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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Policy Prohibiting Certain Hunting Related Activities on Corps Lands in Kansas within U.S Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Tulsa District (SWT), Public Use Areas.

1. References.

a. Kan. Admin. Regs. §§115-1-1, 115-4-13, 115-5-1, 115-8-23, and 115-8-25.

b. 36 C.F.R. Part 327, Rules and Regulations Governing Public Use of Water Resource Development Projects Administered by the Chief of Engineers.

2. Purpose. The purpose of this Policy is to align the USACE Tulsa District's policies with the USACE Kansas City District's policies and certain State of Kansas regulations regarding hunting on USACE managed lands within the State of Kansas.

3. Applicability. This policy applies to U.S. fee owned lands and waters located in the State of Kansas which are the responsibility of the USACE Tulsa District. This policy shall apply to lands managed directly by the USACE Tulsa District in Kansas as well as those USACE lands out-granted to the State of Kansas and its agencies such as the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP). This policy does not apply to USACE Tulsa District managed lands or waters in the states of Oklahoma or Texas.

4. Background. Upon review of regulations issued by the State of Kansas, as well as a review of the USACE Kansas City District's new policy aligning USACE activities of that district with the State of Kansas regulations pertaining to Baiting, Night Hunting Equipment, Game/Trail Cameras and Other Devices, Commercial Guiding of Hunters, and Antlerless White-tailed Deer Hunting (Kan. Admin. Regs. 115-4-13, 115-5-1, 115-8-23, and 115-8-25), the Tulsa District adopts the following policy pursuant to the authority granted in Title 36 C.F.R. secs. 327.1(b) and 327.8(d).

5. Definitions.

a. USACE Managed Lands. For purposes of this Policy the following terms shall have the meanings identified below. The term "USACE Lands" shall mean those lands and waters owned by the United States of America which are under the management and control of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Tulsa District, and which are located

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within the State of Kansas. This term shall also include those lands and waters that have been leased or licensed from the USACE Tulsa District to the State of Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks.

b. The term "bait" shall mean any grain, fruit, vegetable, nut, hay, salt, sorghum, feed, other food, or mineral that is capable of attracting wildlife. Liquid scents and sprays shall not be considered bait.

c. The term "trail or game camera" shall include any remote motion-activated or infrared camera in which the shutter is activated by sound triggers, proximity sensation, radio transmitters, or a self-timer built into the trail or game camera.

6. Policy.

a. Baiting.

(1) No person shall place, deposit, expose, or scatter bait while hunting or preparing to hunt on USACE Lands or place, deposit or expose bait in a manner that causes another person to be in violation of Kan. Admin. Reg. §115-8-23.

(2) Hunting shall be prohibited within 100 yards of any bait placed, deposited, exposed, or scattered on USACE Lands. Bait shall be considered placed, deposited, exposed, or scattered on USACE Lands for 10 days following complete removal of the bait.

(3) These restrictions shall not prohibit the hunting or taking of wildlife over standing crops, grain found scattered solely as the result of normal agricultural operations, or grain found scattered solely as the result of normal weather conditions.

b. Night Hunting Equipment. The use of artificial light, scopes and equipment that amplify visible light, and thermal-imaging scopes and thermal-imaging equipment for hunting at night shall not be authorized on USACE Lands.

c. Trail or Game Cameras and Other Devices.

(1) No person shall place, maintain, or use trail or game cameras on USACE Lands.

(2) No person shall use any images, video, or other information (e.g. date, time, location, etc.) originating from a trail or game camera located on USACE Land for any

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purpose including to locate, harvest/take, or aid in the harvesting/taking of wildlife on USACE Land.

(3) No person shall use any images of wildlife produced by or transmitted from a satellite to locate, harvest/take, or aid in the harvesting/taking of wildlife on USACE Lands.

(4) This Policy shall not prohibit the use of mapping systems or programs.

(5) This Policy shall not apply to any trail or game camera that is owned by USACE or authorized by USACE for use by a designated party and which is used for authorized purposes on USACE Lands.

d. Commercial Guiding of Hunters. Engaging in, advertising, or soliciting commercial guiding of hunters and other related businesses on USACE Land, without express written permission from the District Commander, is a prohibited commercial activity pursuant to 36 C.F.R. section 327.18.

e. Antlerless White-tailed Deer Limit. The first white-tailed antlerless only permit is valid for the hunting of antlerless white-tailed deer statewide during the established season. Any subsequent antlerless white-tailed deer permit issued to the same applicant shall not be valid on USACE Lands. Per Kan. Admin. Reg. §115-4-13(a)(2) a second antlerless white-tailed deer permit can only be used on specific, designated management units. USACE Lands are not specific, designated management units.

7. The proponent for this policy is the Operations Division Natural Resources & Recreation Branch.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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