

Dodgeville Team Warden Webpage Report October, 2009

Warden Rick DeWitte, Cassville, was checking waterfowl hunting activity on the Mississippi River. DeWitte observed a motorboat operating without the required navigation lights. When contacted, the individuals were also found to be in possession of an unserviceable life preserver and the boat registration was expired. Enforcement action was taken.

Warden Joe Frost, Dodgeville, and Intern Ryan Caputo investigated several baiting complaints in the Chronic Wasting Disease zone. One landowner who didn't hunt was ordered to remove a salt block that had been in place at their cabin for years. On another property, the landowner had placed out Trophy Rock deer block mineral to attract deer to his trail camera. He knew it was illegal, but figured he wouldn't get caught on his property. He was issued a citation.

Warden Joe Frost, Dodgeville, and Intern Ryan Caputo observed a subject driving an ATV on private property carrying an uncased rifle slung across his back. The subject said that some guys on another property he hunted told him it was legal. This subject received a citation and has been cited three of the last four years for hunting related violations.

Warden Jeff King, Darlington, assisted the Department of Agriculture with the disposal and testing of a White Tail Deer that entered an Elk Farm Pen.

Warden Supervisor Charles Horn, Dodgeville, received a complaint from the Grant County Sheriff's Dept. of shining and shooting with an automatic weapon. The caller was following the vehicle in question and giving updates on it's location to the dispatcher. Grant County Deputies arrived at the area and stopped the vehicle, ordering the occupants out at gun-point. It turns out the subjects were shooting at deer with a paint-ball gun! The driver of the vehicle was cited for shining after hours and all occupants sternly warned against further harassment of wildlife in this matter.

Warden Nick Webster, Monroe, responded to five locations of manure spills and four locations of burning violation in the month of October.

Warden Nick Webster, Monroe, assisted in an environmental clean up effort that has been in the works for several years. Several hundred railroad ties were stored in a quarry and causing ground water pollution as well as air pollution issues. The ties were sent to a Power Plant where they could be burnt in an environmentally sound manner to produce electricity.

Warden Mike Nice, Richland Center, Shawna Stringham, Viroqua, and Deputy Warden Mike Williams, checked two hunters and found them to be in possession of 14 squirrels, or 4 over their combined daily bag. Enforcement action was taken.

Conservation Warden Dave Youngquist, Spring Green, and Warden Intern Jeremy Durst checked waterfowl hunters on opening day. Citations were issued for an unplugged gun, failing to report Canada Goose Harvest and failing to provide personal flotation devices in a boat. A referral was also made to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service concerning a hunter who did not have a federal stamp.

Conservation Warden Dave Youngquist, Spring Green, issued two citations to parents of underage ATV operators for allowing their children to operate an ATV without having taken an ATV safety course.

Conservation Warden Dave Youngquist, Spring Green, and Deputy Warden Al Erickson received a hotline complaint of road hunting during the antlerless deer hunt. The complaint stated that the hunters shot off the road 4-5 times and toward a farm house and livestock. Investigation determined the responsible parties and enforcement action was taken.

Conservation Warden Dave Youngquist, Spring Green, checked two duck hunters who were jump shooting area ponds and creeks. One of the hunters was found to have an unplugged gun, enforcement action was taken.