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To: Landowners and Hunting Group Representatives – Simms Creek WMA
Re: 2010 Deer Surveys

Beginning on August 1st it will again be time to start collecting deer survey data in the area of the Simms Creek Wildlife Management Association.

Daylight Deer Observations

The collection and submission of Daylight Deer Observations data **are required** for:

- **All** properties that desire to participate in the Managed Lands Deer Permits (MLDP) program for the 2010-11 season, and/or,
- **All** properties that lease and want to obtain the reduced-cost WMA Hunting Lease License for the 2010-11 season.

The submission of survey data is voluntary for non-MLDP/non-leasing members; however, all members are highly encouraged to submit survey data to strengthen the quality of deer population data on which the harvest recommendation is based.

You have been provided with a copy of the Daylight Observations form. All members should use this form to record **random daylight observations** of deer to help estimate the composition (does per buck and fawns per doe ratios) of the deer population. These data may be collected at any location on your properties between August 1st and September 13th. Only record deer that are positively identified: **antlered buck, adult doe, or this year's fawn**. Please make copies of the form and distribute to anyone who will be spending time on your place in August and early September.

Spotlight Surveys

Several spotlight survey routes have been established within the WMA. Forms will be distributed and route assignments will be made at the August 7th meeting. Spotlight surveys will need to be conducted on at least 3 different nights between August 7th and September 13th.

Data Submission

I need to receive the completed survey forms (daylight and spotlight) by September 14th so I have time to compile and summarize the data prior to the hunting season. Please submit the forms by mail (address on the back of the forms) or scan and e-mail (address also found on the back of the forms).

Sincerely,

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