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CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE

CWD

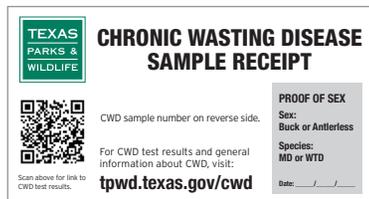
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FOR HUNTERS**

2016-2017

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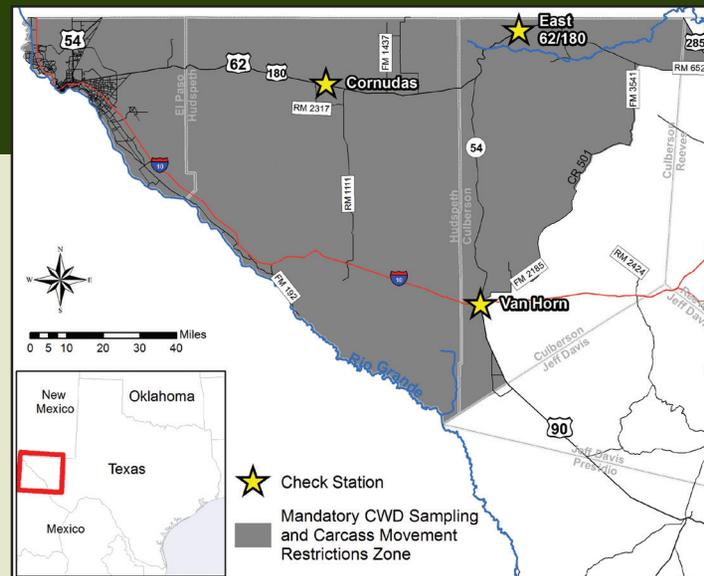
Hunters who harvest mule deer, white-tailed deer, or elk within the Trans-Pecos and Panhandle CWD Zones are **REQUIRED** to bring their animals to a TPWD check station within 24 hours of harvest (see included maps).

- » See following pages for locations, operating dates and times, and contact numbers for each check station.
- » Carcass movement restrictions apply in some CWD Zones (page 6). It is **ILLEGAL** to take intact deer/elk carcasses outside of CWD Zones in the Trans-Pecos and Panhandle or bring into Texas from another state, Canadian provinces, or other areas outside of Texas where CWD is known to exist. If leaving a CWD Zone immediately after checking animal, please quarter carcass before coming to check station (see page 7).
- » When bringing quartered deer/elk and their associated heads to a check station, please be sure to remove the head from the carcass 2-3 vertebrae below the head (see page 7). This will ensure that the appropriate tissues for CWD testing are not damaged.
- » Hunters will receive a CWD check station receipt for compliance, which has a link to CWD test results posted on the TPWD CWD website. The receipt also serves as proof-of-sex documentation.
- » As an alternative to the TPWD check stations, a list of TPWD-approved sample collectors will be provided on the TPWD CWD website after Oct 17 (completion of all sample collector trainings).
- » Please report any “sick looking” deer/elk while hunting in any CWD Zone to TPWD.



For more information regarding Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) management and regulations visit tpwd.texas.gov/cwd

TRANS-PECOS CHECK STATIONS



Hunters who harvest a deer or elk in the Trans-Pecos CWD Zone are **REQUIRED** to have their animal sampled for CWD within 24 hours of harvest.

CHECK STATION DATES & HOURS OF OPERATION

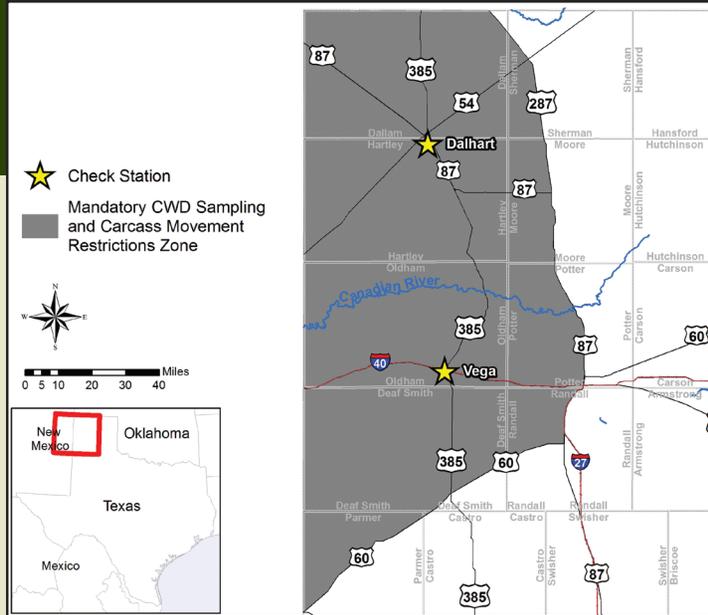
Check stations will be open during the entire general mule deer season (Nov 25 to Dec 11) from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. local time and the following Monday, Dec 12, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. local time.

CHECK STATION LOCATIONS

- » **VAN HORN:** Van Horn Convention Center, 1801 West Broadway Street, Van Horn, TX. Coordinates (31.037440, -104.852833). Contact number (512) 221-8491.
- » **EAST US 62/180:** Pine Springs TXDOT Rest Area, US 62/180 – Eastbound, about 7 miles from Texas/New Mexico state line. Coordinates (31.960389, -104.680334). Contact number (512) 803-6498.
- » **CORNUDAS:** May’s Café on US 62-180 at mile 82.5. Coordinates (31.779729, -105.471281). Contact number (512) 803-5822.

Hunters who harvest deer/elk in special archery seasons and extended MLDP seasons should contact TPWD at (512) 221-8491. Please call (512) 221-8491 if you see any “sick looking” or road killed deer/elk within the Trans-Pecos CWD Zone.

PANHANDLE CHECK STATIONS



Hunters who harvest a deer or elk in the Panhandle CWD Zone are **REQUIRED** to have their animal sampled for CWD within 24 hours of harvest.

CHECK STATION DATES & HOURS OF OPERATION

Open Dates: Nov 5-7, Nov 11-14, Nov 18-Dec 5, Dec 9-12, Dec 16-19, Dec 23, and Dec 26-Jan 2 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. local time.

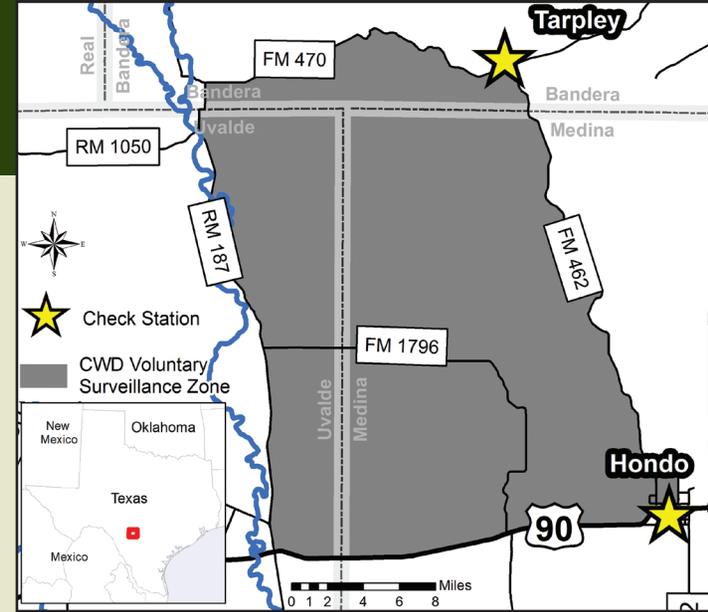
Please call TPWD at (512) 806-3563 or either check station to have your animals sampled during dates the check stations are closed.

CHECK STATION LOCATIONS

- » **DALHART:** Rita Blanca Lake Park off of Lake Drive. Check station is across from People's Church (1929 Apache Drive). Coordinates (36.038269, -102.506358). Contact number (512) 803-5972.
- » **VEGA:** Walnut RV Park. Business Loop of I-40, 1403 Vega Blvd. Coordinates (35.243253, -102.434296). Contact number (512) 803-6158.

Please call either check station for any questions about sampling your hunter-harvested animals or to report a "sick looking" or road killed deer/elk within the Panhandle CWD Zone.

MEDINA COUNTY AREA CHECK STATIONS



Hunters who harvest a deer or elk in the Medina County CWD Zone are **RECOMMENDED** to have their animal sampled for CWD within 24 hours of harvest. CWD sampling of harvested deer/elk and carcass movement restrictions are **VOLUNTARY** within the Medina County CWD Zone.

CHECK STATION DATES & HOURS OF OPERATION

Open Dates: Oct 1, 2016 – Jan 15, 2017 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. local time.

Closed Dates: Nov 24, Dec 24 (at 12 p.m.), and Dec 25.

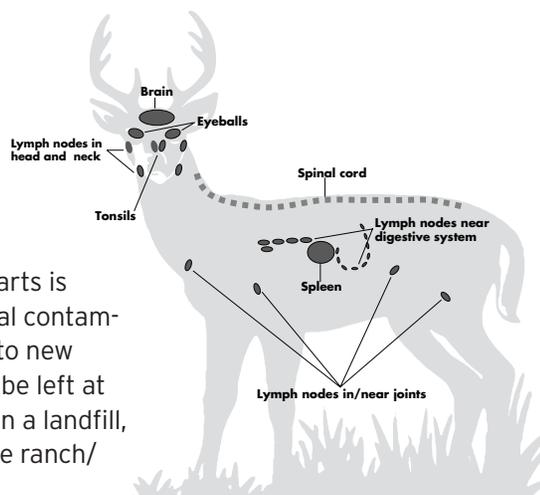
CHECK STATION LOCATIONS

- » **HONDO:** 1701 19th Street, Hondo, TX 78861. Check station is in the parking lot adjacent to Life Check Drug Store located on Highway 90. Coordinates (29.346774, -99.148061). Contact number (512) 803-6184.
- » **TARPLEY:** 264 Valentine Road, Tarpley, TX 78883. Check station is located next to the Tarpley Volunteer Fire Department. Coordinates (29.657711, -99.279426). Contact number (512) 803-6174.

Please call either check station for any questions about sampling your hunter-harvested animals or to report a "sick looking" or road killed deer/elk within the Medina County Voluntary CWD Zone.

HUNTER PRECAUTIONS

Prions generally concentrate in the brain, spinal cord, eyes, lymph nodes and spleen, and they are shed in saliva, urine, blood, soft-antler material, feces, and from decomposition of an infected animal.



Proper disposal of these carcass parts is important to prevent environmental contamination and spread of this disease to new areas. These inedible parts should be left at the site of harvest, or disposed of in a landfill, or buried at least 6 feet deep at the ranch/farm of harvest in any CWD Zone.

Always use common sense precautions while handling and processing deer and elk. Never eat meat from a deer/elk that looks sick. Never eat brain, eyeballs, spinal cord, spleen, or lymph nodes from a deer/elk.

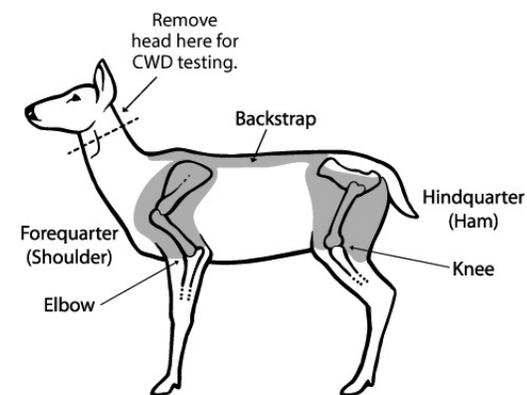
CARCASS MOVEMENT RESTRICTIONS

No deer/elk carcasses or parts of carcasses can enter Texas from a state or country known to have CWD, and no deer/elk carcasses or parts of carcasses can be transported out of a CWD Zone in the Trans-Pecos or Panhandle EXCEPT:

- » Cut quarters with all brain and spinal cord tissue removed
- » Boned meat
- » Cut and wrapped meat
- » Caped hides with skull not attached
- » Skull plate with antlers attached and cleaned of all soft tissue
- » Finished taxidermy products
- » The skinned or unskinned head of a susceptible species may be transported to a taxidermist, provided all brain material, soft tissue, spinal column and any unused portions of the head are disposed of in a landfill in Texas permitted by TCEQ. The deer head waiver form (see page 7) to transport the intact head may be obtained from a TPWD CWD check station or the TPWD CWD website.

PROCEDURES TO BRING DEER/ELK TO CHECK STATIONS

- » All deer/elk harvested within the Trans-Pecos and Panhandle CWD Zones must be sampled for CWD.
- » Carcass movement restrictions do not apply if the carcass will not be moved outside of a CWD Zone. However, it is recommended to always properly dispose of unused carcass parts.
- » Hunters leaving a CWD Zone in the Trans-Pecos and Panhandle with their harvested animal must quarter the deer/elk and remove the head from the carcass 2-3 vertebrae below the head. See illustration.
- » Put head in a plastic trash bag and keep cool until arriving at a CWD check station.
- » Heads can be disposed of at the CWD check stations provided the hunter has a CWD receipt, which serves as a proof-of-sex document.



DEER HEAD WAIVER

TEXAS
DEER HEAD WAIVER
FOR AREAS WITH CARCASS RESTRICTIONS

This waiver is a legal document issued by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to allow a hunter who has harvested a whitetail deer, mule deer, elk or other susceptible species to transport an intact head to a taxidermist for taxidermy purposes from a Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Zone in Texas, other state, Canadian province, or other area outside of those areas where CWD is known to exist. The hunter must also provide this waiver to the taxidermist.

Hunter's Name (First, Last): _____

Hunting or Owner's License Number (State): _____

Deer Species Harvested (Circle): White-tailed deer Mule deer Elk Other _____

Date of Harvest: _____ State and County of Harvest: _____

Ranch or Farm (if applicable): _____

Taxidermy Business to Receive Deer Head: _____

I hereby acknowledge I am required to take the specified restricted carcass part (intact head) only to a taxidermist for the purpose of a taxidermy product within 7 days of leaving a CWD Zone in Texas or entering from another state, Canadian province, or other area outside of Texas where CWD is known to exist. I also understand that I must give this waiver to the taxidermist so they can properly dispose of unused carcass materials.

Complete section below only for animals harvested in Texas CWD zones.

NOTE: A CWD sample must be collected from all deer or other susceptible species harvested within a CWD zone with mandatory CWD testing requirements before the head leaves the zone.

TPWD CWD Receipt Number: _____

TPWD Witness: _____

Date Waiver Received by Hunter: _____

FOR TAXIDERMISTS:

The associated deer head is from a deer harvested within a CWD Zone in Texas or coming from a CWD area outside the state of Texas. This deer head is from Texas Parks and Wildlife regulations must be properly disposed of unused carcass material through a trash service or landfill permitted by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). Your deer head material service should follow if they are members of TCEQ permitted landfill. You may also call TCEQ Office of Waste at (512) 239-2300 to see if a landfill is permitted by TCEQ.

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Hunters wanting to take an intact skinned or unskinned deer head to a taxidermist outside of the Trans-Pecos or Panhandle CWD Zones should obtain the Deer Head Waiver (PWD 1410) at any CWD check station or at the TPWD CWD website.

The waiver should be completed and kept on your person or with the deer head until it reaches the taxidermist.

Hunters bringing intact deer heads into Texas from a state or country with CWD should also have this waiver.

CWD QUICK FACTS

- » Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a fatal neurological disease in some deer species such as mule deer, white-tailed deer, elk, red deer, sika, moose, and reindeer, which is caused by a misfolded protein called a prion.
- » Two primary sources of infection for deer are from animal to animal contact and a contaminated environment by infected animals shedding prions through body fluids and from decomposition of an infected animal.
- » Because eradication is thought to be impossible once CWD becomes established in a population, it is imperative that a sound CWD management program be established to reduce the severity of implications resulting from the disease.
- » In order to contain the disease, we must understand the geographic extent and prevalence of CWD. This is done by collecting samples from hunter-harvested deer and elk at CWD check stations. Containment strategies include restricting movements of live deer and elk and certain carcass parts.
- » There is no scientific evidence that CWD can infect humans or domestic livestock.



Scan code to go to the TPWD CWD website or visit tpwd.texas.gov/cwd



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