

USAYPG Regulation 210-11

Hunting Regulation

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History. This is a revision.

Summary. This regulation explains the policy and procedures in place aboard U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground for hunting.

Applicability. This regulation applies to all Yuma Proving Ground employees and those individuals seeking to hunt aboard the installation.

Army management control process. This regulation does not contain management control provisions.

Proponent. The proponent of this regulation is the Department Public Works, Environmental Science Division, U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground, 301 C Street, Yuma, AZ 85365.

Distribution: All employees of Yuma Proving Ground Mission and Tenant Commands.

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Section I

Introduction

1. Purpose. This regulation prescribes policies and control measures governing hunting on the US Army Yuma Proving Ground (USAYPG). Hunting activities are managed in accordance with applicable Federal and State laws and the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP) for YPG (2017). Nothing in this regulation shall be construed as requiring USAYPG to perform any action in violation of any state or Federal statute, rule, or regulation including, but not limited to, the Anti-Deficiency Act.

2. Applicability.

a. This regulation applies to all organizational elements of YPG, and other military or civilian personnel who engage in hunting activities on this installation.

b. Violation of this regulation may subject military personnel to disciplinary action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). Some acts prohibited herein, are also violations of State and Federal law and violators may be prosecuted in State and/or Federal Courts. At a minimum, all violators face loss of hunting privileges for one or more years and repeat violators may lose hunting privileges permanently.

c. "Hunting activities" are defined as any activity that occurs in conjunction with or in support of hunting. This includes camping while hunting, scouting trips, and travel to and from areas where hunting is taking place, and accompanying another person who is hunting.

3. References.

a. 10 USC 2671, (Engle Act) (General Requirements for Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping)

b. 16 USC 670, (Sikes Act)

c. 16 USC 470, (Archaeological Resources Protection Act)

d. 18 USC 1385, (Posse Comitatus Act)

e. 32 CFR 190, Natural Resources Management Program

f. USAYPG Regulation 190-11, (YPG 190-11), US Army Yuma Proving Ground Registration and Control of Privately-Owned Weapons, Explosives, and Ammunition, (29 Jan 2014)

g. AR 190-29, Misdemeanors and Uniform Violations Notices Referred to U.S. Magistrates or District Courts, 25 Oct 2005

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

i. AR 215-1, Morale, Welfare and Recreation Activities and Non-appropriated Fund Instrumentalities, 15 Jan 2006

j. 17 ARS, Arizona Game and Fish Laws, 2012

k. 28 ARS Sections 601-2063, 44131-4153, Transportation, 2008

l. ARC-R 385-100, 14-1, Safety Manual: Hunting, 26 Sept 1995

m. USAYPG Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan, 2017

4. Responsibilities. The Commander, USAYPG, will make final policy decisions regarding the hunting program. The Commander designates the following USAYPG offices and personnel to manage day-to-day operation of the hunting program.

a. Environmental Sciences Division (ESD). ESD oversees the hunting program implementation and recommends hunting policy for command approval. ESD administers the annual hunting program, to include coordination with Arizona Game and Fish Department (AGFD) and US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). ESD is the primary point of contact for hunting information on USAYPG. ESD coordinates with Range Control, Directorate of Operations (DoO), and Safety to determine any special access necessary for bighorn sheep hunters hunting in Arizona Game Management Unit (GMU) 43A (Cibola Range north of Cibola Lake Road), 43B (Cibola Range south of Cibola Lake Road) and 41 (Kofa East Arm).

b. Directorate of Operations (DoO). DoO issues the annual hunting access permits. DoO will enforce applicable Federal laws, rules, and regulations on the installation. DoO will also issue and maintain records regarding Range Clearances for hunters entering and/or leaving the installation after normal duty hours. Further, DoO will cooperate with the AGFD and USFWS to the maximum extent possible, without violating the Posse Comitatus Act or related statutes. DoO is the primary USAYPG point of contact for any "search and rescue" activities that arise due to the hunting program. DoO is responsible for conducting the background check required to be performed on visitors to USAYPG.

c. Enforcement. Personnel authorized and responsible for the application of federal, state, and local laws, and Army and USAYPG regulations on USAYPG; include but not limited to DoO, Arizona Game and Fish Department, and US Fish and Wildlife Service, and Bureau of Land Management personnel anywhere within the USAYPG boundary.

d. Range Operations, Yuma Test Center (Range Control). Range Control is responsible for recording Range Clearances during normal duty hours. Range Control will work with the Public Affairs Office to maintain current information regarding range closures and ensure that it is posted to the Facebook and Twitter accounts and will notify ESD of any closures of hunting areas that occur during the hunting season.

e. USAYPG Safety Office. The Safety Office ensures compliance with applicable safety regulations. The Safety Office is also responsible for content of the mandatory safety briefing for all participants in the hunting program on USAYPG.

f. Public Affairs Office (PAO). PAO is the primary point of contact for the general public to contact the installation. PAO will refer appropriate inquiries regarding the hunting program to DoO/Protection Division (PD). Range Control will work with PAO to ensure USAYPG Facebook and Twitter feeds are updated with current open/closed status for the each of the hunting areas.

g. Hunting Access Control Systems (currently iSportsman). USAYPG may operate an electronic database system to administer hunting access applications, permits and firearms registration. The data collected in the database will be used to obtain information for background checks and provide range safety briefings/training for applicants. The database will be available to Range Control, and Law Enforcement to identify and contact permit holders.

h. USAYPG Visitor Control Center. Hunting access information will be available at the USAYPG Visitor Control Center located in Building 2020 off Imperial Dam Road at the Wahner E. Brooks Exhibit Park. If an online hunting access control system is being used, then individuals will be required to enter their hunting applications online prior to coming to the visitor center. At the Visitor Control Center hunters and hunt activity supporters can view the Range Safety briefing, register weapons, and undergo a National Criminal Information Center background check.

5. Policy.

a. The installation is closed to all hunting activities with only those exceptions identified in this regulation. Hunters and their party members are encouraged to access the USAYPG Facebook, Twitter and iSportsman in order to access the most current open/closed status for each of the hunting areas on USAYPG. Citizens of the United States are allowed to obtain USAYPG Hunting Access permits after presenting a valid state issued identification card; e.g. driver license or identification card.

b. The use of Family Radio Service and General Mobile Radio Service devices (portable radios) is allowed but may be impacted by on-going mission activities.

c. Hunting Access Permits are required for each member of a hunting party and are available through online application. Assistance with online applications can be obtained at the USAYPG Visitor Control Center or by contacting the Environmental Sciences Division. Office hours are Monday through Thursday from 0630 to 1530 in Building 2020 which is located on the Wahner E. Brooks Display Park off Imperial Dam Road.

d. Hunters and their party members are required to carry their Hunting Access Permit at all times. If the permit was issued electronically it may either be in printed form

or electronic. If the permit is on a personal electronic device (cell phone), it must be immediately available upon request.

e. Hunting Access Permits allow the hunter to obtain a Range Clearance from Range Control. A Range Clearance is required anytime a permit holder is on USAYPG conducting hunting activities as defined in this regulation.

f. The Range Clearance is the mechanism for tracking hunter locations on USAYPG. This tracking is for the safety of the hunter and maintenance of the USAYPG hunting program. Hunters and hunting parties must obtain a Range Clearance before entering USAYPG. When a hunter or hunting party moves from one designated hunting area of USAYPG to a different designated hunting area, they must contact Range Control and inform them before they move. Movement within a designated hunting area does not require notifying Range Control. All Range Clearances expire at midnight and must be renewed daily. Hunters and hunting parties that are camping on USAYPG must renew their Range Clearance between 1700 (5 pm) and 1800 (6pm) each day they are camped on USAYPG.

g. All Range Clearances must be cancelled when the hunter leaves the range. When a hunter returns to their vehicle to leave the range, they must contact Range Control to tell them they are moving to the boundary. When the hunter or hunting party leaves the USAYPG boundary, they must contact Range Control again and cancel their clearance.

h. Failure to cancel a Range Clearance may lead to the suspension of a hunters access privileges for the current season or permanently. If it becomes necessary for USAYPG to conduct a search, the cost of the operation may be assessed to the hunter or hunting party.

i. The areas of USAYPG approved for hunting are remote, but unexploded ordnance (UXO) may be encountered anywhere within the USAYPG boundary. If you encounter UXO, do not disturb it. Mark the location, record GPS coordinates, if possible, and report the location to Range Control as soon as possible.

j. USAYPG General Access Hunting Areas are shown in Attachment 1. In order to open as much land as practicable, the hunting areas have been divided such that some areas can be closed for testing while others remain open for hunting. Also, these smaller areas make it easier for Range Control to determine the approximate location of a hunter or hunting party in the event of an emergency.

- (1) Cibola Range Hunting Areas (from south to north and west to east):
 - (a) Martinez Hunting Area (south of Martinez Lake Road)
 - (b) Arrastra West Hunting Area (north of Martinez Lake Road)
 - (c) Arrastra East Hunting Area (north of Martinez Lake Road)

- (d) Heart Mine Hunting Area (north of Arrastra along west boundary)
- (e) Trigo South Hunting Area (north of Arrastra, east of Heart Mine)
- (f) Gould Wash Hunting Area (north of Heart Mine, south of Cibola Lake Road)
- (g) Trigo North Hunting Area (east of Gould)
- (h) Mohave Wash Hunting Area (north of Cibola Lake Road)
- (i) Weaver Wash Hunting Area (east of Mohave Wash Hunting Area)
- (j) Cibola Hunting Area (south of Weaver Wash and Ehrenberg Hunting Areas)
- (k) Ehrenberg Wash Hunting Area (east of Weaver Wash Hunting Area, south of north boundary)
- (l) Highway 95 Hunting Area (east of Highway 95)

(2) Kofa Range Hunting Areas

- (a) East Arm Hunting Area
- (b) 500 KV line Hunting Area (the area between the southern boundary of USAYPG and the 500 kilovolt power line) No Range Clearance necessary south of the powerline.

k. Public access is permitted to individuals for crossing the Highway 95 Hunting Area on existing trails. Persons without a hunt access pass may not park or camp along the trail until they leave the USAYPG boundary. Range clearance is not required if only crossing the Highway 95 Hunting Area.

l. Special Access Bighorn Sheep Hunting in Cibola Range (GMU 43B). In the Chocolate Mountains to the west of Highway 95, Bighorn sheep hunting is allowed only when the activity can be conducted without conflict with the military mission and when coordinated through Range Control. This area is closed to all other hunting activities.

m. Controlled hunts may be sponsored by USAYPG's Environmental Science Division and DoO in order to address nuisance wildlife outside regular hunting areas. These hunts would be conducted in accordance with AZGFD hunting regulations. Such hunts would only be open to specific authorized individuals at the discretion of ESD and DoO. Furthermore controlled hunts must be coordinated with AZGFD and through Range Control and nearby USAYPG facility users.

n. Hunting on USAYPG is a privilege. Hunting is allowed only in those areas and times where it does not conflict with the military mission of USAYPG. Hunting may be disrupted or curtailed, without notice, as necessary to support the military mission or to ensure public safety. USAYPG is a test and evaluation facility for weapon systems, parachute systems, and training personnel. Failure to obey policies and procedures contained in this regulation may result in serious injury or death.

o. Hunters are required to comply with all applicable State, Federal, and local statutes, rules, and regulations; including those specific to USAYPG. Violation of game laws (on the installation), the Firearms Regulation (USAYPG Regulation 190-11), or this hunting regulation (USAYPG Regulation 210-11) may result in loss of eligibility to hunt on USAYPG for one or more years and may include a bar to entering the installation. Repeat offenders may be denied a hunting access permit on the installation permanently. Violators of State or Federal laws will be reported to the appropriate State or Federal law enforcement agency. Hunters found on USAYPG outside of the designated USAYPG Hunting Areas or without a USAYPG Hunting Access Permit may be prosecuted for trespass. Hunters may be required to complete a harvest survey.

p. Hunting activities on USAYPG are conducted at the participant's own risk. All participants in the hunting program must possess a valid USAYPG Hunting Access Permit in addition to current documentation required and issued by the State of Arizona.

q. Hunters are authorized to drive on established roads, and wide-channel wash bottoms in the designated hunting areas. Any other off-road use of motorized vehicles is prohibited, including, but not limited to driving around gates meant to stop vehicular traffic.

r. Camping in conjunction with hunting is allowed. Use of preexisting campsites is encouraged. Campsites will be returned to their original state before leaving; all refuse shall be hauled out. Due to the research and development nature of USAYPG, activities can change daily. Hunters who choose to camp on USAYPG accept the possibility that they may be required to move with little advance notice. Those camping on USAYPG are required to contact Range Control between 1700 and 1800 (5 pm and 6 pm) to renew their Range Clearance. Range Clearance renewal is required each day a hunting party is camped on USAYPG.

s. Cutting or pulling live vegetation is prohibited. Cutting or pulling down dead trees is prohibited. Dead and downed wood only may be used for campfires on site, however, USAYPG encourages hunters to bring their own fuel sources for camp and cook fires.

t. Parking and camping are only authorized within 100 feet of existing roads or navigable washes where not prohibited.

u. No camping is allowed at intersection of Cibola Lake Rd and Ehrenburg roads.

v. Camping and the use of motorized vehicles are prohibited within the White Tanks Management area.

w. Possession of firearms on USAYPG is governed by USAYPG Regulation 190-11. Hunters are encouraged to familiarize themselves with this regulation. Hunters should be aware that carrying a weapon into any Federal building on USAYPG, other than assigned quarters, is a violation of Federal law. Further, State concealed carry permits are not recognized on Army Installations and the carrying of a concealed firearm is prohibited.

x. The carrying of a loaded firearm in a vehicle is prohibited on USAYPG. Firearms carried in a vehicle will be secured in the trunk. For vehicles without a trunk, firearms will be encased in a container other than the glove compartment or center console and carried in such a manner that they will not be readily available to the driver or passengers. Commercially available trigger locks and other security devices are strongly recommend to deter and prevent loss and theft.

y. Hunting with military weapons and/or military ammunition issued for duty or training purposes is prohibited.

z. Use of Government vehicles aircraft, or drones for hunting is prohibited except as sanctioned for management purposes by authorized personnel.

aa. Use of alcohol while hunting is prohibited on USAYPG.

bb. Use of controlled substances without a prescription is prohibited on USAYPG.

cc. With the exception of a legally harvested game animal, removal of any natural or manmade object from USAYPG is prohibited. This prohibition specifically includes, but is not limited to rocks, plants, fossils, petrified wood, historic and prehistoric artifacts and government property to include UXO, wiring, spent shells, etc.

dd. Use of cameras for taking pictures of the game animal is allowed only within authorized hunting areas. Taking pictures of man-made structures, government property, or equipment, either directly or in the background, is prohibited.

ee. Trail/Game cameras are only permitted within hunting areas during hunting season and are at the owner's risk. Cameras may be removed or confiscated by USAYPG personnel at any time without notice. USAYPG is not responsible for returning cameras that are unattended on the range. Cameras must remain unlocked, with storage card available. All cameras must have hunter info including Name, Contact info, and Hunting Access Pass Number.

ff. Use of remote access or live feed cameras is prohibited.

gg. Use of personal drones are strictly prohibited.

Section II Procedures

1. Hunting Program Information.

a. Hunting Program Online. USAYPG will review the Hunting Program Webpage and the documentation contained therein, annually. Updated versions of all hunting related materials are posted on the internet and can be found by using the USAYPG Facebook webpage or iSportsman.

b. Information. More information on the USAYPG Hunting Program and current status of the various hunting areas is available at <https://yuma.isportsman.net/> or at <https://www.facebook.com/USAYPG>.

c. Hunting Area Access Updates. USAYPG uses Facebook and Twitter to release up to date information regarding access privileges for the hunting areas listed above. In addition, USAYPG will provide annual updates on access procedures to AZGFD for inclusion in their annual hunting regulation publication.

2. Hunting Program Access Permits.

a. Prospective hunting program participants must submit a completed iSportsman registration and Hold Harmless Agreement for each hunting access permit. Applicants are required to pass a NCIC background check as part of the application process.

b. Each person that enters USAYPG, either to hunt or as part of a hunting party shall have a USAYPG hunting access permit. This includes employees of USAYPG and military personnel stationed on USAYPG. The hunting access permit must be in each person's possession at all times when on USAYPG either electronic or paper.

c. Anyone hunting on USAYPG must possess a valid AZGFD hunting license, tags, weapons registration, and hunting access permit. Persons supporting the hunter (spotters, cooks, etc.) only required to possess the USAYPG hunting access pass, and are not permitted to carry firearms.

d. Applications must be completed online through iSportsman. Questions can be addressed at the YPG Visitor Control Center. Office hours are Monday through Thursday from 0630 to 1530 in Building 2020 which is located on the Wahner E. Brooks Display Park off Imperial Dam Road. Completing the application process includes the following:

(1) All applicants must sign a release and indemnification (Hold Harmless Agreement) acknowledging that they have viewed the Range Safety briefing on safety/potential risks and agree to hold USAYPG harmless from any liability resulting from hunting on USAYPG. Release forms on behalf of minors must be signed by the custodial parent or legal guardian. USAYPG has been used for military training and testing since 1942, and prospective hunters need to be aware of the potential dangers posed by UXO and the harsh desert environment. This acknowledgement must be

completed with every application.

(2) All applications must be accompanied by verification that the applicant has viewed the current USAYPG Range Safety briefing. All prospective hunters, including minors, must be familiar with the material included in the Range Safety briefing.

(3) All applicants must comply with all the above listed requirements and hunting program access permits will not be issued until the application is complete. Providing a complete application is the responsibility of the prospective hunter.

(4) Prior to being issued a Hunting Access Permit, all applicants must undergo a background check administered by DoO in the USAYPG Visitor Center.

(5) Hunters will provide enforcement personnel all requested information such as licenses, permits, and firearm registration forms, and will fully cooperate with their efforts to enforce laws and regulations. Enforcement personnel include USAYPG Police Officers, AGFD Wildlife Managers, and Federal Fish and Wildlife Officers. Hunters must peacefully obey any request to leave the installation, or a given part thereof, by any civilian employee or military member, immediately. Complaints may be made through appropriate channels, but safety and security demand that disputes not be arbitrated in the field.

3. Registration of Firearms.

a. In accordance with the requirements contained in USAYPG Regulation 190-11, US Army Yuma Proving Ground Registration and Control of Privately-Owned Weapons, Explosives, and Ammunition:

b. Any person, not occupying a USAYPG residence, who enters USAYPG with a firearm, must register the firearm prior to entry.

c. Registration will occur at the USAYPG Visitor Control Center. The following information on each firearm to be registered will be taken: caliber, type, serial number, make, model, finish. DO NOT bring the firearm into the Visitor Control Center. A copy of the Firearms Registration will be provided to the registrant and will be maintained with the firearm while the firearm is on USAYPG. Registration will be valid for all adults listed on the registration form. Alternatively, firearms may be registered online through iSportsman (if available).

d. The firearm registration must be with the weapon, while on USAYPG. If requested, the firearm registration document must be produced.

e. Residents who have previously registered their weapons IAW regulation USAYPG 190-11 must still obtain a hunting access permit.

f. Weapons registration is valid for 1 year, and must be renewed each year if that

weapon is brought on USAYPG.

g. Only persons who are hunting and have a valid AZGFD hunting license with necessary tags may carry a weapon on USAYPG. Weapons may only be carried for hunting related activity in accordance with AZGFD hunting regulations.

4. Procedures for Hunting on USAYPG.

a. Check in. Hunters will check in with USAYPG Range Control to receive a Range Clearance before entering the installation to hunt. Hunters entering the installation will check in with Range Control (928- 328-3333 for East Arm (GMU41), 928-328-2047 for GMU43A and GMU43B). When Range Control is not available hunters will be transferred automatically to DoO (Police Desk) to acquire a Range Clearance.

b. Each hunter will provide their name, their hunting access permit number, the number of members in their group, the number of vehicles and the license plate number of each vehicle in the group, estimated length of stay, which hunting area, and identify what part of the hunting area in which they will be hunting.

c. The Range Clearance is the mechanism for tracking hunter locations on USAYPG. This tracking is for the safety of the hunter and maintenance of the USAYPG hunting program. Hunters and hunting parties must obtain a Range Clearance before entering USAYPG. When a hunter or hunting party moves from one designated hunting area to another designated hunting area, they must contact Range Control and inform them before they move. Moving within a designated hunting area does not require notification. All Range Clearances expire at midnight and must be renewed daily. Hunters and hunting parties that are camping on USAYPG must renew their Range Clearance between 5 p.m. (1700) and 6 p.m. (1800) daily.

d. Check-out. Hunters will cancel their Range Clearance within one hour after leaving the installation. Hunters leaving USAYPG will cancel their Range Clearance with Range Control (928- 328-3333 for East Arm, 928-328-2047 for other areas). When Range Control is not available hunters will be transferred automatically to DoO to cancel their Range Clearance.

e. Range operations depend on Range Control knowing who is on the range and where they are on the range. Failure to check-out may result in a loss of hunting privileges. Failure to check out may result in the assignment of monetary penalties if it is necessary for USAYPG to search for a missing party.

f. Overnight Camping. Hunters who want to camp overnight on the installation must declare this when calling in for a Range Clearance. Hunters must give the location of their campsite to Range Control/DoO upon check-in if known, or as soon as a site is selected. Anyone staying overnight must contact Range Control on a daily basis between 5 p.m. (1700) and 6 p.m. (1800) in order to renew their Range Clearance.

5. Procedures for Hunting Bighorn Sheep on USAYPG.

a. Hunters receiving a bighorn sheep tag for AGFD GMU 43B who wish to hunt on USAYPG must contact Environmental Sciences Division (or 928-328-2125 or 928-328-2024) to make arrangements to receive a special access briefing. Special access to the bighorn sheep area along Highway 95 will be allowed as long as it does not conflict with ongoing military activities or the protection of cultural and natural resources.

b. All procedures listed above in Section 7 must also be followed.

6. Safety.

a. Hunting, and in particular, hunting in a remote desert environment has inherent risks if safety and common sense are not followed. All prospective hunters should familiarize themselves with the following risks:

b. Unexploded Ordnance (UXO). USAYPG has been used for military training/testing since 1942. Areas that are known to contain UXO are off limits to hunting. However, in light of the extensive World War II training at USAYPG, UXO could be anywhere on USAYPG. Many items are not obviously recognizable as ordnance. Regardless of the area, hunters should not disturb human made objects, of any kind, in any way. Hunters should note the location of suspected UXO and notify Range Control or DoO.

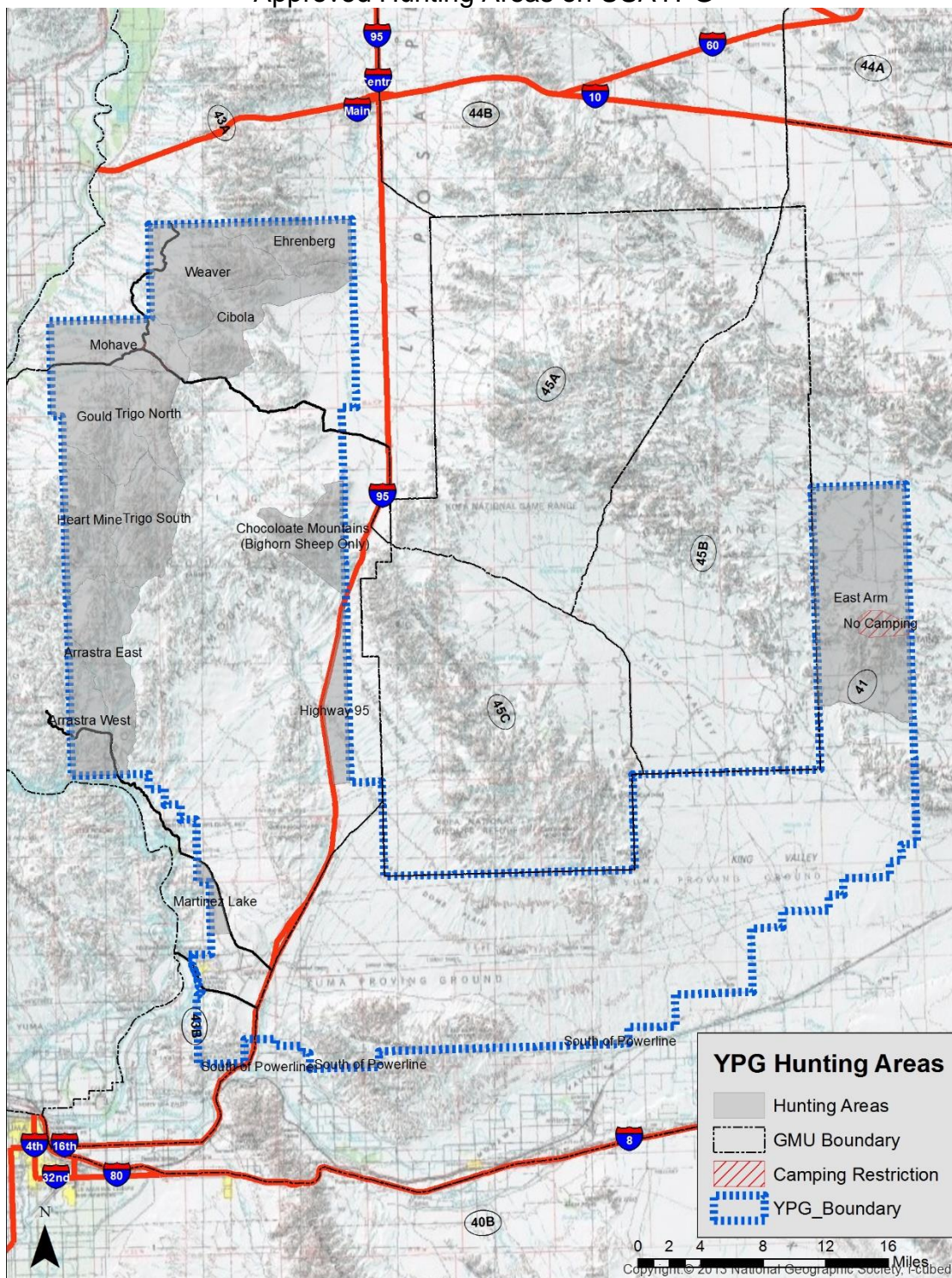
c. Environment. The desert is a harsh environment and no permanent sources of potable surface water are available in hunting areas. Hunters must carry adequate supplies of water. Hunters should carry a cellular phone, citizens band radio, or similar means of communication. Most vegetation is protected with spines or thorns, some sharp enough to penetrate boot leather or radial tires. Some of the fauna can inflict venomous wounds; others may carry communicable diseases.

d. Firearm Safety. Following these four rules will reduce the risk of unintentionally discharging a firearm:

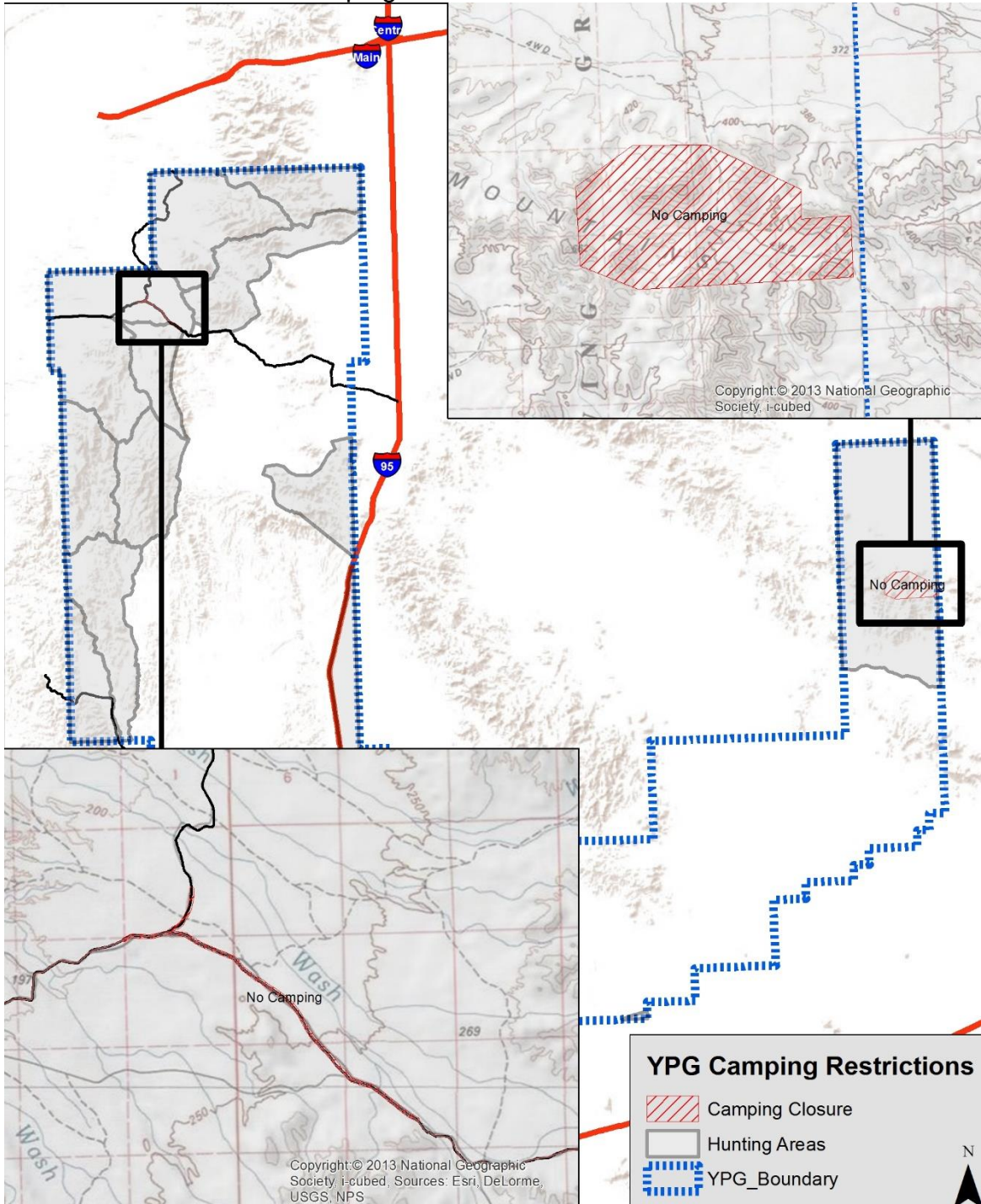
- (1) Treat all firearms as if they are loaded.
- (2) Never point the muzzle of a firearm at anything you are not willing to destroy.
- (3) Keep your finger off the trigger until your sights are on the target.
- (4) Be sure of your target and what is behind it (what is your backstop).

7. Fees. As of January 1, 2015, there is no fee. The Proponent of this regulation is the Chief, Environmental Sciences Division. Users are invited to send comments to ATTN: IMYM-PWE, US Army Garrison Yuma Proving Ground, Yuma, AZ 85365-9498.

Approved Hunting Areas on USAYPG



Camping Restrictions on USAYPG



Hunters Checklist

When hunting on USAYPG, all persons must have the following:

1. A current and valid Hunting access pass. Required for all members of hunting party. A copy must be in your possession, electronic or paper, and must be presentable to law enforcement.
2. Weapons registration. All weapons, including rifles, bows and side arms must be registered. A copy of the registration must be with the weapon while on USAYPG. Only persons who are hunting and have a valid AZGFD hunting license with necessary tags may carry a weapon on USAYPG.
3. Range Clearance. All persons hunting on USAYPG are required to contact range control to obtain range clearance each day.