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A mature male white-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus ochrourus*) in prime condition was found dead November 20, 1971, near Stites, Idaho. The animal had an enlargement approximately 28 x 18 x 18 cm in the scrotal area (Fig. 1).

At necropsy, the testicles and a significant portion of the small and large intestines were in the enlarged scrotum. No

adhesions were found and the inguinal canal was not constricting the intestines.

The apparent lack of complications in this scrotal hernia and the large size and well developed wall of the scrotum suggest the herniated intestines were functional for some time. The prime condition of the carcass supports this.

The cause of death was not determined.



FIGURE 1. White-tailed deer with scrotal hernia.

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