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The Mendocino County Blacktail Association (M.C.B.A)
is committed to restoring the declining numbers of the
Blacktail Deer in public lands.*

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BLACKTAIL NEWS

Official Newsletter of the MCBA

Hunters!!! No Time to Relax

Thanks to all the committed participants at the 2010 event. We have been blessed for 3 years in a row with a wonderful turnout each dinner. However it is easy to develop a false sense of security while the party happens. It is a long road ahead, and much work is yet to be done, if we are to make a difference in our public land deer herds. Many obstacles are in front of us, and it is necessary for hunters to step up.

2010 proved by the testimony of the hunters interviewed, to be a tough year in the public lands. Private lands were also very difficult as well, with a very warm season. The Pacific Ghost as usual, lived up to its name. Some who put their time in were still successful despite warm temperatures, and difficult conditions. It is difficult to measure immediate successes, but we must continue to press forward and not relax. Morale among deer hunters is low, and participation on a legislative level per hunter is also low. Hunters must become educated



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on the current movements of Government, and participate in the public expression process to make a difference.

MCBA hosted a B-zone Summit in February 2011 to begin the process of pooling wildlife agencies, and sportsman based groups, that can encourage decision makers to look at the needs for a concentrated management program on our public lands. Issues that directly negatively affect our deer populations in the B-zones, must be addressed and fixed if we are to see deer hunting survive. We as well cannot afford to lose the monies that pour into the B-zone economies from hunters. We have an enormous stimulus package of roughly 30 million dollars every year flooding into the 10 counties that make up the B-zones.

We will update everyone at the dinner April 16, 2011. Our new website is up, and it is more informative on how to become involved. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has faithfully contributed time and money. The future of Black tail deer hunting is very fragile, we need more than ever, to make our voices for the importance of deer, known. Be sure to make our annual event on April 16th. **It greatly helps our efforts.**

Thanks, Paul Trouette



Pictured here is MCBA supporter Joan Van Housen with her 3x3 that she harvested in the A-Zone area this year. Joans buck was 20 1/4 inches wide, and was taken at a whopping 502 yds. The Van Housens went to a long range shooting school in Utah, recommended by Arrow Five Out-fitters Jim and TinaMarie Schaafsma, also MCBA supporters. Notice the excitement in her face posed with her beautiful buck. This is the reason our organization exists, congratulations Joan and husband Craig.

Deer Counts 2010



Counting deer in the MNF was again an extremely long 3 days. Traveling 20 miles at 4 MPH for about 4 hours straight through is very difficult. And to do it 3 nights in a row, can prove to be taxing. The Dutchers from Santa Rosa ca, Kurt, and Mark, avid sportsman, and MCBA's attorney James Lee Nerli, also put hours in, not to mention two 10 year old boys who hunted digger squirrels during the hot July days, all got the job done for DFG. Counting deer is extremely important in monitoring the resource.

Dutcher Drywall



The Dutchers; Kurt, father Mark, and friend Brian, put their time and money into the efforts this year by helping for 3 days in MNF counting deer. They also help financially by donating to the B-Zone project. Thanks guys.

Field of Dreams MCBA Dinner for challenged kids

MCBA supported Tom Dermody and the Field of Dreams event with a gift of 500.00 dollars encouraging the spirit of helping the medically challenged kids out there locally, who like the hunting sports ,and the outdoors. MCBA sponsored the Lovell family this year who brought Avery and Seth, their two boys, who love getting outdoors but who need a lot of help. Thank God there are still people out there who get out of themselves to focus on others. Thanks to Ron and Judy for participating in the event, and bring-



Ron and Judy Lovell



Kevin and Nancy

ing Avery and Seth. Pictured at the dinner 2010 is Nancy Kauffman, and son Kevin at the Dinner, who were supposed to get their pics taken in a jeep specially outfitted to help kids who are challenged hunters. Unfortunately the jeep couldn't make it but Kevin and Nancy still came. thanks anyway guys.

Meet The Newsletter Publishers

3 years ago Eric and April Hoggatt decided to help MCBA publish a quality newsletter for its members. The effort has been a wonderful process. Thanks very much to Eric and April for a quality job each year. The two also publish a local paper called "The Nickel & Dime " in Willits Ca. Thanks guys.



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Antler Display 2010



Special thanks to Steve Watson for "heading" up the antler display. Steve knows how to get the boys to gather by bringing in an excellent display of buck heads. Wait till you see this years bucks. Dont miss it!

The Crowning Work Of Fire



Fire is extremely beneficial to our rangelands, and the health of our deer herds are dependant upon it. Unfortunately, many people are afraid to introduce it today for fear of unwanted liabilities. Air quality agencies support fire projects currently, and provides permits on a regular basis. Notice the section of pasture on the left, old dry matter built up from years of neglect. Deer do not eat grass, but forbs which lie deep beneath this overgrown matter of dry grasses, unable to be utilized, because of the thick dense matter. Notice the section to the right. Clean, matter free, and productive. Deer need this nutritious diet to flourish. Support fire for habitat.

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MCBA, A Small Organization With A Big Agenda Building A Strong Foundation...



Picture; MCBA science team; L. to R., Hal Wagenet, Paul Trouette, Dr Gary Alt PhD, Dr Dale McCullough PhD, Jack Booth, Biologist, Author of Mendocino Co. Deer Herd Plan.

Without true scientific information, our efforts are nothing more than campfire stories. It is amazing to me how many of us don't really take the time to research things before we make assumptions. It is especially true of many in the hunting circles. Some say lions are the reason for no deer, other say its coyotes, still others will claim its blue tongue. The truth is, there are many factors in reality affecting the deer in the B-Zones. MCBA has spent many years developing a scientific team of quality people who can address our current problems associated with deer management. MCBA recently met with one of the world's renoun deer scientists, Dr Dale McCullough in Berkeley California. Dale was fortunate enough to study under Starker Leopold, who is regarded by many of the finest deer biologists in the world. Dale is a wonderful, available recourse.

Cal Fire & MCBA Kick Start Prescribe Burning Program



Norm Brown and George Gonzalez of CALFIRE met with MCBA to figure out a way to help the deer in the county and Public forest lands by prescribe burning the habitat. Land owners have been leary of treating their properties with fire because of the liability. CALFIRE's Mendocino Unit is re-establishing a VMP (Vegetation Management Program) as a way of reintroducing fire to the ecosystem, a second goal is to improve wild-life habitat by inducing new shoots from sprouting species to increase forage production, with islands of unburned fuel left within burn units to provide shelter for small mammals. Third goal, is to reduce overall fuel loading to decrease the chance of catastrophic wildfires in the future. Another benefit is to implement training for the CALFIRE and local fire agencies. Air quality supports burning and issues permits on a regular basis every year to the public land owners. CALFIRE is available anytime to talk with land owners and managers about doing their own fire program.

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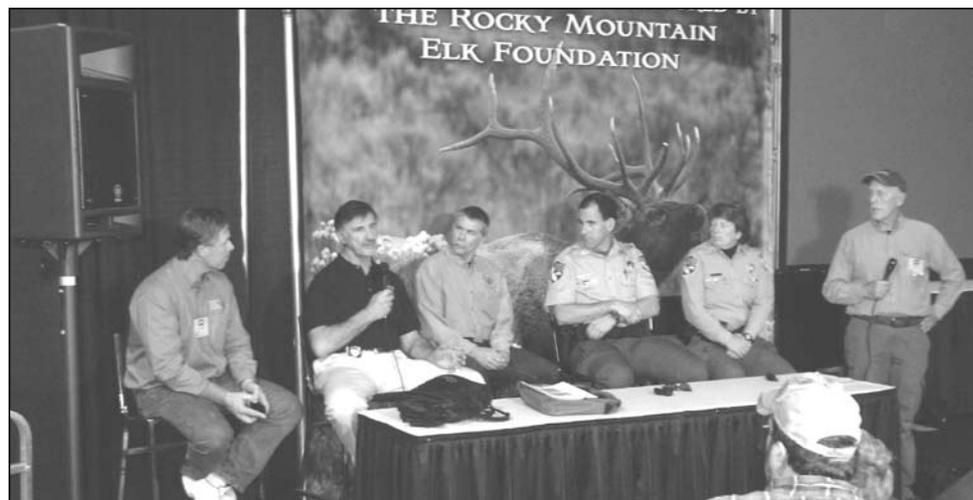
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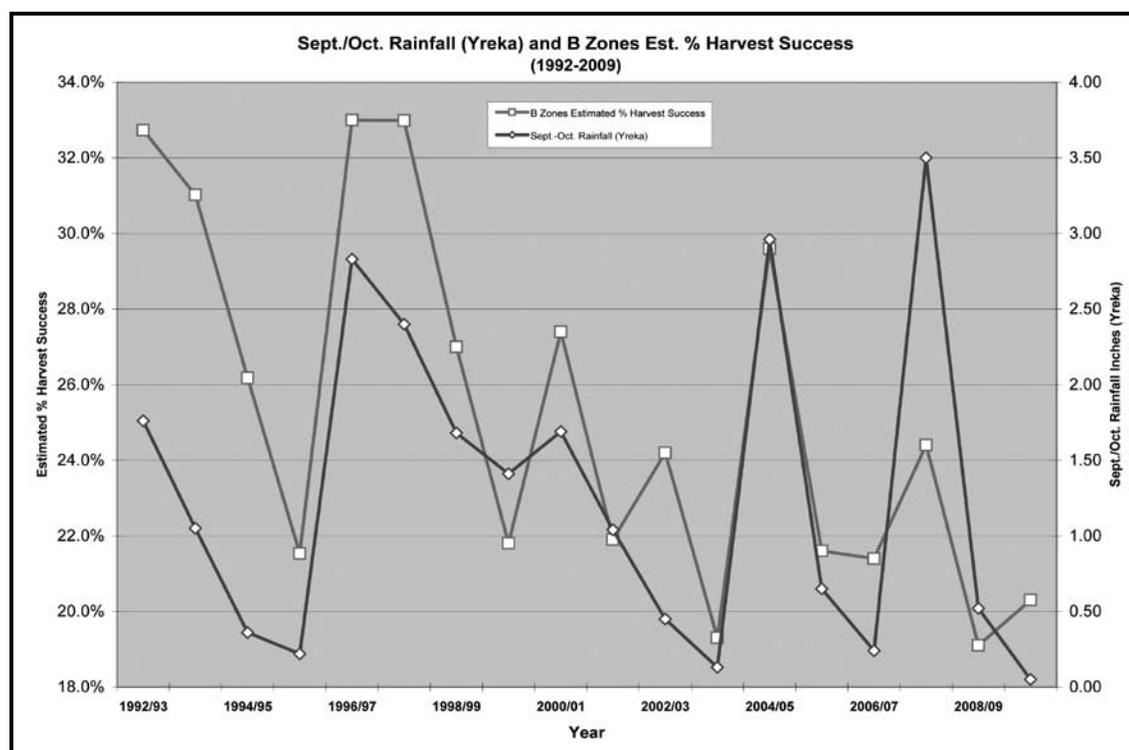
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ISE Event, MCBA, Don't be a victim!!

MCBA branches out to spread the message about Blacktail Deer restoration at the 2011 International Sportsman's Expo in Sacramento. MCBA teamed up with James and Andrew Swann of Snow Goose Productions, who are co-producers of Wild Justice. MCBA members Lee Nerli and Paul Trouette spoke concerning the extreme negative impacts on deer from the commercial marijuana industry. MCBA also urged sportsmen to become involved by passing on information in the field to Forest Service Dispatch 530-934-7758.



How Important Is Rainfall To Deer Sightings & Harvest Rates?



Many hunters eagerly await the rains, knowing it can change the hunt significantly. The Blacktail deer use the weather many times over, to their advantage. Rain can sometimes even the score, when drought has dampened the hunting success. But when we see very few deer in the woods, many times hunters will think the animals are not there, look at the correlation of harvest in the wet and dry years from harvest records from hunters turning in their tags.

Dare to Make A Difference...

“It is not the critic who counts, not the one who points out how the strong man stumbled or how the doer of deeds might have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred with sweat and dust and blood; who strives valiantly; who ere and comes short again and again; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spends himself in a worthy cause; who, if he wins, knows the triumph of great achievement; and who, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat.”

Theodore Roosevelt

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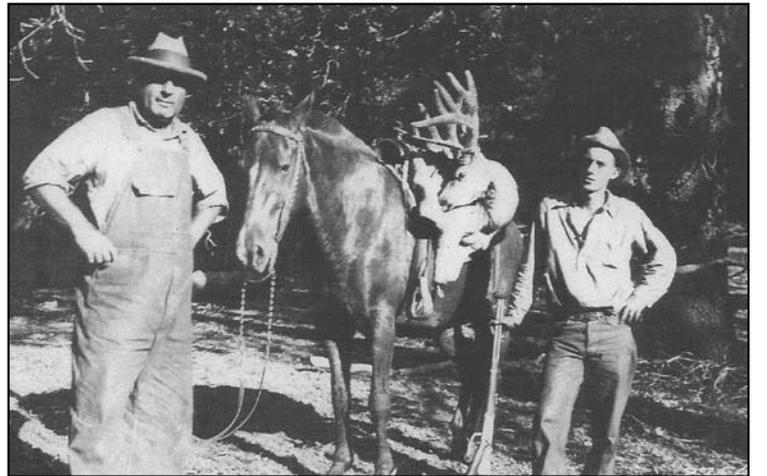
1904 Salisbury Cabin



1912 McCombes. Covelo on horses.



Fawn hiding in Mendocino National Forest



1933 Low Gap, Mendocino National Forest



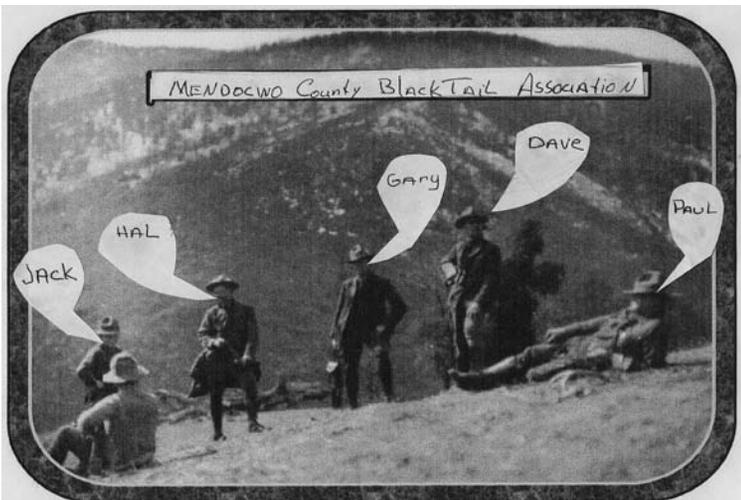
1920 Marion Foster Mendocino County



1940 Ray Dutcher



The good old days, Mendocino



Old time deer counters, Mendocino National Forest



1916 Etsel Ridge, Covelo

Call To Action:

AS A MEMBER OF MCBA, WHAT HAPPENED? AND, HOW CAN WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR DEER?

First, lets make the problem known, and how it happened. In the good old days on public lands, 1960-1980, we had many deer due to fire, logging, and other beneficial management practices. All of which created young, new forage which gave rise to large deer numbers because of optimum nutrition. During these years deer management was RELEVANT to Fish and Game and biologists used to be more active in the field, monitoring deer and their ranges. USDA and the USFS, also used to manage the lands for overall forest health, wildlife health, including predation of coyotes by the wildlife services. All of this helped create significant deer numbers.

In the mid 80's, a shift happened, and deer began to take a backseat in RELEVANCE and other things became more pressing. NEPA, QEQA, Owls, stream beds, fisheries, and a new mountain of environmental agencies and pressing policies, began screaming, diverting the attention of the Fish and Game Dept., away from deer management.

Reportedly, in 1991 the relationship of Fish and Game and the U.S. forest service changed. Because Fish and Game could no longer convince the U.S. forest service that the habitat projects they funded with deer monies were not being implemented. They each went their own ways and left the playing field altogether. The shift of the management of deer to other things began slowly, and hunters had no idea what was happening because they were not paying attention. Why?

There were still a marginal amount of deer in the woods. They ignored the slow trend of decline, and didn't have the energy to battle with the political nature of the problem. Forest plans that excluded deer went through without any hunter comments each 15 year cycle. Wilderness designations have been implemented without complaint, misappropriation of deer funds has occurred, all enabled due to a silent hunting culture not paying attention. Now we have more wilderness than we need, less deer than we can enjoy, more trees than we can cut, and an illegal commercial trade prospering in the billions telling us to stay out.

I was told that the solution is to ask, "What are the governing agencies doing with the millions of dollars that they get each year from California DEER HUNTERS?" IN SHORT, FOLLOW THE MONEY AND WITNESS THE LACK OF MANAGEMENT!

What can I do as Joe civilian hunter sportsman? It's as simple as writing an e-mail, or a letter, or making a phone call and making known, the importance of deer to you.

What do we say? Ask questions like:

"Why are the deer not relevant anymore to fish and game, and the Forest Service?"

"Where has the 4.5 Million dollars in the deer general fund each year been spent?"

"Why has the forest become so neglected as to deer?"

"Where are the deer habitat projects and the 15 year plan promised last cycle?"

**Ask these questions
and make comments to:**

California Fish and Game Commission
P.O. Box 944209
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Jon Fischer: *Acting Executive Director*
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Why Are The Deer Losing Their Hair?

"Hair Loss Syndrome" caused by exotic lice

"Hair loss syndrome" (HLS) of black-tailed deer was first described in western Washington in 1995. The condition is caused by a heavy infestation with a Eurasian louse of poorly defined taxonomic status in the genus *Damalinia* (*Cervicola*) sp. The normal hosts of this louse are European and Asian deer and antelope, which are not seriously affected by the lice.

In contrast, when black-tailed deer become infested, they tend to develop a hypersensitivity (severe allergic) reaction to the lice, which causes irritation of the skin and excessive grooming by the deer. Eventually, this excessive grooming leads to loss of the guard hairs, leaving yellow or white patches along the sides (Figures 1 and 2). Infestations are heaviest during late winter and early spring, and many affected deer, especially fawns, die during this time. The geographical distribution of HLS has steadily expanded since its first appear-



Figures 1 and 2. Black-tailed fawn and mule deer doe with "hair loss syndrome" caused by the exotic lice *Damalinia* (*Cervicola*) sp., and *Bovicola tibialis*, respectively.

ance and now affects black-tailed deer throughout their range in western Washington and western Oregon. This species of lice has been found on elk in Washington, but does not result in the severe hair loss seen in deer. To date, the presence of this louse has not been documented in mule deer or white-tailed deer in Washington east of the Cascade Range.

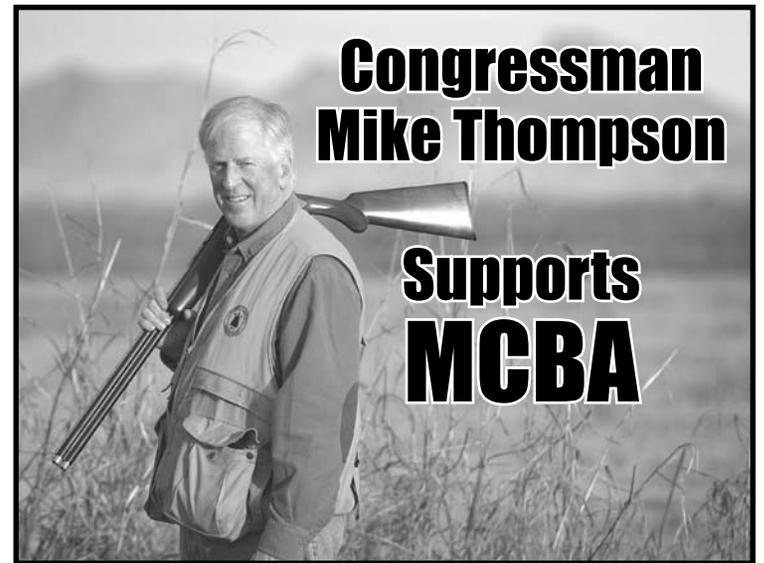
Beginning in 2003, WDFW began to receive reports of deer from the Yakima area of south-central Washington with clinical signs similar to HLS. These reports were of deer occurring in the black-tailed/mule deer intergrade zone in the eastern foothills of Cascade Range, and were the first reports of apparent HLS in eastern Washington. Reports of more severely affected deer were received in 2004. In March 2005, lice were collected from four affected deer and identified as *Bovicola tibialis*, yet another exotic old world species with fallow deer as the normal host.

During the early spring of 2006, WDFW received numerous reports of dead deer, especially fawns, in the Yakima area with hair loss. The geographical extent of reports received in 2006 had expanded greatly compared to previous years and included occurrences of the condition in mule deer. Aerial surveys and harvest statistics suggest that the deer population in Yakima and Kittitas counties has declined by about 50% since the arrival of the lice. It is unknown if *Bovicola tibialis* infestations are the sole reason for the drop in deer numbers, but they are suspected to be a factor.

Bovicola tibialis is also associated with hair loss in deer in Klickitat County. In Chelan County, the occurrence of *Bovicola tibialis* was documented in 2009, and by April 2010, deer affected by hair loss were observed throughout the county's mule deer winter range.

Neither species of the exotic lice described above affect humans or domestic animals.

In captive settings, deer have been successfully cleared of lice infestations with the use of medication. However, in free-ranging situations, there is no practical method for delivering effective doses of medication to large populations of wild deer.



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Historic B-Zone Summit, Eureka CA 2011



Mendocino County Blacktail Association hosts historic summit meeting on future of Blacktail Deer in the B-Zone.

Known as California's "deer factory," if you want to find world-class blacktail bucks with antler spreads of 25-28" or more, historically the best place in the world to go is northwestern California's "B-Zone" that stretches along the coast from the Oregon border to Mendocino and Glen Counties to the south, and from I-5 on the east to the Pacific Oregon.

According to late renown wildlife biologist Raymond Dasmann, with prime habitat conditions the B-Zone should support as many as 55 Blacktails per square kilometer. However between 1989 and 2009 the harvest of bucks in the B-Zone has dropped 57%, in large part due to a dramatic decline in the region's deer herd. The 2000 harvest of bucks in Mendocino County was 1,256, a decline of 3,976 bucks per year since the 1950's.

The decline in deer in B-Zone has cut down the number of hunters in the B-zone, where the annual deer hunt pumps an estimated \$35 million a year into the region's economy when all is well. Responding to the dramatic decline in deer in Northwestern California, to rally the region's natural resources conservation leaders on February 25, 2011, the Mendocino County Black Tailed Deer Association, a regional 501-C-3 non-profit organization founded in 2005, hosted a historic day-long Blacktail Summit meeting at the Red Lion Hotel in Eureka.

Those in attendance included representatives of state and federal agencies, members of county Boards of Supervisors, and County Fish and Game commissions from 10 northern California counties, and representatives of conservation groups.

The participants discussed many of the problems associated with the dramatic decline in blacktail deer in the area including: the decline in deer habitat due to the dramatic decline in fires (planned and wild) and logging; an increasing number of predators; and poaching and wanton use of pesticides due to a proliferation of illegal marijuana gardens on public wildlands.

"MCBA hosted this Summit in an attempt to begin to move agencies, policies, and projects to the fore front of those in charge of the resources, in hopes reversing the current negative factors that are destroying the Wildlife in the public lands," said Paul Trouette, President of MCBA who planned and hosted the summit. Retired Department of Fish and Game wildlife biologist Jack Booth, and Dave Willoughby, vice president of MCBA, were also in attendance representing the sponsoring organization. "I think the summit was a call to action that everyone in the room heard and responded favorably to" Trouette added. Those attending the felt it was long overdue and badly needed. A steering committee was formed to develop a calendar of subsequent meetings and a plan for action. The next meeting of the steering committee will be in Weaverville, CA, April 28, 2011 and join them for their upcoming annual fund-raising dinner on April 16.

Those who would like to join and/or donate to the Mendocino County Blacktail Association's efforts can do so by visiting their website at www.mcbadeer.com

COHA Brief – Winter 2011

The California Outdoor Heritage Alliance (COHA)—formed by California Waterfowl in 2006—is a union of conservation organizations, outdoor industry and individuals who support wildlife conservation and the preservation of our hunting heritage. COHA is the **only** political advocacy organization dedicated solely to influencing legislative, regulatory, administrative and local government policy decisions in California which impact wildlife conservation and our outdoor heritage.

Below is just small sample of some of the issues COHA is working, or has worked recently, that directly impact wildlife conservation and your hunting heritage. For information on other COHA activities, please visit our website at www.outdoorheritage.org

2011 COHA-Sponsored Legislation

During the 2011 State Legislative Session, COHA will again sponsor legislation intended to positively impact wildlife conservation and the future of our hunting heritage. Some of the bills COHA is considering for introduction this year are listed below:

AB 1162 (Chesbro) Enhanced Penalties for Poaching

COHA will be sponsoring legislation this year to create enhanced penalties (increased fines, possible hunting license revocation and equipment forfeiture) for egregious poaching violations – including those incidents where poachers intentionally target trophy big game outside the regular season with the aid of artificial light or over bait. The increased revenues generated from the higher fines would be used only to support game conservation and public hunting activities. COHA will also include language in the bill that would allow for some violations to be prosecuted as infractions, rather than misdemeanors, in order to lessen fines and penalties for relatively minor violations.

Revenues Generated from Hunting Licences and Tags in California

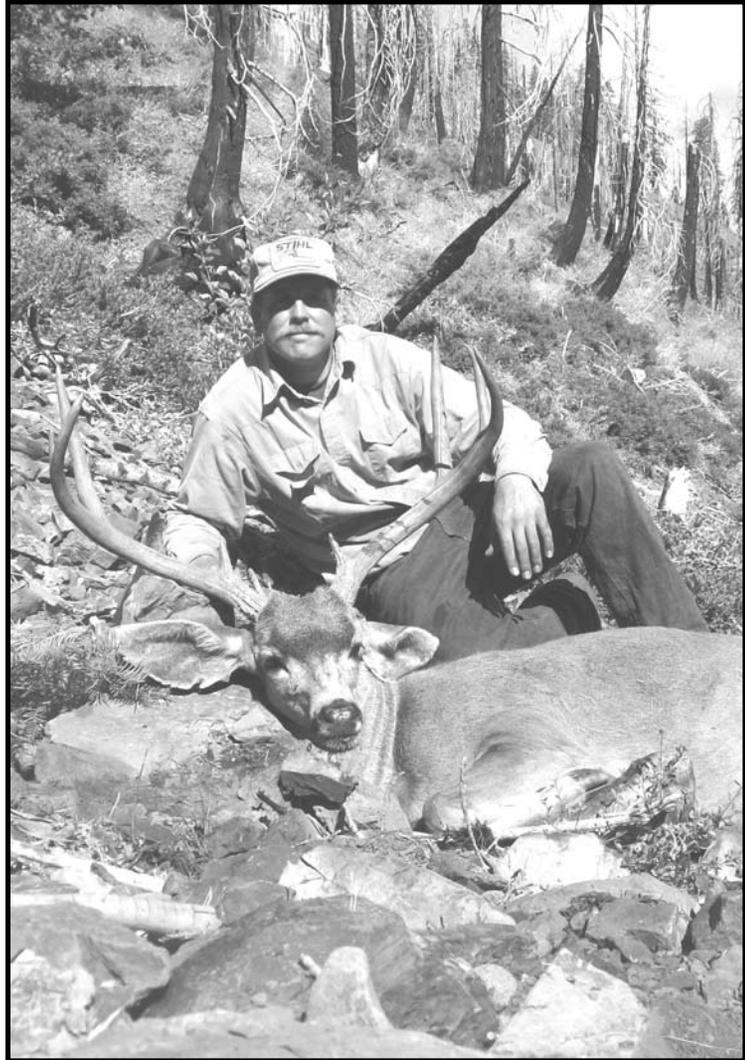
Sales Reported by License Year (Dollars)
As Of December 31, 2010

Licenses	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Resident Hunting	7,750,118	8,173,743	8,280,119	8,041,723	8,225,563	8,325,771	8,812,248	9,283,641	9,552,438	9,990,106
Lifetime Hunting	35,916	46,911	60,564	81,783	81,695	91,962	104,364	113,695	122,645	133,351
Junior Hunting	159,341	170,352	181,431	180,503	197,439	188,793	196,368	200,660	203,356	211,222
Lifetime Junior Hunting	Not Avail.	Not Avail.	Not Avail.	Not Avail.	2,748	3,328	3,741	3,799	4,270	4,611
Disabled Veteran Hunting	2,397	2,768	3,259	3,767	4,990	6,274	7,106	8,418	9,300	11,150
Non-Resident Hunting	328,902	357,504	395,588	404,375	429,009	464,153	515,898	536,261	513,358	523,614
Special 1-Day Non-Resident Hunting	15,353	15,552	15,540	16,030	15,810	14,045	15,008	14,569	16,525	13,688
Special 2-Day Non-Resident Hunting	79,394	74,453	81,736	85,434	92,656	100,648	121,588	118,961	110,001	116,662
Sub Total - Hunting Licenses	8,371,420	8,841,282	9,018,236	8,813,614	9,049,910	9,194,973	9,776,319	10,280,003	10,531,893	11,003,804
Duplicate Hunting License	11,809	14,024	12,954	11,274	12,725	12,539	14,190	11,592	14,578	13,151
Duplicate Hunter Education Cert (See Note)	No Data	No Data	No Data	No Data	5,568	7,076	7,637	8,075	9,150	9,088
Harvest Information Program Stamp			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Discontinued Item:										
Hunter Education Validation Stamp	59,810	62,288	66,675	64,338	62,661	60,390	62,533	57,659	N/A	N/A
Resident Bear Tags	492,881	530,073	589,186	563,929	608,356	651,274	695,302	768,813	815,848	843,318
Non-Resident Bear Tags	39,552	43,719	47,031	47,417	56,081	55,044	58,536	63,435	59,824	68,329
Sub Total - Bear Tags	532,433	573,792	636,217	611,345	664,437	706,317	753,838	832,247	875,671	911,647
Resident 1-Deer Tag	2,355,287	2,473,565	2,504,593	2,461,834	2,528,363	2,550,132	2,634,388	2,818,091	2,970,534	3,151,468
Non-Resident 1-Deer Tag	102,879	110,380	120,929	116,558	153,245	176,836	170,748	178,773	216,354	217,024
Resident 2-Deer Tag	964,054	998,346	1,068,672	1,044,593	1,048,202	1,052,737	1,088,609	1,170,728	1,195,722	1,239,326
Non-Resident 2-Deer Tag	10,626	13,252	12,128	10,485	11,552	16,309	16,363	20,730	16,906	14,090
Lifetime Deer Tag	Not Avail.	Not Avail.	Not Avail.	Not Avail.	20,252	23,546	26,203	29,825	32,568	35,121
Duplicate Deer Tag			N/A							
Exchange Deer Tag			N/A							
Discontinued Item:										
Duplicate/Exchange Deer Tag	6,630	7,698	11,513	8,019	9,178	8,686	9,390	10,456	10,296	9,800
Sub Total - Deer Tags	3,439,475	3,603,241	3,717,834	3,641,489	3,770,791	3,828,246	3,945,699	4,228,604	4,442,380	4,666,828
Resident Wild Pig Tag (See Note Below)	320,895	348,510	391,510	380,013	684,000	722,850	789,712	766,122	842,699	858,281
Non-Resident Wild Pig Tag	23,091	26,954	30,382	27,865	61,000	65,924	72,899	67,192	62,805	57,330
Lifetime Wild Pig Tag	Not Avail.	Not Avail.	Not Avail.	Not Avail.	11,428	12,696	14,499	15,951	17,133	18,568
Sub Total - Wild Pig Tags	343,986	375,464	421,892	407,877	756,428	801,471	877,110	849,265	922,637	934,179
Resident Antelope Tag	17,711	17,808	25,757	24,222	26,035	27,135	27,944	25,481	26,904	32,565
Non-Resident Antelope Tag	N/A	700	365	388						
Resident Bighorn Sheep Tag	2,257	2,877	3,243	2,725	3,378	4,001	5,104	6,720	7,009	6,736
Non-Resident Bighorn Sheep Tag	500	1,500	1,000	0	500	1,000	500	0	1,000	0
Resident Elk Tag	77,745	69,375	85,452	79,475	94,405	99,769	99,691	126,973	136,290	146,640
Non-Resident Elk Tag	N/A	0	4,379	5,813						
EAS Applications	206,644	217,367	287,348	296,669	340,592	383,554	408,870	425,280	434,595	439,650
EAS Nonrefundable Tag Return Proc. Fee	N/A									
Sub Total - Big Game	304,857	308,926	402,799	403,091	464,910	515,459	542,109	585,154	610,542	631,791
Bobcat Hunting Tags (Set of 5)	21,535	23,790	25,366	25,476	27,270	29,061	34,032	40,991	42,347	45,794
Bobcat Shipping Tags	683	732	1,337	1,575	2,679	3,073	2,709	2,391	2,010	1,419
Sub Total - Bobcat Tags	22,218	24,521	26,703	27,051	29,949	32,133	36,741	43,382	44,357	47,213
Duck Stamps	782,970	744,370	715,510	697,000	925,937	912,830	992,513	1,086,151	1,102,160	1,170,025
Lifetime Duck Stamp	Not Avail.	Not Avail.	Not Avail.	Not Avail.	14,770	16,670	18,760	20,670	22,310	24,030
Waterfowl Application	631,212	647,558	599,008	639,242	833,903	872,765	893,331	973,311	921,606	950,628
1-Day Waterfowl Area Permit	181,008	165,363	153,959	147,296	494,222	474,782	525,292	581,805	606,524	601,545
2-Day Waterfowl Area Permit	345,780	343,788	332,670	36,674	76,815	70,081	74,908	77,945	85,333	94,991
Type B Waterfowl Permit	43,000	37,000	38,626	39,049	40,460	37,914	46,153	48,058	44,530	39,688
Type A Waterfowl Permit	345,281	325,117	283,002	296,805	335,327	362,203	379,517	431,037	437,618	511,808
Upland Game Stamp	1,142,353	1,223,676	1,261,500	1,230,675	1,236,710	1,234,974	1,308,744	1,395,719	1,393,500	1,438,888
Lifetime Upland Game Bird Stamp	Not Avail.	Not Avail.	Not Avail.	Not Avail.	9,194	10,788	12,150	13,225	14,250	15,275
Sub Total - Game Bird Hunting	3,471,604	3,487,969	3,384,274	3,467,740	3,967,335	3,993,006	4,251,368	4,627,921	4,627,829	4,846,877
TOTAL HUNTING	\$16,487,801	\$17,228,819	\$17,620,909	\$17,383,461	\$18,722,051	\$19,091,219	\$20,205,010	\$21,466,243	\$22,079,037	\$23,064,576

Duplicate Hunter Education Certificate - May be incomplete because some of the revenue may have been sent directly to Accounting

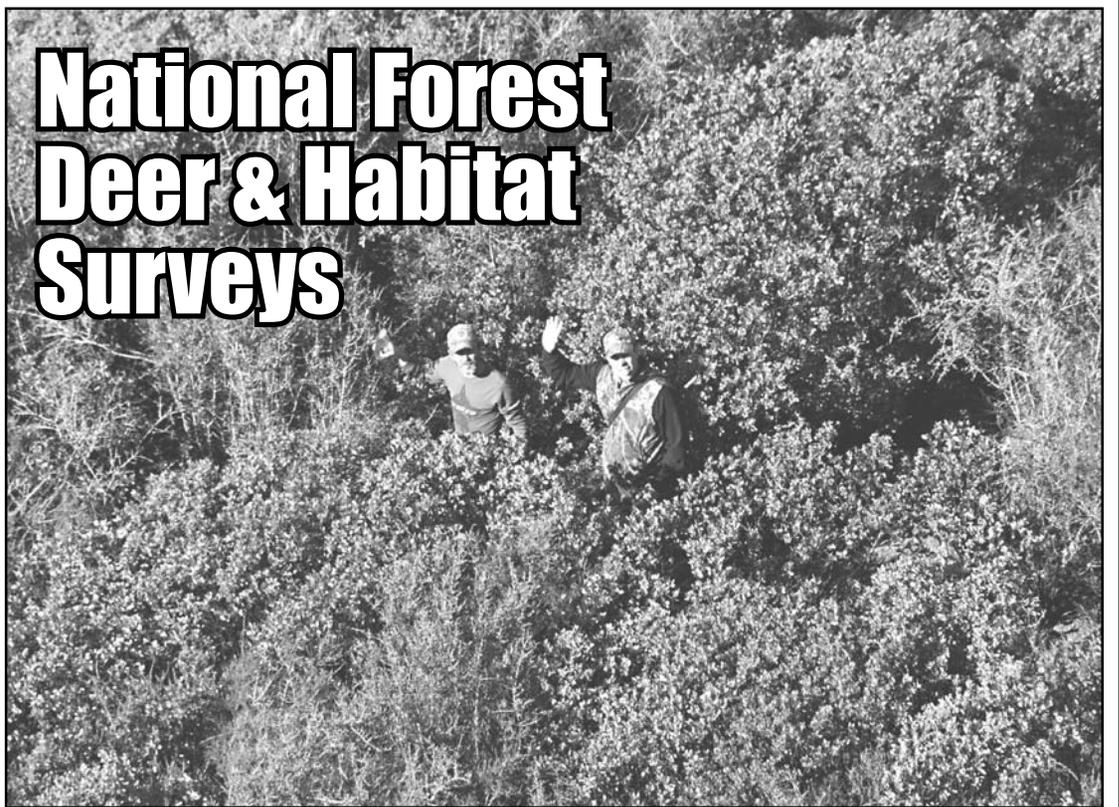
Resident Wild Pig Tags - 2003 and prior stats are for the number of books sold containing 5 tags (hunters could not buy 1 tag, they had to buy a book of 5 tags), 2004 and after stats are for 1 tag
Lifetime Wild Pig Tags are issued in books of 5. The number of items listed above are the number of tags not books issued.

2010 Harvest Photos



Jaymen Cooper's, Public Land Buck

National Forest Deer & Habitat Surveys



Ron and Paul measuring winter range condition.

Years ago, before things became complicated and computers took over, deer Biologists used to be in the field more often. Counting deer on foot, measuring brush to see its forage quality as a whole, and how it was being utilized by deer. MCBA has acquired all of the old original habitat and deer survey records dating back to 1962, thanks to Jack Booth, and Scott Koller. MCBA will be digitizing the old records, and making them available on our website. We will also be reestablishing the old surveys as a measuring tool to compare the browse plant ages, then and now. Estimating the deer populations helps us target good areas to create new prescribe burn plans that will help deer make a come-back and gives us a way to measure responses.



Tim Ford's Buck



Tom Griffin 2010 Buck

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4th Annual Blacktail Deer Banquet April 16th, 2011



AB 606 (Gatto) Landowner Protections for Hunting

To provide greater incentives for hunting clubs, farmers, ranchers and other landowners to enroll their property in state and federal habitat protection and enhancement programs, COHA is sponsoring legislation this year that will guarantee that hunting, fishing and other related recreational activities can continue to occur on their property without additional regulations or restrictions.

SB 752 (Berryhill) Sportsmen's Organizations Check-Off Box

COHA will also be sponsoring legislation this session which would allow members of the public an opportunity to donate directly to their favorite nonprofit conservation group when purchasing a hunting license via the Department of Fish and Game's (DFG) Automated Data Licensing System (ALDS). This would help to support hunting-related organizations that specialize in game species conservation efforts.

Other COHA Capitol Efforts in 2011

2011 State Budget – Department of Fish and Game

In January, Governor Jerry Brown issued his proposed State Budget package for FY 2011/2012. COHA is pleased to note that important land management, wildlife habitat conservation and hunting programs

2010 COHA-Sponsored Legislation

SB 1058 (Harman) Protection of Hunting License Stamp/Tag Monies – SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

COHA-sponsored SB 1058, signed into law by the Governor in September 2010, will prevent the misuse of deer, elk, wild pig, antelope, bighorn sheep and bear tag and upland game bird stamp revenues (about \$11 million annually) by the state by mandating that the funds be used to benefit game species, their habitats and public hunting opportunities. The new law also mandates that DFG provide the critically needed opportunity for non-profit sportsmen's groups to review and provide input on proposed projects, as well as facilitate the cost effective assistance of such groups with the delivery of projects.

AB 979 (Berryhill) Ban on Local Government Interference with Hunting/Fishing Opportunity – VETOED

COHA-sponsored AB 979 (Berryhill) would have prevented cities and counties from passing ordinances which interfere with hunting and fishing activities. The bill was in response to increasing efforts by local governments to arbitrarily pass local ordinances which restrict or prohibit hunting within their jurisdictions due to anti-hunting sentiment. After three years of COHA effort, this bill made it to the Governor's desk for his consideration last summer. Unfortunately, the bill was vetoed by the Governor. COHA plans to reintroduce similar much-needed legislation in the near future.

AB 1254 (Berryhill) Hunter Education Incentives/Fish and Game Fine Money Reimbursement - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

COHA-sponsored AB 1254, signed into law by the Governor in September 2010, will: 1) require DFG to offer special hunting opportunities to qualified hunter education instructors for recruitment and retention purposes; 2) allow DFG to suspend or seek reimbursement of Fish and Game fine revenue improperly expended by county governments; and 3) allow the California Fish and Game Commission to adjust its meeting schedule to address funding shortfalls.

Other 2010 Bills of Interest

During the 2009/2010 State Legislative Session, COHA actively worked on dozens of bills which would have, in some way, impacted wildlife conservation and the future of our hunting heritage. A brief summary of just some of the bills is below:

AB 1810 (Feuer) – Long Gun Registration - DEAD

This bill would have expanded the current handgun registration to long guns by requiring the Attorney General to permanently maintain a

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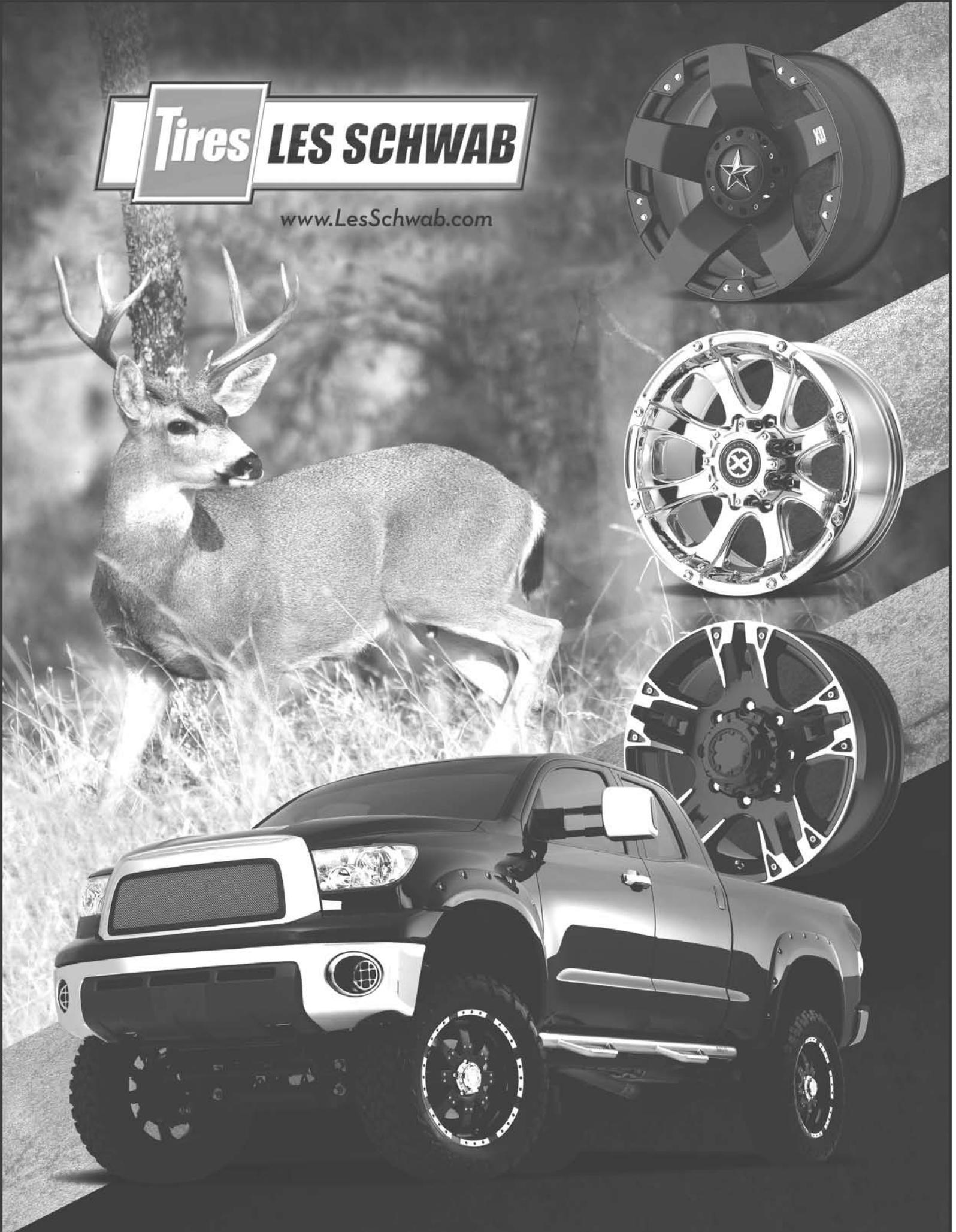
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