
FORT CAMPBELL ENVIRONMENTAL HANDBOOK
Guidance and Instruction
FOREST MANAGEMENT

1. **Purpose and Scope:**

Provide general information and guidance on Fort Campbell's Forest Management Program and inform EQOs of issues affecting training.

2. **References:**

- a. AR 200-3, "Natural Resources - Land, Forest and Wildlife Management," February 1995.
- b. CAM Reg 385-5, Safety, RANGE REGULATION, Chapters 3-8c, Chapter 17-4 and Chapter 21.

3. **Definitions:**

As found in references listed above.

4. **General:**

- a. The Army's forest management activities are highly visible to the general public. Significant payback in terms of mission support and public relations are elements that a well planned, integrated and scientifically managed forest program can yield. Army policy provides for sustained yield timber management tailored to military mission requirements as the first priority. Additional benefits of an ecologically sound forest management program include protection of watersheds, cultural resources, and endangered species; recreational opportunities; improved wildlife populations and habitat; and, natural beauty.
- b. Originally as part of the Defense Appropriations Act of 1961, Congress provided authority to the military departments to retain receipts from forest product sales that otherwise would be deposited in the miscellaneous receipts of the Treasury. Army timber sale receipts may only be used to support the production and sale of forest products. At Fort Campbell approximately \$500,000 is provided each year to support forest management activities. Receipts average from \$500,000 to \$700,000 annually .
- c. In 1982, legal provisions were made to return 25-percent of net profits from installation timber sales to the states where the installations are located. This amendment provided that entitlement to the states may be used for the benefit of public schools and public roads. Again in 1984, provisions were made to increase entitlement to states from 25 percent to 40 percent. This amendment, Public Law 99-561 (Sikes Act), provides for surplus forest product sale receipts to be placed in a DOD Reserve Account which can be used for natural resources projects other than forestry

5. **Responsibilities:**

- a. The Commander/Director is responsible for ensuring guidance and EQO instructions are followed during his/her tenure.
- b. The EQO is responsible for initiating a unit program to disseminate information acquired during the Bi-monthly EQO meeting.

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6. **Instruction:**

- a. During training, only scrub tree limbs will be used for camouflage (i.e. sumac foliage, eastern red cedar and pine). Commercial hardwood trees will not be used. Trees will not be cut or damaged without prior approval from both G3/Range Control Division and PWBC, Forestry Branch.
- b. To support the forest management effort at Fort Campbell, units should report all forest and grass fires to G3/Range Division. When a fire is started in a training area, the OIC should stop all training and concentrate on fighting the fire using all available personnel. The unit will continue to fight the fire until the fire is suppressed or until relieved by personnel from PWBC, Forestry Branch. No one will enter an impact area for the purpose of fighting fires without approval of the installation Range Officer.
- c. To prevent fires when using pyrotechnics, smoke pats, etc., place them in areas free of vegetation.
- d. Make protecting and conserving the natural resources for the present and future generations an integral part of your military mission.

7. Additional Guidance:

- a. For additional guidance, information, and answers to your questions, contact PWBC Environmental Division, Conservation Branch, 798- 2616 / 2623.
- b. For future reference, place this document behind Tab Number 12 in your Fort Campbell Environmental Handbook.