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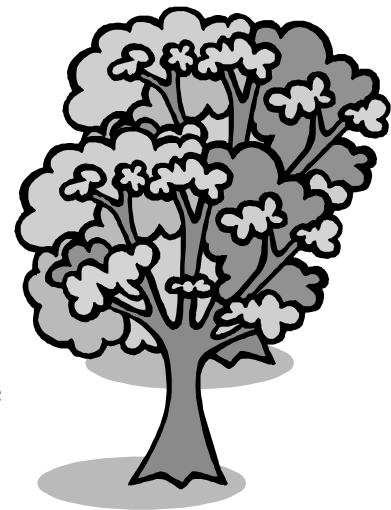
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## **MI Forest Bills Signed by Governor**

Governor Granholm recently signed a package of forestry bills that updates the Commercial Forest Act, provides property tax relief for managed forest lands, and will generate conservation easement agreements to protect natural and scenic attributes of certain properties.

Of particular interest for qualifying forest landowners is a property tax exemption that waives the 18 mill school tax levy - similar to the homestead property tax exemption. Details on enrolling are being worked out, but one of the requirements is to have a forest management plan -- please give us a call for more information.



## **Hunting Season**

This is the often the time of the year that forest landowners and hunters evaluate their property for wildlife habitat. The four main components of habitat – food, cover, water and space – are necessary for year round wildlife attraction. We often spend a lot of effort throughout the year on food plots, but with trees occupying the most acres on our properties, it's important to manage the forested acres for the greatest possible combination and diversity of habitat. Remember, deer and other wildlife need habitat 52 weeks of the year, not just the few weeks of hunting season!

Please have a Safe and Enjoyable hunting season! Give us a call if you want us to stop by the camp.