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Every year, hunting is being expanded in some form or other in Maine; a longer season...a new animal to target...a new method of killing...etc.

Recently squirrels have been added to the list of animals children can kill. Squirrels. The squirrel season was recently expanded...surprise/surprise.

Is there a sound reason, other than recruitment? I ask, because the only place I have noticed squirrels to be "abundant" are in the backyards of people feeding birds and deer. Probably not a lot of actual hunting involved there....

People who recreate in our woods have ONE day to experience our woods and wildlife without the concerns of coming upon individuals with firearms or packs of hound dogs running at large..

OF SPECIAL CONCERN:Children with guns being in our woods (And on Public Lands) every single Sunday...ALL YEAR ROUND (summers-fall-spring), looking to kill a coyote.And I ask you: For what good reason? There is none.

Frankly, I am appalled that those who claim "the antis" are trying to "End All Hunting As We Know It"...are they themselves, actually succeeding at it: Children in our woods every Sunday...legally killing wildlife isn't the only "something NEW" that has been instituted over the years. Hunting as WHO knows it? Not as I ever knew it !