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Division of Lands and Forests, Region 9

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2020 Bully Hill State Forest

Deer Management Assistance Permits (DMAP) Available

**The West Almond DEC Lands and Forest Office
will be accepting applications by mail or email**

beginning August 28th through 3:00 PM September 18th, 2020. *

The Department of Environmental Conservation Forestry Office in West Almond, NY, has limited Deer Management Assistance Permits (DMAP) available for use during the 2020 hunting season. Individuals with a valid NY State big game hunting license are eligible to apply for this program.

These permits can only be used by eligible hunters to harvest antlerless deer on Bully Hill SF.

Bully Hill State Forest, containing 3506 acres, is located in the Towns of Almond and Birdsall. This forest is sustainably managed and provides for multiple uses. Bully Hill can be accessed by many town and forest roads, and provides parking areas, camping opportunities, and recreation trails.

DEC Foresters have determined that repeated over-browsing from high deer pressure in the area has negatively impacted forest regeneration. As a result, desirable tree species and herbaceous plants are lacking or severely deformed across much of the forest understory. Additional hunting opportunities, in combination with forest management activities, will help to ensure that a desirable cohort of forest vegetation can be regenerated. The goal of this program is to create a healthier and more biologically diverse forest ecosystem.

An online DMAP application for Bully Hill State Forest will be available on the Bully Hill State Forest webpage: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/52281.html>.

Hunters should **mail** applications to: West Almond DEC Lands and Forest Office, 2524 County Route 2A, Almond, NY 14804 or **email** applications to westalmond.DMAP@dec.ny.gov.

A limited number of tags will be available and will be awarded based on a lottery drawing. To encourage a higher deer harvest, hunters who successfully filled a Bully Hill DMAP tag last year will have their name added twice to this year's drawing. This will improve their chances of drawing a tag and encourage hunters not to pass on the opportunity to take an antlerless deer. Tags will be mailed to the mailing address provided on your application.

* The DEC will not be responsible for lost or delayed mailed applications or tags.



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