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CROW WING COUNTY LANDFILL DISPOSES OF OVER 3,000 DEER CARCASSES

Crow Wing County accepted over 3,000 deer carcasses in an effort to prevent the spread of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in the local deer population after a single confirmed case of CWD was found in the wild deer population earlier in this year. Throughout the hunting season, the County offered free deer carcass disposal to all hunters in an effort to contain any potential cases of CWD infected deer.

“There has only been 1 confirmed positive wild deer in the County, out 11,000+ tests over the last 3 years, including 2019”, said Ryan Simonson, Environmental Services Supervisor. “Although the statistics show that this is not a major problem at the moment, the county board decided to take a proactive approach to reduce the chances this becomes a major problem in the future.” The vast majority of the 3,000+ deer carcasses accepted into the county landfill were incinerated as an additional precautionary measure. Proper carcass disposal is one the best ways to prevent the spread of CWD.

We would like to thank all of the hunters and citizens that participated in this effort and brought their deer carcasses to the landfill for disposal this year. We want to combat the spread of this disease as much as possible, and in order to do that, we need the public and other agencies to do their part as well. It was great to see everyone working together as a team on this issue.

The Land Services Department is committed to providing excellent customer service while helping our residents make wise choices that protect Crow Wing County’s extraordinary natural resources. Citizens are encouraged to contact the Environmental Services Solid Waste Office at (218) 824-1290 or for more information, please visit the Crow Wing County’s Web site at www.crowwing.us and search for “Solid Waste”.

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