

Citizen Resolution # 130715
(For Hearing Officer Completion)



**EXEMPT LAKE KEGONSA STATE PARK
FROM ACT 168**

PROBLEM: The acreage open to hunting and trapping is too small to accommodate the insured safety of all park users, traffic in and around the park, and nearby residents. Archery hunters are exempt from the 100 yard rule, meaning they don't have to be 100 yards away from a trail or an area closed to hunting, as those who use guns in state parks do under ACT 168.

Archers are allowed to hunt directly off the side of trails. The continuous curvature of trails, slope variance and dense prairie grasses in excess of six feet tall midway into December, significantly obscure visibility from users in close proximity to one another.

Hunters in pursuit of wounded deer increase deer movement across busy roadways therefore jeopardizing oncoming traffic on roads which have extremely reduced roadside visibility. School bus routes make several daily runs past the most heavily hunted areas in the park.

There is very limited staffing of rangers. Wounded pursued deer easily end up in areas closed to hunting or neighbor's yards. Threatening confrontations have transpired between hunter and nonhunter which pose cause for serious concerns of personal safety.

The heart of the fast paced X-country skate and track skiing trails is shared with hunters. Dragging a kill across a trail or firing a shot pose a risk of collision or injury.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Conservation Congress held in Dane County on April 13, 2015 recommends that Lake Kegonsa State Park be exempt from ACT 168 for safety reasons.

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