

# Fort McCoy Regulation 200-4

Directorate of Public Works

# Firewood Cutting

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# SUMMARY of CHANGE

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Regulation 200-4

## **Firewood Cutting**

### *This Revision*

- Updates the Responsibilities of the Natural Resource Branch (1-5a).
- Adds the responsibilities for Installation Legal Office (para 1-5b).
- Changes the name of Law Enforcement Branch to Directorate of Emergency Services and updates the responsibilities (para 1-5c).
- Adds the responsibilities for Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization, and Security (para 1-5d).
- Moved the Cutter's Responsibilities to para 1-5e and changes the name to Permit Holders Responsibilities.
- Adds sign-in and sign-out through iSportsman to the Permit Holders responsibilities (para 1-5e1).
- Includes a phone number for the Permit Holder and requirement for two emergency contact numbers to be included on the Activity Information Card (para 1-5e2).
- Includes requirements for Permit Holder to follow the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources firewood/oak wilt quarantine guidelines. (para 1-5e7).
- Adds General Installation Access and Information section (para 2-1), to include Firearms Registration, Transportation of Firearms, Visitor Passes, Vehicle Searches, Alcohol consumption, Speed Limits, Reporting of Information, Conduct, Unexploded Ordnance, Archaeological Resources, and Land Rehabilitation and Maintenance.
- Moved para 1-6g (Archaeological Resources) to para 2-1j.
- Moved the Regulation section from para 1-3 to para 2-2.
- Removes Black Out Drive requirements.
- Changes the monthly firewood cutting permit from calendar month to 30 consecutive days (para 2-2b).
- Identifies a location to buy firewood. (para 2-2b) Adds option to purchase permits through the iSportsman website ([www.mccoy.isportsman.net](http://www.mccoy.isportsman.net)), (para 2-2b).
- Moved the Violations section from para 1-4 to para 2-4.
- Moved the Check-in and Check-out section from para 1-5 to para 2-3.
- Adds Revocation Appeal process (para 2-4f).
- Removed para 1-8, Procedures.

- Includes references (appendix A).
- Adds the Suspension/Revocation Actions list to show maximum penalties (appendix B). In coordination with DES, developed a tiered penalty schedule for law enforcement guidance.
- Adds Glossary of Abbreviations and Terms.

Previous version dated 1 September 2008.

## FIREWOOD CUTTING

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**HISTORY.** This is the fourth revision of Fort McCoy Regulation 200-4, Firewood Cutting.

**SUMMARY.** This regulation sets forth the rules and restrictions for cutting firewood and gathering wood chips on Fort McCoy.

**APPLICABILITY.** This regulation applies to all persons, military and civilian, who cut firewood or gather wood chips on Fort McCoy. All seasons, dates, and restrictions are subject to change by Fort McCoy authorities. No activity is exempt from this regulation.

**PROPONENT EXCEPTION AUTHORITY.** The proponent of this regulation is the Directorate Public Works (DPW), Environmental Division, Natural Resources Branch (NRB). The proponent has the authority to approve exceptions to this regulation that are consistent with controlling law and regulation.

**SUPPLEMENTATION.** Supplementation of this regulation is prohibited without the prior approval from the proponent.

**SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS.** Users are invited to send comments, suggested improvements, or updates on Department of the Army (DA) Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms). Address comments to DPW, IMMC-PWE-N, 2171 South 8th Ave, Fort McCoy, Wisconsin 54656-5136.

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## Chapter 1

### Purpose and Administrative Items

#### 1-1. Purpose

This regulation establishes rules and regulations for firewood cutting and wood chip collecting on Fort McCoy.

#### 1-2. Applicability

This regulation applies to all persons, military and civilian, who cut firewood or collect wood chips on Fort McCoy. All seasons, dates, and restrictions are subject to change by Fort McCoy authorities.

#### 1-3. References

Required and related publications and prescribed and referenced forms are listed in appendix A.

#### 1-4. Explanation of Abbreviations and Terms

See Glossary.

#### 1-5. Responsibilities

a. Natural Resources Branch (NRB): The mission of the Fort McCoy NRB is to foster the wise stewardship of natural and cultural resources which will support and sustain a realistic military training environment, biological diversity, the integrity of sensitive or unique sites, and commercial and recreational opportunities. The NRB is the proponent of this regulation.

b. Installation Legal Office (ILO): Fort McCoy ILO will provide legal advice concerning all matters governed by this regulation.

c. Directorate of Emergency Service (DES): Fort McCoy DES is responsible for providing fire and medical emergency response, enforcement of law and regulations, and provides 911 emergency communications support. Call 911 for all emergencies and state you are located on Fort McCoy; for non-emergencies and/or to report a violation, call (608) 388-2266.

d. Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization, and Security (DPTMS): Fort McCoy DPTMS is responsible for training area management and updating the Game Line within iSportsman.

e. Permit Holder:

(1) It is the responsibility of the individual permit holder to check the Game Line and to sign-in/sign-out for firewood cutting and wood chip collection using iSportsman at (866) 277-1597, online at [www.mccoy.isportsman.net](http://www.mccoy.isportsman.net), or through the kiosk located at the Hunter Information Point (HIP) for updates, changes, and/or temporary regulations to the activities associated with this regulation. Game Line information must be checked daily to ensure that the activity or firewood cutting area has not been restricted because of unforeseen mission requirements. Upon sign-out, all cutters/collectors will report the amount of firewood or chips taken off the installation through the iSportsman system.

(2) Activity Information Card: All permit holders are required to display a 5x8 information card on the passenger's side of the windshield with the following information: Permit holder's full name, activity (firewood cutting, wood chip collecting), phone number, and **two** emergency contact phone numbers. Police Officers from Fort McCoy DES will be routinely patrolling the cutting/collecting areas.

(3) Safety: Chainsaw operation and felling dead trees is an inherently dangerous activity. All firewood cutters are highly encouraged to use personal protective equipment which includes: hardhat, eye protection, hearing protection, chainsaw chaps or pants, steel-toe boots, and leather gloves. Firewood cutters are also encouraged to have a helper assist with all aspects of firewood cutting and hauling. Helpers cannot use a chainsaw on Fort McCoy unless they are 18 years old or older.

(4) Conduct: All cutters/collectors are expected to display proper conduct and willingly cooperate with military officials, other cutters/collectors, and Fort McCoy officials conducting forest management operations.

(5) Maintain strong land ethics to ensure quality habitat and forest health can continue for future generations.

(6) Read and follow these rules and regulations and any changes.

(7) Follow Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources firewood/oak wilt quarantine. More information can be found at <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/invasives/firewood.html>.

## Chapter 2

### 2-1. General Installation Access and Information

a. Firearms Registration: All firearms brought on to the installation for any purpose must be registered through the Fort McCoy Police. This requirement pertains to anyone with a firearm in their possession while on Fort McCoy for any reason including hunting, fishing, trapping, camping, shooting range, or visiting members of the Fort McCoy community or staff. A firearm is defined as: any weapon (including a starter gun, weapon frame or receiver) which will, or is designed to or can readily be converted to, expel a projectile by the action of an explosive or other propellant. Questions related to firearms registration should be directed to the Fort McCoy Police at (608) 388-2266.

b. Transportation of firearms/bows/crossbows: While on Federal property all firearms/bows/crossbows must be unloaded and completely enclosed in a case designed to carry a firearm/bow/crossbow when in or on any vehicle, whether moving or stationary. Bows/crossbows must be unstrung if not enclosed within a case. Concealed carry is prohibited on Federal property.

c. Visitor pass: All visitors entering the Cantonment Area of Fort McCoy must obtain a visitors pass at the Main Gate. Questions related to visitor passes should be directed to the Fort McCoy Police at (608) 388-2266.

d. Vehicle search: Owners and/or operators of motor vehicles that enter the property of Fort McCoy consent to the search of that motor vehicle.

e. Alcohol: It is not permitted to be intoxicated or to consume alcohol while in training areas.

f. Speed limits: The speed limit on Fort McCoy is 30 miles per hour (mph) in the Cantonment Area, 10 mph when passing troops and 45 mph in the training/hunting areas, unless otherwise posted.

g. Reporting of information: All personnel on Fort McCoy are required to notify the Fort McCoy Police at (608) 388-2266 of any observed violations of Federal or State laws, Fort McCoy rules and regulations, uncontrolled fires, or the location of any found unexploded ordnance.

h. Conduct: All personnel on Fort McCoy will cooperate with military officials and Fort McCoy Police personnel. In addition to the appropriate permits, all persons over 18 years old must have official picture identification in their possession at all times while on Fort McCoy property.

i. Unexploded ordnance (UXO) hazard: Military training involving live ammunition and explosives has occurred throughout Fort McCoy since 1909. Deliberate and comprehensive efforts have been conducted to clear the UXO hazards; however, these items may occasionally still be encountered while on Fort McCoy.

(1) UXOs are often referred to as duds, bombs, munitions, ordnance, ammo, dummy rounds, or by other terms. Regardless of what they are called, they should be considered extremely dangerous. They were designed to explode and still have the capability to do so. Never touch, move, or disturb munitions. Even Civil War cannon balls and souvenir munitions that may have been handled for years can potentially detonate at any time.

(2) UXOs come in many shapes and sizes and may be visible on the surface or buried. It can be exposed by erosion or fires, and may look new or old. UXOs may also be found alone or in groups; and can be whole or in parts.

(3) Anyone encountering or believing they may have encountered UXOs should consider it extremely dangerous. The proper response to avoid injury to themselves and others is to follow the 3Rs of explosives safety:

(a) Recognize: Recognizing when you may have encountered UXO is key to reducing the risk of injury or death. If you encounter or suspect you may have encountered UXO, consider it extremely dangerous. Remember, UXO is sometimes hard to identify.

(b) Retreat: If you encounter or suspect you may have encountered UXO, do not touch, move or disturb it, but immediately and carefully leave the area following the same path on which you entered. If you can, mark the general area, not the UXO, in some manner (e.g., with a hat, piece of cloth, or by tying something to a tree branch).

(c) Report: Notify Fort McCoy Police at (608) 388-2266 of what you saw, where you saw it, and the type of marking, if you were able to mark the area. These actions will protect you and others who may encounter the same area.

(4) Additional UXO safety information and a photo gallery of various types of UXO are available from the Department of Defense internet site at [www.denix.osd.mil/uxo/SafetyTopics/UXO.cfm](http://www.denix.osd.mil/uxo/SafetyTopics/UXO.cfm).

j. Archaeological resources: It is a Federal offense to dig, excavate, disturb the ground, and/or collect archaeological artifacts on Fort McCoy without authorization from the DPW and pursuant to a permit issued

under the Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979. Violators are subject to criminal penalties involving fines and/or imprisonment and civil fines and forfeiture of vehicles and equipment used in connection with a violation (reference Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979, 16 United States Code (U.S.C.) 470, and 36 CFR 261.9). The discovery of any artifact should be reported to the NRB at (608) 388-8214.

k. Land rehabilitation and maintenance (LRAM): Fort McCoy has LRAM sites in some training areas on the installation. The LRAM program is responsible for the repair and re-vegetation of selected trails and sites within the training areas. The LRAM sites are clearly marked with red and white signs and/or yellow LRAM tape and shall not be disturbed. LRAM sites are OFF LIMITS to vehicles, however foot traffic is allowed. Be advised unknown obstacles and dangers may exist in and around signed LRAM areas.

## 2-2. Regulation

### a. Dates/hours:

(1) The Fort McCoy firewood/wood chip season shall be open from 1 January through 15 April and 1 September through 31 December each year except during the annual Gun-Deer season in the training areas. The season will be open all year in the Cantonment Area or in other specially designated areas. The Fort McCoy Firewood/Wood Chip season can end at any time with Fort McCoy discretion.

(2) Cutting, hauling, and collecting will be conducted during daylight only.

(3) The installation commander may suspend all hauling operations during the period of spring thaw whenever excessive damage will occur to road surfaces, and may cease all cutting and hauling operations during serious fire hazard periods or when military activities create a safety hazard or mission disruption potential.

b. Cutting permits: Permits cost is \$10.00 per calendar day and \$50.00 for 30 consecutive days and may be purchased by any person 18 years of age and over except those barred from Fort McCoy or who are under suspension for violating any Fort McCoy Natural Resource Regulation. The calendar day is defined as the date listed on the permit. The 30 day permit is valid for 30 days including the initial day. The initial day may be for a date in the future. It may be shorter than 30 days in training areas (Gun-Deer season). **Checks will not be accepted.** Permits are available through the Fort McCoy iSportsman website at [www.mccoy.isportsman.net](http://www.mccoy.isportsman.net). Permits may also be purchased by the permit holder (or spouse) at Permit Sales located at building 2168 South 8th Avenue, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (phone number; 608-388-3337/3119/5584) and will authorize firewood cutting or wood chip collecting for the permit holder only. The permit holder is allowed one vehicle with or without a trailer and helpers to cut, split, and/or load the firewood while in the presence of the permit holder. Permit holders are highly encouraged to have helpers in case of accidents or other emergencies. Permits must be in possession of the permit holder when cutting/collecting and/or traveling on Fort McCoy property. Helpers may have a separate vehicle for personal transportation but are not allowed to load firewood or wood chips into that vehicle and the helpers are not allowed to cut or hand split wood without the permit holder present. Cutters are authorized to cut and remove wood only on the day or during the 30 days authorized by the permit. Permits may be purchased in advance of the date requested. **Fort McCoy firewood permits are non-transferable and non-refundable.**

c. Cutting locations and limits: Firewood will be cut, and wood chips collected in authorized areas only. Information concerning these areas will be available where the permit is purchased. Paint marked trees will not be cut unless authorized in writing by the installation Forester. **A load is limited to vehicles smaller than a semi-tractor and semi-trailer.** The number of loads per day is limited to one vehicle (with or without a trailer) and as many loads that can be hauled on the specified day. Permit holders and their helpers are prohibited from bringing off-road vehicles (not to include state licensed 4X4 pickup trucks) and equipment onto Fort McCoy for the purpose of collecting firewood or wood chips. This equipment includes, but is not limited to; tracked and wheeled tractors, skid-steers, all-terrain vehicles, utility-terrain vehicles, and firewood splitters. Permit holders are prohibited from storing firewood on Fort McCoy property. All firewood cut by the permit holder must be removed from Fort McCoy property or the firewood will be considered abandoned, i.e., don't cut more firewood than can be hauled out in a load.

d. Wood to be cut or collected: Only standing dead trees and trees lying on the ground will be cut. Only down trees may be cut in the Cantonment Area. However, special areas of live trees may be authorized in writing by the installation forester. The cutting of unauthorized live trees or trees (dead or live) outside the designated area, will constitute a violation. Areas of commercial firewood or timber sales are off limits to firewood permit holders. This wood is the property of a person or corporation and any removal constitutes theft. Only wood chips piled from debris grinding operations may be collected.



### **2-3. Check-In and Check-Out**

a. Requirements for sign-in/sign-out: All firewood cutting and wood chip collecting permit holders are required to sign-in/sign-out daily by calling iSportsman at (866) 277-1597, online at [www.mccoysportsman.net](http://www.mccoysportsman.net), or through the kiosk located at the HIP. Firewood cutters/collectors permit holders are required to select one of the firewood training areas in which they intend to enter. Only one training area may be selected at a time. Firewood cutters/collectors may change training areas by signing-out of the initial training area they signed-in for and then signing-in for the next training area they will be using.

b. The HIP, as identified on the Fort McCoy Firewood Collection Maps and iSportsman website ([www.mccoysportsman.net](http://www.mccoysportsman.net)) will provide information to firewood cutters/collectors as outlined in this regulation. The HIP is located south of Highway 21 at the intersection of South J Street and Highway 21 and will have firewood maps available.

c. Cutting in the Cantonment: All visitors entering the Cantonment Area of Fort McCoy must obtain a visitors pass at the Main Gate. Questions related to visitor passes should be directed to the Fort McCoy Police at (608) 388-2266.

### **2-4. Violations**

a. Penalties: Wisconsin State Timber Trespass Laws apply to Fort McCoy through the operation of 10 U.S.C. 2671 and 18 U.S.C. 13. Whoever is guilty of an act or omission within the boundaries of the Fort McCoy military reservation, which would be punishable if committed within the jurisdiction of the State of Wisconsin, is guilty of like offense. Therefore, violations of such laws and violations of this regulation may result in revocation of Fort McCoy firewood permit, hunting, fishing and trapping permit(s), criminal prosecution in Federal court, being barred from Fort McCoy, immediate removal from the installation, loss of any cut wood on the ground or in the act of transport, and/or disciplinary action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice for persons subject thereto.

b. Vehicle search: Owners or operators of motor vehicles entering Fort McCoy do thereby consent to the search of the motor vehicle without requirements of a search warrant.

c. The U.S. Government will not accept liability for damages or injuries to persons or property, real or personal, resulting from this operation. Fort McCoy will be indemnified for any damage due to real or personal property as result of any act or omission in cutting or hauling firewood. Neither the permit nor any interest therein shall be assigned or transferred by the permit holder to any other.

d. Violations: Violations by an individual of three or more offenses covered by Federal Fish and Wildlife Regulation (Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) or U.S.C.), State of Wisconsin Hunting/Trapping/Fishing Regulations and/or this regulation may subject the individual to permanent revocation of Fort McCoy hunting, fishing, trapping, and firewood cutting privileges. If your privileges have been revoked or suspended for a violation, ALL privileges, to include hunting, fishing, trapping, non-hunting/fishing recreational activities and firewood cutting will be revoked or suspended. Non-hunting related violations resulting in an individual being barred from Fort McCoy will also result in the loss of all hunting, fishing, trapping, and firewood cutting privileges for the same period. Any violation associated with the Cantonment Archery season regulation will subject the individual to permanent revocation of Cantonment Archery hunting privileges and may include additional revocation of privileges, to include hunting, fishing, trapping, and firewood cutting.

e. Revocation appeal: Temporary or permanent revocation of privileges are based on the police report, seriousness of the violation, number of violations, and any extenuating circumstances. A letter of revocation will be provided to the violator by the Fort McCoy Police. Revocations can be appealed in writing through the Permit Sales Office (PSO). Requests will be processed within 30 days of receipt. Contact the PSO for more information.

## **Appendix A References**

### **Section I Required Publications**

**16 USC §§ 670** et seq  
SIKES Act

**Army Regulation 200-1**  
Environmental Quality – Environmental Protection and Enhancement

### **Section II Related Publications**

**AR 11-2**  
**41 USC 15, Sect. 3737**

**Department of Defense Instruction 4715.03**  
Natural Resources Conservation Program

**Fort McCoy Pamphlet 190-13.8**  
Installation Access Control and Traffic Code

**Fort McCoy Memorandum 190-11**  
Privately Owned Weapons and Prohibited Activities and Items

**Fort McCoy Regulation 350-1**  
Range Operations

**Fort McCoy Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan**

**Fort McCoy Integrated Cultural Resources Management Plan**

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

**16 USC 470, and 36 CFR 261.9**  
Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979

**18 USC § 13**  
Laws of States adopted for areas within Federal jurisdiction

### **Section III Prescribed Forms**

**DA Form 2028**  
Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms

**Section IV  
Referenced Forms**  
No entries in this section.

**Appendix B  
Suspension/Revocation of Fort McCoy Game/Firewood Cutting Privileges**

The suspension of game/firewood cutting privileges is an additional administrative action in conjunction with any State and Federal judicial or punitive actions. Suspension may be immediate and include the date of the offense in the suspension period. **Privileges will be suspended consecutively for two or more violations.**

<u>VIOLATION/OFFENSE</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
Cutting live tree	Permanent Revocation Fine and/or Barred from Installation (non-permit holders)
Entering the North Impact Area for ANY reason	Permanent Revocation Fine and/or Barred from Installation (non-permit holders)
Cutting in closed area	Permanent Revocation and/or federal prosecution Fine and/or Barred from Installation and/or federal prosecution (non-permit holders)
Harassing, shooting at, or killing protected species or game species without a permit; to include damage or destruction of dens, burrows, nesting sites/structures, or similar	Permanent Revocation Fine and/or Barred from Installation (non-permit holders)
Cutting/collecting before or after hours	Permanent Revocation Fine and/or Barred from Installation (non-permit holders)
Intentional damage of government property (structures, signs, etc.)	Permanent Revocation Fine and/or Barred from Installation (non-permit holders)
Dig, excavate, disturb the ground, and/or collect archaeological artifacts	Permanent Revocation Fine and/or Barred from Installation (non-permit holders)
Consuming alcohol while in training area while in possession of firearm (NOTE: having a beer at the lake shelters has been allowed in the past if there is no safety issues with firearms)	Permanent Revocation Fine and/or Barred from Installation (non-permit holders)
Harassing/obstructing hunters, trappers or anglers	Permanent Revocation Fine and/or Barred from Installation (non-permit holders)
Cutting or collecting during the closed season	Permanent Revocation Fine and/or Barred from Installation (non-permit holders)
Failure to cooperate with government officials when in the execution of their duties	Permanent Revocation Fine and/or Barred from Installation (non-permit holders)
Failure to display Activity Card	One Year Revocation
Failure to sign-in for firewood collection daily	1 <sup>st</sup> Offense: Written Warning 2 <sup>nd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> Offense: Administrative Holds 5+ Offense: One Month Suspension
Failure to sign-out for firewood collection daily	All Offenses: Administrative Hold

## **Glossary**

### **Section I Abbreviations**

#### **AR**

Army Regulation

#### **CFR**

Code of Federal Regulations

#### **DA**

Department of the Army

#### **DES**

Directorate of Emergency Services

#### **DPTMS**

Directorate of Planning, Training, Mobilization and Security

#### **DPW**

Directorate of Public Works

#### **HIP**

Hunter Information Point

#### **ILO**

Installation Legal Office

#### **LRAM**

Land Rehabilitation and Maintenance

#### **MPH**

miles per hour

#### **NRB**

Natural Resource Branch

#### **PSO**

Permit Sales Office

#### **USAR**

United States Army Reserve

#### **U.S.C.**

U.S. Code

#### **UXO**

unexploded ordinance

#### **4X4**

four wheel drive

**Section II**  
**Terms**

**Archaeological artifacts**

Any object made or modified by a human culture.

**Biological diversity**

Variability among living organisms.

**Cantonment Area**

Group of military buildings

**Quarantine**

Impose movement to prevent spread of disease.