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**Add Rock County to NR 45.09(5) to regulate shooting on DNR lands:**

Unregulated target shooting on DNR lands in the Town of Avon in Rock County (Avon Bottoms Wildlife Area) has been an ongoing problem and enforcement has been unsuccessful under existing regulations. Currently, people shoot in uncontrolled and unsafe ways on DNR property: using inappropriate targets, shooting at trees, shooting at inappropriate times of day and night that disturb neighbors, littering, and discouraging other public use of DNR property. Because shooting is generally allowed on DNR lands in Rock County, it is hard to prove and enforce specific violations such as shooting at trees.

DNR staff have indicated that one solution would be to add Rock County to the list of other counties in Administrative Code NR 45.09(5). This would help prevent unregulated shooting on DNR land in Rock County. The Rock County Board passed a resolution in support of this on February 25, 2016. Although DNR has discussed establishing a shooting range in or near Rock County, a suitable site may not be found and a range is unlikely to change the behavior of those misusing DNR lands.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress recommends that DNR staff, the Natural Resources Board, and legislators should work as quickly as possible to add Rock County to NR 45.09(5) and/or similar regulations, enforce these regulations, and address uncontrolled shooting in Rock County, without requiring the establishment of a shooting range first.

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