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Resolution

The Problem:

Statistically, most tree stand related injuries occur when erecting or removing tree stands.

Current Wisconsin Game Laws require that portable, non-damaging tree stands installed on State Public land be completely removed each evening throughout the entire hunting season, thereby increasing the chance of accidental injury from falls.

This requirement results in hunters erecting and removing stands in darkness, further increasing the chances of falls.

This requirement decreases the success rate for hunters using tree stands due to the increased noise and activity related to the daily removal of such equipment.

Where as, These laws are inconsistent with rules for other public lands, as the daily removal of portable, non-damaging tree stands is not required for public lands in Michigan, Minnesota, National Forest Land and most county owned lands throughout the state.

Where as, These laws are inconsistent with the Wisconsin DNR's own rules in respect to the installation of duck blinds and ice shanties on public land or waters which are not required to be removed each evening.

Where as, these rules unnecessarily increase the risk to hunters using portable, non-damaging tree stands.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Winnebago County on April 16th 2007, recommends that the Department of Natural resources take action to correct this situation by introducing rules allowing the over night placement of properly marked, portable, non-damaging tree stands on State Public Land open to hunting throughout the big game hunting season.

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yes 40
no 16

Signature: 

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Passed or Failed:

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County Vote: (by show of hands or written ballot where appropriate) YES 40 NO 16