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Create Northern Deer Herd Management Zone

The Problem: All deer seasons in Wisconsin are currently managed on a "state-wide" basis. Northern Wisconsin is uniquely different than southern Wisconsin. The **northern one-third** of the state has longer, harder winters, vast tracts of forested land and greater numbers of predators; while the **southern two-thirds** of the state has more agricultural property, CWD areas, metro zones and limited public hunting land.

The deer herd in Wisconsin needs to be managed to address those differences.

Solution: Divide the state of Wisconsin into two (2) "**Deer Management Zones**", thereby creating a *Northern Management Zone* and a *Southern Management Zone.* A logical dividing line would be U.S. Highway 8. Existing current deer management unit (DMU) boundaries would not change, except small portions of Units 22, 38, and 41.

Buck tags would be **zone** specific, just as antlerless tags are now unit specific.

The *Northern Management Zone* would have fewer deer gun seasons:
i.e. **eliminate** the 4-day October antlerless hunt and the December antlerless hunt.

The 2-day youth hunt would remain.

The traditional 9-day gun season would not change.

The muzzle-loader season would not change.

The archery season would not change.

With public input, northern zone DMU goals and quotas would be established by local and district DNR game managers, not by the "Deer Committee" in Madison.

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in IRON County on April 12, 2010 take action to correct this problem by introducing a rule change allowing creation of **Northern** deer management zone.

QUESTION

To better manage the deer herd in Wisconsin, do you favor dividing the state into **North/South management zones** as outlined above?

____Yes ____No

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