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Re-establish the five day rest period prior to the November gun-deer season

The Problem: For years in Wisconsin we had a five day rest period prior to the November gun-deer season, from Monday through Friday. This allowed deer a time period to resume their natural movement patterns, unaffected by the presence of hunters in the field. When the 4-day October antlerless herd reduction season was initiated, bow hunters complained about "loosing" four days of hunting. Without a statewide advisory question, the DNR added four days to the bow season on the Monday through Thursday before the November gun season.

WHEREAS, there was a five day rest period for deer hunting prior to the traditional November gun season, and

WHEREAS, a herd reduction effort was initiated in Deer Management Units (DMU's) in mid-October by establishment of a four-day antlerless season in certain DMU's significantly above goal, and

WHEREAS, many northern units are now at or below goals and no longer have an October 4-day antlerless season, and

WHEREAS, there is a need to re-establish the rest period to allow deer to return to natural movements,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Conservation Congress supports what was the traditional 5-day rest period prior to the November gun-deer season in DMU's that no longer have a 4-day October antlerless season for herd reduction and asks DNR to take action that accomplishes this.

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