

# WHITE-TAILED DEER MANAGEMENT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES 2000 – 2015

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## Wildlife Management Districts 1-11

### **SHORT-TERM GOAL**

Provide hunting and viewing opportunity for white-tailed deer, while preventing over-browsing of deer wintering habitat.

Short-term Objective: Bring the deer population to 50 to 60% of the carrying capacity of the wintering habitat by the year 2004, then maintain at that level.

### **LONG-TERM GOAL**

Increase hunting and viewing opportunity for white-tailed deer, while preventing over-browsing of deer wintering habitat.

Long-term Objective: Increase deer wintering habitat to 8% of the land base to ensure sufficient wintering habitat to accommodate a post hunt population of 10 deer/mi<sup>2</sup> by the year 2030 (or sooner), and then maintain as for the short-term objective.

## Wildlife Management Districts 12, 13, 14 and 18

### **SHORT-TERM GOAL**

Provide hunting and viewing opportunity for white-tailed deer, while preventing over-browsing of deer wintering habitat.

Short-term Objective: Bring the deer population to 50 to 60% of the carrying capacity of the wintering habitat by the year 2004, then maintain at that level.

### **LONG-TERM GOAL**

Increase hunting and viewing opportunity for white-tailed deer, while preventing over-browsing of deer wintering habitat.

## *White-tailed Deer Management Goals and Objectives*

Long-term Objective: Increase deer wintering habitat to 9 to 10% of the land base to ensure sufficient wintering habitat to accommodate a post hunt population of 15 deer/mi<sup>2</sup> (when on summer range) by the year 2030 (or sooner), and then maintain as for the short-term objective.

### **Wildlife Management Districts 19, 27, 28 and 29**

#### **SHORT-TERM GOAL**

Provide hunting and viewing opportunity for white-tailed deer, while preventing over-browsing of deer wintering habitat.

Short-term Objective: Bring the deer population to 50 to 60% of the carrying capacity of the wintering habitat by the year 2004, then maintain at that level.

#### **LONG-TERM GOAL**

Increase hunting and viewing opportunity for white-tailed deer, while preventing over-browsing of deer wintering habitat.

Long-term Objective: Increase deer wintering habitat to 9 to 10% of the land base to ensure sufficient wintering habitat to accommodate a post hunt population of 15 deer/mi<sup>2</sup> (when on summer range) by the year 2030 (or sooner), and then maintain as for the short-term objective.

### **Wildlife Management Districts 16, 17, 22, 23, and 26**

#### **GOAL**

Balance the desire for deer hunting and viewing opportunity with the need to reduce negative impacts of deer from browsing damage, collisions with motor vehicles, and potential risk of Lyme disease.

Objective: Bring the post hunt deer population to 20 deer/mi<sup>2</sup> (or no higher than 60% of Maximum Supportable Population) by 2004, then maintain.

*White-tailed Deer Management Goals and Objectives*

**Wildlife Management Districts 15, 20, 21, 24, 25, and 30**

**GOAL**

Balance the desire for deer hunting and viewing opportunity with the need to reduce negative impacts of deer from browsing damage, collisions with motor vehicles, and potential risk of Lyme disease.

Objective: Bring the post hunt deer population to 15 deer/mi<sup>2</sup> (or no higher than 60% of Maximum Supportable Population) by 2004, then maintain.