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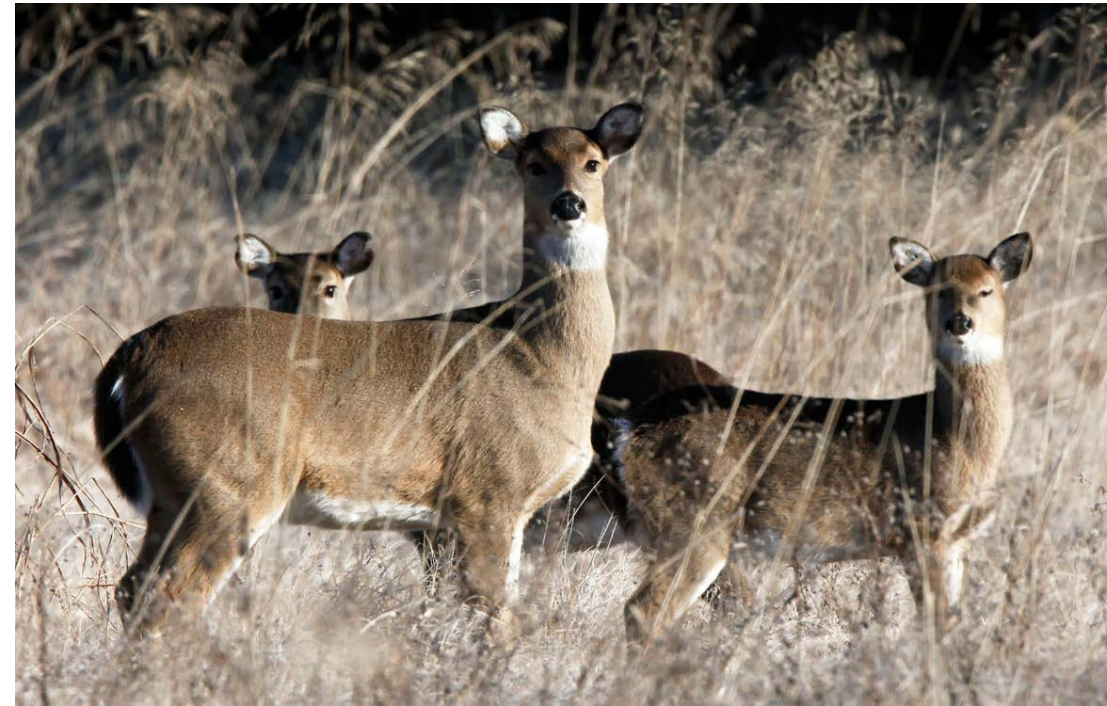
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## Overview

- 1) Late season and regulations are *proposed*; and
- 2) Proposed for Deer Permit Areas (DPAs) 346, 348 and 349.



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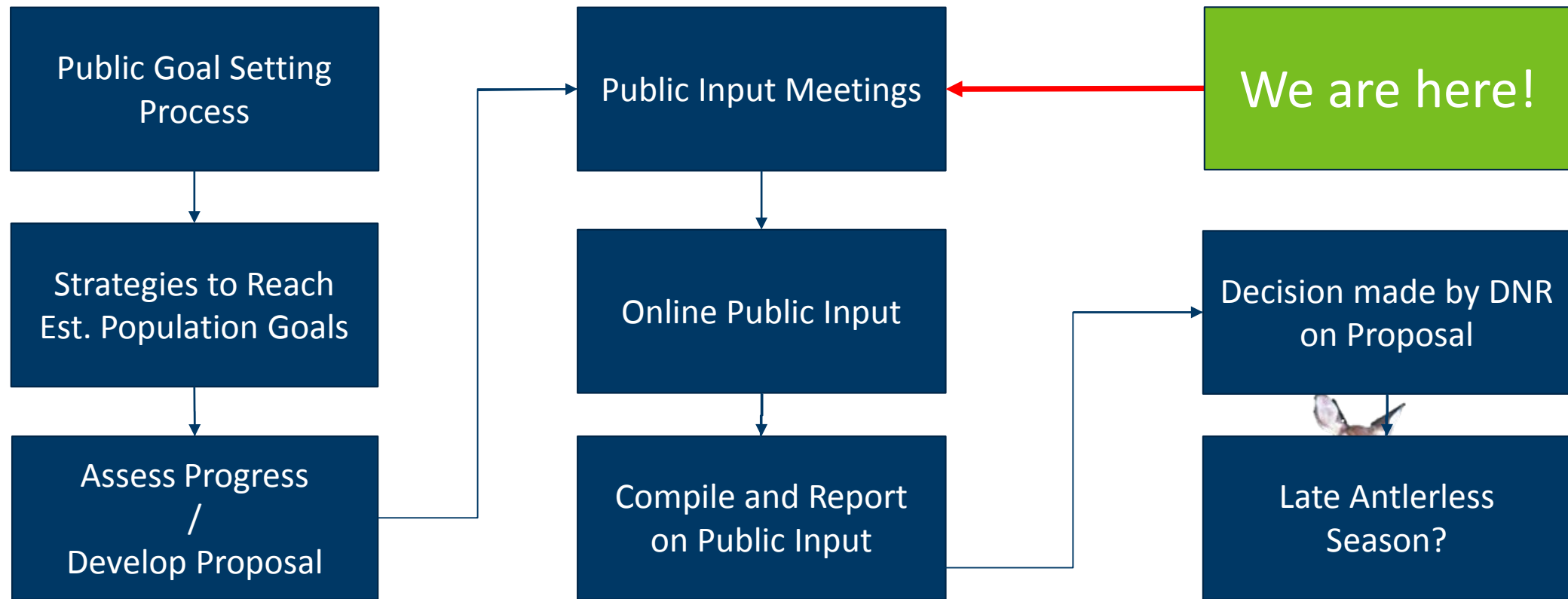
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- 3) Not taking input on late hunt in DPA 603 (CWD Zone).
- 4) This is an additional “time-period” to the Early Antlerless.



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## Late Season Proposal Timeline



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## Regulations for 346, 348 and 349

- 3 Deer During the Regular Season(s) (e.g. Intensive);
- 5 Deer in the Early Antlerless Season; and
- 1 Additional Antlerless Deer, with Landowner License.
- \*Only 1 deer may be a Legal Buck (APR in place).

## Proposed Late Antlerless Only Hunt

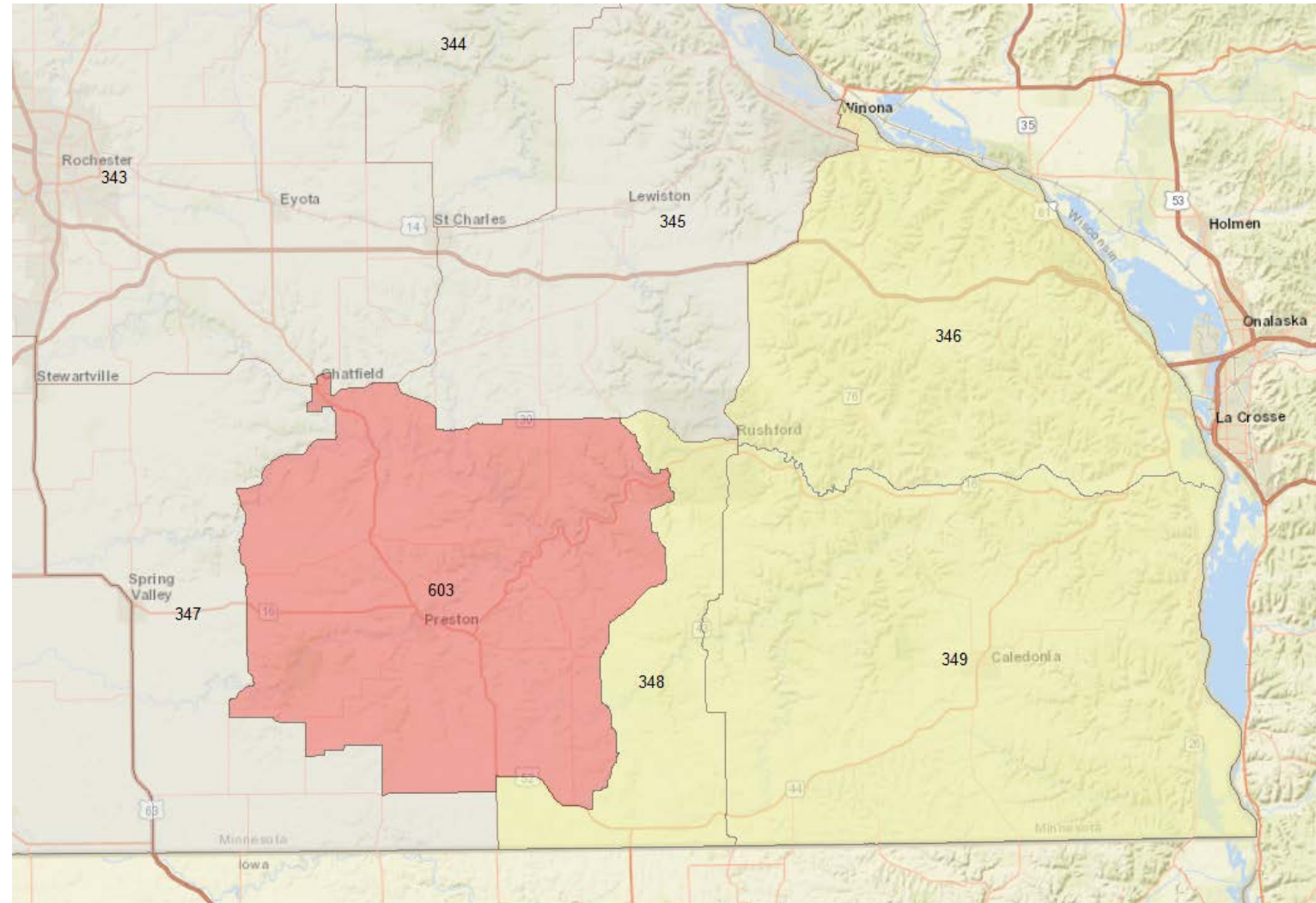
- 5 Deer Proposed in the Late Antlerless Season; for a combined
- Early and Proposed Late Antlerless Season(s) limit of 10 antlerless deer.



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## Proposed Season Dates

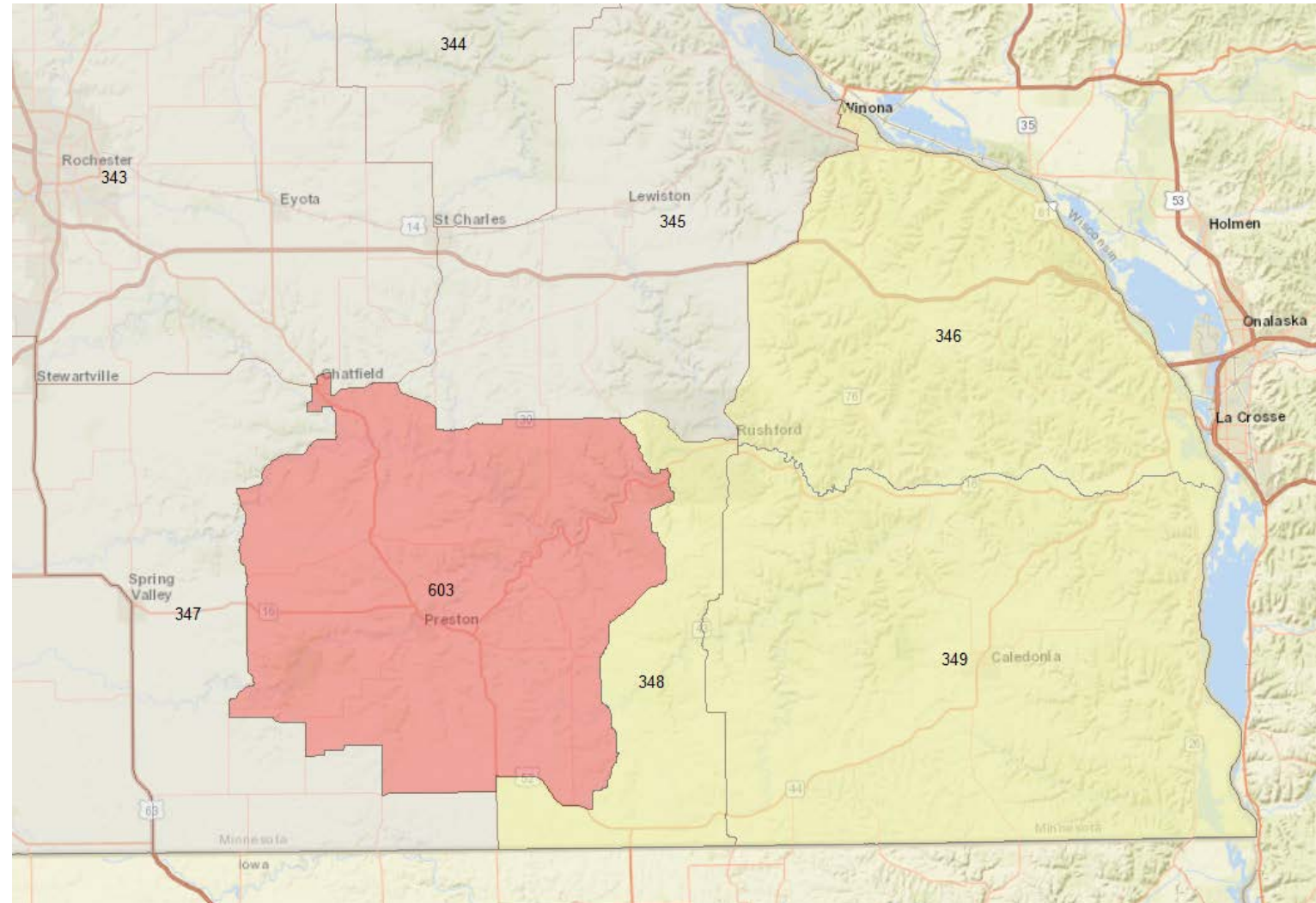
- Proposed dates are: **Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> to Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**
- Dates proposed to be concurrent with the late hunt in DPA 603 (e.g. CWD management zone).



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## Late Season License and Permit Regulations

- To participate hunters would need to possess *an unused* Early Antlerless Season permit.
- Bonus antlerless permits may be used.
- Party hunting (e.g. cross-tagging) allowed for antlerless deer.



# 2014 Goal Setting Process for Southeast Minnesota

Deer Permit Area	Deer per sq. mi within the permit area (pre-fawning)			Anticipated Impact on Population (from 2013 est.)
	2005 Target Density	2014 Team Goal	2014 Final Goal	
346	14-18	14-18	14-18	Decrease (~50%)
348	11-15	15-19	15-19	Increase (~25%)
349	15-19	15-19	15-19	Decrease (~50%)

- These deer permit areas went through the public goal setting in 2014.
- Aerial surveys occurred in these permit areas in winter of 2013/2014.

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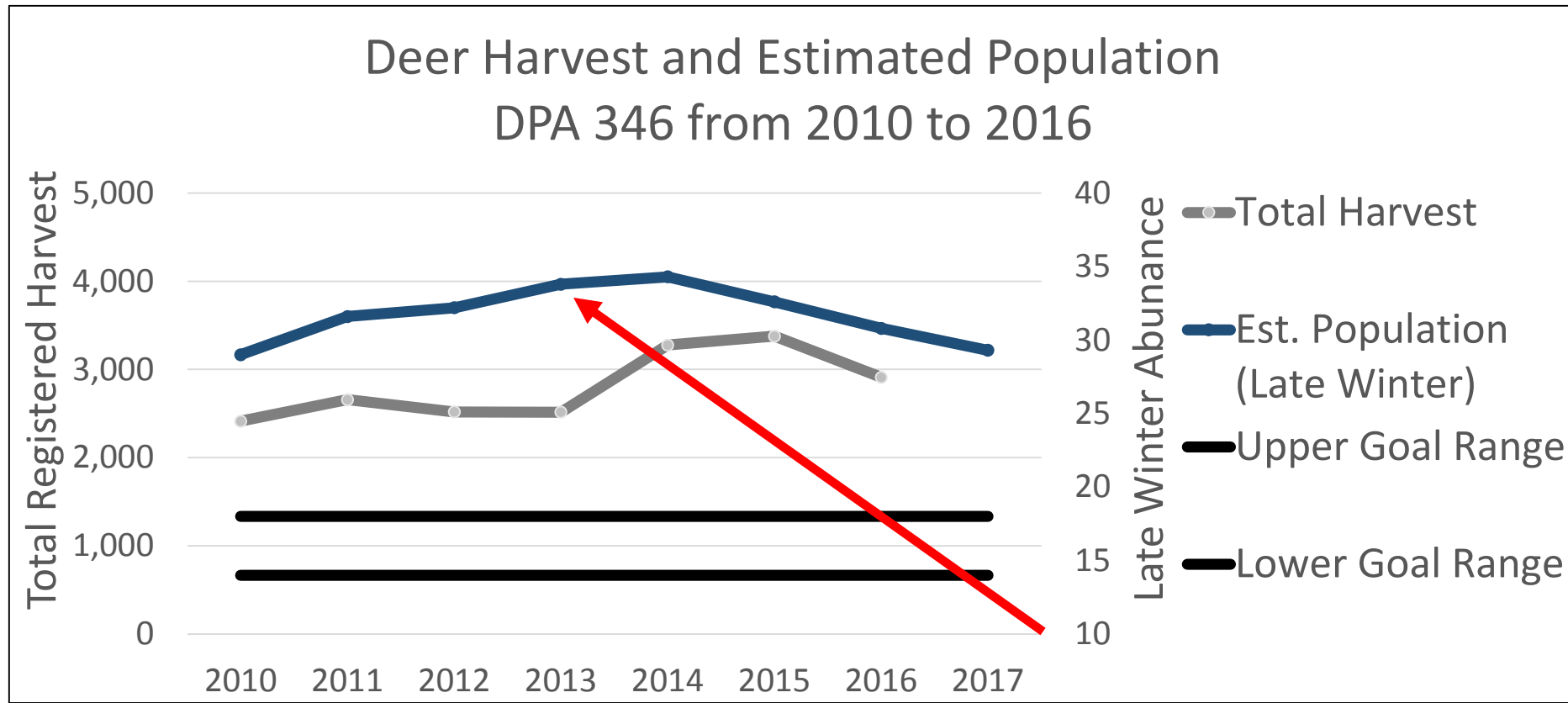
## Background on the Proposal, Continued..

- Populations have been over established goal(s) for multiple seasons;
- The Early Antlerless Only Season has accounted for **12% (3 year average)** of the antlerless harvest in 346 and 349; and
- In some areas crop depredation is a concern.



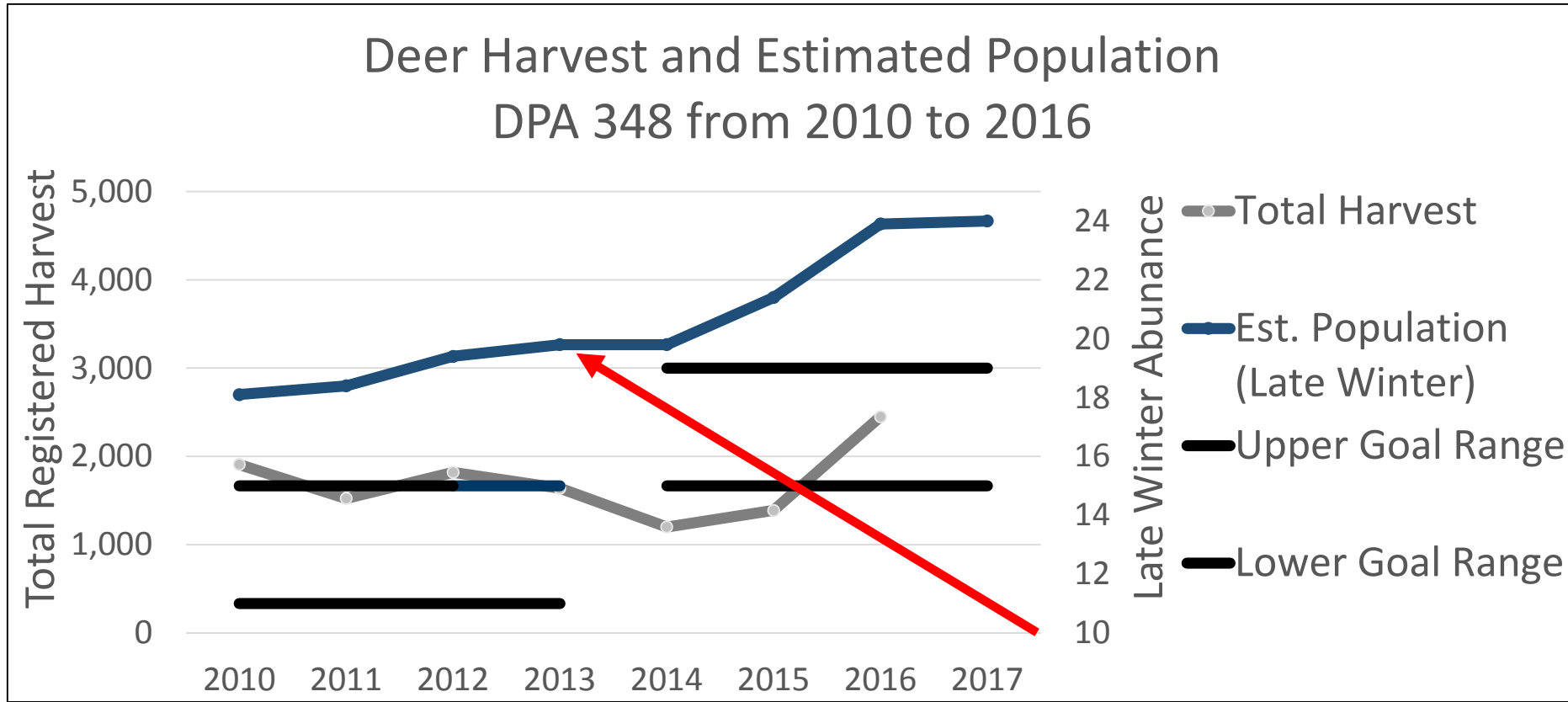
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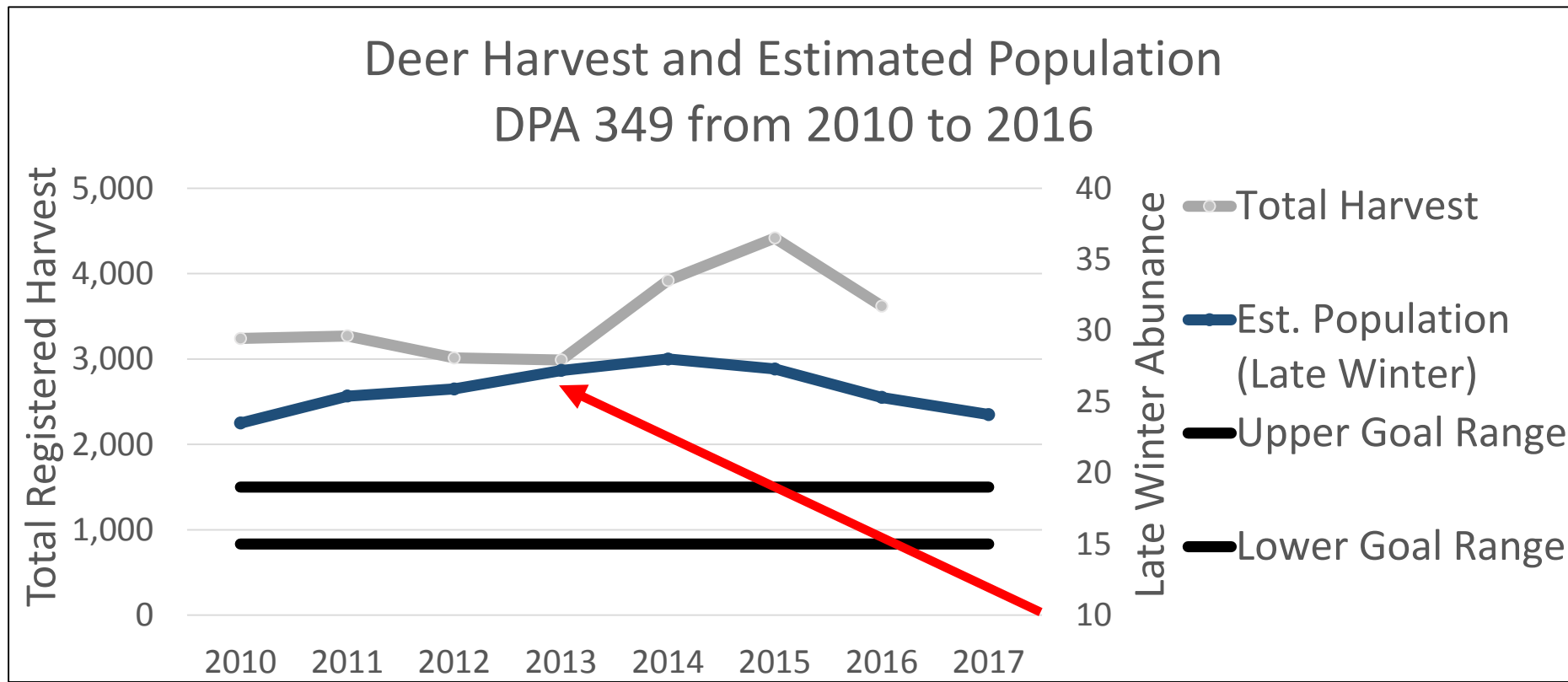
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## Going Forward, Beyond 2017/2018

- Reduce the cost of bonus antlerless permits for residents and non-residents?
- Maintaining a healthy herd (e.g. Disease).
- Loosen restrictions on firearms during the 3B season?
  - Rifles?
  - “Straight cased” loads?



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- More outreach regarding the benefits of maintaining an appropriate number of deer on the land?
- Less is more!

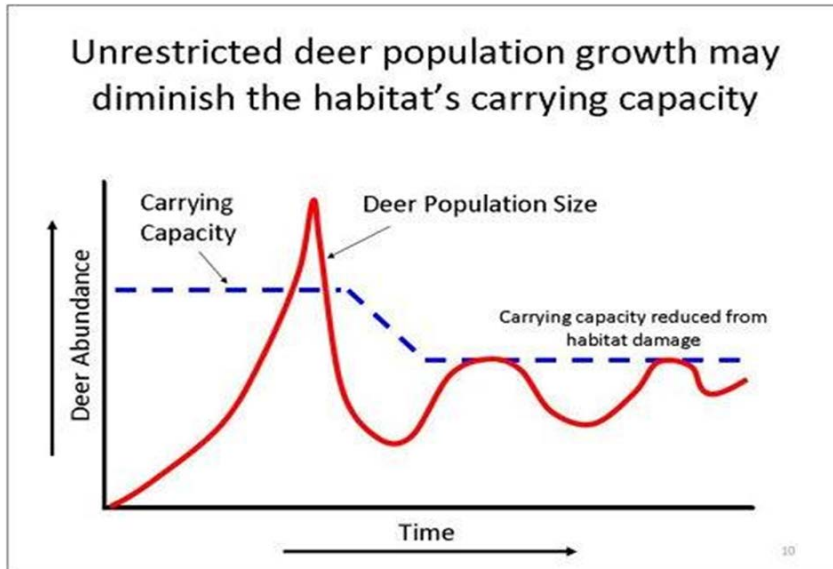


FIGURE 4. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ANTLER DEVELOPMENT OF YEARLING BUCKS AND ECOLOGICAL CARRYING CAPACITY (K)

