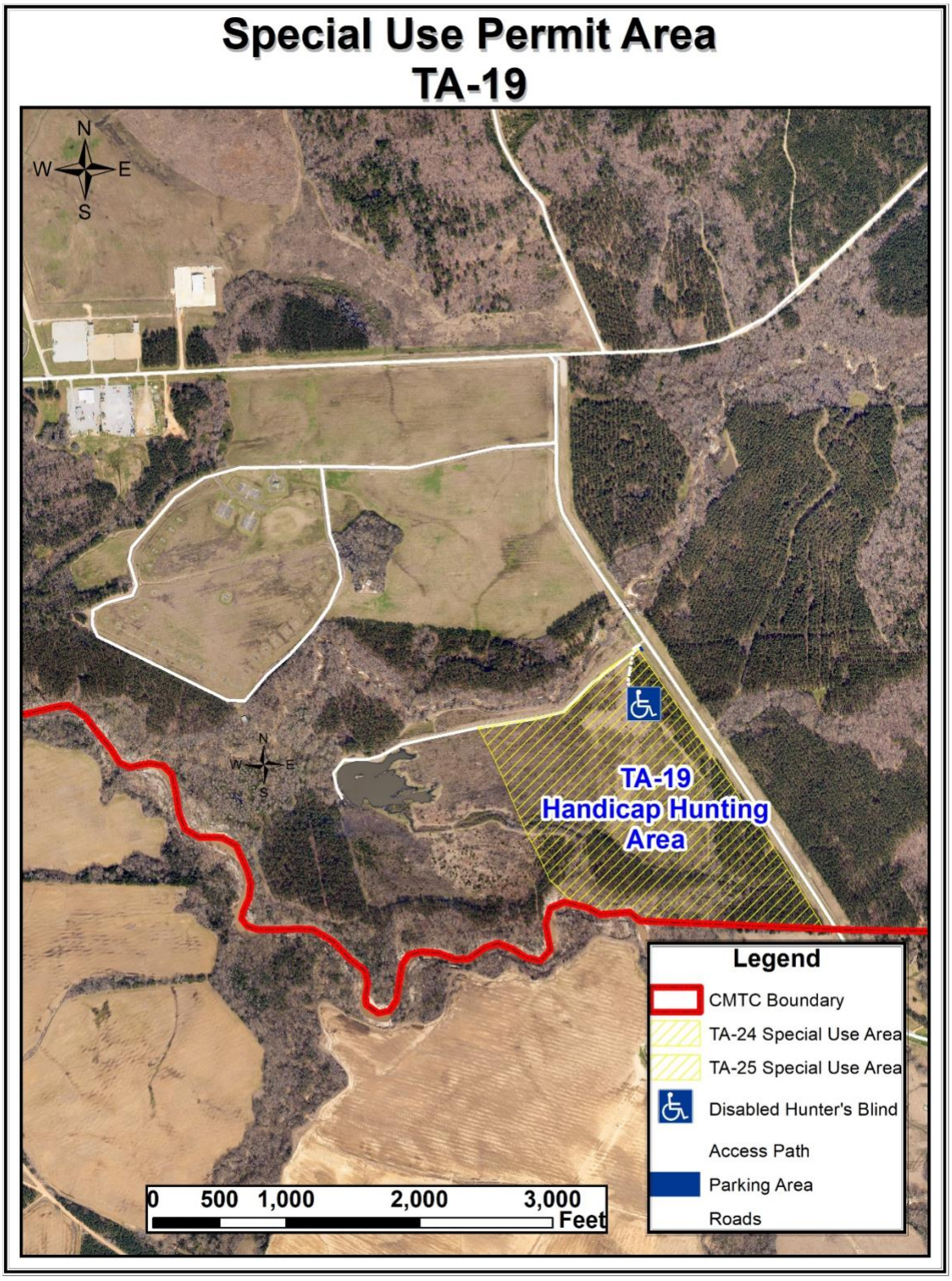
4. Individuals who have a complete single leg amputation.

B. Permits for individuals who suffer from chronic pulmonary or cardiovascular conditions may be issued by Camp McCain's Environmental staff upon written certification by a physician licensed to practice in the State of Mississippi that the individual meets the following criteria:

1. The individual suffers significantly from lung disease to the extent that forced expiratory volume for one second when measured by a spirometer is less than one liter, or the oxygen tension is less than sixty millimeters of mercury on room air at rest.

2. The individual suffers significantly from cardiovascular disease to the extent that functional limitations are classified in severity as Class 3 or 4, according to the standards accepted by the American Heart Association on 05/03/88.


Special Use Permit Areas
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