

Science & Research Action Team

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Today's Activities/Discussions:

- The team worked through two categories of recommendations from the DTR:
 - Predator Studies and Management and,
 - DNR Research and Technical Publications

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Additional Action Team questions/information requests:

- GIS specialist information concerning collaboration across agencies

Implementation Action Items proposed or discussed by the Action Team :

- **Predator Studies and Management Section:**
 - **#1: Continue research on impacts of predation - Proposal:**
 - Continue to support high-quality research on predators, including geospatial studies,
 - Communicate research methods and findings with neighboring states,
 - Provide alternative funding and support for predator studies, especially wolves,
 - Evaluate and report on new research methodologies that are applicable, and
 - Communicate the research with the public

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- **Predator Studies and Management Section:**
 - **#2: Involve public with field-based research projects – Proposal:**
 - Continue with public field-based research projects on predators, including wolves, and include the involvement with all segments of the public, including non-hunters.
 - Involve the public, including non-hunters, in new research efforts, such as the trail camera study.
 - DNR needs to include adequate monitoring, training, and oversight of the public effort – example, “training the trainers”.

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- **DNR Research & Technical Publications:**
 - **#1: Establish research steering committee – Proposal:**
 - Endorse recently established steering committee.
 - Support the creation of a subcommittee within the deer committee to address research, and include representatives from the universities, agricultural and forestry stakeholders, federal agencies, with geographic representation from across the state.

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- **DNR Research & Technical Publications:**
 - **#2:Human dimensions research development – Proposals (*in draft form*):**
 - Endorse the recommendation, and suggested the need for specific areas of human dimensions research:
 - Monitoring of deer hunter retention and recruitment
 - Evaluation of trade-offs between seeing more deer and harvesting more deer
 - Human dimensions of baiting and feeding.
 - How much more public land and MFL land would we need to increase hunter satisfaction.
 - Better ways of using public lands and MFL land in a manner that reduces hunter conflict and increase hunter satisfaction.

Will table this proposal until next meeting

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- **DNR Research & Technical Publications:**
 - **#5: Develop long-term research plan – Proposal:**
 - Endorsed this recommendation and recommended to include language from this recommendation with #1 (establish a research steering committee)
 - Recommended 10-year goal commitment, 5-year major assessment, and annual review
 - **#6: Cooperative efforts with other agencies – Proposal (*draft*):**
 - Endorsed this recommendation, but requested more information on current GIS collaboration currently and proposed projects.
Will table this recommendation until further information is provided.
 - **#7: Research projects of an applied nature – Proposal:**
 - Endorsed this recommendation
 - **#8: Project results should be extended to public – Proposal:**
 - Endorsed this recommendation