

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Procedures for Requesting an Exception to Policy for a Firearm Suppressor While Hunting

1. The purpose of this memorandum is establishing the procedures for requesting an exception to policy (ETP) to FB Regulation 200-1 to use a firearm suppressor for hunting in pursuit of game animals their respective open seasons.
2. An ETP to use a firearms suppressor while hunting will only be considered for individuals who are not otherwise prohibited from possessing or using a weapon suppressor on Fort Benning and are not currently serving a hunting license suspension on the date of the ETP request.
3. Requesting individuals must have a diagnosed auditory condition, disease or injury that would be exacerbated by discharging a firearm.
4. The requesting individual's condition, disease, or injury must be diagnosed by a medical doctor. The requesting individual will have their doctor fill out and sign the "Firearm Suppressor ETP Application.
5. The properly filled out and signed Firearm Suppressor ETP Application will then be submitted to the Natural Resource Management Branch (NRMB) for review and approval.
6. Approved ETPs for firearm suppressor are valid so long as the requesting individual remains in good standing within the community and does not commit a safety violation that results in a suspension or revocation of hunting privileges on Fort Benning. DES will conduct an annual scrub of personnel granted the firearms ETP to ensure those personnel are still authorized to possess and use a firearms suppressor on Fort Benning. NRMB will assist DES by maintaining an up-to-date list of all personnel granted a firearms ETP.
7. The ETP may be revoked at any time for the following reasons: federal or state law changes to prohibit firearm suppressor use for hunting; the individual commits a safety violation that results in a license suspension or revocation; the individual commits an act that prohibits possession or use of a suppressor on Fort Benning.
8. The point of contacts for this memorandum is the Chief, Natural Resource Management Branch (706) 544-7081 or (706) 544-7079.