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MEMORANDUM

TO: Wildlife Board and Regional Advisory Council Members

FROM: Darren DeBloois, Private Lands/Public Wildlife Coordinator

DATE: Nov 11, 2025

**SUBJECT: Recommendation for season variance on Blackhawk and Hiawatha
CWMUs**

In 2024, the Blackhawk CWMU requested a variance to extend their bull elk hunt season until December 15, based on the rationale that elk movement onto the CWMU often occurs late in the year. The initial request was tabled while the Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) determined its compatibility with current CWMU administrative rules. Subsequent review confirmed that the request is permissible under existing administrative rule.

Consequently, two variance requests to extend bull elk hunts to December 15 for both the Blackhawk and Hiawatha CWMUs were presented to the CWMU Advisory Committee on August 4, 2025. The Committee recommended approval of the variance for Blackhawk for the current hunting season, in light of their 2024 request, and for the Hiawatha CWMU beginning with the 2026 hunting season.

This recommendation is being brought forward to the Wildlife Board for authorization of the specified variances for these two CWMUs, as outlined by the CWMU Advisory Committee.

Should any Board Members require additional information or have questions, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

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