

# Wildlife Commission harvest for 2018-19 deer season down 9%

Results from the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission's annual deer harvest summary indicate hunters across the state reported harvesting 143,529 deer during the 2018-19 hunting season — a 9 percent decrease compared to the average harvest the last three seasons.

Deer harvests changed little in the Central and Northwestern zones (-1.2 percent and +0.6 percent, respectively); increased in the Western Zone by 7.3 percent; and declined in the Southeastern and Northeastern zones (-19.2 and -20.4 percent respectively). The largest declines occurred in the antlered buck harvest in the Southeastern and Northeastern zones (-23.9 percent and -24.9 percent, respectively).

Of the deer harvested, 51.5 percent were antlered bucks, 4.6 percent were button bucks and 43.9 percent were does. Most deer were harvested with a gun (81.1 percent), followed by blackpowder (8.1 percent), bow (6.3 percent) and crossbow (4.5 percent).

The variation in harvest from year to year and from zone to zone is something biologists expect to see and is due to a number of factors that can include weather, mast (acorn and berries), disease, hunter effort, harvest selectivity, and reporting compliance. This year, significant rule changes, including a statewide antlered bag limit of two, and antlerless bag limit of four, along with weather events, such as Hurricane Florence, likely impacted hunter effort, harvest selectivity and reporting compliance, all of which can affect harvest numbers.

## USFS proposes recreation fee changes on Pisgah-Nantahala National Forests

The U.S. Forest Service is proposing to change recreation fees at four areas on the Pisgah and Nantahala National Forests and has opened an official public comment period from April 22 to May 31, 2019.

"Public lands benefit every American, and recreation fee revenue helps protect natural resources and enhance recreation opportunities on national forests" said Mike Wilkins, District Ranger on the Nantahala Ranger District.

The goal of the proposed changes is to establish a consistent fee approach for the National Forests in North Carolina and to improve visitor experiences through site upgrades paid for by the collected fees.

"These fees will enhance our important multi-use trail systems and protect our historic cabin rental," said Andy Gaston, District Ranger on the Cheoah and Tusquitee Ranger Districts.

Current prices at many forest sites have remained static for over a decade and have not kept pace with other recreation sites with similar services and amenities. In addition, many sites have received various improvements and upgrades.

"We're looking forward to improving our OHV trails. Markets have changed and more OHV riders are showing up to Brown Mountain with side-by-sides.

Many of our trails were designed to accommodate four wheelers. We're widening those trails for the new, wider side-by-sides that we are seeing more of," said Nicholas Larson, District Ranger on the Grandfather Ranger District.

These fee changes are only

Reported harvest data provide valuable trend information that biologist use, in combination with other recurring agency surveys and biological data, to monitor the herd.

"We primarily focus on long-term trends rather than annual variations to monitor the population and have observed increasing trends in deer harvest in western North Carolina, likely due to an emerging deer herd and improved deer habitat on private lands," said Jon Shaw, the Commission's deer biologist. "In some areas we have relatively stable harvest trends, while in large portions of Eastern North Carolina, we are observing declining trends in harvest and deer numbers.

The Commission implemented rule changes in 2018-2019 to intentionally reduce harvest with the goal of stabilizing deer numbers and improving the sex ratio and age-structure of the herd. Additionally, in the Western Zone, the timing of doe harvest was shifted toward the opening of the season, which has numerous biological benefits for the herd.

"Changes in the structure and condition of the herd take years, but early results are encouraging and indicate we're heading in the right direction," he added. "Of course, we will continue to closely monitor the herd, and with the help of hunters, will make additional adjustments if needed."

The Commission posts annual harvest summaries on its website, as well as live harvest reports, which are available anytime throughout the hunting season. For more information, visit the Commission's white-tailed deer page.

proposed. After public comments are received, the Forest will assess the comments and concerns and then present the fee proposals to the Southern Region Recreation Resource Advisory Committee (RRAC).

The Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act of 2004 allows the Forest Service to keep 80-95 percent of fees collected to operate, maintain, and improve the recreation sites.

The proposed fee changes are:

**Cabins**  
Swan Cabin - increase from \$25 per night to \$50 per night

Specialized Mountain Bike and Equestrian Trails  
Tsali Mountain Bike and Equestrian Trail Complex - increase from \$2 to \$5 per rider per day, and \$15 to \$30 annual pass\*\*

\*\*Tsali trail fees apply only to mountain bikers and equestrians.

**Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Trails**  
Brown Mountain OHV Trail Complex - increase from \$5 to \$15 per vehicle per day, and \$30 to \$60 annual pass\*

Wayehutta OHV Trail Complex - increase from \$5 to \$15 per vehicle per day, and \$30 to \$60 annual pass\*

\*As proposed, these fees will be phased-in over a two year period.

For more information visit our webpage [fs.usda.gov/goto/nfscn/recfeeproposal](https://fs.usda.gov/goto/nfscn/recfeeproposal).

To provide comments about this fee proposal for the RRAC to consider, contact Logan Free at 828-257-4256, by email at [NFNCFeeProposals@fs.fed.us](mailto:NFNCFeeProposals@fs.fed.us), or by mail at: Attn: Recreation Fee Proposals, 160A Zillicoa Street, Asheville, NC 28801.

## LEGAL NOTICE

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA-Part B, Public Law 108.446) Project is presently being amended. The Project describes the special education programs that Yancey County proposes for Federal funding for the 2018-2019 School Year. Interested persons are encouraged to review amendments to the Project and make comments concerning the implementation of special education under this Federal Program. All comments will be considered prior to submission of the amended Project to the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction in Raleigh, North Carolina. The IDEA-Part B Project is open to the public for review and comments during the week of May 20 - 24, 2019 in the office of Margie Stebbeds, Director of Exceptional Children's Programs located at 100 School Circle, Burnsville, NC. Published May 8, 15, 2019

# Classifieds

## LEGAL NOTICE

### LEGAL NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE, YANCEY COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR/ EXECUTOR NOTICE

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Wanda June Wilson of Yancey County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons and corporations having claims against the Estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 1st day of August, 2019 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 1st day of May, 2018.  
Richard D. Wilson  
PO Box 963  
Burnsville, NC 28714  
Published May 1, 8, 15, 22, 2019

### LEGAL NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE, YANCEY COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR/ EXECUTOR NOTICE

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This the 15th day of May, 2019.  
James J. Higgins  
7 Willow Lane  
Burnsville, NC 28714  
Published May 15, 22, 29, June 5, 2019

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Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of Joyce L. Pate of Yancey County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons and corporations having claims against the Estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 15th day of August, 2019 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

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Connie A. Adkins  
342 Mtn. View Road  
Burnsville, NC 28714  
Published May 15, 22, 29, June 5, 2019

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Having qualified as Administrator CTA of the Estate of Welch Owens of Yancey County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons and corporations having claims against the Estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 24th day of July, 2019 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 24th day of April, 2019.  
Gregory S. McIntyre  
PO Box 165  
233 E Graham Street  
Shelby, NC 28150  
Published April 24, May 1, 8, 15, 2019

### LEGAL NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE, YANCEY COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR/ EXECUTOR NOTICE

Having qualified as Administrator CTA of the Estate of Faye Holbrook Owens of Yancey County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons and corporations having claims against the Estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 24th day of July, 2019 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

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### LEGAL NOTICE Newdale Volunteer Fire Department PO Box 560, Micaville, NC 28755 63 Riverwalk Dr Burnsville, NC 28714 On the Proposed Financing by Newdale VFD

Notice is Hereby Given that the Newdale VFD located in Burnsville, NC, Yancey County, the board will meet on May 28, 2019 at 6:00 o'clock for the purpose of holding a public hearing pursuant to the requirements of Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended on a proposal that the issuer enter an agreement in order to finance certain equipment. The equipment to be financed consists of trucks and automobiles and be located 63 Riverwalk Dr.

To finance the costs of such equipment and to pay costs and expenses incidental to the financing, the Issuer proposes to enter into a loan agreement in the loan agreement will be secured by security interest in the equipment.

All persons interested may appear and be heard at said time and place or may file written comments with the Newdale VFD prior to the date of hearing set forth heretofore.

Dated: 5-10-19  
By Order of Newdale VFD

David H. Dayton, President  
Publication Dates at least once 14 days prior to the meeting date  
Attested By Linda Buchanan.  
Published May 15, 22, 2019.

### LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 104

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against Leonard Borgman aka Leonard A. Borgman, late of Pasco County, Florida, and owning property in Yancey County, North Carolina, are hereby notified to present them to Leroy H. Borgman, Jr., as Ancillary Personal Representative of the decedent's estate, in care of the Alleman Law Firm, P.O. Box 276, Asheville, NC 28802, on or before the 24th day of July, 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the above-named Ancillary Personal Representative.

Cynthia Alleman  
Attorney for the Ancillary Estate of Leonard Borgman aka Leonard A. Borgman  
Alleman Law Firm  
P.O. Box 276  
Asheville, NC 28802-0276  
Bar No. 20905  
Published: April 24, May 1, May 8. May 15

### LEGAL NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE, YANCEY COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR/ EXECUTOR NOTICE

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Stephanie Anne Briggs Whitt of Yancey County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons and corporations having claims against the Estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 8th day of August, 2019 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 1st day of May, 2018.  
Larry Whitt  
1554 Patterson Branch Road  
Burnsville, NC 28714  
Published May 8, 15, 22, 29, 2019

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