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Title: Ban Baiting for Deer in Wilderness and Primitive Areas

The Problem:

Baiting for deer has been a controversial practice since it became a popular method in the late 1980's. Currently baiting is allowed in non CWD areas with a limit of 2 gallons. We have areas in our state and national forests that are designated wilderness or primitive areas. These are areas which restrict vehicular use and were designed to save these areas from the impact of humans and promote a natural experience for those who use them.

Baiting for deer in these areas is in direct conflict to the intended use. Baiting encourages unnatural deer movements and distributions within these areas. There should be areas in the state free from the impacts of baiting and feeding and these wilderness/primitive areas are suited perfectly for this.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Rusk County on April 13, 2009 recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the Department and the National Forest Service to take action to correct this situation by introducing a rule change banning the baiting of deer in wilderness/primitive areas within the State and National forests.

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