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Re: Tree stands in woods during fall deer hunting season north of St. Hwy 8

Whereas having to remove tree stands at the end of each deer hunting day from public hunting grounds is illogical especially in low hunter density areas. Further it makes deer hunting in further reaches of public land more difficult and serves to discourage many hunters from going out for multiple hunting days resulting in lower deer harvest levels.

~~Whereas the DNR seeks to actively manage the states animal resources, including deer herd size, and in doing so utilizes hunting participation as one of the ways to reach their herd management goals.~~

Whereas it be suggested that is areas north of WI State Highway 8, ~~where there is a lesser concentration of hunters that hunt more than 1-2 days in any deer season,~~ that the DNR consider enacting rules that allow deer stands, ~~whether ground or elevated,~~ to be left in place overnight as long as that hunter is actively hunting during that deer season. It would also be understood that once that hunters time in the woods for that deer season was over, treating bow and gun season separately, that said stand would have to be entirely removed from the public lands without incurring damage as currently laid out by the DNR.

Whereas to expedite said removal, should a hunter not take the responsibility themselves to remove said stand, that each stand be identified with the owner's name, address, phone and tag number.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Conservation Congress, at its annual meeting held in Racine County on April, 16, 2007 recommends that the Department of Natural Resources take action to correct this situation by introducing rule changes allowing deer stands to be left in the woods, north of St. Highway 8, ~~by an actively hunting hunter during any one deer harvest season (gun and bow separately) provided the stands owner is properly identified on the physical stand itself.~~

Resolution Designation Number (to be assigned by WCC County Chair): _____

County Vote: Yes 33 No 32 Passed Failed