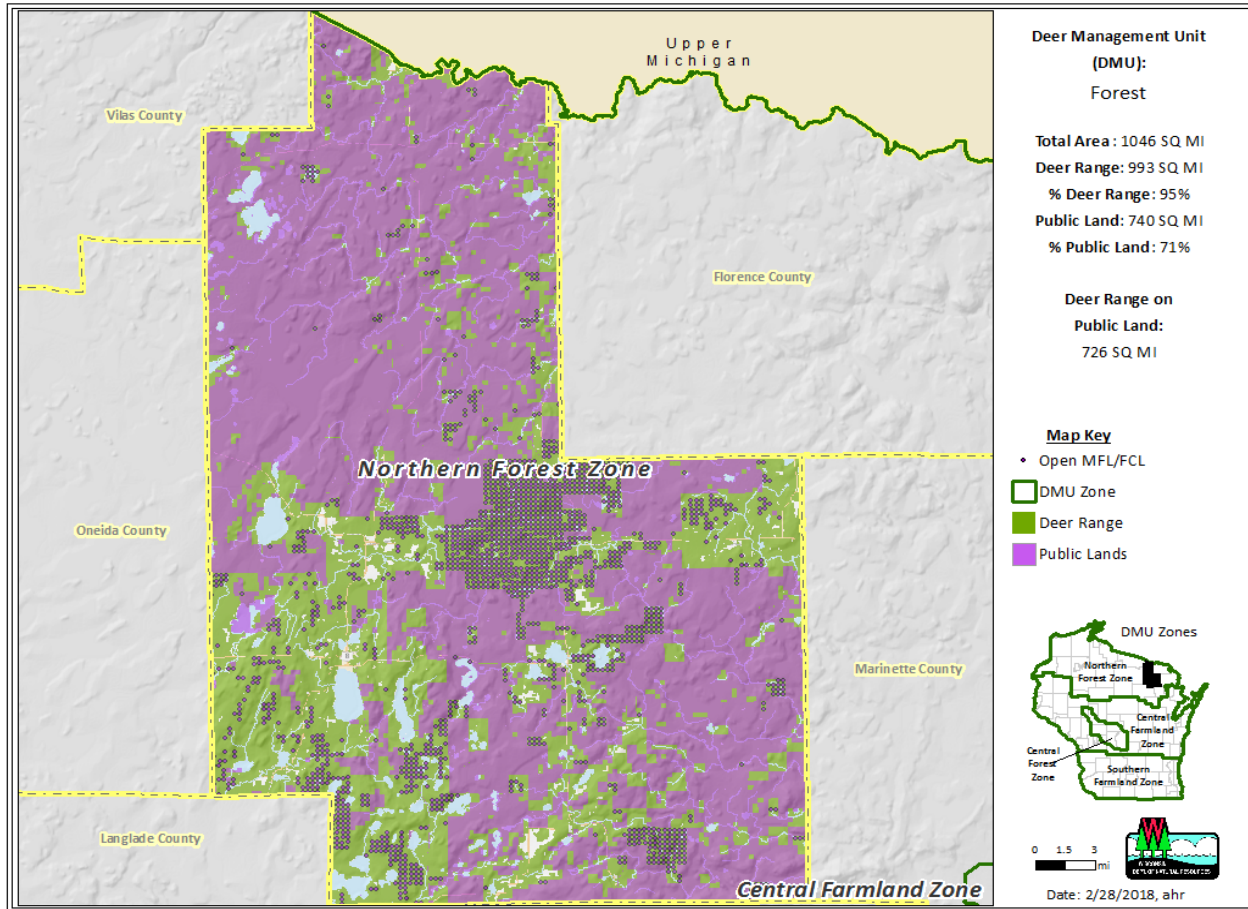


Forest County Deer Metrics Report

Spring of 2024

Management Unit:



Manager's Note:

The Forest County Deer Management Unit is located in the Northern Forest Zone. Approximately 95 percent of the unit is considered suitable deer range. The unit is 1,045 square miles in area with 74 percent landownership in public and 26 percent in private. The unit has a diverse landscape of mature hardwoods throughout with scattered small farms in the southern portion. Many opportunities for public hunting exist including U.S. Forest Service-owned land, county forest properties around Crandon and state land surrounding Little Rice Wildlife Area. Habitat quality in the unit has declined considerably with changes in forest age, and as a result harsh winters can seriously impact the local deer herd. The current deer herd management objective is to increase the 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

Total Area of Unit (Sq. Miles): 1,045.90

Deer Range of Unit (Sq. Miles): 992.90