

Ashland Team Warden Web Report - October, 2009

Warden Brad Biser, of Brule, Respond to water regulation complaint of Illegal fill on the Pike Lake chain. The investigation continues.

Warden Lance Burns, of Gordon, worked a complaint of subjects over bagging on crappies. Wardens Burns, Dorn and Hagen contacted the subjects and found the two subjects were over their possession limit by 342 fish. Citations issued totaling almost \$4000 dollars and fish were seized.

Warden Burns worked a complaint of a subject hunting deer over a gravity feeder. The subject was contacted hunting after hours, without a back tag and was hunting over too much bait along with the illegal gravity feeder. Citations were issued.

Warden Lance Burns contacted a subject who was road hunting for grouse and had an uncased shotgun. Further investigation found the subject was in possession of a gallon bag full of marijuana along with another smaller bag of marijuana, drug paraphernalia and open intoxicants in the vehicle. Subject was arrested and taken to jail pending charges of drug possession and was cited for the uncased gun and open intoxicants.

Warden Amie Egstad, of Bayfield, worked an area of the Sioux River generating past complaints of people fishing during the closed season. Egstad found two subjects fishing in this area and they had a total of 5 salmon. Subjects were both cited for fishing in a trout stream during the closed season and the salmon were seized.

Warden Egstad contacted an adult driving his ATV to the "coal dock" in Washburn with his 5 year-old daughter as a passenger riding without a helmet. The subject stated he was not going fast and knew his daughter should have a helmet on, but he went riding anyway. A citation was issued to the operator.

Warden John Krull, of Superior, issued one citation for an un-registered ATV while working the herd reduction deer season in Superior.

Warden Krull assisted Superior Police with a complaint of waterfowl hunters shooting in a closed area.

Warden Jill Schartner, of Drummond, cited a bear hunter for having his son's back tag on, he was hunting in the wrong area, had a tag for different zone and possessed someone else's tag.

Warden Schartner contacted bear dog hunters in the Clam Lake area and cited one for having a loaded rifle in his vehicle.

Warden Schartner observed squirrel hunters who appeared to be hunting from the roadway, they pulled over to the side of roadway, stood on the shoulder of a forest road

and began shooting at two black squirrels, when seeing Warden Schartner they tossed a .22 caliber rifle in the front seat. Upon contact the subjects stated their guns were unloaded. A citation was issued for uncased rifle in a vehicle.

Warden Schartner issued citations to two hunters that shot protected birds while waterfowl hunting. Both accepted the penalties and paid close to \$500.00 in fines.

Warden Schartner issued a citation to a grouse hunter during the youth deer hunt for failure to wear blaze orange. He told Warden Schartner the reason he decided not to wear blaze orange was because he did not see any youth hunting in this part of the National Forest, though he had blaze orange in his vehicle. Schartner knew of three youths hunting in the nearby area.

While traveling through Barnes, Warden Schartner noted several unregistered ATVs parked at a gas station, the operators admitted to riding all weekend, but had borrowed the ATVs from a friend and did not realize the machines weren't registered. One citation was issued for an unregistered ATV.