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Subject: 2014 CWD Cooperative Sampling Program

Dear Potential Cooperator:

The hunting seasons are just around the corner and the time has come to begin preparing for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) surveillance in Central Wisconsin. Continuing on our CWD surveillance efforts initiated in 2013, the DNR will again be sampling deer in an attempt to better assess the geographic extent of CWD in our area. Through the collection of samples at registration stations and other opportunistic sources, we are attempting to collect an additional 300 samples from each of the five surveillance areas established in Central Wisconsin.

With the limited resource pool available for collecting samples for testing, cooperator assistance has proved invaluable in monitoring the spread of CWD. Recognizing the vital role cooperators have played in our past sampling efforts, we are again turning to you for assistance. Similar to past years, we are offering monetary incentives for those willing to assist in our sampling efforts. Those who agree to participate will receive \$7.50 for each adult deer head collected from our sampling areas. We will provide all cooperators with proper training, necessary equipment, forms and maps. Lymph nodes will then be extracted from these heads by DNR staff and sent in for testing.

If you are interested in participating in the CWD sampling efforts for our area, please contact us as soon as possible so we can schedule a time to meet with your group and dispense CWD sampling supplies. You can reach us at the Adams-Friendship DNR Wildlife Office at (715) 213-5925 or by e-mail at Joshua.Karow@Wisconsin.gov. Thank you in advance for your assistance and we look forward to working with you throughout the coming hunting season.

Sincerely,

Josh Karow
Central Wisconsin CWD Surveillance Coordinator

CWD Sampling Areas for 2014

