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## End December Antlerless Gun Season

The Problem; The antler less deer season held in December is not needed.

With deer management unit 2 deer population being on or within 20% of goal the December antler less gun season is not needed. The December antler less gun season concludes 4 consecutive weekends and well over 20 days of continuous rifle hunting pressure on all wildlife. The additional weekend of gun hunting pressure comes at a time after the rut when deer need to start packing on much needed fat reserves to help them through our Northern Wisconsin winters.

The December antler less hunting season was established to reduce deer numbers to a specified goal number. Not only are we on or below that goal number, but the recent studies by Dr. Kroll have shown that the actual population figures are expected to be less than currently projected.

Be it Resolved; The Conservation Congress at it's annual Spring Hearing in Douglas County on April 9<sup>th</sup> 2012, recommend ending the December antler less rifle season indefinitely, or until local DMU population levels are found to be more than 20% over goal.

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