DEER PERMIT AREA 118 HUNTING INFORMATION

2023 Deer Hunting Information

Designation: One-deer limit: bucks only
Firearm Options: All Legal Firearms
Special Regulations: N/A
Seasons:

Archery: Sept. 16 - Dec. 31
Youth: Oct. 19 - 22
Early Antlerless: N/A
Firearm A: Nov. 4 - 19
Firearm B: N/A
Muzzleloader: Nov. 25 - Dec. 10
Late CWD Hunts: N/A

Wildlife Manager Report

Deer permit area 118 lies along the Canadian border within the Superior National Forest and is predominately public land on the northwestern edge of moose range. Approximately 50% lies within the Boundary Waters Canoe Area wilderness. It is a heavily forested permit area which is subject to deep snow and long, cold winters. Winter severity is the biggest factor affecting survival. Implementation of a Bucks only management strategy will continue in 2023 to move the population towards goal while taking moose into consideration.

DNR Wildlife Contact(s): Jessica Holmes, 218-300-7861

Important Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Information
See mndnr.gov/cwd/cwd-testing.html for CWD testing options

Land Cover Types	% Tot.
Woody Cover	83
Grassland and Wetlands	1
Annual Row Crops	0
Open Water	15
Developed	1

Total Land Area in 2022 (Non-water)

1220 Sq. Mi.

Lands Open to Public Hunting

Publically Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	0
State Forest	86
Misc. State Land	86
County Managed Land	92
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	0
USFS Land (National Forest)	848
Privately Owned Lands	
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	0
Walk-In Access	0
Total for Public Hunting	1112

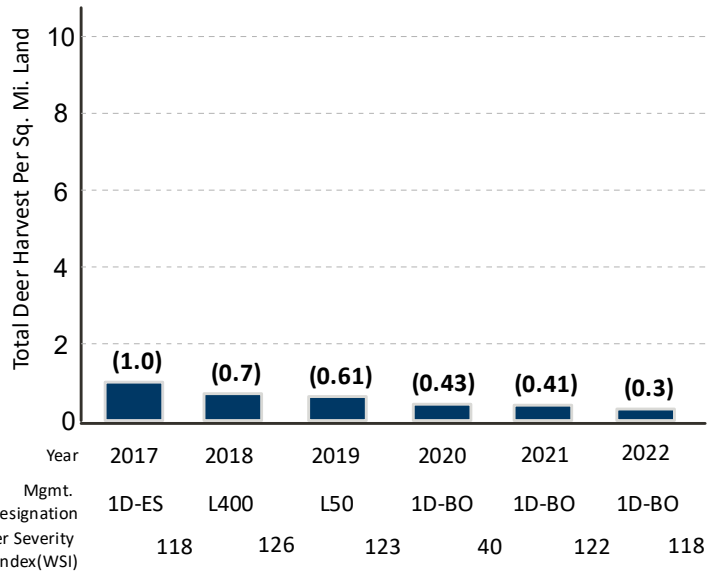
2022 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 2
Hunter Success: 14%

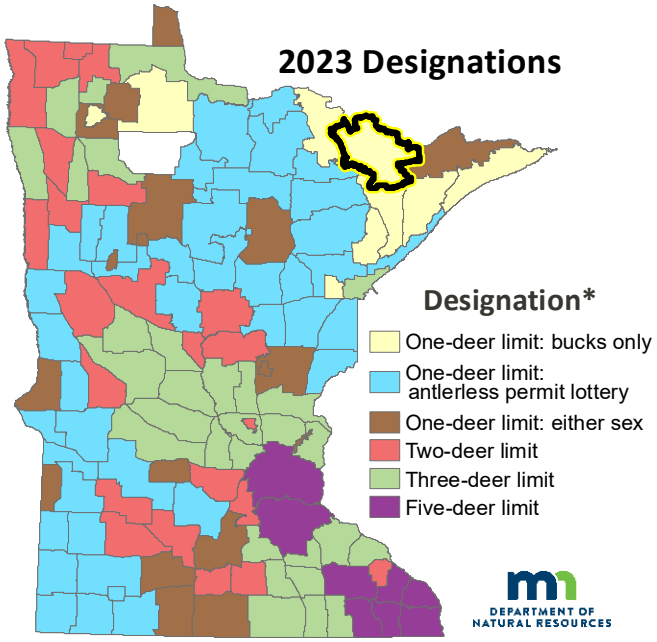
2022 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
Firearms	358	1	5	0	364
Archery	13	0	0	0	13
Muzzleloader	11	0	0	0	11
Total Harvest	382	1	5	0	388

Deer Harvest, Management Designation and Winter Severity Index from 2017 - 2022/23



2023 Designations



* see page 70 in the hunting regulations for details

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