# Rylee’s Interview Questions

The following questions are designed to guide conversations with state agency personnel regarding deer population management. These questions are structured to encourage open dialogue and gather insights into current practices, challenges, and innovations.

* To start off, what are the key questions your agency is currently trying to answer regarding the deer population?
* Could you share what parts of the deer population your agency is most focused on?
* What would you say is the greatest internal limiting factor your agency faces in managing deer populations?
* Is it more about economic feasibility, limited time or resources, or perhaps programmatic consistency?
* From your perspective, what external factors limit your agency’s efforts?
* Would you say hunter participation, disease concerns, or something else plays the biggest role?
* What types of data or information does your agency currently collect related to white-tailed deer populations?
* Could you tell me more about the sources of this data—are you using harvest records, GPS collars, or other methods?
* Why does your agency collect each of these types of data?
* How much of this data is readily available and actively used in your decision-making?
* Are there any new technologies or tools your agency has started using recently?
* How have these tools influenced your management strategies or outcomes?
* Can you describe the structure and funding model of your agency?
* How does this structure impact your ability to manage deer populations effectively?