

# DEER TRUSTEE REPORT (DTR) IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

Looking Forward to the Fall  
... Planning for the Future

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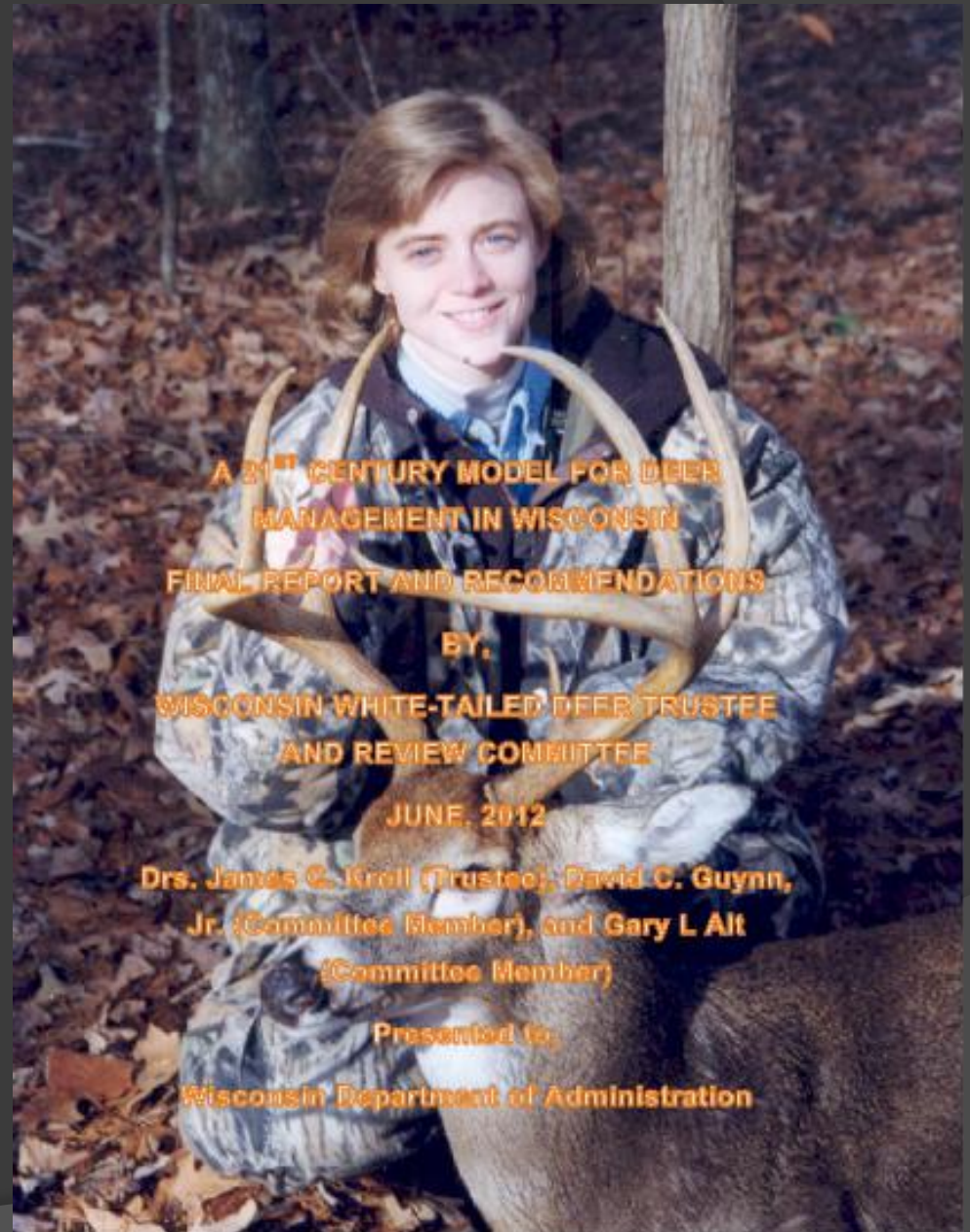
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# Deer Trustee Report

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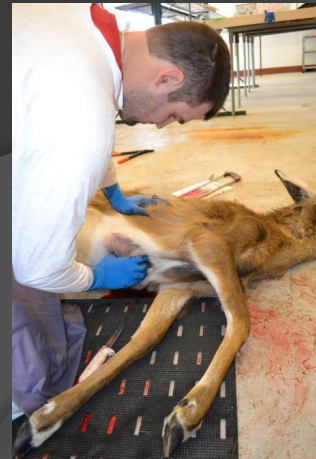
Presented in June 2012  
62 Recommendations

- Administrative
- Deer Management Assistance Program
- Herd Health/Chronic Wasting Disease Regulations and Season Structure
- Science & Research



# Administrative Recommendations

- Recommendations that will have independent public involvement processes
- Items that predominately involve internal processes which will occur outside of the DTR Public Involvement process
- Items that are statements rather discussion or decision points.



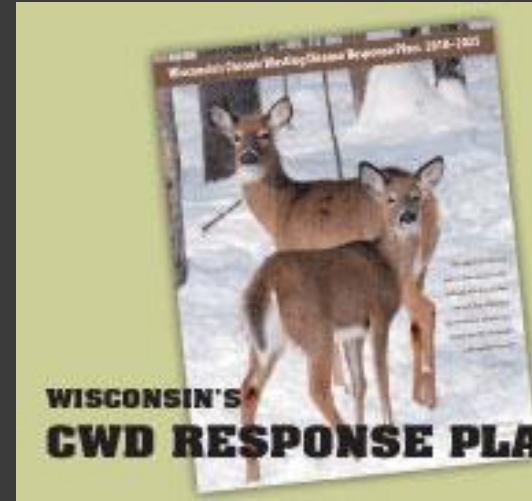
# Deer Management Assistance Program Action Team

- Review the D-MAP programmatic offerings nationwide
- Assist with identifying Wisconsin-specific DMAP functions
- Recommend a funding structure for the program



# Herd Health/Chronic Wasting Disease Action Team

- ◉ Digest the current CWD knowledge
- ◉ Clearly understand CWD management approaches around the nation
- ◉ Assist in developing recommendations for managing deer diseases in Wisconsin.



# Regulations & Seasons Action Team



- Evaluate options to simplify the regulations and seasons structure
- Target consistency across the state.
- Maximize opportunities without negatively impacting the deer herd.

# Science & Research Action Team

- Provide recommendations to modify the process used to establish deer population goals
- Assist in identifying the processes and metrics the Department could use to evaluate deer population levels and impacts in differing geographic and ecological areas of the state





## Deer Trustee Report Public Action Teams Implementation Proposals for DTR Recommendations

### Final Report

# Public Proposals to Implement Recommendations from the Deer Trustee Report

Submitted by  
Public Action Teams

- Regulations and Season Structure Action Team
- Herd Health and Chronic Wasting Disease Action Team
- Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) Action Team
- Science and Research Action Team

March 9, 2013 through July 20, 2013

### Summary

Following a period of concern expressed by the hunting public, in 2011 the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration contracted with Dr. James Kroll (Deer Trustee) to conduct an independent review of Wisconsin's deer management practices. This evaluation produced a Deer Trustee Report (DTR) in June 2012 with a total of 62 recommendations covering 10 broad categories related to white-tailed deer management in Wisconsin.

To convert 49 of these recommendations into DTR Implementation Action Items, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources began by establishing a public involvement process which consisted of four volunteer public Action Teams. Each team was assigned to develop specific implementation proposals for the recommendations related to regulations, hunting seasons, herd health, chronic wasting disease, science and research, and deer management assistance programs.

This report is the final report on the Action Teams' proposals and follows a total of seven Saturday meetings at the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point – Dreyfus University Center.

\*Opportunities for Tribal involvement  
available throughout

# Final Report of the DTR Action Teams

- Presented on July 20, 2013
- Developed 44  
Implementation Proposals

## THEMES

**SIMPLIFY** Rules

Increase **CONSISTENCY**

Increase **LOCAL INPUT**

Enhance **MANAGEMENT**



Survey's

On-line  
Chats

Public  
Feedback



# Proposed Rules Package

# Simplifying the Season Structure

## Standard Season Framework:

- Archery Sept. 13 – Jan. 4, 2015
- Youth Hunt Oct. 4 & 5
- Gun Deer Hunt for Hunters with Disabilities October 5 – 13
- 9-day Gun Nov. 22 – Nov. 30
- Muzzleloader Dec. 1 – 14
- Holiday hunt Dec. 24 – Jan. 4, 2015
  - Farmland Zones
  - Not in State Parks

## Tag Issuance:

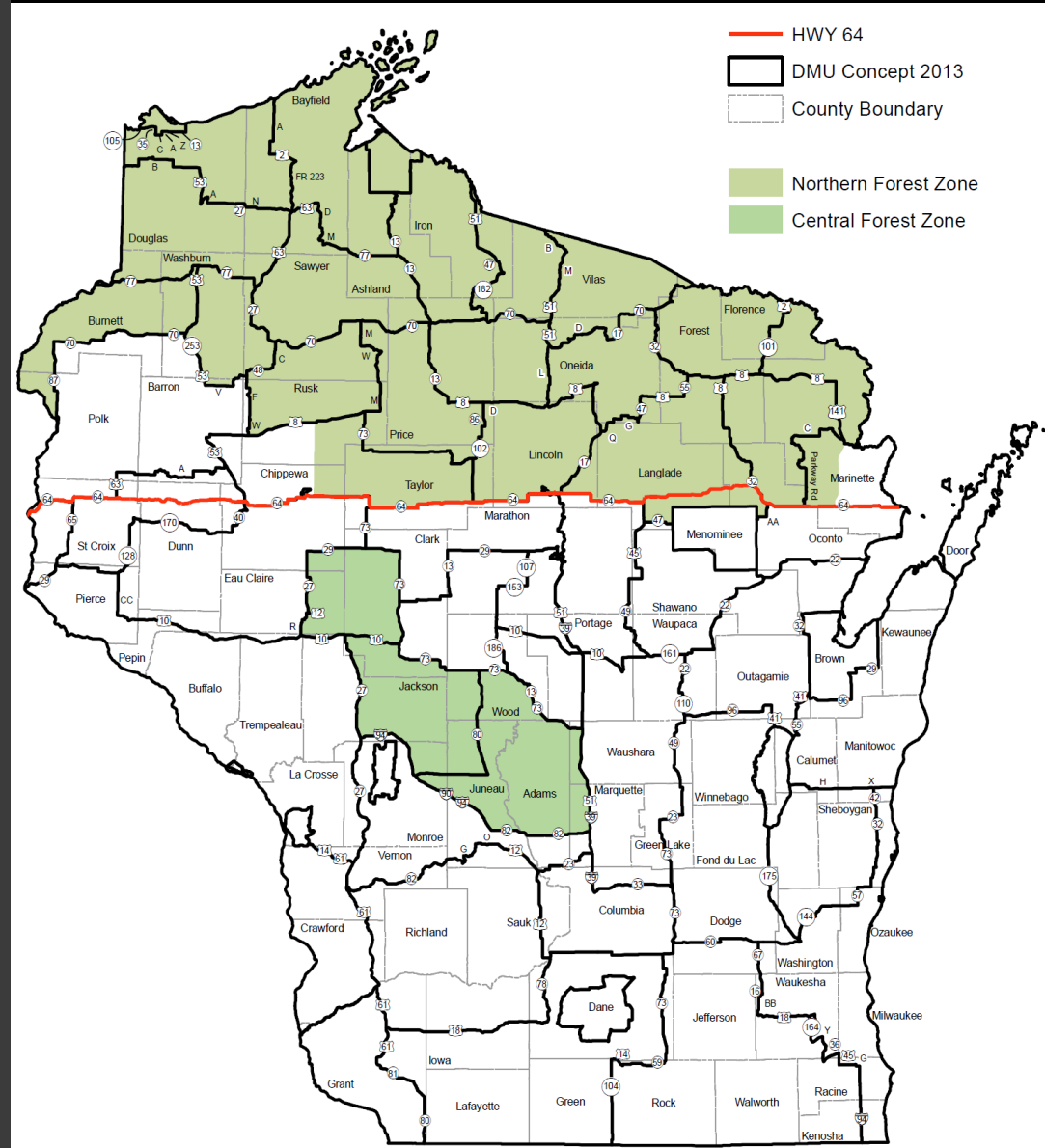
- One buck and one Farmland Zone antlerless tag issued per license
- Bonus antlerless tags = \$12 statewide

# Management Zones

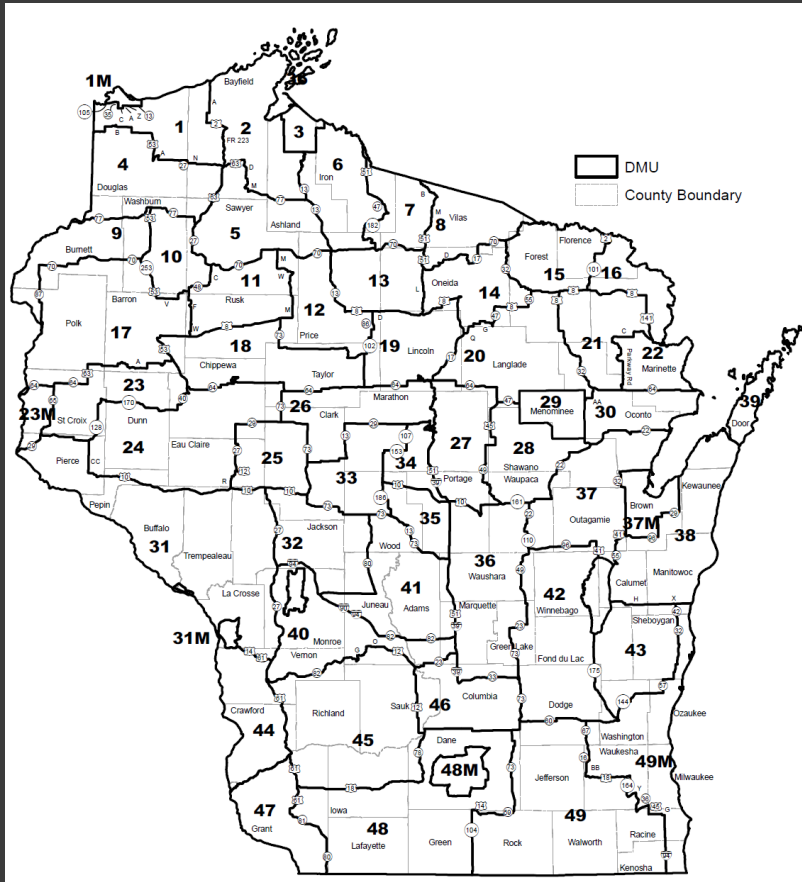
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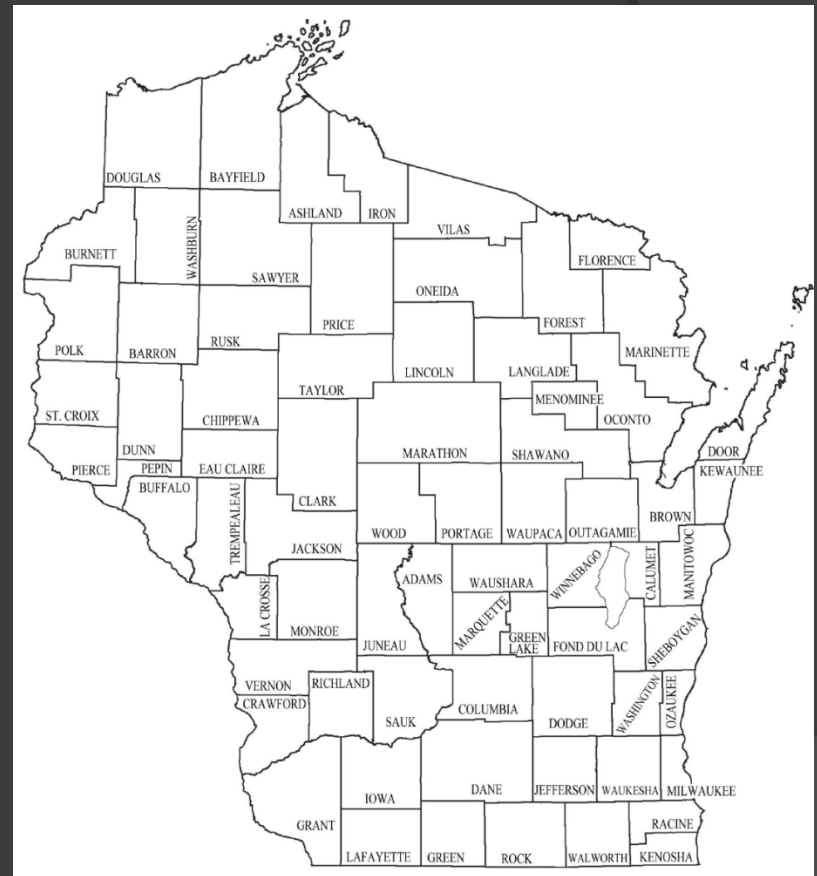
## Forest Zones versus Highway 64 Comparison



# Deer Management Units



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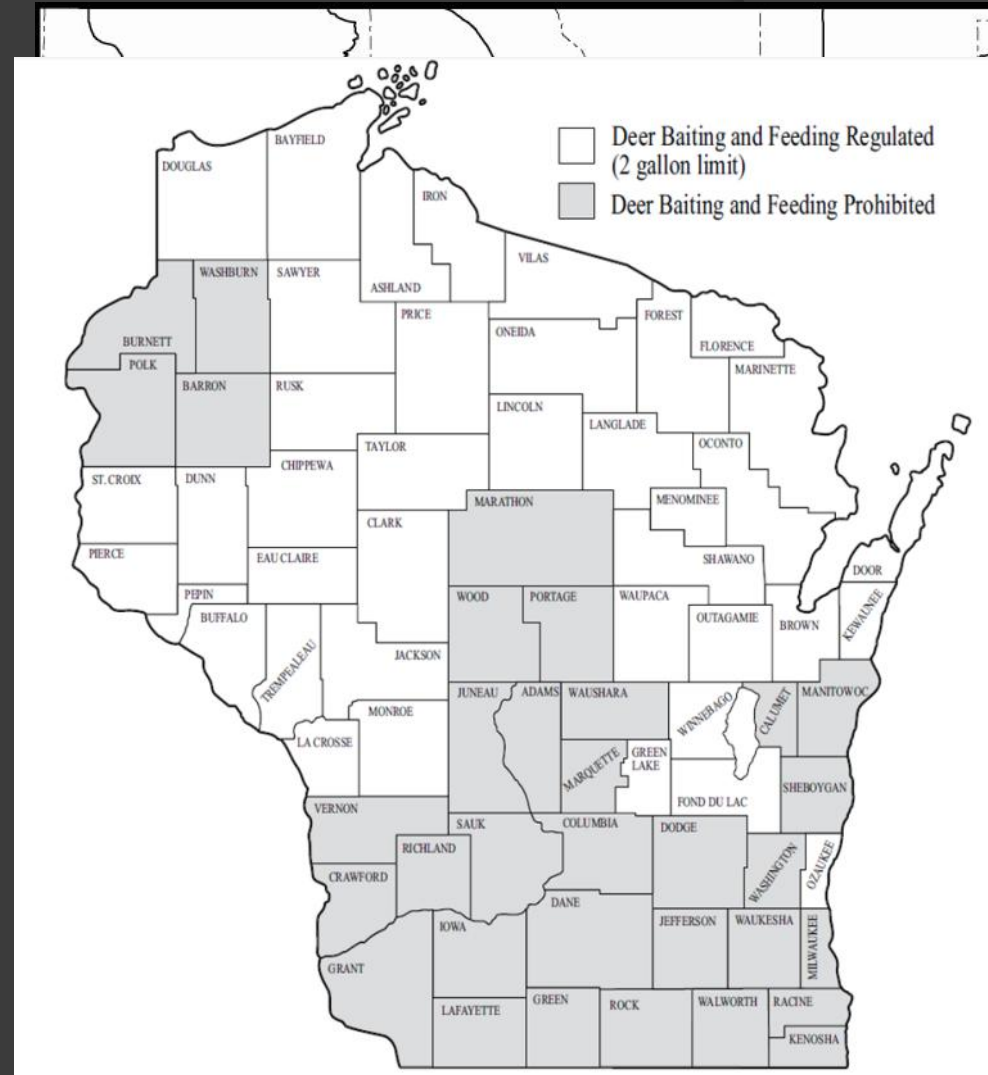


## Consolidation:

- Dissolve State Park Zones into Surrounding Units
- Transition from 134 to either 53 or 72 respectively

# Identifying the CWD-affected Area

Designate  
based on  
County  
Boundaries



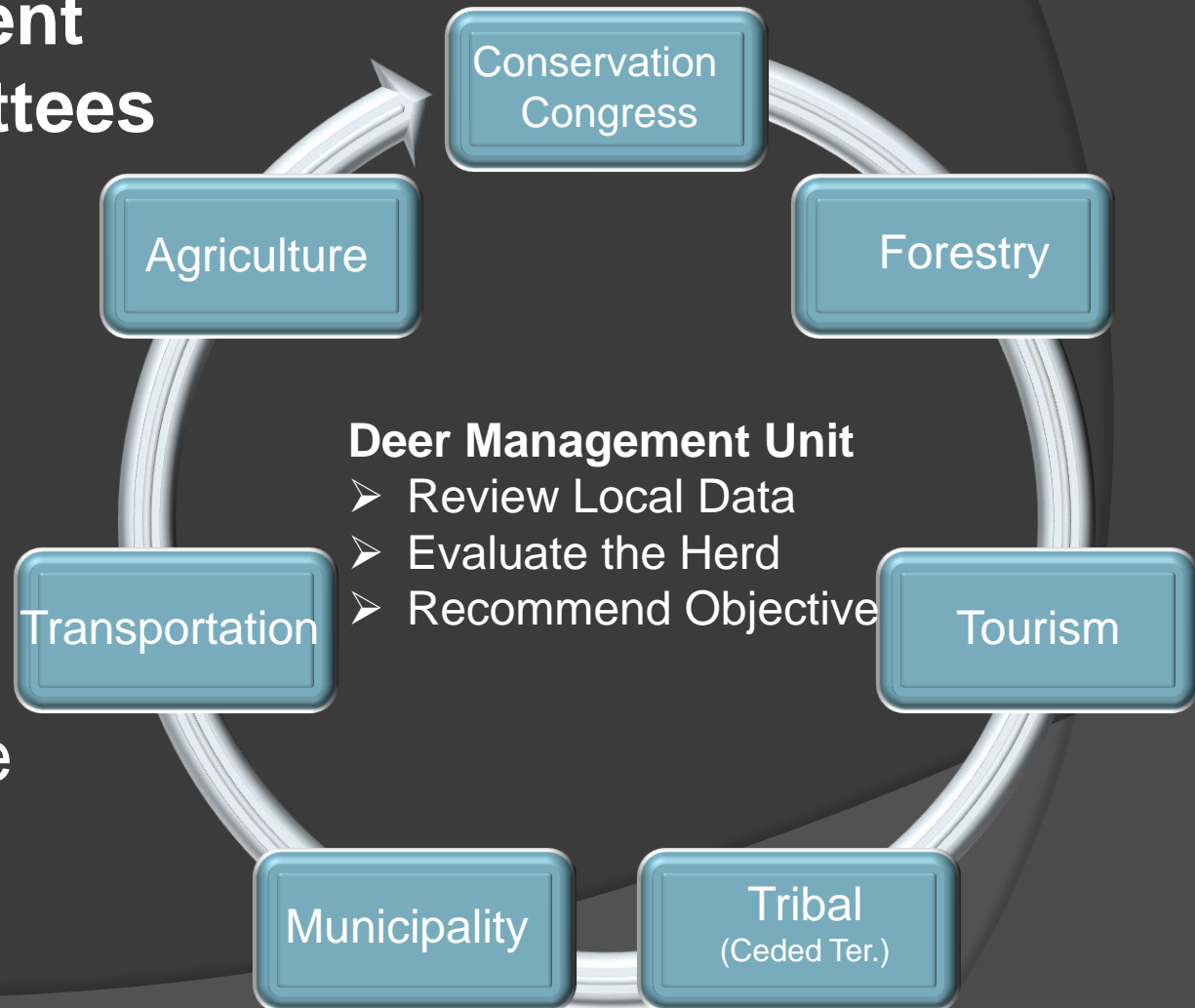
# Increasing Local Ownership

## Deer Management Advisory Committees

Goal:  
Deer/mi<sup>2</sup>



Objective:  
Increase, Stabilize  
or Decrease



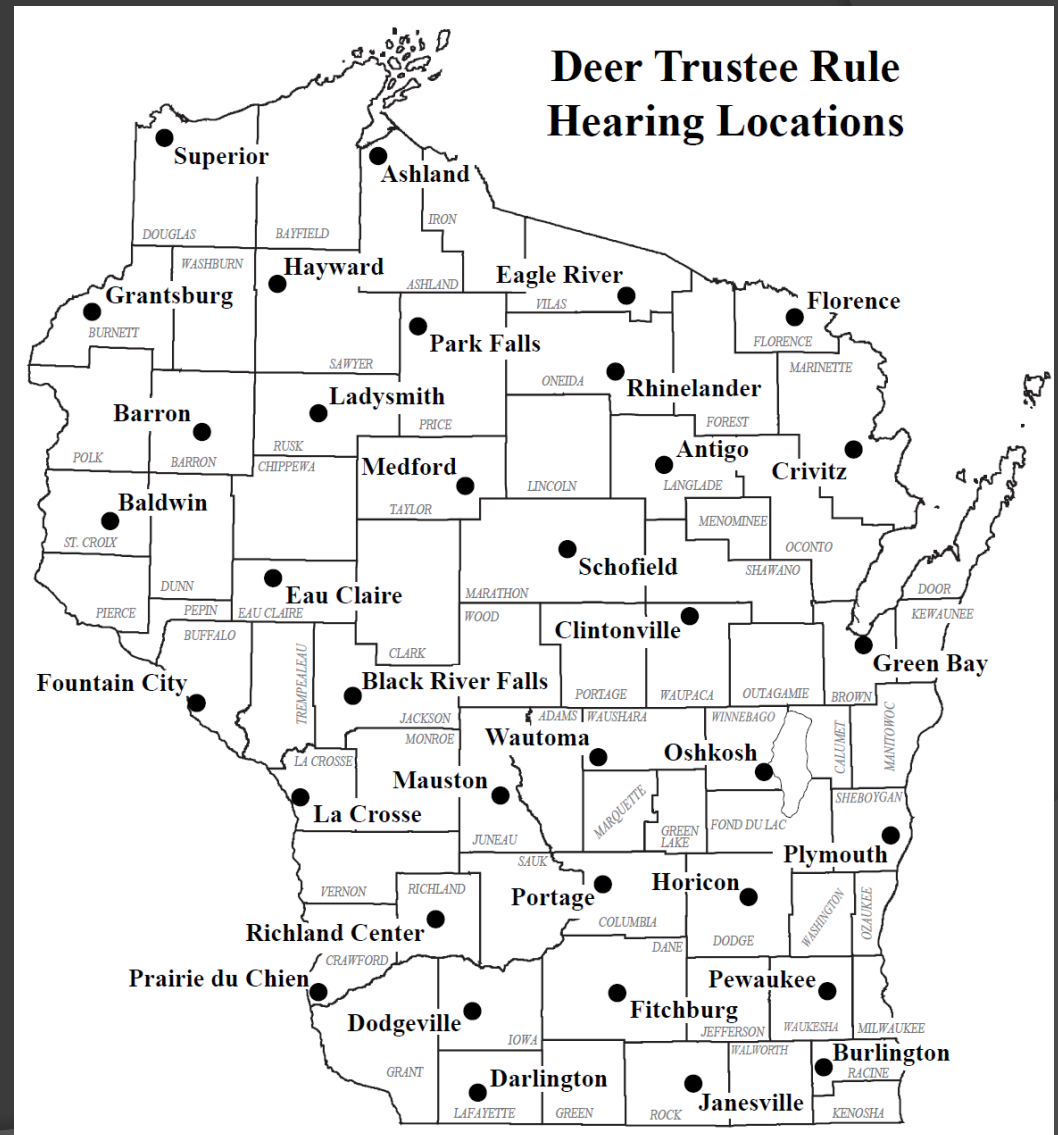
# Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP)

- Three Tiered Fee-Based Program
  - Property Size Requirements
- Wisconsin DNR Deliverables based on Landowner Inputs
- Public Lands Option Available
- Foster Landowner and WDNR Interactions



# Proposed DTR Rule Hearings

- 35 Meeting Locations
- Targeting the Last 2 Weeks of October
- Follow a similar format to the Spring Hearings with a Hearing Officer and a Wildlife Expert
- Survey-Oriented Public Input Process
  - On-line Option







# More Information at <http://dnr.wi.gov>

Deer trustee report implementation - Wisconsin DNR - Windows Internet Explorer

<http://devlwww.dnr.state.wi.us/topic/wildlifehabitat/trustee.html>

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## Deer trustee report implementation

35 public hearings will be held throughout the state to discuss the Deer Trustee proposed rule package.

[Deer Trustee Report proposed rule package \[PDF\]](#)  
[Dates, times and locations \[PDF\]](#) of the public hearings.  
[Map of the 35 statewide \[PDF\]](#) public hearings.

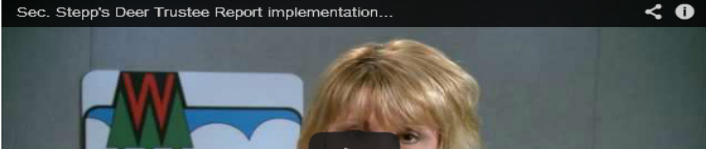
Complete the [DTR Rule Package Survey](#) from October 14 - November 8.

Final Report: [Public proposals to implement recommendations \[PDF\]](#) from the Deer Trustee Report.

- [Initial DTR meeting notes \[PDF\]](#)
- [Regulation and season structure final report out \[PDF\]](#)
- [Herd health and Chronic Wasting Disease final report out \[PDF\]](#)
- [Deer Management Assistance Program \(DMAP\) final report out \[PDF\]](#)
- [Science and research final report out \[PDF\]](#)
- [Communications plan and activity summary \[PDF\]](#)
- [DTR survey \[PDF\]](#)
- [Implementation structure \[PDF\]](#)

### Thank you for your help so far in the Deer Trustee Report process

Sec. Stepp's Deer Trustee Report Implementation...



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### Comments

The deer trustee implementation survey is now closed. You can still [submit your comments](#) to the DTR Action Teams. Questions can be directed to [Eric Lobner](#).

### Wildlife and habitat

#### Find

ways to reduce wildlife-human conflict and avoid wildlife damage.

#### Explore

Wisconsin's rare plants, animals and natural communities.

#### Discover

tips to manage your land for wildlife.

#### Learn

about wildlife health and rehabilitation.

### Related links

- Deer hunting
- Hunting regulations
- Wisconsin chronic wasting disease response plan
- CWD detected in Washburn county
- Chronic Wasting Disease Alliance [exit DNR]
- Know CWD [exit DNR]

# Rule Timeline

**September 24<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>**

NRB Meeting

- Review Proposed Rules
- Request Public Hearings



**October 22 - 31**

- 35 Formal Public Hearings
- Tribal Review



**December 10 - 11 NRB Meeting**

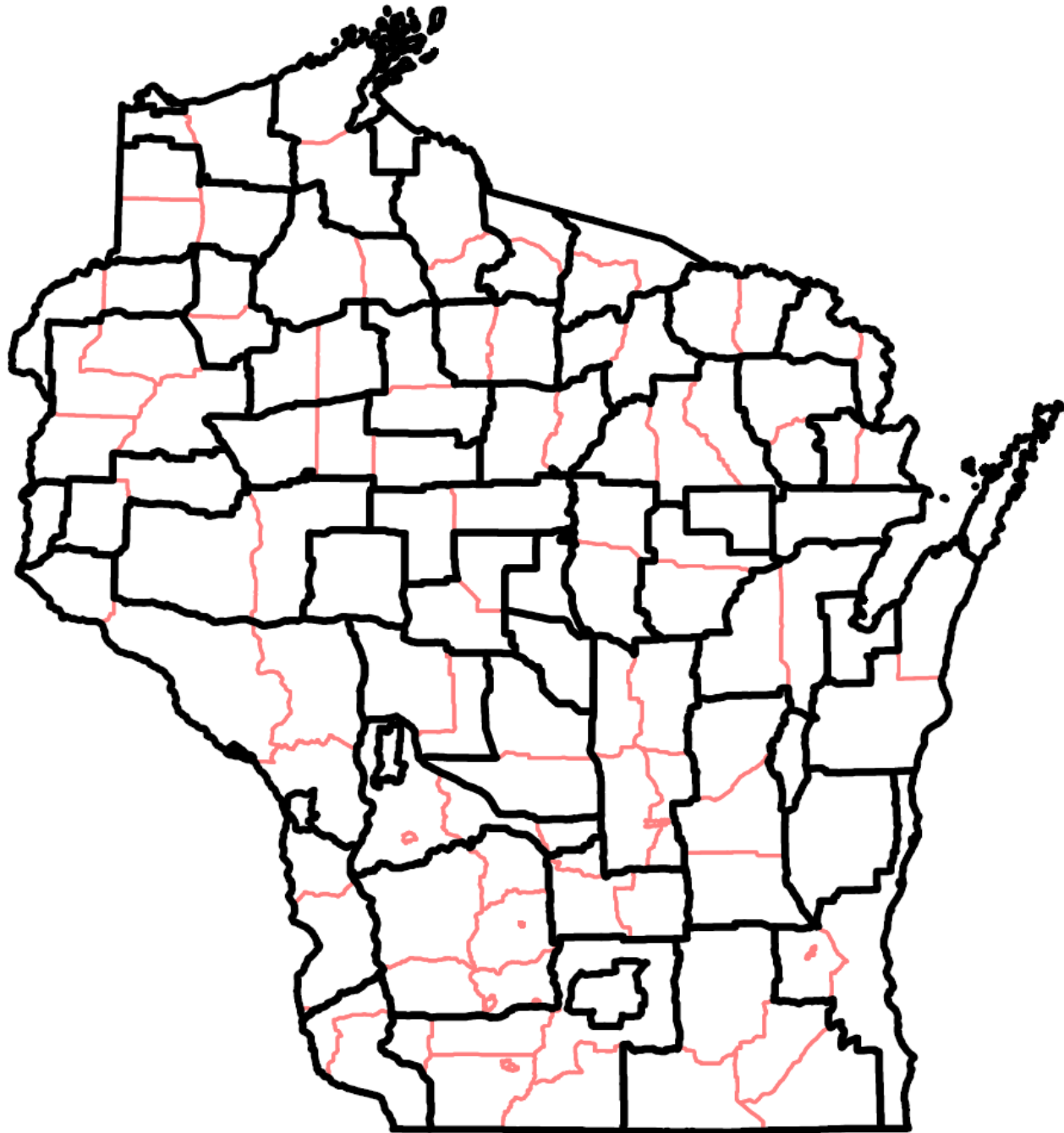
- Review Public Comments
- Modify if Necessary
- Request Rule Adoption



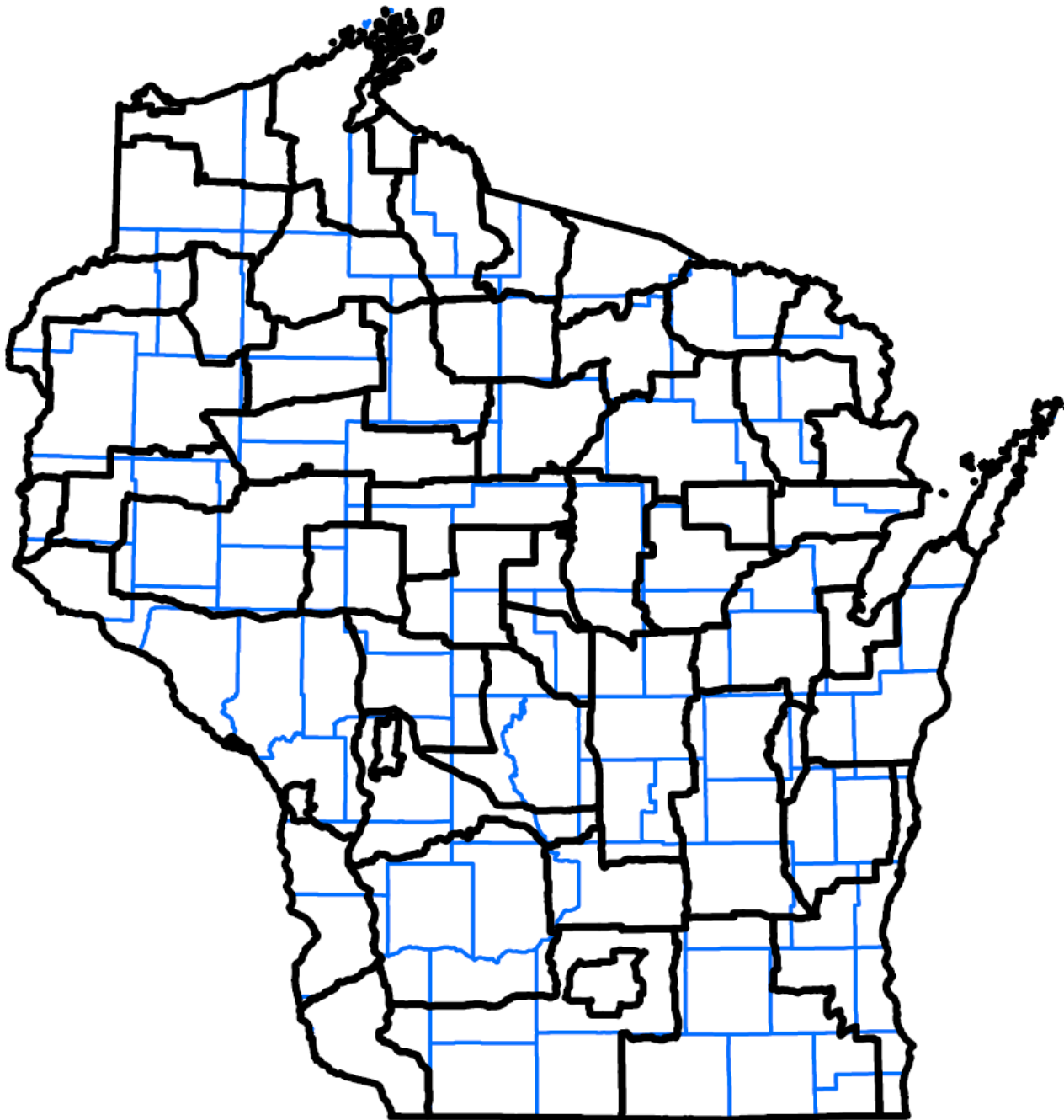
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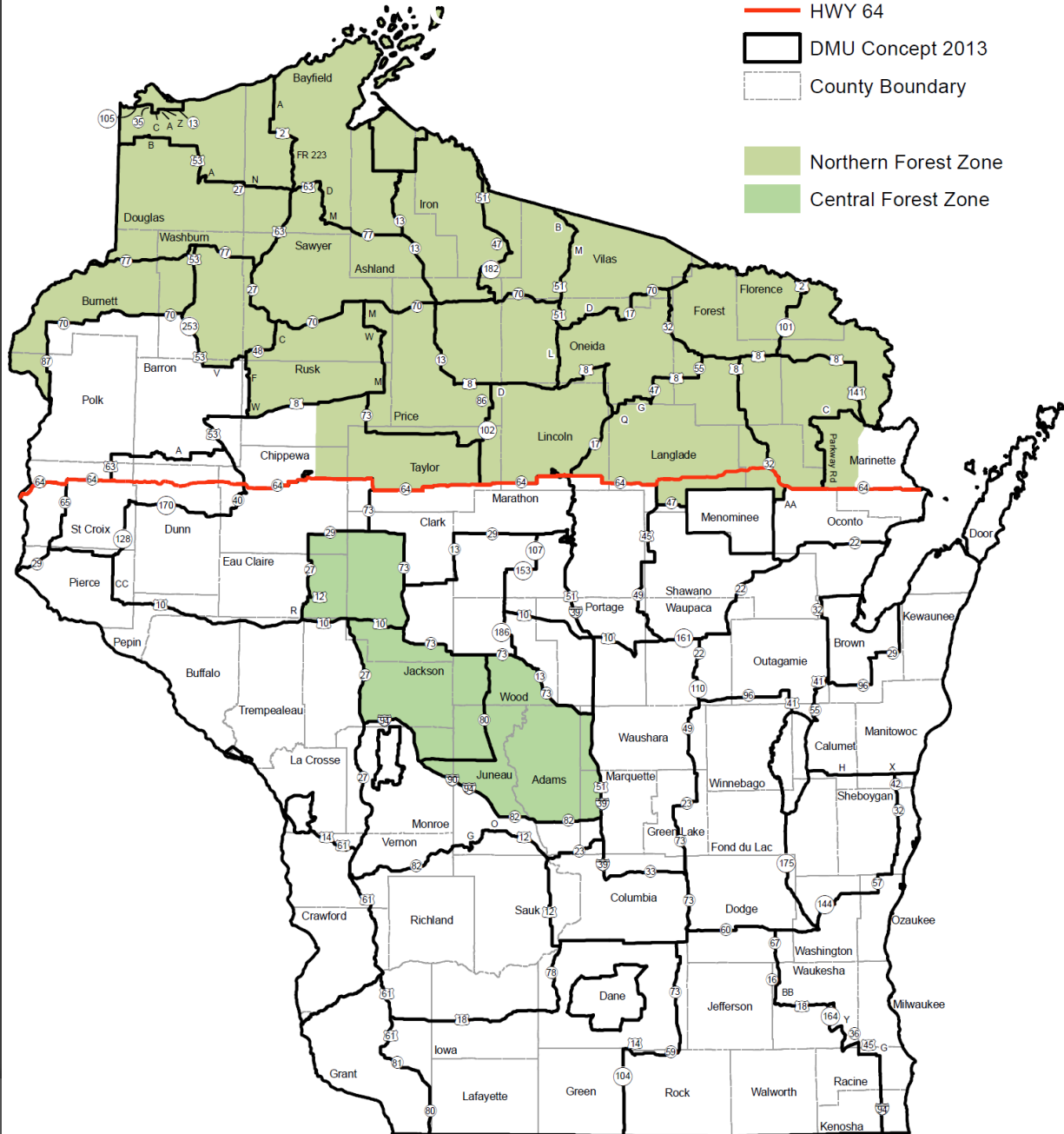
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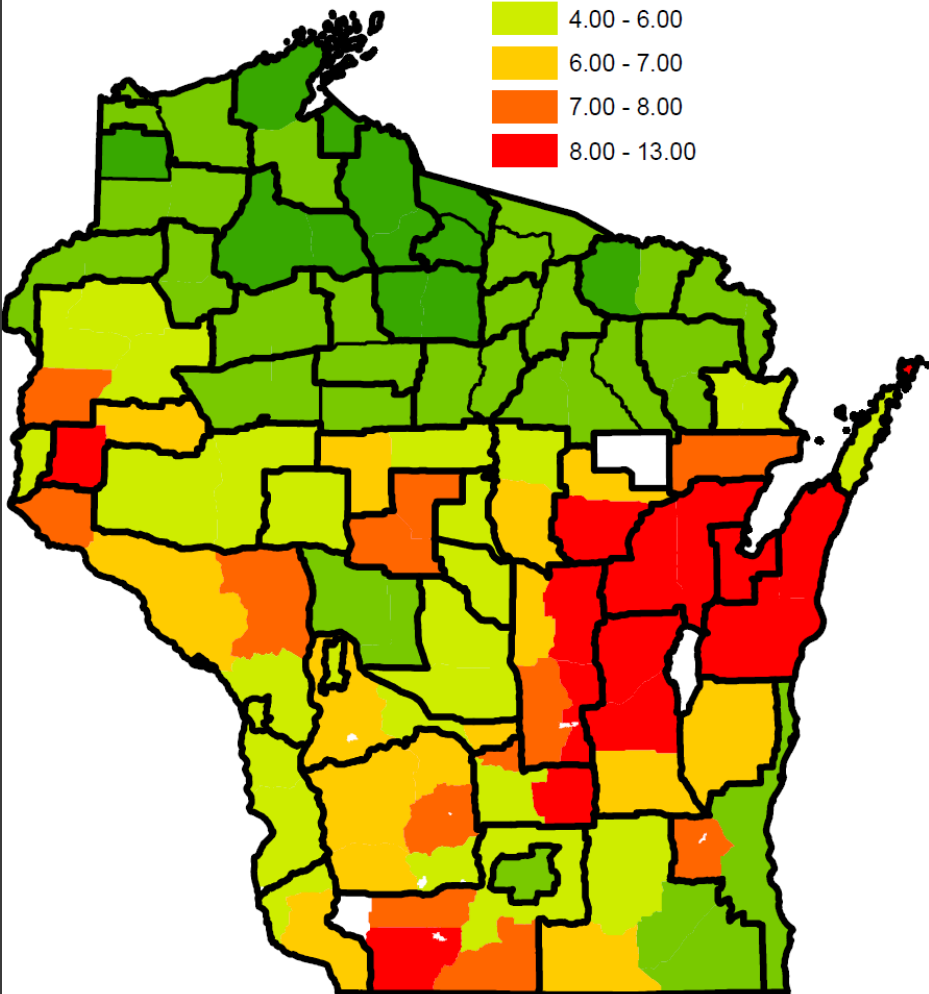
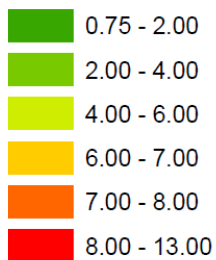
# New DMU concept with Counties



# Forest Zones versus Highway 64



### Buck Harvest Density



### Landcover

