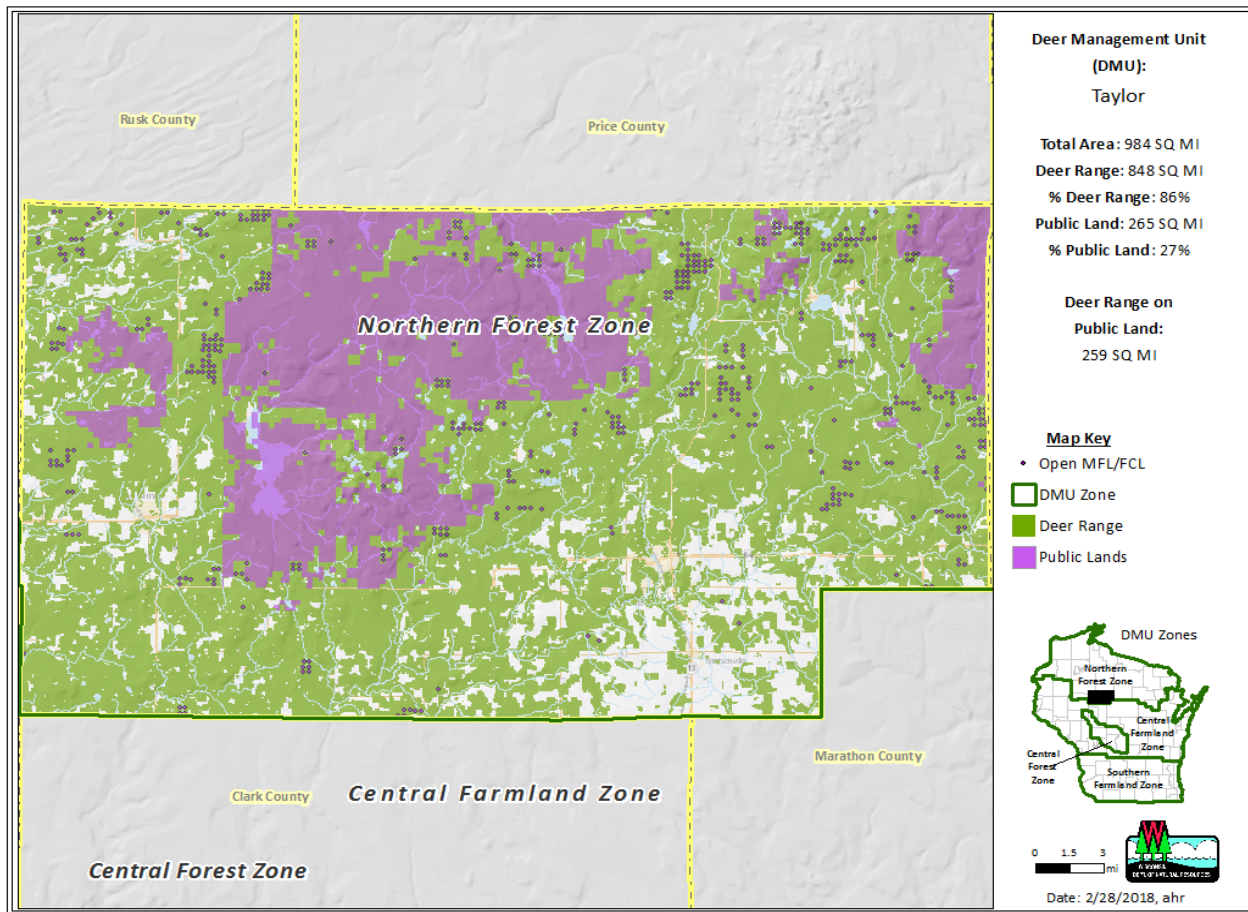


Taylor County Deer Metrics Report

Spring of 2024

Management Unit:



Manager's Note:

The Taylor County Deer Management Unit is located in the Northern Forest Zone. Approximately 82 percent of the unit is considered suitable deer range. Habitat quality and deer populations vary greatly across the unit. The southern portions are mostly in private landownership dominated by farms which hold the best habitat and deer populations. Very little public land exists in this southern portion. The largest block of public land area is the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest in the central and northern portions. The Taylor County Forest in the northeast portion is the second largest public land area. The state-owned Pershing Wildlife Area is in the northwest portion. These three properties contain approximately one-third of the land area in the unit. These lands also have lower overall deer populations than the southern farmlands. Hunter densities on opening day of the 9-day gun deer season range 10-13 hunters per square mile of deer range. The northern forest portions of this unit have a buck harvest rate of 2-4 bucks per square mile of deer range. Recent years have shown an overall decline in the population within this unit. 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