

Citizen Resolution # 580722

(For Hearing Officer completion)



Grant authority for WI DNR Conservation Officers to issue trespass citations

The current Wisconsin law does not give DNR Conservation Officers citation authority in response to hunting trespassing complaints. Local law enforcement and Sheriff's department currently hold exclusive citation authority. DNR wardens already have authority to issue trespass violations regarding ATV/UTV use, snowmobile use, timber theft, illegal dumping, and illegal ginseng harvesting. This is a reasonable request for safety and respect of all taxpaying landowners, while closing a loophole so called "hunters" use to steal hunting opportunities from landowners managing wildlife on their own land. Property owners are frustrated by the lack of authority of the DNR wardens responding to trespass complaints and the local authorities are often prioritized elsewhere. Numerous complaint calls to law enforcement demonstrate the continuing persistent lack of compliance by hunters and hunting groups who do not request permission to hunt private property. Often the offenders are let off with a verbal warning. Many municipalities already have their resources stretched very thin and allowing WI DNR Conservation Officers to issue trespass citations allows for more efficient use of resources.

Do you support granting Wisconsin DNR Conservation Officers the authority to issue trespass citations?

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