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To whom it may concern,

My name is Ryan and I was fortunate enough to live it in the great state of North Dakota for 5 years. After my wife and I were married for a couple years we decided to move back to where she was raised in hopes of us raising our children there. During the years we lived there you could most times find me outdoors. Fishing, hunting, checking trail cameras etc. I had never hunted archery before living in North Dakota and do to draw status of rifle deer tags I found a bow and made it a new hobby. A good friend and I would frequently stock up our bait piles, clear sd cards, replace batteries and eagerly wait for what might show up in the coming days. Having bait sites is crucial in evaluating genetics, age class, and cull prospects if you want to preserve the future of hunting. And even though I no longer live in the state of North Dakota I still buy a deer tag every year in hopes of harvesting an animal with my bow. Im not sure how many ethical quick kills have been made with archery tackle in the wide open plains of North Dakota on a whitetail but my guess, not very many. And thats is if you have an opportunities at all. Baiting has allowed me to come back to hunt, have opportunities to harvest an animal, and make sure it is the age appropriate animal to harvest to ensure future generations the same opportunity. My youngest son was born in North Dakota and he frequently talks about going back to where he was born to hunt. It may not be for a few more years as he is only 8 but I assure you his dream of harvesting a North Dakota whitetail with his bow are difficult enough. If baiting is no longer allowed Im sure this dream might never come true.

Thank you ,
Ryan Stevie