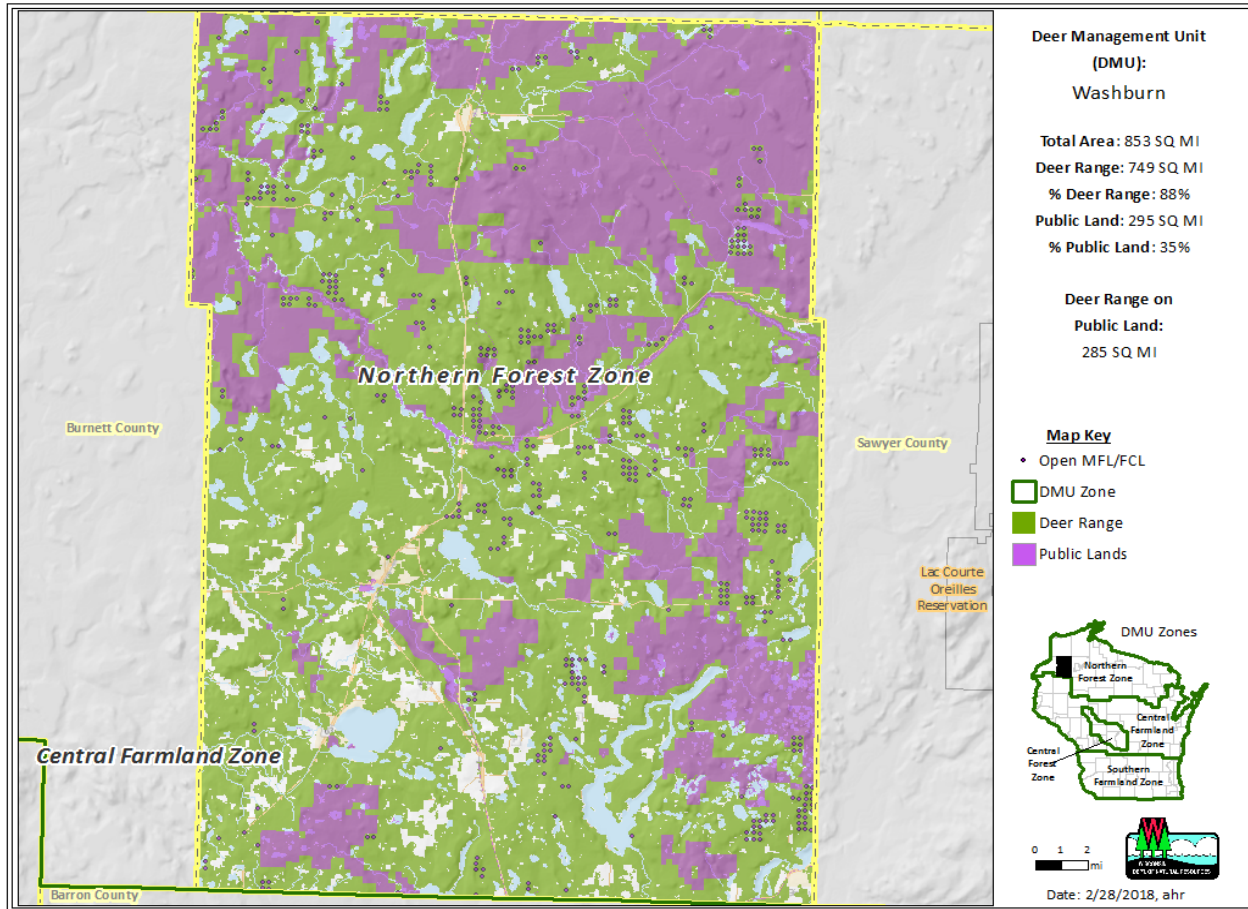


Washburn County Deer Metrics Report

Spring of 2024

Management Unit:



Manager's Note:

The Washburn County Deer Management Unit is located in the Northern Forest Zone. Approximately 87 percent of the unit is considered suitable deer range. Land-cover varies greatly from north to south. The northwestern portion is a mix of jack pine, scrub oak and pine-oak barrens dotted with small seepage lakes and ponds. The soil is sand to loamy sand. The northeast portion is a mix of aspen, hardwoods with expanses of swamps and bogs. The southeast corner of the unit is comprised of rolling hills of oaks and pothole lakes. Farming is common in much of the southern portion and rare in the northern half. Public lands open to hunting comprise 35 percent of the unit. This includes almost 148,000 acres of Washburn County Forest, about 9,000 acres of Department of Natural Resources Wildlife and Fishery Areas, and almost 30,000 acres of industrial forest land open to the public through the open Managed Forest Land and Forest Crop Land programs. The current deer herd management objective is to increase the deer population.

Deer Management Unit Harvest History

Fawn to doe ratios collected in late summer give information on fawn recruitment and survival and are used as an input into the formula for annual deer herd abundance estimation. Fawn to doe ratios were summarized using groups of county deer management units. County deer management units were grouped based on location, habitat characteristics, and deer demography.

Northern Forest Management Zone