

MINNESOTA 2025 DEER SEASON

Effective through June 30, 2026

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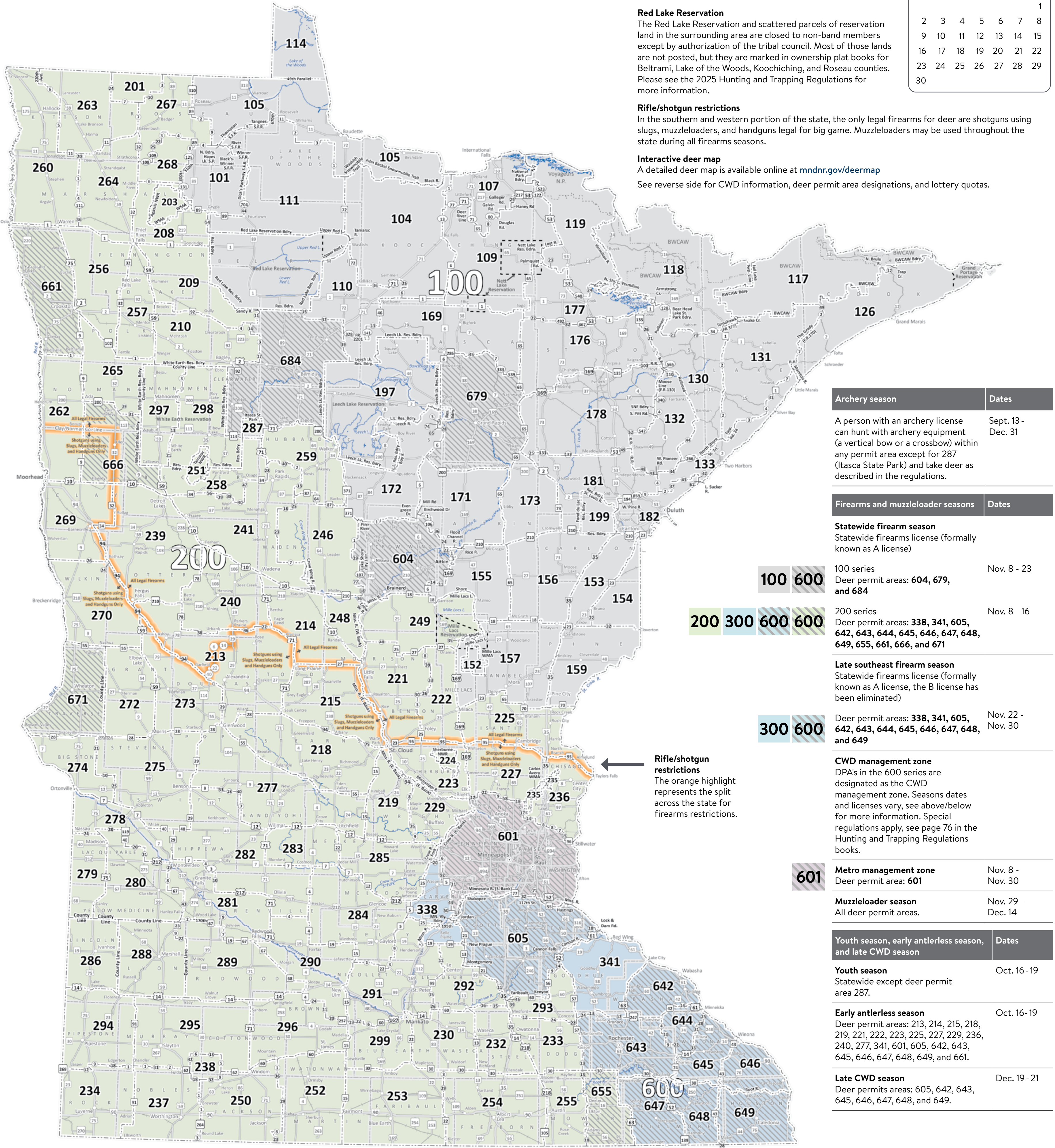
Interpreters are available to answer all of your questions  
License, titling and registration: M-F 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
General information: M-F 8 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sat. 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
888-MINNDNR (646-6367) or 651-296-6157

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**Red Lake Reservation**  
The Red Lake Reservation and scattered parcels of reservation land in the surrounding area are closed to non-band members except by authorization of the tribal council. Most of those lands are not posted, but they are marked in ownership plat books for Beltrami, Lake of the Woods, Koochiching, and Roseau counties. Please see the 2025 Hunting and Trapping Regulations for more information.

**Rifle/shotgun restrictions**  
In the southern and western portion of the state, the only legal firearms for deer are shotguns using slugs, muzzleloaders, and handguns legal for big game. Muzzleloaders may be used throughout the state during all firearms seasons.

**Interactive deer map**  
A detailed deer map is available online at [mndnr.gov/deermap](https://mndnr.gov/deermap)  
See reverse side for CWD information, deer permit area designations, and lottery quotas.



Archery season	Dates
A person with an archery license can hunt with archery equipment (a vertical bow or a crossbow) within any permit area except for 287 (Itasca State Park) and take deer as described in the regulations.	Sept. 13 - Dec. 31

Firearms and muzzleloader seasons	Dates
<b>Statewide firearm season</b> Statewide firearms license (formally known as A license)	
100 series Deer permit areas: 604, 679, and 684	Nov. 8 - 23
200 series Deer permit areas: 338, 341, 605, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 655, 661, 666, and 671	Nov. 8 - 16

<b>Late southeast firearm season</b> Statewide firearms license (formally known as A license, the B license has been eliminated)	
Deer permit areas: 338, 341, 605, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, and 649	Nov. 22 - Nov. 30

<b>CWD management zone</b> DPA's in the 600 series are designated as the CWD management zone. Seasons dates and licenses vary, see above/below for more information. Special regulations apply, see page 76 in the Hunting and Trapping Regulations books.	
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<b>Metro management zone</b> Deer permit area: 601	Nov. 8 - Nov. 30
<b>Muzzleloader season</b> All deer permit areas.	Nov. 29 - Dec. 14

Youth season, early antlerless season, and late CWD season	Dates
<b>Youth season</b> Statewide except deer permit area 287.	Oct. 16 - 19
<b>Early antlerless season</b> Deer permit areas: 213, 214, 215, 218, 219, 221, 222, 223, 225, 227, 229, 236, 240, 277, 341, 601, 605, 642, 643, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, and 661.	Oct. 16 - 19
<b>Late CWD season</b> Deer permits areas: 605, 642, 643, 645, 646, 647, 648, and 649.	Dec. 19 - 21



CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE (CWD) ZONES AND SAMPLING STATIONS

CWD sampling requirements

Sample submission for CWD testing is mandatory for all hunters that harvest deer 1 year old or older in a CWD surveillance zone or management zone on opening weekend of firearms season (Nov. 8 - 9), regardless of weapon type. Sampling stations are listed starting on page 81 of the 2025 Hunting and Trapping Regulations or online at [mndnr.gov/cwd](https://mndnr.gov/cwd).

**\*NEW**— Self-service sampling stations are only available on Saturday, Sunday, and the Monday of opening weekend of firearms season. For voluntary sampling during all deer seasons, hunters statewide can use the partner sampling program, mail-in sampling program (details starting on page 79), or contact their area wildlife office to make an appointment.

- CWD Testing Areas: [mndnr.gov/cwd](https://mndnr.gov/cwd)
- CWD Test Results: [mndnr.gov/cwdcheck](https://mndnr.gov/cwdcheck)

Deer feeding and attractant bans

Deer feeding and attractant bans are in place near areas where CWD has been detected. Find details and a map on page 89 of the 2025 Hunting and Trapping Regulations.

Carcass movement restrictions

Moving whole carcasses in Minnesota is restricted in certain circumstances. Whole carcasses are defined as those with the head, brain tissue, and the spinal column of the deer attached.

**Whole carcasses of cervidae, including deer, elk and moose, harvested anywhere outside of Minnesota may not be brought into the state** except heads from cervids with or without the cape and neck attached may be transported into Minnesota if they are delivered to a licensed taxidermist within 48 hours of entering the state; or nonresidents transporting whole or partial carcasses on a direct route through Minnesota are exempt from this restriction. Meat or quarters of deer can be transported into the state.

**Whole carcasses of deer harvested in a CWD management zone** (shown on maps 1 and 2) must remain in that particular zone until a “not detected” test is confirmed. Heads from cervids harvested inside a CWD Management Zone with or without the cape and neck attached may be transported outside of the CWD management zone only if they are delivered to a

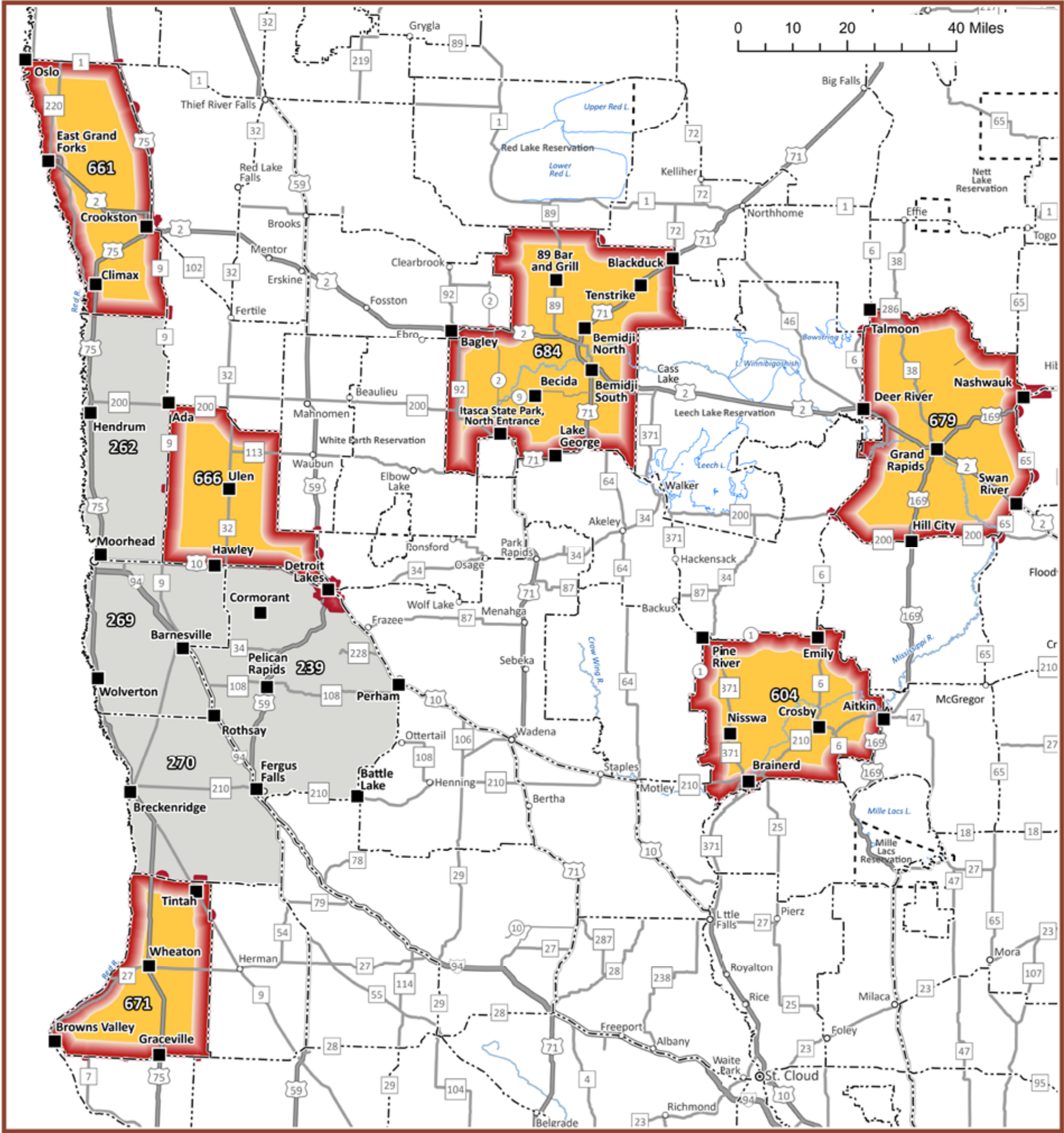
licensed taxidermist within 48 hours of leaving the CWD management zone. Meat or quarters of deer can also leave the zone immediately.

There are no carcass movement restrictions for deer harvested in Minnesota outside of the CWD management zones.

Locations of DNR-maintained dumpsters, where hunters can dispose of deer carcass remains, are listed online at [mndnr.gov/deerhunt](https://mndnr.gov/deerhunt).

More information on carcass movement restrictions can be found on page 80 of the 2025 Hunting and Trapping Regulations.

Map 1



■ CWD sampling station

--- Deer permit area boundary

■ Carcass movement restriction boundary

CWD zones

■ Management

■ Surveillance

Reference features

Major roads

94 Interstate

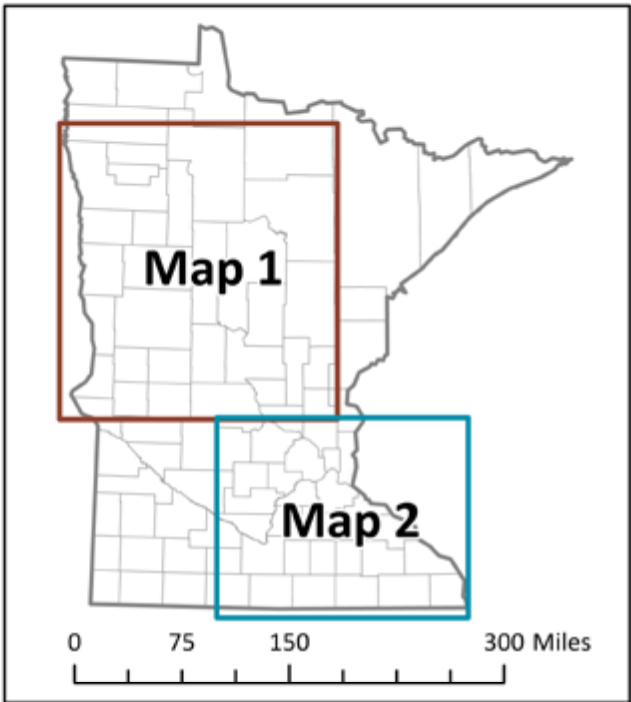
23 Federal highway

23 State highway

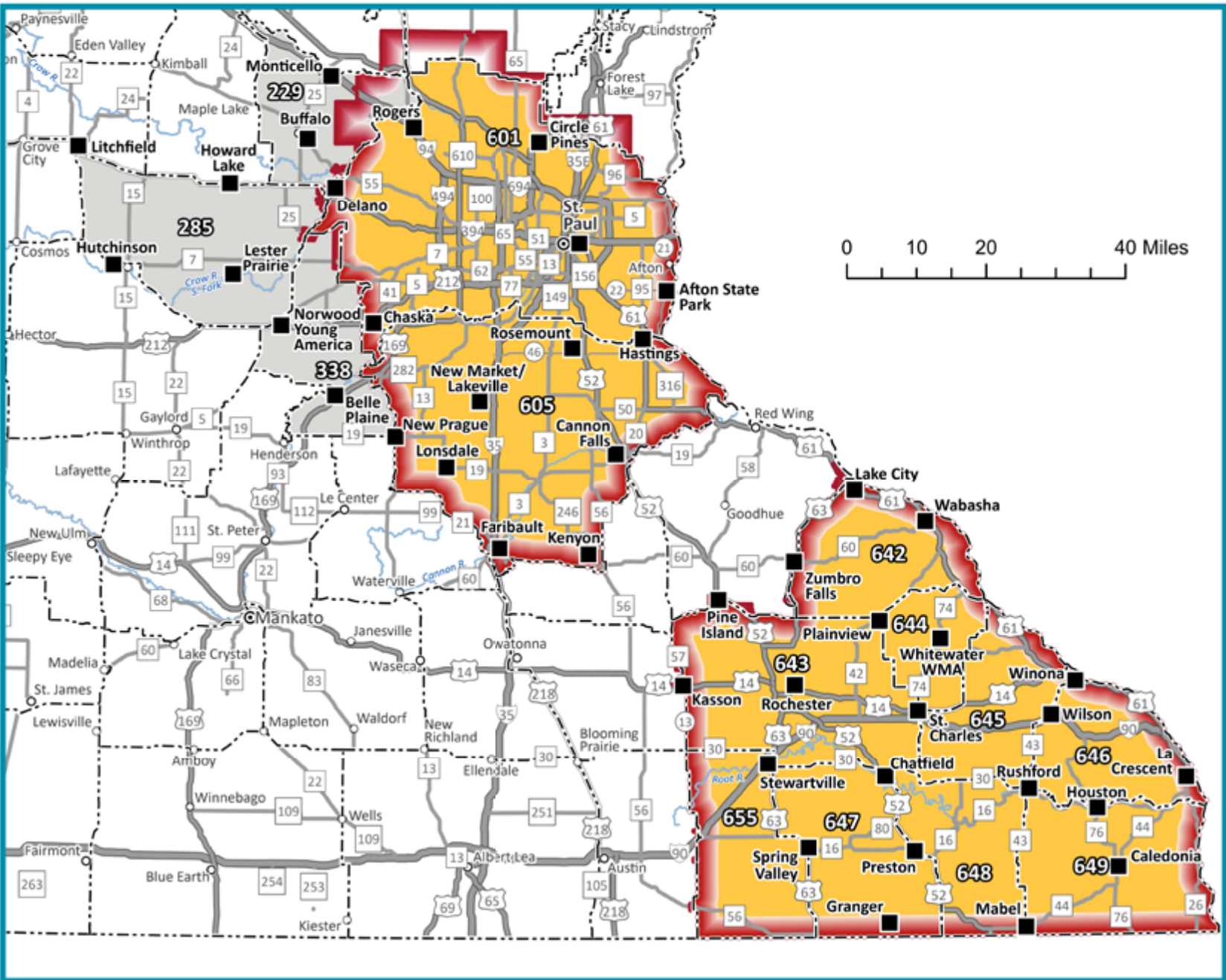
9 County highway

For details on stations and zone boundaries please scan QR code or reference link

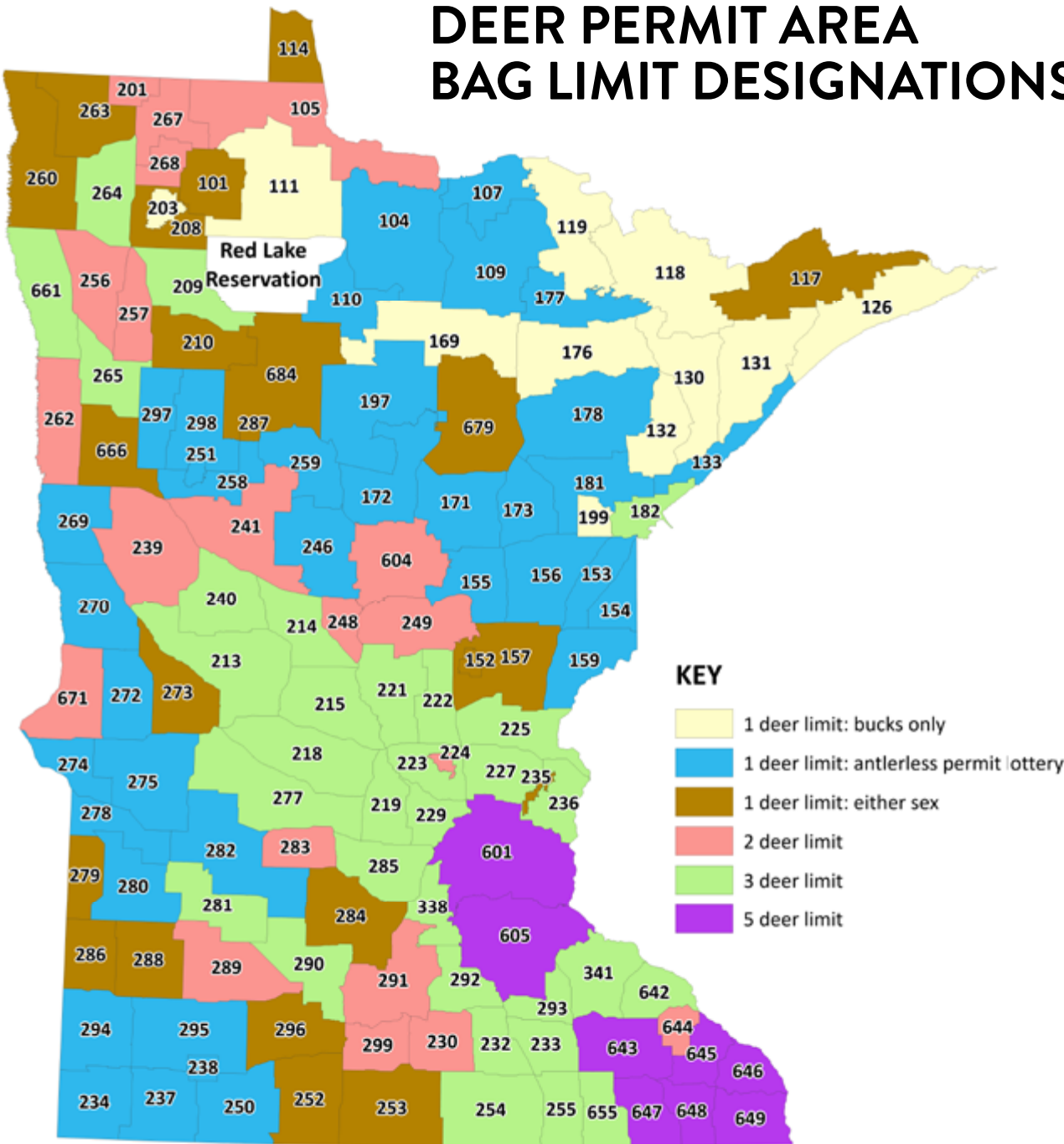
mndnr.gov/cwd/plan-map.html



Map 2



DEER PERMIT AREA BAG LIMIT DESIGNATIONS



Antlerless lottery permit quotas

Area number	Number of permits	Area number	Number of permits
104	25	238	50
107	500	246	1500
109	25	250	450
110	250	251	100
133	25	258	1500
153	200	259	1000
154	25	269	275
155	250	270	100
156	250	272	50
159	750	274	350
171	250	275	700
172	250	278	300
173	25	280	150
177	25	282	25
178	25	294	400
181	25	295	550
197	200	297	25
234	100	298	100
237	100		

**More information**  
See reverse side for the deer season area map and rifle/shotgun restrictions. Information and open permit areas for the early antlerless season and late CWD season are shown on the reverse side.  
Deer permit area bag limit designations are listed by individual deer permit area on pages 74 and 75 of the 2025 Hunting and Trapping Regulations.  
Information on the limit for antlered bucks is on page 74 of the 2025 Hunting and Trapping Regulations.

Available in Hmong, Karen, Somali and Spanish!

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MINNESOTA HUNTING & TRAPPING REGULATIONS

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

This booklet contains summaries of hunting and trapping laws in Minnesota. It's not a full list of all hunting and trapping laws and isn't a legal document.

NEW Electronic Licensing System coming soon. See page 10.