

**§10107. Deer wintering areas**

**1. Identification of deer wintering areas.** The commissioner shall, by rule, establish criteria for the identification of deer wintering areas in the State. The criteria must include:

- A. Observation by department personnel; [PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF).]
  - B. Deer tracks; [PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF).]
  - C. Evidence of current or past browsing; [PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF).]
  - D. Deer pellet depositions; or [PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF).]
  - E. Bedding sites. [PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF).]
- [PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF).]

**2. Notification.** Whenever evidence indicates, according to criteria established by the commissioner, the existence of a deer wintering area in any municipality or plantation, the commissioner shall notify the officials of the municipality or plantation and the owner or owners of record of the property on which the area is located of the existence of the deer wintering area and shall provide information to those persons as to actions that may be taken to protect the deer in that area. [PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF).]

**SECTION HISTORY**

PL 2003, c. 414, §A2 (NEW). PL 2003, c. 414, §D7 (AFF). PL 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF).

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