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MILITARY MOVES FORWARD FOR MOOSE SEASON

FORT WAINWRIGHT, Alaska – 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, 2015 to allow hunters to better schedule and resource their hunts.

General moose season on military lands will begin Aug. 28 and run through Sept. 30. This timeframe encompasses set up to completion of all hunting activities. Most, but not all, popular hunting areas will be available for the entire duration due to military training requirements.

Currently, the Air Force will conclude operations in the Oklahoma Impact Area by Sept. 14. Most of the hunting areas in the Donnelly Training Area West will be available for moose hunting and other public recreation from 12:01 a.m. Sept. 15 through Sept. 25.

Information about available and restricted lands will be published through the USARTRAK iSportsman web page <http://usartrak.isportsman.net>, local news media, the Fort Wainwright website and Facebook page, local fliers and community meetings, and at the Fairbanks and Delta Junction Alaska Department of Fish and Game offices.

All sportsmen 16 and older choosing to recreate on military lands must register for a free access permit which can be obtained online at <http://usartrak.isportsman.net>, or at one of three kiosk locations: Fort Wainwright Visitors Center, Fort Greely Visitors Center, and the Fort Wainwright Natural Resource Office.

The public will have online access to view which military lands are open to recreation, to include hunting, but will be required to have a Fort Wainwright Recreation Access Permit in

their possession prior to entering Fort Wainwright lands. 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.

Fort Wainwright and USARAK understand the importance of hunting in the Interior and are working diligently to provide reasonable access to training lands during moose season. Fort Wainwright and USARAK are partnering closely with the U.S. Air Force, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Alaska State Troopers and the Bureau of Land Management to ensure a safe and enjoyable hunting season for everyone involved.

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.