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To Whom It May Concern

Wicklow Executive Irish Farmers Association welcomes the opportunity to have an input on a deer management forum.

It is vitally important that all stake holders have an opportunity to put their views forward.

Wicklow farmers/landowners have the biggest interaction with wild deer and carry the majority of costs directly and indirectly associated with their maintenance. Wicklow has a large amount of state forestry and private forestry and open mountain state and privately owned and in recent years has become a fertile breeding ground for wild deer. A structure to manage a sustainable number of deer would be welcomed Wicklow Executive of IFA would welcome input on disease control issues public safety damage to forestry, damage to fencing, damage to crops and illegal access for hunting. Our executive support this initiative and look forward to have an on-going positive input.

Yours sincerely

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