

DEER STAND RULES – IRON COUNTY FOREST

RESOLUTION: **2205** AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 1 – IRON COUNTY ORDINANCES (PARKS AND COUNTY FOREST)

WHEREAS: The Iron County Forestry Committee has determined that increased hunting activity in the Iron County Forest has made it necessary to regulate the use of hunting blinds and tree stands in the Iron County Forest to prevent damage to trees, injury to forest products industry workers and deposition of waste on County owned lands, now therefore

SECTION 12-1-1 (b) – Definitions

- (19) **Ground Blind** – Any structure that is constructed or placed on the ground, including structures elevated on posts or legs, for the purpose of sheltering or concealing person(s) engaged in hunting, photographing, or observing wildlife.
- (20) **Tree Stand** – Any structure that is constructed or placed in a tree for the purpose of supporting and/or concealing person(s) engaged in hunting, photographing, or observing wildlife.

SECTION 12-1-5 (e) – Recreational Use

- (12) Any ground blind or tree stand placed on Iron County Forest lands must have the name and address of the person who owns it clearly displayed on it in letters that are legible from the ground, for tree stands; or at least from 10 feet away, for hunting blinds.
- (13) Driving, screwing, or otherwise placing nails, screws, lag bolts, spikes, or any other metal objects into trees located on Iron County Forest lands, for the purpose of constructing a ground blind or tree stand, is prohibited and unlawful.
- (14) Tree stands placed into trees located on Iron County Forest lands must be portable, removable, and not damaging to the tree that they are placed into. A tree stand that is placed into a tree located on Iron County Forest land must be completely removed from that tree at the end of the same day that it is placed there, except during the time period of September 1 through December 31 when tree stands may be left in place without daily removal.
- (15) A ground blind that is constructed of natural materials, untreated sawn lumber, untreated manufactured wood products similar to plywood or wood flakeboard, cloth made of natural fibers, and cord or rope made of natural fibers, and whose exterior dimensions do not exceed four feet by eight feet may be placed on Iron County Forest Lands, but must be completely removed from those lands when the owner of that blind no longer intends to use it. Use of any plastic, fiberglass, tar paper, roofing materials, carpeting, glass, wood that is painted and/or treated with preservatives, or other man-made materials, in the construction of ground blinds placed on Iron County Forest lands is prohibited, and unlawful, except when done in compliance with (16).
- (16) Ground blinds that contain material prohibited by (15), and that are designed to be portable may be placed on Iron County Forest lands if removed from those land on

- the same day they are placed on them, except during the time period of September 1 through December 31 when they may be left in place without daily removal.
- (17) Steel nails and fasteners may be used in the construction of ground blinds on Iron County Forest lands except that placing those nails or fasteners into trees is prohibited and unlawful. Use of stainless steel, aluminum, copper, or other non-ferrous metallic fasteners and wire in the construction of ground blinds placed in the Iron County Forest except for those used in compliance with (16), is prohibited and unlawful.
 - (18) All materials and objects deposited on Iron County Forest lands by persons utilizing tree stands, and ground blinds shall be completely removed from Iron County Forest lands in compliance with this section and Iron County Ordinance No. 2004 (Dumping of Refuse, Hazardous Waste, and Recyclables Ordinance).
 - (19) All ground blinds and tree stands placed and/or constructed on Iron County Forest lands previous to August 1, 1996 must be in compliance with (12), (13), (14), (15), (16), (17), and (18), or completely removed from the Iron County Forest lands before July 1, 1997.
 - (20) The penalty for violation of Section 12-1-5 (e), paragraphs 12 through 19 shall be \$100.00 for each incident, and the Iron County Sheriff, Iron County Sheriffs Deputies and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Conservation Wardens are authorized to enforce those regulations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Iron County Forest Administrator is hereby authorized, and directed to remove, and/or destroy ground blinds and tree stands placed on Iron County Forest lands in violation of these regulations.