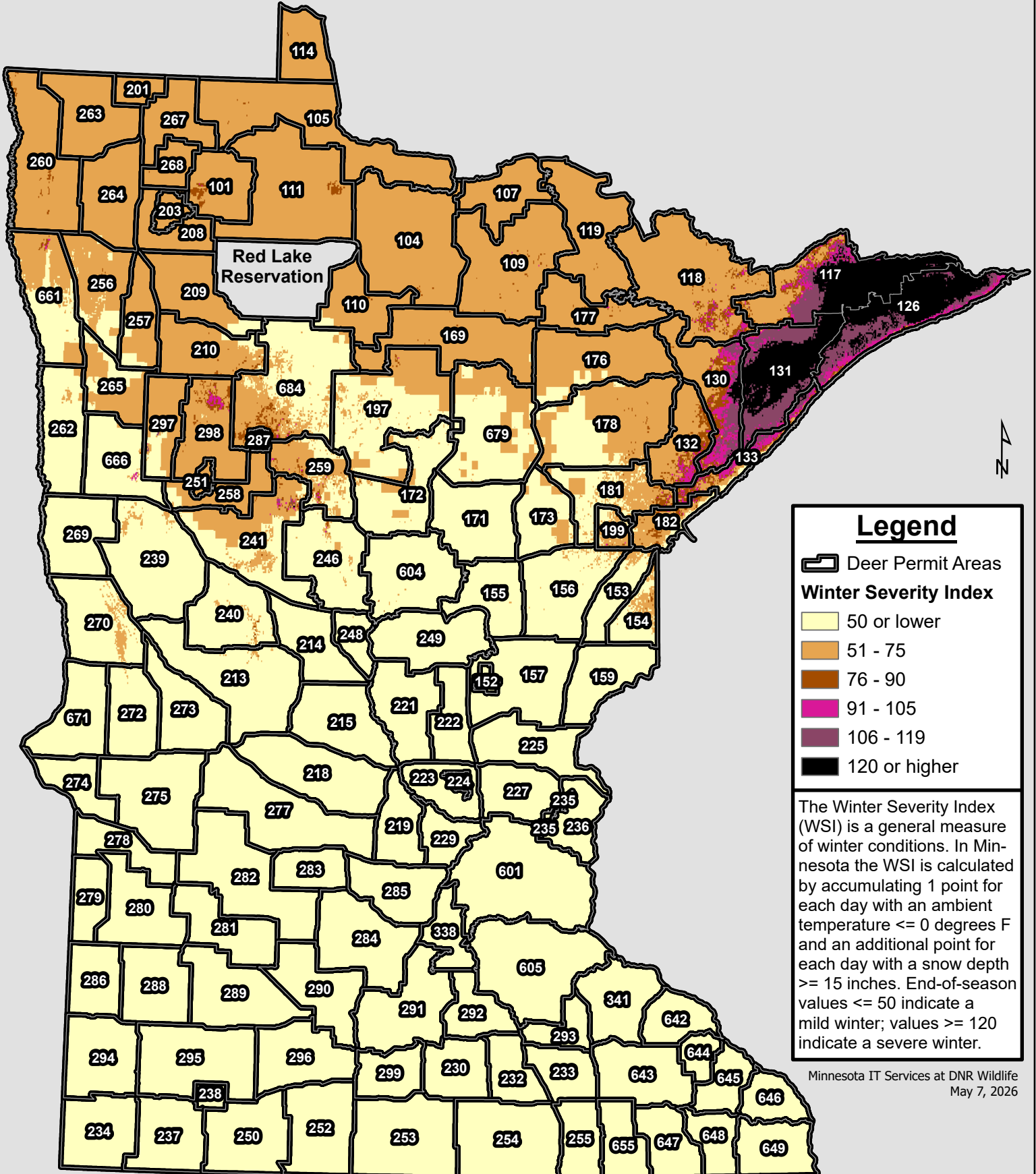


# Winter Severity Index

## November 5, 2025 - May 6, 2026



### Legend

- Deer Permit Areas

#### Winter Severity Index

- 50 or lower
- 51 - 75
- 76 - 90
- 91 - 105
- 106 - 119
- 120 or higher

The Winter Severity Index (WSI) is a general measure of winter conditions. In Minnesota the WSI is calculated by accumulating 1 point for each day with an ambient temperature  $\leq 0$  degrees F and an additional point for each day with a snow depth  $\geq 15$  inches. End-of-season values  $\leq 50$  indicate a mild winter; values  $\geq 120$  indicate a severe winter.

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