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Fort Wainwright updates USARTRAK access system

FORT WAINWRIGHT, Alaska – Fort Wainwright will launch an updated version of its automated recreational access system, USARTRAK, July 20. The update will require all current recreational access permit holders to re-register and obtain a new, free access pass for all recreation activities. After July 20, previously obtained access permits will no longer be valid.

The upgraded system found at <http://usartrak.isportsman.net> will have the following benefits for registered users:

- Faster and more reliable access to online and telephonic users in determining which military lands are accessible to all forms of recreation;
- Provide more areas accessible to recreation in Donnelly Training Area West;
- Communicate training area road closures in real time both online and telephonically;
- Will allow for training area check-in online, telephonically or by smart phone.

The USARTRAK update will better inform moose hunters of available land during general moose season Aug. 28 and run through Sept. 30. Information about available and restricted lands will be published through the USARTRAK iSportsman online site.

All sportsmen 16 and older may register for a free access permit at the above website or at one of three kiosk locations: Fort Wainwright Visitors Center, Fort Greely visitors Center, and the Fort Wainwright Natural Resource Office.

Fort Wainwright and U.S. Army Alaska (USARAK) will publish a list of the available Interior Alaska military lands available for moose hunting four weeks ahead of the normal timetable this year. The early announcement will be made no later than July 17 to allow hunters to better schedule and resource their hunts.

To ensure the safety of both sportsmen and Army personnel, Fort Wainwright Law Enforcement in partnership with Alaska Wildlife Troopers, will significantly increase active patrolling and enforcement of hunting regulations on military lands. Sportsmen will need to be extra vigilant to ensure they are accessing only those lands available to public recreation.

The Army reserves the right to adjust the available lands for hunting in order to facilitate unscheduled critical training in support of worldwide deployments. Maintaining military readiness to respond to worldwide contingencies is our No. 1 priority.

For more information, contact the Fort Wainwright Natural Resource Office at (907) 361-9686 during normal business hours from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If no one is available to take your call please leave a message and they will return your call.