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**MOVE MUZZLE-LOADER SEASON TO THE END OF DECEMBER**

**THE PROBLEM:**

Muzzle loader season follows immediately after the close of Deer Gun season when the deer are the most spooked and nocturnal, also, hunters are hunted out from the rigors of traditional gun season.

**THE SOLUTION:**

By starting the muzzle loader season on December 22nd, no matter what day of the week, run for 10 days until December 31st. With all current rules still applying, ie: blaze orange, appropriate tags, no scopes, etc. We could increase the quality and success rate of an increasingly popular sport.

**THE BENEFITS:**

The deer move more often during daylight hours due to no recent pressure.  
Fewer buck fawns shot because they have reunited with mom after the rut.  
Probability of tracking snow is greater and with travel routes in the snow, they will be easier to pattern.  
More student hunters would be given opportunity because of holiday breaks.  
People receiving a muzzle loader for Christmas could utilize it right away.  
More hunters would be involved because of scheduled vacations.  
Hunters are not burned out from gun season and their earlier harvests have already been processed.

BE IT RESOLVED<sup>D</sup> THAT THE CONSERVATION CONGRESS AT IT'S ANNUAL MEETING HELD IN CLARK COUNTY ON APRIL 14TH 2008, RECOMMENDS THAT THE CONSERVATION CONGRESS WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT TO TAKE ACTION TO CORRECT THIS SITUATION BY INTRODUCING THE RULE CHANGES TO ALLOW MUZZLE LOADER DEER SEASON WITH ALL IT'S EXISTING RULES AND REGULATIONS TO OCCUR DECEMBER 22ND -DECEMBER 31ST.

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