

Resolution #1

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LEAVING TREE STANDS AND GROUND BLINDS IN PLACE ON PUBLIC LANDS.

Hunting from an elevated position is dangerous. Hunters wanting to hunt at first light presently have to install an elevated stand in the dark. Afternoon hunters may have to dis-assemble a stand in the dark if they hunt until last light. This adds difficulty and more danger to hunting. Also, the noise of setting up a tree stand or ground blind is detrimental to the hunt. At present hunters having access to private lands have an advantage in safety and stealth by being able to leave stand and blinds in place.

Current state law requires un-occupied stands and blinds to be labeled with the owners identity so that would not be a problem with this resolution.

Current state law also allows waterfowl hunters to leave blinds in place on public lands so it's not unreasonable for other hunters to ask for the same opportunity.

Allowing stands and blinds to remain on public lands would make hunting safer and more equitable for all. To prevent hunters from monopolizing public land some restrictions may be needed.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Outagamie County on April 12, 2010 recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the Department to take action to correct this situation by introducing rule change allowing tree stands and ground blinds to stay in place on public lands during open seasons.

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