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Conservation Notes

Current topics and issues affecting hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreation in our North Dakota.

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Electronic Posting-A Solution to Posting Issues

The 2021 North Dakota Legislature passed a bill establishing electronic posting for North Dakota landowners and operators to post their land closed to hunting. This bill was developed by a legislative interim committee made up of legislators, and four private citizens with voting privileges from both the agricultural and hunting community. Under the guidance and leadership of Senator Robert Erbele this committee was able to draft legislation that was largely unopposed during the 2021 legislative session.

Fast forward to 2022, landowners or operators have utilized the new law, posting 3.7 million acres in 2021 and 7.3 million acres in 2022. In 2021, 29,000 individual parcels were electronically posted while in 2022, 59,000 individual parcels were electronically posted. Individuals posting land went from 2042 to 4572. Individuals posting their land have the opportunity to add contact information, either a telephone number or email address. In 2022, about 56% of individuals posting land added contact information giving hunters an opportunity to make a personnel contact to ask permission to hunt or fish

Landowners can now repost each year in time measured in minutes instead of hours or days. Hunters can access posting sites through phone app's and maps. The cost and time to post hunter access on private land has been an issue for many years. Electronic posting has helped alleviate this issue. Continued support for electronic posting by hunters, landowners, and legislators is needed to continue a practical solution to posting issues.

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