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This Instruction implements AFI 32-7001, *Environmental Management*, establishes policy, procedures and responsibilities for forest product sales, fishing, hunting, and outdoor recreation use, enforcement of fish and wildlife conservation, and policies for cultural resources on land under the control of Vandenberg AFB (VAFB). This revision also provides guidance as directed by AFI 32-7003, *Environmental Conservation*, to ensure natural resource programs are managed to meet long-range national interests. These resources shall be managed under the principles of multiple use, sustained yield, within the limitations of the military mission. This Instruction applies to all assigned, attached, associated units and personnel, including visitors and guests. Compliance with this Instruction is mandatory and it applies directly to individuals who must comply with all its terms. Violating its terms may result in punitive and or adverse administrative action (e.g., privilege suspension), criminal convictions and civil fines and penalties depending upon the applicable authority, including state or federal conservation laws; except for VAFB Conservation Officers and VAFB Natural Resources personnel performing their official duties.

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SUMMARY OF CHANGES

This document has been substantially revised and must be completely reviewed. Major changes include: updating all organizational names, office symbols and phone numbers; defining privilege and potential actions for violating it, hunting registration procedures; introducing the Vandenberg iSportsman web based hunting check-in and check-out system; new hunting procedures; revised hunting area designations and boundaries; deleting some deer hunting procedures; and attaching the Privilege Suspension Information.

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1. Definitions:

1.1. Leased Areas. These areas are leased for grazing livestock or for cultivating crops. Hunting in these areas may be restricted, limited or closed as indicated on available hunting area maps or by other communications, e.g. Conservation Office phone message, signage, etc.

1.2. Military Operations Areas. These areas are essential to the United States Air Force's or a tenant unit's military mission and are closed to all hunting. No one will enter these areas for any reason while possessing or having access to any type of weapon or explosive.

1.3. Privilege. A privilege is a grant of authority to use (e.g., hunt, fish, surf, etc.) VAFB resources; it is not a right. Violating the privilege, such as not complying with this Instruction, may result in punitive and/or adverse administrative action (e.g., privilege suspension), criminal convictions and/or criminal and civil fines and penalties.

1.4. Security Forces Conservation Officer (referred to hereafter as 30 SFS/S3W). A 30 SFS/S3W is a security forces law enforcement officer who has graduated from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center and is trained to enforce all federal, state and military natural and cultural resource laws. A 30 SFS/S3W may be an active duty military member or civil servant employee. The term conservation law enforcement means the responsibility and authority exercised by certain 30 SFS/S3W, which includes the authority to enforce rules and procedures in this Instruction and may include enforcing applicable state and federal laws on VAFB.

2. Responsibilities:

2.1. Except as otherwise stated in this Instruction or as provided by controlling laws, the Commander, 30th Space Wing (30 SW/CC), controls implementing hunting and fishing procedures and other specified guidelines established for VAFB.

2.2. The Chief, Installation Management Flight (30 CES/CEI), working directly under the 30th Civil Engineer Squadron Commander (30 CES/CC) and in coordination with the Base Commander (30 MSG/CC), is responsible for decisions and actions on environmental issues and resources.

2.3. 30 SW/CC has the authority to control access and VAFB natural resources use.

2.4. 30 CES/CEI provides policy guidance and ensures that natural resource programs meet long range national interests.

2.5. 30 SFS/S3W enforces all provisions of this Instruction, as well as all applicable state and federal laws and regulations pertaining to VAFB natural and cultural resources. 30 SFS/S3W will refer violations to the appropriate authorities, which may include a violation notice to appear in Federal Magistrate Court.

2.6. The Installation Management Flight, Environmental Conservation (Natural Resources), 30 CES/CEIEA, is the primary point of contact for all VAFB natural and cultural resource-related issues.

2.7. All hunters and anglers must sign a 30 SW Form 112, *Civilian General Liability Agreement*, prior to hunting or fishing on VAFB unless they are active duty. Failure to sign a liability release will result in 30 SW/CC not granting VAFB hunting and fishing privileges or immediately suspending those privileges that were previously granted.

2.8. Visitor Control Center staff will check California Law Enforcement Terminal System (CLETS) for each person that requests base access to use VAFB resources, e.g., hunt and/or fish.

3. Policy:

3.1. United States Air Force land is required for national defense and to support military missions. Air Force controlled property will be made available to others to the maximum extent that is compatible with Air Force needs, military safety, and public safety. Multiple-use land must be managed and conserved. CES/CEIEA provides oversight and policy guidance to ensure natural resource programs are managed to meet long range national interests, as directed by AFI 32-7003, *Environmental Conservation*. This oversight and policy guidance includes but is not limited to the following:

3.1.1. Federal candidate, threatened, and endangered species and their habitats shall be protected per Federal law. When practical and not in direct conflict with the military mission, California State candidate, threatened, and endangered species and their habitats shall be protected per State law. These resources may not be replaceable and need to be protected.

3.1.2. Protecting, managing, and conserving sites that have recreational or historical value.

3.1.3. Maintaining the remainder of the land for the best public use is as stipulated by law.

3.1.4. Transporting of all firearms on the installation is prohibited except to and from authorized storage or shooting areas to include hunting areas. Firearms must be cleared and safe, with the breech open and equipped with a tamper-resistant mechanical lock or other safety device. While transporting firearms, they will be placed in the trunk or securable compartment. Transporting a secured loaded firearm is prohibited. Ammunition must be stored and locked away separately.

3.1.5. Transporting firearms on bicycles, motorcycles, or any two or three-wheeled vehicle is prohibited. Firearms will not be stowed in such a manner as to appear to be a concealed weapon, e.g., under seats or partially hidden. Firearms will not be stored in the glove compartment. Carrying a concealed weapon on any part of the installation is prohibited.

4. Wild Animal Problems:

4.1. Refer wild animal problems on VAFB to the Base Defense Operations Center (BDOC), Bldg. 13730, 108 Colorado Ave., Vandenberg AFB CA 93437, 805-606-3911, 805-606-3912. 30 SFS/S3W, Base Veterinarian, Civil Engineer, and Environmental Assets (Natural Resources) 30 CES/CEIEA shall resolve all wild animal problems. If the animal must be killed anywhere on VAFB by shooting, notify a Conservation Officer. For all non-game species, including bats and rattlesnakes, call 30 CES/CEIEA, extension 805-606-4198. For big game or predatory animals (deer, mountain lions, feral pigs, coyotes, bobcats, etc.), contact 30 SFS/S3W, 805-606-6804.

4.2. Report road killed or injured big game animals to 30 SFS/S3W, 606-6804, for disposition and accountability. For any questions about what is considered big game, call 606-6804.

4.3. Pest Management (30 CES/CEOHP, 805-606-7596) is the point of contact for rodents, insects, skunks, raccoons, bees and other common pests of homes and facilities.

5. Hunting Procedures:

5.1. California Department of Fish and Wildlife laws, federal laws, and local regulations apply on VAFB. Hunters must possess all applicable federal, state, and *Vandenberg iSportsman Permit*, tags, and valid state licenses before hunting on VAFB.

5.2. Except as otherwise stated in this Instruction or controlling laws, 30 SW/CC controls implementing hunting procedures and specified guidelines established for VAFB. Exceptions to such procedures or guidelines that are not otherwise prohibited by law require 30 SW/CC's approval.

5.3. Persons authorized to hunt on VAFB, including basic conditions for such authorization:

5.3.1. Active duty, reserve, and retired military members, DoD civilian employees (includes AAFES and NAF), DoD civilian retirees, and their family members who possess applicable service identification cards as defined in AFI 36-3026V1_IP, *Identification Cards for Members of the Uniformed Services, Their Eligible Family Members and Other Eligible Personnel*. Sponsored Visitors: Chumash Tribal Members, Lompoc Federal Correctional Complex personnel, VAFB Installation Prime Contractors (defined as a contractor with five or more year term contract and must provide proof of employment from their company), first responders, and visiting guests vetted through the Vandenberg Visitors Center.

5.3.2. No person shall accompany any hunter or hunting party unless that person is authorized to hunt under the provisions stated in [paragraph 5.3.1](#).

5.3.3. Based on resource availability and the best interests of the USAF, 30 SW/CC may at any time add, delete, change, limit, prioritize, take any action, or implement any policy regarding persons who are authorized to hunt on VAFB.

5.4. Persons authorized to hunt must register on-line at <https://vandenberg.isportsman.net>.

5.5. All hunters are required to possess on their person:

5.5.1. A valid State of California Hunting License and applicable tags and stamps required for the particular species they are hunting.

5.5.2. A current paper copy of their *Vandenberg iSportsman Permit*.

5.6. Hunters must hunt and take game only in their assigned hunting areas. Hunters must use the Vandenberg iSportsman web service to check-in and check-out of hunting areas. Entering a "No Hunting Area" or any closed or off-limits areas while searching for or pursuing game is strictly prohibited.

5.7. Hunters may start to check-in to hunting areas at 0400 hours and must check-out of their assigned hunting area no later than 2300 hrs.

5.8. The following game may be hunted on VAFB by persons who have registered with Vandenberg iSportsman as required and the game is in season as prescribed by Title 14, California Code of Regulations (CCR).

5.8.1. Small game: jackrabbit, rabbit, quail, dove, pigeon, ground squirrel, American crow, duck, coot, geese, and turkey.

5.8.2. Big Game: deer and feral pig.

5.8.2.1. VAFB Deer Season:

5.8.2.1.1. ZONE A Deer Tag, one buck, forked horn or better, one per tag. Early archery shall open the second Saturday in July and extend for 23 consecutive days, General shall open on the second Saturday in August and extend for 44 consecutive days. (Archery Only, A.O. tags will be honored during this hunt.)

5.8.2.1.2. G-11 Vandenberg AFB Either Sex Hunt (A.O. tags prohibited)

5.8.2.1.2.1. To be determined each season.

5.8.2.1.2.2. 30 SW/CC may restrict season dates due to military operations, and with California Department of Fish and Wildlife concurrence, may schedule additional hunt days.

5.9. Big Game Check-in. Bring deer head with deer tag attached to the antlers/ear of the doe to the Conservation Office, during normal posted operating hours, 30 SFS/S3W will countersign all deer tags. Log all pig kills in the Pig Harvest Log located on the desk in the foyer.

5.9.1. When a 30 SFS/S3W member determines a harvested deer is an illegal deer per the California Fish and Game Code, the hunter who took the deer will be responsible for skinning and quartering the deer and returning it to the Conservation Office. Taking an illegal deer results in 30 MSG/CC automatically suspending hunting privileges one year.

5.9.2. If the Conservation Office is closed, contact the Emergency Communications Center at 805-606-3911, identify yourself to the desk sergeant as a hunter, state that you need a Conservation Officer to check in a deer. Follow the desk sergeant's instructions.

5.10. Base biologists reserve the right, upon request, to inspect and collect tissue samples, specific organs and blood of any game species for scientific purposes.

6. Hunting/Firearms Prohibitions:

6.1. Hunting in the following areas is prohibited:

6.1.1. Specified Leased Lands.

6.1.2. Military Operations Areas.

6.1.3. Space Launch Complexes SLC-2, SLC-3, SLC-4, SLC-6, and SLC-8.

6.1.4. Any area otherwise posted "No Hunting."

6.1.5. All Housing Areas.

6.1.6. North and South Base Cantonment Areas.

6.1.7. Base Firing Ranges/Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Ranges.

6.1.8. Rawlinson Pond (San Antonio West).

6.1.9. VAFB Marshallia Ranch Golf Course.

6.1.10. Camping areas.

6.1.11. Seasonal restrictions apply in some areas, as defined in [paragraph 8.2](#) of this Instruction.

6.1.12. The 315 acre trapezoid shaped parcel of land shown on the base hunting maps in Area C6 is an oil company leased parcel. Permission to hunt this area is not included in the *Vandenberg iSportsman* issued permit.

6.2. Discharging any type of firearm or other specified weapon in the following areas is prohibited:

6.2.1. Within ½ mile (2,640 feet) of any explosive, fuels storage area, space launch complex or launch facility with personnel on site. (**NOTE:** Archery equipment discharge is prohibited within 500 yards (1500 feet) of any explosive, fuels storage area, space launch complex or launch facility.)

6.2.2. Within 500 yards (1,500 feet) of any structure within Base Housing.

6.2.3. Within 150 yards (450 feet) of any occupied/unoccupied building, dwelling, fenced or developed area, open construction site, campground, base landfill or any other facility on VAFB.

6.2.4. Within ½ mile (2,640 feet) of any building or structure at Vandenberg Tracking Station, located on Bishop Road, North VAFB.

6.2.5. Within ½ mile (2,640 feet) of Buildings 974, 976, and 980.

6.2.6. Hunters will not hunt within 150 yards of anglers using base lakes.

6.2.7. Hunters will gut, field dress, skin or butcher any deer or game animal out of public view.

6.2.8. Weapons (e.g., archery, guns) are prohibited within the Saddle Club area.

6.2.9. Firearms will not be discharged at a distance less than 150 yards in the direction of any public road.

6.2.10. No person may possess or use any of the following weapons on VAFB: machine gun, sawed-off shotgun (barrel less than 18”), teargas/mace (except those regularly manufactured and sold for self-defense and authorized by California Department of Justice regulation), or any State of California banned weapon.

6.2.11. Archery hunting is prohibited within 150 yards (450 feet) of buildings, taxiways, aircraft ramps, aircraft fuel storage areas, or any other occupied/unoccupied or enclosed area or facility in Areas A1, A2, A3, A4 and A5.

6.3. The following restrictions apply as indicated:

6.3.1. No person may operate any type of motor vehicle on grassy surfaces, excluding mission essential operations. Vehicles may be operated only on paved surfaces or maintained dirt roads. Firebreaks and railroad beds are not considered roads for the purpose of this Instruction. If grass/brush touches the undercarriage of the vehicle the road is not authorized for vehicular use.

6.3.2. There is no authorized driving on dunes or beaches on VAFB, except for specific search and rescue and similar, official operations.

6.3.3. During deer season, all deer "drives" or "pushes" will be limited to a total of five people.

6.3.4. No person may enter or exit VAFB other than from a manned entry control point (Base Gates). EXCEPTION: hunting area's C3; C6; and those areas in B1 accessible from Koa Rd; the area encompassed by Lompoc-Casmalia Rd, San Antonio Rd. West, and HWY #1; area accessible along Lompoc-Casmalia Rd from Koa Rd. to the Utah Gate.

6.3.5. No one shall possess a loaded firearm in a vehicle or shoot from within or upon any part of the vehicle, whether moving or stationary. For the purpose of this Instruction, a loaded firearm is defined as any weapon with an unexpended round in the chamber or attached to any part thereof, including the magazine. However, muzzle loading firearms are not considered loaded if all powder was removed from the flashpan or the percussion cap was removed from the nipple.

6.3.6. Archers shall not possess firearms while hunting in Areas A1, A2, A3, A4 and A5.

6.3.7. Hunters shall not use or possess handguns, black powder pistols, or revolvers while hunting on VAFB. Use is limited to authorized firing ranges only.

6.3.8. Hunters may not use or possess lead ammunition while hunting on VAFB. Lead ammunition is restricted to authorized firing ranges only.

6.3.9. Persons who do not possess a valid *Vandenberg iSportsman* permit shall not discharge a firearm, bow, or crossbow on VAFB except for regulated or authorized activities at authorized firing ranges.

6.3.10. No hunting mountain lions, bobcats, or any non-game animals (except coyotes) on VAFB.

6.3.11. No telescopic sight attached to any firearm or bow may be used to "scope" or survey an area except to discharge a round or arrow at an authorized game animal.

6.3.12. No one shall transport or release live game or other wildlife to, from, or within VAFB for stocking or other purposes on VAFB without 30 CES/CEIEA's written permission.

6.3.13. No 50 Caliber or higher, high velocity ammunition or firearms are allowed, except black powder rifles.

6.3.14. While hunting on VAFB hunters shall not possess more than 50 rounds per authorized weapon.

7. Authorized Hunting Areas:

7.1. Maps and guidance concerning authorized hunting areas are available at the Conservation Office during posted office hours.

7.2. Hunting areas may be closed daily. Check the Vandenberg iSportsman website for available hunting areas.

7.3. In shotgun areas, method of take is determined by the game being hunted. Archery equipment, air rifles designed for hunting, or shotguns 410 through 10 gauge, using shot no larger than #2 for small game, and rifled slugs for feral pig or deer.

7.4. The number of hunters allowed in any area is pre-loaded in Vandenberg iSportsman.

7.5. Area known as “Sudden Ranch” is for hunting and fishing only. Sign key out from the Conservation Office.

8. Hunting Area Boundaries:

8.1. Boundaries, including all closed, UXO, off-limits areas, military operations areas, leased properties, and no hunting areas, are indicated on hunting area maps available at the Conservation Office. All hunters must have a thorough knowledge of all boundaries and if in doubt will refer to the respective map.

8.2. Boundaries of Seasonally Restricted Areas:

8.2.1. Barka Slough, located in Area C6, is closed 1 February through 30 June each year. The hunting area boundaries for the slough are along Highway 1, eastward along Water Well Road to the eastern VAFB fence-line, and then south to San Antonio Road East, and then west to Highway 1.

8.2.2. California Least Tern/Western Snowy Plover Nesting Areas. The area west of the railroad tracks on North VAFB, from the southern boundary of hunting area A3, north to Casmalia Beach Rd. (includes portions of Areas B2 and C2), is off-limits to all recreational activity from 1 March through 30 September each year. The least tern nesting area immediately south of Purisima Point, as identified on base hunting and fishing maps, is also included in this closure. Surf Beach west of the railroad tracks, from the Santa Ynez River mouth south 3.7 miles to the first rock outcrop; and Wall Beach from the river mouth 1.1 miles north, are also closed to all recreational activity 1 March through 30 September to protect nesting snowy plovers, except for limited open areas accessed from Surf Station and the Wall Beach parking lot. Additional restrictions may be posted in other areas and must be observed.

9. Hunting Safety:

9.1. **BIG GAME HUNTERS:** Must wear a blaze orange vest or a blaze orange outer garment and a blaze orange hat or cap. Big game archery hunters checked-in to an archery area are exempt. Blaze orange broken up by camouflage is acceptable.

9.1.1. 30 SFS/S3W recommends, not mandates, that all hunters wear at least 144 square inches of blaze orange.

9.2. All hunters must comply with the California Vehicle Code, AFI 31-118, Security Forces Standards and Procedures, AFI 31-218, Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision, 30 SWI 31-218 Installation Motor Vehicle Code, and this Instruction when operating a motor vehicle on VAFB.

9.3. VAFB is subject to extremes of wildland fuel flammability and fire weather. Compliance with 30 SWI 32-102, *Fire Prevention*, is mandatory. **For fire reporting dial 911 from any telephone or cellular phone on base.**

9.4. Hunters must display a completed *Outdoor Locator Card* in their parked vehicle before going to hunt. It must be placed in a position so it can be easily seen through the vehicle windshield from outside of the vehicle, e.g., the vehicle dashboard or affixed to the sun-visor.

10. Wounded Game:

10.1. Hunters must make every reasonable effort to retrieve wounded game. Hunters are responsible for tracking, locating, and recovering wounded game. If a hunter cannot locate the wounded game, the hunter must contact and brief a 30 SFS/S3W officer.

10.2. If wounded game enters a no hunting area, off-limits areas, or any area that a hunter is not authorized to enter, including an adjacent hunting area, the hunter must immediately contact and brief a 30 SFS/S3W officer.

10.3. Hunters must follow California Department of Fish and Wildlife Training Manuals on hunter safety ethics.

10.4. Any person who encounters a wounded/injured big game animal must contact a 30 SFS/S3W officer. The Officer will decide whether to euthanize or rehabilitate the animal.

11. Waterfowl Hunting:

11.1. All water and wetland areas are open for waterfowl hunting (except for those areas noted on the hunting area maps available from the Conservation Office, areas otherwise posted no hunting, and areas listed in [paragraph 6.1](#)). Additionally, California State Law and Federal Law provisions apply to taking or possessing governed species.

11.2. The Santa Ynez riverbed may be hunted for **WATERFOWL ONLY**. Both sides of the riverbed may be hunted. The boundary is the remains of the old 35th Street Bridge, east to the 13th Street Bridge. The riverbed west of the old 35th Street bridge is **OFF LIMITS**, or as stated on hunting area maps. Hunters may access the riverbed anywhere along its banks unless otherwise stated by signs or maps. Hunters are not allowed to clear vegetation to gain bank access.

11.3. The following lakes may be hunted: Upper, Middle, and Lower Lake Canyon Lakes; Punchbowl Lake; Mod III Lake; the pond located by the intersection of El Rancho Road and El Rancho Lateral (El Rancho Pond); and any seasonal water catch-basin capable of allowing waterfowl to land or take temporary residence upon, if the catch basin is located in a hunting area. The pond located at the intersection of Lompoc- Casmalia Road and San Antonio West Road (Rawlinson Pond) is a "no hunting" area.

11.4. Waterfowl hunters must make all reasonable attempts to safely retrieve downed waterfowl; 30 SFS/S3W recommends using dogs or wearing appropriate waders.

11.5. Waterfowl hunters afield shall not possess or have access to slugs or any other ammunition capable of being shot from a shotgun that when fired forms a solid, single projectile or ammunition that violates federal and state waterfowl regulations.

11.6. Dog and horse training may be conducted as a coordinated activity. The provisions of [paragraph 5.3.1](#) of this Instruction apply. The person training the dog will supply birds, and will abide by all state and federal upland and migratory game bird laws. To ensure state and federal law compliance, prior to the activity weapons use will be coordinated with and approved by 30 SFS/S3W.

12. Recreational Artifact Hunting:

- 12.1. Metal detectors are prohibited on VAFB except for official use.
- 12.2. Collecting historical or Native American artifacts such as coins, bottles, arrowheads, beads, stone bowls, ornaments, etc., from or beneath the ground surface is prohibited.
- 12.3. Digging for artifacts is prohibited.
- 12.4. Direct any questions concerning artifacts or archaeology to Environmental Assets (Cultural Resources) 30 CES/CEIEA, 605-0748.

13. Fishing Procedures:

- 13.1. Anglers must possess a valid state fishing license and all applicable federal and state fishing stamps while fishing on VAFB.
- 13.2. Except as otherwise posted in this Instruction or as provided by controlling laws, 30 SW/CC controls implementing fishing procedures and establishing guidelines for VAFB.
- 13.3. Persons authorized to fish on VAFB are:
 - 13.3.1. Active duty, reserve, and retired military members, DoD civilian employees (includes AAFES and NAF), retired Federal civil service members, and their family members who possess applicable service identification cards as defined in AFI 36-3026V1_IP, *Identification Cards for Members of the Uniformed Services, Their Eligible Family Members and Other Eligible Personnel*. Sponsored Visitors: Chumash Tribal Members, FCC Lompoc personnel, Installation Prime Contractors, first responders, and visiting guests that have been vetted through the Vandenberg Visitors Center.
 - 13.3.2. Only active duty, reserve military, retired military, DoD civilian employees, and those individuals that have sponsorship privileges may escort up to five (5) guests. The escort must be in both visual and verbal contact with the guest at all times. Sponsors requiring more than five guests must obtain 30 Mission Support Group Commander's (30 MSG/CC's) written approval and present it to any requesting law enforcement officer or natural resources personnel.
 - 13.3.3. All anglers (except active duty personnel) MUST have a signed 30 SW Form 112 on file at the Conservation Office. These forms are available during posted office times. These forms are a waiver, releasing the United States of America and its agents from liability for damage or injury occurring on VAFB. Refusing to sign a 30 SW Form 112 will result in denying fishing privileges. These forms expire 31 December each year and must be renewed annually.

13.4. Fishing Areas:

13.4.1. Authorized:

13.4.1.1. VAFB Coastal (Ocean) Fishing: Ocean fishing is allowed twenty-four hours a day, except in the Vandenberg State Marine Reserve (VSMR). (See [Para. 13.4.2.1](#) below.) Seasonal access restrictions identified in [paragraph 8.2.2](#) and other restrictions, e.g., Boathouse, [Para. 17.9](#), of this Instruction apply.

13.4.1.2. VAFB Freshwater Fishing: Freshwater fishing is allowed twenty-four hours a day in the following areas:

13.4.1.2.1. Mod III Lake (adjacent to Umbra Rd.).

13.4.1.2.2. Lake Canyon Lakes (adjacent to Washington Ave.)

13.4.1.2.3. Punchbowl Lake (adjacent to Corral Rd.)

13.4.1.2.4. Rawlinson Pond (adjacent to the intersection of San Antonio Rd. and Lompoc-Casmalia Rd.)

13.4.1.2.5. El Rancho Pond (adjacent to the intersection of El Rancho Rd. and El Rancho Lateral.)

13.4.2. Not Authorized:

13.4.2.1. Vandenberg State Marine Reserve: Refer to [Attachment 3](#). The coastline and adjacent waters from Purisima Point south to approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ mile west of VAFB boat dock are protected as State of California designated "Vandenberg State Marine Reserve." Taking any marine wildlife including fishing is prohibited, except for active duty personnel and their dependents who are allowed to fish within the VSMR as 30 SW/CC authorizes. However, fishing at Surf Beach is not included in this authorization.

14. Angler Conduct:

14.1. All sponsors are responsible for their family members' and guests' conduct. All persons must comply with all base Instructions and policies, as well as state and federal fish and game laws; violations will result in immediately suspending fishing privileges.

15. Fishing Restrictions:

15.1. Only 4-stroke gasoline engines that are no more than 15-horsepower are authorized on the base lakes. If a gasoline engine is affixed to a boat that does not comply with base policy, prior to the boat being placed in the water the engine will be raised so it will not touch the water and be configured in a way that it cannot be operated (i.e., spark plug wire disconnected, propeller removed if feasible, engine cowling covered). "Homemade" rafts are prohibited.

15.2. Children 16 years of age and younger must be accompanied at all times by a parent or an adult (18 years or older) while around beach areas, freshwater lakes/ponds, lagoons and seasonal water catch-basins.

15.3. No one shall release or transport live fish or any aquatic species of any kind on, off or within VAFB for any purpose at any time without 30 CES/CEIEA's written permission.

16. Fishing, Hunting and Recreational Safety (General):

16.1. All persons must comply with AFI 31-218, Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision, 30 SWI 31-218 Installation Motor Vehicle Code.

16.2. Fires are prohibited per 30 SWI 32-102, *Fire Prevention*, without written permission of the Base Fire Department, 30 CES/CEF, 1172 Iceland Avenue, Bldg. 10660, Vandenberg AFB, CA 93437-5000. Fires are prohibited on the beaches during the Least Tern and Snowy Plover nesting season, 1 March through 30 September each year. Any time a fire is permitted on the beach, no wood containing nails, screws, staples, etc., will be used (e.g., pallets). Collecting driftwood is prohibited. The individual signing for the fire permit is responsible for returning the area to its natural state within 24 hours of the fire. This includes removing all trash and ashes left from the fire. Personnel must continuously attend open campfires and upon request, present written permission for the fire to any security forces member, authorized law enforcement officer, or fire department personnel. To report a fire, dial 911 or by cellular telephone, dial (805) 734- 4117.

16.3. Anyone finding munitions, unexploded shells, or other such objects must not in any way disturb the object and must report it to the Emergency Communications Center 805-606-3911, 805-606-3912, or 805-606-3913, an Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) representative, or 30 SFS/S3W. If possible, mark the location of the found object. Closed UXO areas are identified in the field by 30' x 24" black, red and white signs that read, "Danger authorized personnel only." These areas may have unexploded ordnance and are prohibited from entering. Do not leave the road or disturb the soil without 30 SW Safety approvals. All outdoor recreationists must sign the *General Liability Agreement/letter of Understanding of Unexploded Ordnance Hazards* letter located and maintained at the Conservation Office.

16.4. All anglers not parked in designated parking areas, will leave a properly completed *Outdoor Locator Card* inside their vehicle, visible through the windshield. These forms are available in the foyer at the Conservation Office.

17. Recreational Restrictions (General):

17.1. Swimming and surfing are allowed at Wall Beach and Surf Beach. Posted access trails and seasonal restrictions to protect threatened or endangered species must always be observed. **We advise swimmers and surfers that the ocean waters off VAFB are extremely dangerous and no lifeguard service is available. Rip tides and sharks may be deadly. In October 2010 and October 2012, sharks bit and killed Surf Beach surfers. In October 2014, a shark bit a surfer's surf board and in another incident a shark bit a fisherman's kayak. Before entering the water, surfers and swimmers must evaluate the conditions and risks.**

17.1.1. Members of the Vandenberg Surfing Association (VSA) and other approved private surfing organizations may surf the Vandenberg coastline as long as they comply with all other applicable rules and procedures for base access. Seasonal restrictions to protect threatened or endangered species and prohibitions on recreational access to the VSMR must be observed at all times. All private surfing organizations must also comply with all other posted closures. We advise surfers to check with the Conservation Office or Emergency Communications Center for current information on accessible coastal areas.

17.2. Hang-gliding is prohibited on VAFB.

17.3. Camping is prohibited on VAFB, except in designated posted camping areas. In areas other than designated posted camping areas, camping approval must be obtained via the *Vandenberg Event Form*. Forms and routing instructions are available at Outdoor Recreation, Bldg. 10250, off of Alaska Way.

17.4. No one shall possess a firearm while fishing in any waters on VAFB or accessed from VAFB.

17.5. Mineral, fossil, and general artifact (historic or prehistoric) hunting or collecting are prohibited on VAFB or on any property under 30 SW/CC's control; except that authorized 30 CES/CEIEA personnel may do so to protect such artifacts.

17.6. Wind-surfing and using personal watercraft are allowed at Wall Beach and Surf Beach, but only by using designated access points and complying with seasonal restrictions that protect endangered and threatened species.

17.7. No swimming, windsurfing, boating, jet-skis, snorkeling, or other recreational activities are permitted in the Santa Ynez River lagoon.

17.8. All VAFB recreational users must obey all road and UXO closure areas within VAFB. Closed roads are those roads indicated by barricades, mobile road blocks (MRB), or gates. Closed UXO areas are identified in the field by 30'' x 24'' black, red and white signs that read, "Danger authorized personnel only. This area may have unexploded ordnance. Do not leave the road or disturb the soil without 30 SW Safety approvals." Closures of various roads throughout the base are dictated by safety factors, general access reasons and military operations. Unless otherwise posted, road closures apply to all users including motorized and non-motorized vehicles, bicycles, horses, hikers, etc.

17.9. Boathouse Access Procedures:

17.9.1. Procedures for accessing the Boathouse on south VAFB are maintained by the Outdoor Recreation Center, Bldg. 10250, as described in this Instruction. The access gate to the Boathouse and landing areas must be closed and secured after each entry to and exit from this area.

17.9.2. Beach access is allowed only from the Boathouse. The coastline and adjacent waters north of the cove to Purisima are off-limits except for authorized mission activities and scientific research.

17.10. All pets must be on leashes or under physical control at all times on VAFB per 30 SWI 31-107, *Pet Control*, except for hunting activities when dog use is specifically authorized. Verbal control does not constitute physical control.

17.11. Baiting, feeding, supplemental watering, harassment, disturbance, capturing, and handling wild animals on VAFB are prohibited except by permit, and/or 30 CES/CEIEA's written authorization. Backyard bird feeding and bird baths are exempted from this provision. Collecting plants without 30 CES/CEIEA's written authorization is also prohibited.

17.12. All outdoor activities can be suspended during hazardous operations. The 30th Space Wing Safety Office (30 SW/SE) will issue notification, duration, and areas of suspension. 30 SW/SE will contact the Conservation Office and/or the entry control points when suspensions are required. The Conservation Office and/or the entry control points will post restriction signs for the duration of the suspension.

17.13. The Federal Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) protects marine mammals, including seals, sea lions, and sea otters and they must not be disturbed. These animals often come ashore on VAFB and the Pacific harbor seal also breeds here. Human activity sufficient to cause a marine mammal to move from its haul out area violates the MMPA. It is also unlawful to possess any marine mammal parts. Report sick, injured or dead marine mammals on VAFB to 30 SFS/S3W, 606-6804 and 30 CES/CEIEA, 606-4198.

18. Skin Diving, Scuba Diving, and Snorkel Diving Activities:

18.1. Skin diving, scuba diving, and snorkeling activities may only be conducted as provided in this Instruction. When an activity is conducted, one active duty military member, reserve military member, retired military member, active DoD civilian, or contractor with current base access and who is a current member of the Aqualliers Dive Club must be present, at a minimum, and assume overall responsibility as the sponsor for the dive or outing. Anyone diving on VAFB must obtain and carry on their person a current Aqualliers Dive Club card or have written permission from the installation commander. If fishing is conducted while diving, the active duty military member, reserve military member, retired military member, or DoD Civilian will not escort more than five persons as stated in [paragraph 13.3.2](#) of this Instruction. Divers will ensure that fishing or diving is only conducted in those waters that are open for recreational use, and before performing any recreational activity will be knowledgeable of the information stated in [paragraph 15](#).

18.2. Before diving, all divers must meet the following requirements:

18.2.1. All divers must possess diving certification cards issued by a nationally recognized organization (i.e., Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI), National Association of Underwater Instructors (NAUI), National Association of Scuba Diving Schools (NASDS), Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA), Scuba Schools International (SSI), etc.).

18.2.2. All divers shall not dive in any VAFB waters or state waters accessed from VAFB property unless they possess and carry on their person either: a signed and approved *Vandenberg Event Form (VEF)* authorizing a VAFB dive; an Aqualliers Dive Club card; or written permission from 30 MSG/CC. The *VEF* is available from 30 MSG/CCK, Bldg. 11777, 1031 California Blvd, Suite A201, Vandenberg AFB CA 93437-6250, and is valid for one year or until the expiration listed on the form. To complete the *VEF*, divers shall:

18.2.2.1. Certify on the *VEF* that they have read this Instruction;

18.2.2.2. Name their certification organization; and

18.2.2.3. Sign the *VEF*.

18.2.3. All divers must be aware of diving conditions at VAFB and have sufficient experience to dive in those conditions.

18.2.4. All divers, upon request, must present their *VEF*, Aqualliers Dive Club Card, fishing license, or any related identification cards to any security forces member or authorized law enforcement officer.

18.2.5. All diving activities will be done by a minimum of two certified divers, who at all times will ensure that each diver has close visual contact with the other diver to ensure the scheduled dive is performed safely.

18.2.6. Divers must follow all safety rules at all times and must abide by the rules of their respective national certification organization.

18.2.7. During organized dive outings, individuals acting as instructors, dive masters, or the equivalent thereof, must comply with all certifying agency standards to actively perform these functions, including appropriate insurance.

18.2.8. Night diving is only permitted from the Boathouse. Before diving from the Boathouse at night, the sponsor or delegated individual will telephone Emergency Communications Center, 805- 606-3911, 805-606-3912, or 805-606-3913 and provide the following information:

18.2.8.1. Names of persons diving;

18.2.8.2. Home addresses;

18.2.8.3. Home telephone numbers;

18.2.8.4. Fishing license numbers;

18.2.8.5. Starting time of the dive;

18.2.8.6. Exact location of the dive; and

18.2.8.7. Estimated completion time of the dive.

18.2.8.8. Once the dive is completed, the sponsor or delegated individual must call the Emergency Communications Center and officially terminate the dive.

18.2.9. Before diving, ensure a 30 SW Form 651, *Outdoor Recreation Locator*, card is completely filled out and placed in the front windshield area of the vehicle in a position that is visible from outside the vehicle.

18.2.10. ALL DIVERS DIVE AT THEIR OWN RISK. THE UNITED STATES ASSUMES NO LIABILITY FOR LOSS OR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY AND INJURIES TO, OR DEATH OF ANY PERSON WHATSOEVER, WHICH MAY OCCUR FROM DIVING AND DIVING RELATED ACTIVITIES.

18.2.11. Conduct mission essential diving and scuba diving with safety considerations in effect at all times. Coordinate all mission essential dives in advance, at a minimum with Environmental Conservation (Natural Resources), 30 CES/CEIEA, 606-4198, and 30 SFS/S3W, 606-6804, at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled dive. While performing these dives, fishing or taking any marine species is strictly prohibited.

18.3. Divers must comply with all access boundaries and gate policies as stated in [paragraph 18.2.9](#) of this Instruction.

19. Fish and Wildlife Violations Reporting, Processing and Procedures:

19.1. Record violations on Air Force Justice Information System (AFJIS) as required, for appropriate action to be taken by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW), the 30 SW/CC, or applicable squadron or group commander having authority over the violators.

19.2. Issue DD Form 1408, *Armed Forces Traffic Ticket*, for active duty military violating the California Vehicle Code (CVC), AFI 31-118, Security Forces Standards and Procedures, AFI 31-218, Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision, 30 SWI 31-218 Installation Motor Vehicle Code. Issue a *United States District Court, Violation Notice*, to all civilians who violate federal, state, or county natural or cultural resource laws.

19.3. Anyone who violates any portion of this Instruction or any state or federal law or regulation concerning fishing or hunting, natural or cultural resource protection, or an act related to those laws, or any act inconsistent with good safety practices, or commits any act that results in injury or damage to persons or property, will have their specific privilege relating to the violation withdrawn pending 30 MSG/CC's final case determination. This action is taken independently of other punitive or adverse administrative action. Any person whose privilege is suspended will not participate or sponsor another in any activity stemming from the suspension (example: if a hunting privilege suspension was issued for illegally taking a deer, the privilege to hunt deer and all other privileges to hunt other animals, e.g., feral pig, duck, etc., are suspended). Reinstatement is not automatic even if the time of suspension has expired. Personnel who have had a privilege suspended must make a written request to 30 MSG/CC to have their privilege(s) reinstated. Requests should be made at least one month before the end of the suspension period to allow for processing, review, coordination and 30 MSG/CC's decision. Address reinstatement requests to: 30 MSG/CC, 1031 California Blvd Ste C200, Vandenberg AFB, CA 93437-6250.

19.4. Reporting Violations: Recreational users of VAFB observing any violation of this Instruction, state and federal fish and game laws, or any related laws, should immediately report the facts to the Emergency Communications Center, Bldg. 13730, 805-606-3911 or to 30 SFS/S3W, Bldg. 13848, 805-606-6804.

20. Apiary Hobbyists: No person or organization is authorized to maintain apiaries on VAFB property.

21. Firewood Permits:

21.1. Obtain authorization, *Firewood Authorization Letter*, from Materials Diversion Center, 30 CES, Bldg. 11510, 805-605- 0102.

21.2. *Firewood Authorization Letters* may be issued to any person authorized to enter VAFB.

21.3. Holders of a *Firewood Authorization Letter* must provide their own transportation to remove the firewood. 30 CES/CEIEA or 30 SFS/S3W may inspect wood loads at any time to ensure that all provisions of the letter are being followed.

21.4. *Firewood Authorization Letters* are issued to those who wish to cut or gather their own firewood at the Base Wood Yard or collect down, dead eucalyptus and pine (with restrictions) from other areas on base. The letter entitles the person to cut one cord of wood (4'x4'x8'). Permits are valid for one month. **Cutting or gathering oak wood in any form is prohibited.**

21.4.1. If oak wood is needed for an organizational barbecue, contact Materials Diversion Center, 30 CES Bldg. 11510, 805-605-0102 for arrangements to obtain wood. Materials Diversion Center must be contacted at least 10 days prior to the event; however oak wood may not be available.

22. Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Use and Control: The 30 SFS/S3W Chief may approve mission-essential OHV use, but only prior to the use.

23. Paintball Gun Use:

23.1. Paintball guns are NOT AUTHORIZED for use on VAFB except at the FSS Paintball Range.

23.2. The paintball range must be reserved for squadron or personal use through the *Paintball Request Form*. This form is obtained through Outdoor Recreation, Bldg. 10250, 805-606-5908. Participants must be age 8 or older.

24. Seasonal Beach Access Restrictions to Protect Threatened or Endangered Species:

24.1. The western snowy plover is listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act. Per the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's (U.S.F&WS's) Biological Opinion (BO), during the western snowy plover breeding season (1 Mar - 30 Sep), all VAFB beaches are closed, except for the following three distinct posted areas.

24.1.1. Approximately 0.5 mile of Surf Beach near, Surf Station.

24.1.2. Northernmost 0.25 mile of Wall Beach.

24.1.3. Northernmost 0.5 mile of Minuteman Beach.

24.2. Beach use rules during the western snowy plover restriction period are as follows:

24.2.1. No pets allowed.

24.2.2. No beach fires.

24.2.3. No littering.

24.2.4. No motorized vehicles or bicycles.

24.2.5. No wind-surfing or parasailing.

24.2.6. No kite-flying.

24.2.7. No camping.

24.2.8. No fireworks.

24.2.9. No feeding wildlife.

24.2.10. No entering closed beach areas.

24.3. Individuals entering closed beach areas may receive punitive and/or adverse administrative action, criminal convictions and/or criminal and civil fines and penalties. Per the USF&WS's BO, in closed beach areas footprints or other trespass evidence will be investigated. If determined to result from unauthorized entry, it will be included as a violation against the USF&WS's set violation limit for that beach. When the limit is reached for any beach area, VAFB must close that beach area for the rest of the season. Therefore, to maintain beach access for everyone throughout the season each beach visitor must comply.

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Attachment 1**GLOSSARY OF REFERENCES AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION*****References***

10USC 2671, *Military reservations and facilities: hunting, fishing, and trapping*

16USC Chapter 5C, *Subchapter 1, Conservation Programs on Military Installations*

AFI 31-118, *Security Forces Standards and Procedures*

AFI 31-218, *Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision*

30SWI31-218, *Installation Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision*, 12 March 2015

AFI 10-245, *Antiterrorism (AT)*, 30 March 2009

AFI 32-7064, *Integrated Natural Resources Management* 17 September 2004

AFI 34-262, *Services Programs and Use Eligibility*, 27 June 2002

AFI 36-3026V1_IP, *Identification Cards for Members of the Uniformed Services, Their Eligible Family Members, and Other Eligible Personnel*, 20 December 2002

Title 14, *California Code of Regulation (14 CCR)*

30SW Plan 10-245, *Antiterrorism/Force Protection*

30SWI 31-101, *Installations Security Instructions (FOUO)*, 14 July 2008

30SWI 31-107, *Installation Pet Control*, 24 June 2010

30SWI 32-102, *Fire Prevention*, 24 October 2011

Prescribed Forms

30SW Form 112, *Civilian General Liability Agreement*, 1 May 1997

30SW Form 501, *Firewood Permit/Sale Form*, 1 November 1997

30SW Form 651, *Outdoor Recreation Locator Card*, 1 November 1991

Adopted Forms

30SW400, *Request to Use Base Facilities/Transportation*, 24 August 2010

DD Form 1173, *Uniformed Services Identification and Privilege Card*, 1 July 1999

DD Form 1408, *Armed Forces Traffic Ticket*, 1 December 1987

United States District Court, *Violation Notice, United States District Court*

Abbreviations and Acronyms

AAFES—Army Air Force Exchange Service

AFB—Air Force Base

AFI—Air Force Instruction

ATTN—Attention
ATV—All-terrain Vehicle
BX—Base Exchange
CCR—California Code of Regulations
CLETS—California Law Enforcement Terminal System
CVC—California Vehicle Code
DFW—California Department of Fish and Wildlife
DoD—Department of Defense
EOD—Explosive Ordnance Disposal
ESOHC—Environmental Safety and Occupational Health Council
FCC—Federal Correctional Complex, Lompoc
IAW—In Accordance With
ID—Identification
LF—Launch Facility
MMPA—Federal Marine Mammal Protection Act
MPH—Miles Per Hour
MRB—Mobile Road Blocks
MSA—Munitions Storage Area
NAF—Non Appropriated Funds
NASDS—National Association of Scuba Diving School
NAUI—National Association of Underwater Instructors
OPR—Office of Primary Responsibility
ORV—Off Road Vehicle
PADI—Professional Association of Diving Instructors
PSI—Pounds Per Square Inch
SLC—Space Launch Complex
SSI—Scuba Schools International
TWG—Threat Working Group
VAFB—Vandenberg Air Force Base
VSA—Vandenberg Surfing Association
VSI/SSB—Voluntary Separation Incentive/Special Separation Bonus Program
VSMR—Vandenberg State Marine Reserve

YMCA—Young Men's Christian Association

Attachment 2

RECREATIONAL BEACH ACCESS

Figure A2.1. Map 1. Recreational Beach Access 1 March through 30 September. (Map 1 of 3).

Recreational Beach Access 1 March through 30 September (Map 1 of 3)

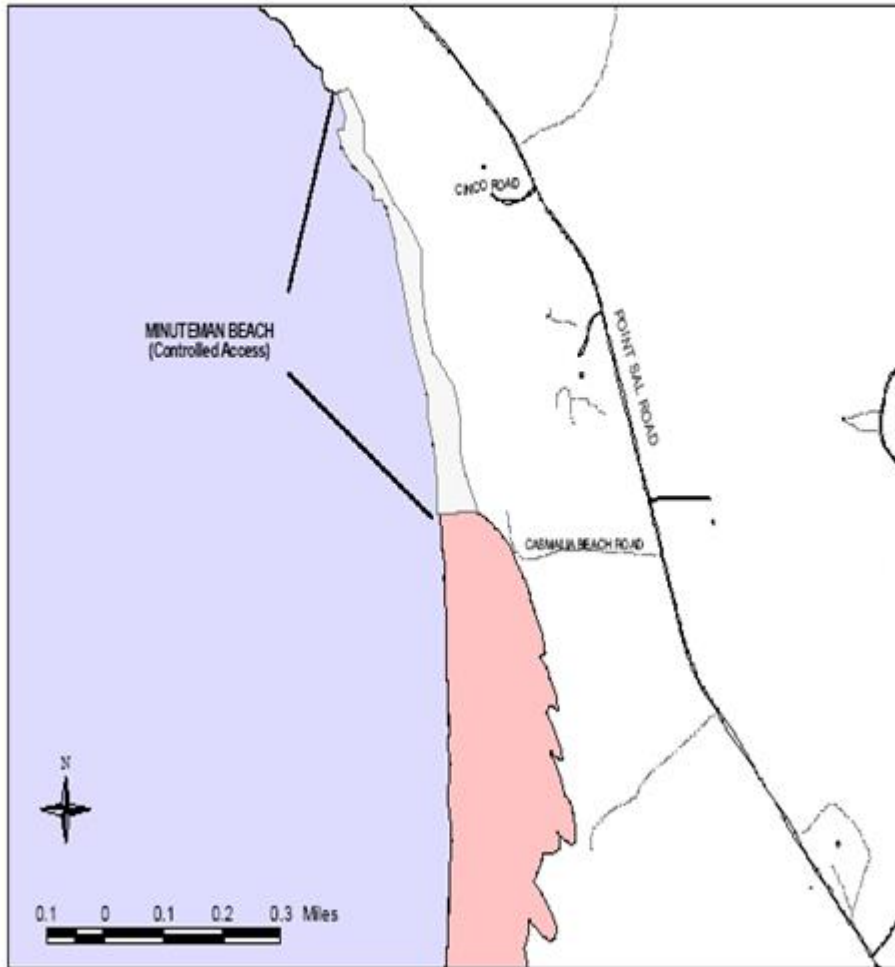


Figure A2.2. Map 2. Recreational Beach Access 1 March through 30 September. (Map 2 of 3).

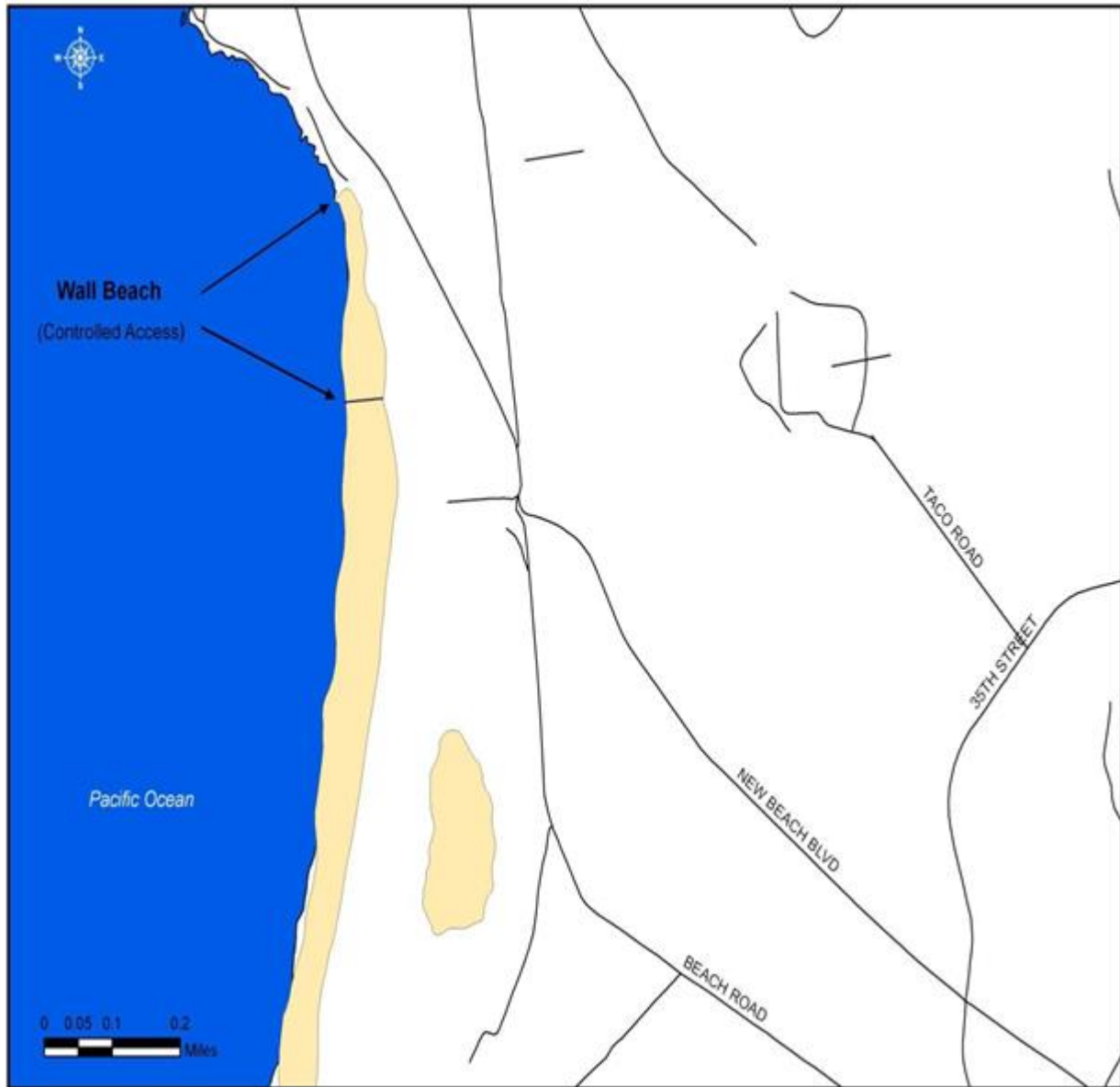
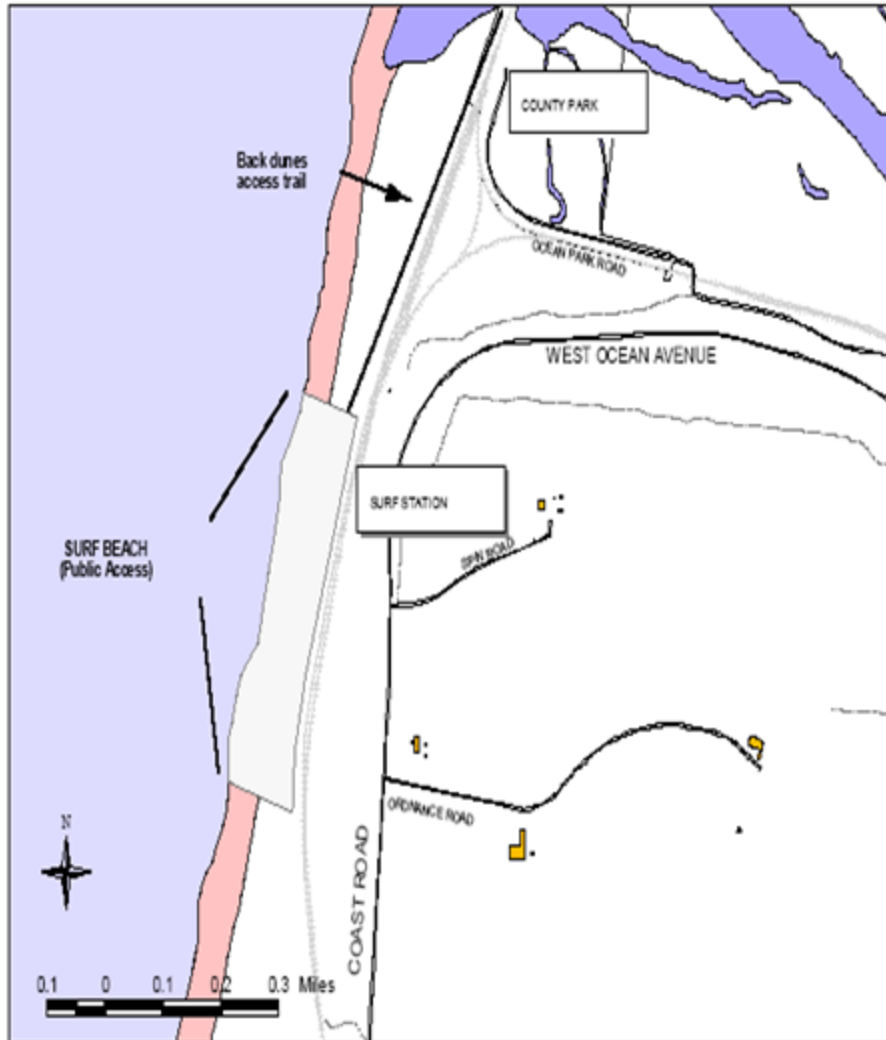


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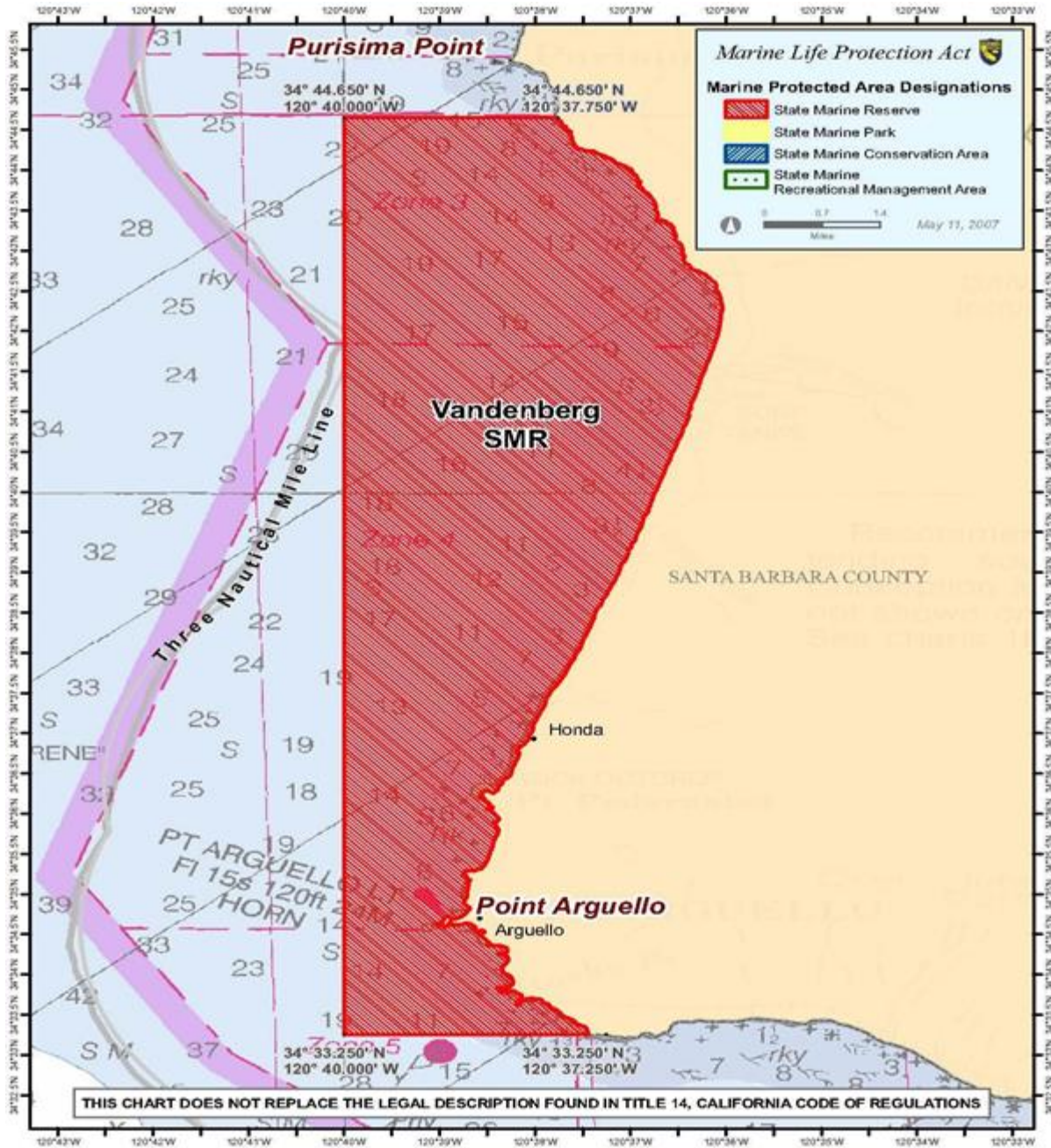
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Attachment 3

VANDENBERG STATE MARINE RESERVE

Figure A3.1. Vandenberg State Marine Reserve.



Attachment 4

PRIVILEGE SUSPENSION

Figure A4.1. Privilege Suspension.

If a privilege holder (hunter, angler, surfer, recreational user, etc.) abuses the granted privilege by violating the law or 30 SWI 32-7001, 30 MSG/CC may suspend the privilege. 30 MSG/CC has discretion to evaluate and decide the following: the facts; if an initial suspension should be sustained; and if and what action is taken. For hunting violations, the below information indicates the likely range of action. Following an alleged violation, you may state facts to Conservation Officers; however, do not argue or be hostile as they represent 30 MSG/CC. An administrative appeal procedure exists to challenge privilege suspension. Privilege abuse may result in the following:

| <u>Violation</u> | <u>First Offense</u> | <u>Second Offense</u> |
|--|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Loaded Firearm, (California) | 1 year | 1-2 years |
| Loaded Firearm, (SWI) | 7 days | 1 month - 1 year |
| Illegal Deer | 1 year | 2 - 5 years |
| Hunting out of Area | 7 days - 2 months | 2 months - 1 year |
| Failure to Check In or Out of Hunting Area | 7 days - 2 months | 2 months – 1 year |
| Not Wearing Required Orange | 7 days - 2 months | 2 months – 1 year |
| Hunting in an UXO Area | 7 days - 2 months | 2 months – 1 year |
| VAFB Hunting Pass Not on Person | 7 days - 2 months | 2 months – 1 year |
| Grass Touching Undercarriage of Vehicle | 7 days - 2 months | 2 months – 1 year |
| VAFB Parking Pass Not Displayed on Dashboard | 7 days - 2 months | 2 months – 1 year |
| Possessing Lead Ammunition | 7 days - 2 months | 2 months – 1 year |