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Title: Wolf Trapping Regulations

The Problem: Currently it is legal for one person to check unlimited number of wolf sets for an unlimited number of wolf permit holders. Trappers/guides are checking traps with as many as a dozen permit holders tags attached. When a wolf is found in a trap, the phone calls begin to the list of permit holders, many who live great distances from the trap location. Currently there is no trapping license required to meet the 24 hour dry land set check requirement and anybody can check the wolf set. The current loop hole in the trapping rule causes zones to be closed quickly. Under the current trapping regulations, wolves are trapped at such a rapid rate that it is hard to shut the season down to prevent overharvest.

The DNR has stated that it is their goal to find methods to extend the wolf season beyond the very short season closures that reduce opportunities by hunters and trappers.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Bayfield County on April 13, 2015 recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the Department to take action to correct this situation by introducing a rule change that would required the wolf permit holder to check their own trap every 24 hours and that the trap could only have one tag attached, that being the tag of the wolf permit holder.

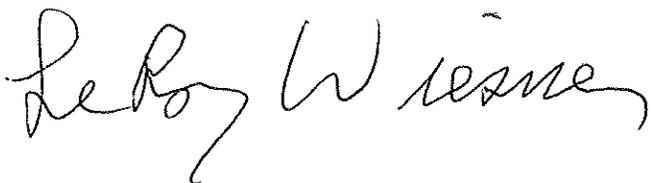
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