

# DEER PERMIT AREA 197 HUNTING INFORMATION

## 2022 Deer Hunting Information

**Designation:** One-deer limit: antlerless permit lottery (500)

**Firearm Options:** All Legal Firearms

**Special Regulations:** Special CWD related regulations in this area. See [mndnr.gov/cwd](http://mndnr.gov/cwd) for details

### Seasons:

- Archery: Sept. 17 - Dec. 31
- Youth: Oct. 20 - Oct. 23
- Early Antlerless: N/A
- Firearm A: Nov. 5 - Nov. 20
- Firearm B: N/A
- Muzzleloader: Nov. 26 - Dec. 11
- Late CWD Hunts: N/A

### Land Cover Types % Tot.

Woody Cover	60
Grassland and Wetlands	9
Annual Row Crops	0
Open Water	28
Developed	2

### Total Land Area in 2021 (Non-water)

955 Sq. Mi.

### Lands Open to Public Hunting

Publically Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	15
State Forest	84
Misc. State Land	41
County Managed Land	45
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	0
USFS Land (National Forest)	455
Privately Owned Lands	
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	1
Walk-In Access	0
<b>Total for Public Hunting</b>	<b>641</b>

## Wildlife Manager Report

Harvest strategies in Deer Permit Area (DPA) 197 are made in coordination with the Leech Lake Reservation. The goal is to increase the population 25%. The Reservation also issues their own either sex deer permits to band members in addition to DNR antlerless permits. Private lands along the permit edges have much higher deer numbers, whereas areas where most tribal and public land hunting takes place have very low deer numbers. A lottery designation of 500 antlerless permits will be offered to move towards goal. For those landowners in areas of higher deer numbers, there are additional opportunities to harvest an antlerless deer during the archery and the youth season.

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**Important Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Information**  
**Mandatory CWD testing Nov. 5-6; Voluntary CWD testing remainder of all seasons**

**A deer feeding and attractant ban is in effect for Cass and Hubbard Counties. A deer feeding ban will be added in Beltrami and Itasca Counties. See [mndnr.gov/cwd/feedban.html](http://mndnr.gov/cwd/feedban.html) for details**

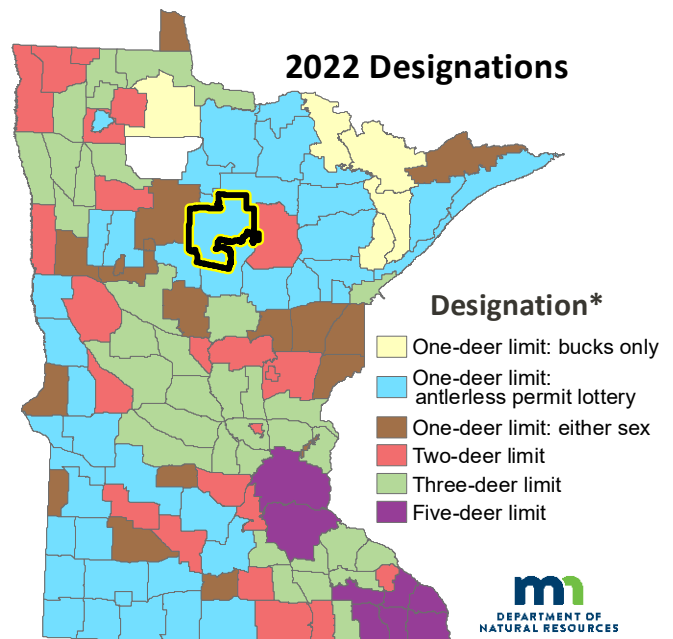
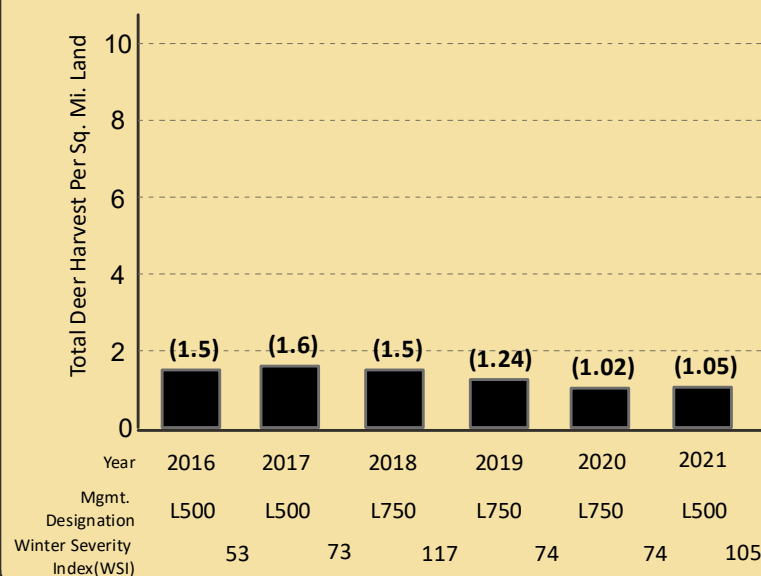
### 2021 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 5  
 Hunter Success: 20%

### 2021 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
<b>Firearms</b>	750	30	146	16	942
<b>Archery</b>	25	1	20	2	48
<b>Muzzleloader</b>	5	2	5	0	12
<b>Total Harvest</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1002</b>

### Deer Harvest, Management Designation and Winter Severity Index from 2016 - 2021/22



\* see page 67 in the hunting regulations for details