



July 26, 2011

To: Landowners and Hunting Group Representatives – Simms Creek WMA  
Re: 2011 Deer Surveys

Beginning on August 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2011-12 season, and/or,
- **All** properties that lease and want to obtain the reduced-cost WMA Hunting Lease License for the 2011-12 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 1<sup>st</sup> and September 11<sup>th</sup>. 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 and maps will be distributed, and route assignments will be made at the August 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. However, you may get started as early as August 1<sup>st</sup> if you already know your route assignment and are confident with the route's location. Spotlight surveys will need to be conducted on at least 3 different nights between August 1<sup>st</sup> and September 11<sup>th</sup>. Please take time to review the data sheet instructions before conducting a survey.

### **Data Submission**

I need to receive the completed survey forms (daylight and spotlight) by September 12<sup>th</sup> so I have time to compile and summarize the data prior to the hunting season. Please submit the forms by mail, or scan and e-mail (addresses are found on the back of the forms).

Sincerely,

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