



Allegheny Brambles

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HUNTERS NEEDED – HERE!

The Kinzua Quality Deer Cooperative Needs More Hunters

Seven years of data collection across the 75,000 acre Kinzua Quality Deer Cooperative (KQDC) in McKean County have yielded some interesting results, but none more interesting than the differences in deer herd numbers on private lands, as compared to public lands. The deer herd is larger in numbers on private lands. And why?...

When both public and private lands open roads for firearm deer season?

When both public and private lands managers use DMAP, as needed?

When both public and private lands managers provide the same hunting information to hunters?

Managers struggle with the ‘why’s’. The deer herd on public lands within the KQDC boundary is within goal to sustain habitat. But, this is not the case on private lands. And such is the quandary... how to get an adequate harvest on private lands directly adjacent to public lands where harvest is deemed adequate.

One theory behind the disparity of harvest on a 75,000 acre area composed of 50,000 acres of public land and 25,000 acres of private lands is that hunters are more familiar with public access roads on public lands, and are unfamiliar with the private access roads on private lands. In an effort to combat this disparity of harvest and to encourage hunters to try new hunting areas, the KQDC is offering hunters the following map to showcase areas of higher deer density going into the fall hunting season of 2008.

The private landowners within the KQDC are opening roads, as in year’s past, to facilitate hunter access. Hunters – take advantage of this opportunity! Explore new territory. Try a new deer hunting area during this fall hunting season. **Pick the KQDC in McKean County!**

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Note to reporters: map enclosed as attachment to e-mail with news release.