

# DEER PERMIT AREA 133 HUNTING INFORMATION

## 2025 Deer Hunting Information

**Designation:** One-deer limit: antlerless permit lottery (25)

**Firearm Options:** All Legal Firearms

**Special Regulations:** N/A

### Seasons:

Archery: Sept. 13 - Dec. 31

Youth: Oct. 16-19

Early Antlerless: N/A

Statewide Firearms: Nov. 8 - 23

Late SE Firearms: N/A

Muzzleloader: Nov. 29 - Dec. 14

Late CWD: N/A

### Land Cover Types % Tot.

|                        |    |
|------------------------|----|
| Woody Cover            | 92 |
| Grassland and Wetlands | 2  |
| Annual Row Crops       | 0  |
| Open Water             | 1  |
| Developed              | 5  |

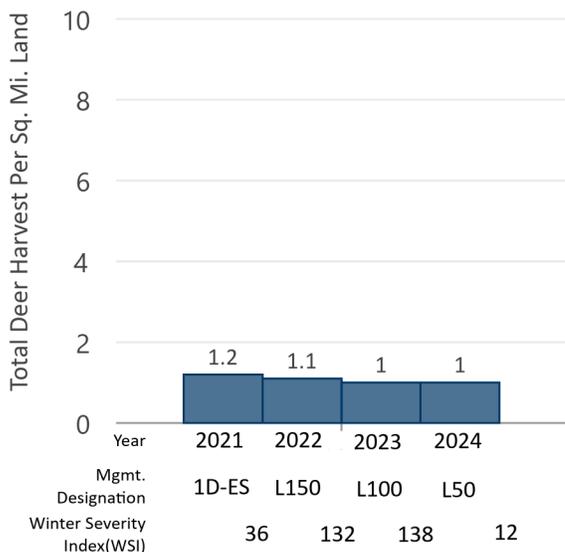
### Total Land Area in 2024 (Non-water)

352 Sq. Mi.

### Lands Open to Public Access Hunting

| Publicly Owned Lands             | Sq. Mi.      |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| State Wildlife Management Area   | 0.4          |
| State Forest                     | 2            |
| Misc. State Land                 | 41           |
| County Managed Land              | 106          |
| USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)         | 0            |
| USFS Land (National Forest)      | 0            |
| Privately Owned Lands            |              |
| Forest Legacy/Forests for Future | 0.8          |
| Walk-In Access                   | 0            |
| <b>Total for Public Hunting</b>  | <b>150.2</b> |

### Harvest, Designation and Winter Severity Index (WSI)



## Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 133 offers good deer habitat on a mix of public and private land just north of Duluth and along the north shore of Lake Superior in Lake and St. Louis Counties. The habitat in DPA 133 is a mosaic of mixed forest cover with grassland openings and wet meadows. In the winter deer benefit from both the influence of milder conditions along Lake Superior as well as snow removal on roads and trails. Severe winters can still impact the deer population here but perhaps a larger source of mortality is Highway 61 traffic. DPA 133 is outside of moose range and thus the 2022 population goal was to increase the deer population by 25%. Although progressively conservative hunting seasons have been in place since 2017, several severe winters have also occurred, and the deer population is still under goal. The past two winters have been mild by comparison, and offering a second year of a Lottery season with only 25 antlerless permits should help increase the population.

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**Important Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Information**  
Optional CWD testing

### 2024 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 4

Hunter Success: 18%

### 2024 Deer Harvest

|                      | Adult Male | Fawn Male | Adult Female | Fawn Female | Total      |
|----------------------|------------|-----------|--------------|-------------|------------|
| Firearms             | 272        | 3         | 17           | 1           | 293        |
| Archery              | 37         | 1         | 20           | 1           | 59         |
| Muzzleloader         | 4          | 0         | 0            | 0           | 4          |
| <b>Total Harvest</b> | <b>313</b> | <b>4</b>  | <b>37</b>    | <b>2</b>    | <b>356</b> |

### 2025 Designations

