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It was thanksgiving break and we have been at the deer camp for a few days. The rut is full swing at our lease this time of year. Before I killed this deer, the weekend before I killed a 4 pt. buck and a doe. On Monday 11/24/2025 after I killed those 2 deer, we went hunting, we arrived at the lease and went to drop my brother off at his stand then we went to our stand. We got in the stand around 3:00pm and then we were getting everything set up, it was a light rain and very windy that day. Then around 3:30pm we started to see a few does come out and eat corn at the feeder then they started to walk off a few minutes later. Then around 4:20pm my dad said he thinks he sees some deer on the edge of the cutover, he grabs his binoculars and he said he thinks it was, but he wasn't sure because it was still foggy and the windows were shut so he cracked the window open and looked through his binoculars again and said there are two deer and one of them is a buck. Then he said get your head phones on and get ready to shoot when I tell you too so I put my head phones on and tried to find the buck in the scope then I found him in the scope and said holy moly because how big he was then my dad said I could shoot whenever, then boom I shot. After I shot the buck he ran off into the pine trees and I could see him running then I just see him fall. After I shot we waited five minutes or so then we went to go look for the buck and we found no blood then we kept searching and we couldn't find it then we remembered that before deer season started we cut a trail for the deer to walk on so we went to go look if the deer was on that trail. We were going through the woods then we got on the trail and started walking down the trail to the end and then we got to the end and the buck was laying there all in saw briars. Then after we found it my dad told me to drag it out of the briars so I tried but it was to heavy it weighed 200 pounds so my dad drug it out of the briars. Then we called my mom and my dad said you ain't gonna believe this and she said what and we showed her and she was so excited and she kept asking questions how many points does it have and a lot of other stuff. Then me and my dad tried to drag the deer out but it was to heavy to drag about 100 yards then my dad drove his truck down the trail and it is kind of a skinny trail when he backed in he broke his mirror off on a pine tree. After he broke the mirror off we used all of our strength to drag it out, since it weighed 200 pounds we had to use rachet straps to get it on the bed of the truck. After that we took a few more pictures then we waited for it to be dark to go pick my brother up from where he is hunting because after we finished it was around 5:00pm. Once it got dark we went to go get my brother and we showed him my deer and everything and he thought that deer was the biggest deer he had ever seen. That hunt was the best hunt of my life/day.