Chronic Wasting Disease Testing in Disease Management Area 4

Hunters who are successful on any day of the deer hunting season in DMA4 counties (Bland, Smyth, and Tazewell) are encouraged to voluntarily get their deer tested for chronic wasting disease (CWD) by bringing it to a voluntary CWD fridge site.

<u>Instructions for Voluntary Submissions of Deer Heads for CWD Testing</u>

- 1. Bring the head and 3-4 inches of neck to a voluntary CWD fridge site. Heads with the antlers and/or skull plate removed can still be tested.
- 2. Heads should be as fresh as possible (i.e., submitted a few days after death and kept cold prior to submission).
- 3. If you plan to mount the head, submit the head and 3-4 inches of neck *after* caping is complete.
- 4. Fill out the data card per instructions posted at the fridge site.

Disease Management Area 4 Voluntary CWD Fridge Sites

BLAND COUNTY

1. **Bland Rescue Fire Station** – 67 Orchard View Ln, Bland, VA 24315 This self-service facility is located between the garage doors. Deer head drop off only available between 8 AM to 1 PM. Please do not block the garage with your vehicle, as first responders need access to quickly respond to emergency calls.

SMYTH COUNTY

- 2. **The Farmhouse Market LLC** 5244 Sugar Grove Hwy, Sugar Grove, VA 24375
- 3. **Vally Country Store** 1955 B F Buchanan Hwy, Saltville, VA 24370 The self-service facility is located on the right side of the building.

TAZEWELL COUNTY

4. **Tazewell County Maintenance** – 135 Fieldcrest Cir, Tazewell, VA 24651 The self-service facility is located next to the double doors of the building.

Disease Management Area 4 Mandatory Day CWD Stations

The following stations will <u>ONLY</u> be available for CWD sampling on the opening day of the general firearms season: **Saturday, November 16, 2024 from 8 AM to 7 PM**. On Mandatory Day, all deer killed in these counties must be brought to a CWD sample station (listed below) **OR** a voluntary fridge station for CWD testing. At all other points throughout the hunting season, please utilize the voluntary CWD fridge sites listed above.

TAZEWELL COUNTY

- 1. **Richlands Farmer's Market** 1851 Cranwell Dr, Richlands, VA 24641 DWR employees and volunteers will staff the station from 8 AM to 7 PM on Saturday, November 16, 2024.
- 2. **Tazewell EMS Station Bluefield** 175 Blue Ridge Rd, Bluefield, VA 24605 DWR employees and volunteers will staff the station from 8 AM to 7 PM on Saturday, November 16, 2024.

