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VIA EMAIL AND FEDERAL E-RULEMAKING PORTAL

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Attn: CECW-CO-N, Steve Austin,
3F68, 441 G Street
Washington, DC 20314

Re: NSSF Public Comment on the USACE's Proposed Revision to Lands Firearms Policy
(Docket Number: COE-2018-0008)

Dear Mr. Austin,

The National Shooting Sports Foundation is the trade association for the firearm and ammunition industry. On behalf of NSSF's approximately 9,000 member companies nationwide, we are writing to express our strong support for the proposed policy revision to allow for the adoption of state firearms laws on U.S. Army Corp of Engineers lands. Not only does this revision provide legal consistency throughout states but it also creates parity with the laws and regulations that govern the administration of the majority of state and federal public lands.

In 2009, a similar measure was legislatively enacted to require the National Park Service to adopt state laws regarding the possession and transport of firearms. Contrary to the stated concerns of some, this did not result in increased poaching, violent crime, negatively impact recreational shooting, or lead to other detrimental outcomes. In fact, the National Park System saw a twelve percent reduction in violent crime between 2008 and 2011. There is no reason to believe that the proposed policy change by the USACE would not affect similar results on the lands that you administer.

For the aforementioned reasons, the NSSF strongly supports USACE's proposed revision to its firearms policies. Thank you very much for your consideration of this comment.

Sincerely,

Lawrence G. Keane