

Open Trails Trophy Whitetails
Stan & Fran Tvedt, owners
19462 US Hwy 59 SE
Plummer, MN 56748
Cell: 218-686-8733

March 22, 2022

Ref: Financial Loss due to DNR movement ban

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you concerning the unjust damage that the DNR has done to my whitetail deer farm and hunting preserve. This was a lifelong dream of mine and it was intended for us to use as a retirement plan. We love our farm and our business.

We have been under constant attack from the DNR and the DFL legislature. As you know, they have been doing everything possible to destroy our livelihood. The stop movement was detrimental to us, we buy deer for our preserve because we don't always have enough deer for the customer demand we have. We have our own stock, but that is not always enough. We have lost out on sales that are crucial to our financial being. We need enough to cover our costs and make a living, but it has been difficult to cover both. My wife has a full time job and I am the sole operator of the farm with her. My wife and I are both dealing with medical issues that we believe are directly due to the stress related to all of these issues. This is a constant issue we deal with everyday and it is very wearing on us. We have put every penny we had into this business and do not have any retirement, this was supposed to be a business we would use it for us to retire on.

One of the stop movements, we went to go to the MN Monster buck classic where we had booked a booth to book hunts. The DNR stopped the show from having a live buck display and people turned away because the live bucks were not permitted in the building and that was a big draw for potential customers. Needless to say, we didn't get one booking. This is just one example

We lost a dairy farm from a lightning strike and had stray voltage which in turn, wiped us out. This was an act of Mother Nature, totally out of our control, but we dealt with it. I can handle when Mother Nature gives me a bad deal, but I am NOT going to stand for a government agency to wipe me out! We started our life over and NEVER dreamed that we would be dealing with this kind of problem.

Thank you,

Stan & Fran Tvedt