

Resolution 11-20
COMPENSATION TO PRODUCERS ON DENIED LAND ACCESS TO HUNTERS

- WHEREAS:** Damage to livestock fencing, stacked feed, green feed or silage pits has increased due to the growing deer and elk population;
- WHEREAS:** Damage caused by deer and elk may be reduced through best management practices including issuance of additional hunting tags;
- WHEREAS:** Controlled reduction of the ungulate population cannot be undertaken on lands where hunting is not permitted;
- WHEREAS:** No compensation should be paid to landowners for damage to fences, stacked feed, green feed losses or silage pits and tubes if land access to hunters is denied;
- WHEREAS:** Landowners can develop their own system to allow land access to hunters;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST

that Alberta Environment and Parks withhold compensation for damage caused to fences, stacked feed or green feed to landowners that do not permit access to land for hunting of wildlife.

SPONSORED BY: Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26

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CARRIED:

DEFEATED: 74%

STATUS: Provincial

DEPARTMENT:

BACKGROUND

Over population of wildlife (deer and elk) causing destruction of crops and feed.

PREAMBLE

Producers incur additional expenses for damage to crops, silage and feed that is destroyed by deer and elk as well as fence repairs and replacement. In areas where the population of deer and elk has increased dramatically, Alberta Fish and Game has proposed to increase the number of cow elk tags issued to each hunter to control the population. Hunters that are drawn for cow elk will receive two tags instead of one. This will not increase the number of hunters, only the allotment of tags issued to them.

The intent is not to allow trespassing by anyone, permission will need to be granted by the landowner. The landowner is in control of when, who and how many hunters are allowed on their property at all times. Landowners must work with hunters to decrease the deer and elk population which in turn will provide relief from the damages done and the hazards of overpopulation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Landowners that deny access to any hunting on their lands also not qualify to receive compensation from any sources for damages or preventative measures due to the overpopulation of deer and elk in their area.