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TITLE

Act 168 Reevaluation as it pertains to Hunting and Trapping in/on State Parks/Trails

THE ISSUE

Among other actions Act 168 opened every Wisconsin State Park, State Trail, and State Ice Age Trail Area (SIATA) to year round hunting and trapping. This blanket legislation did not consider individual parcels, management plans, nearby communities, potential conflicts, or science for that matter.

Act 168 was conceived to increase opportunities for hunters and trappers but it only increased the public lands available to hunters and trappers by 1%. Instead this action put hunting and trapping in direct conflict with other activities typically associated with State Parks and Trails such as group hiking, bird watching, trail running, dog walking, and others too numerous to list here.

Act 168 is incompatible with the most basic principal of land management. Put simply, just because it works well over there doesn't mean it's going to work well over here.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Conservation Congress finds aspects of Act 168 indefensible and will work with the Legislature to amend this legislation so that every public land and trail affected will be managed as the the administrators and the affected communities decide.