

My name is Matt Zumbrunn and I am a resident of Coffey County, KS. I am writing in support of the restrictions currently being discussed. While I think ultimately, we need to do an all-out draw like South Dakota does, we need to start somewhere. If you look it up, this year I didn't purchase a state waterfowl stamp. This was the first year since 1996 that I did not shoot any waterfowl. I had a NR hunter say pressure here "isn't like the combat hunting we do back home". I don't want to take my son (who passed hunter's safety this year) "combat hunting". Soon we will hear about some R3 initiative (recruit, retention, reactivation) as we watch resident hunter numbers fall, and the state scratches its head on what the problem is. The number one reason folks are dropping out is nowhere to hunt. As they get pushed off private by expensive deer leases everybody gets crowded onto the very limited public land we have to offer. This problem isn't unique to KS as North Dakota, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba are taking similar actions. There is also talk Oklahoma is also looking at similar measures.

Thank you,

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