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Notes from editor (not for publication):

HEADLINE ELEMENTS:

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Respectful disagreements

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TEXT BODY:

RE: "You are doing deer a service by killing them?"

[Letters, Nov. 26]:

####BEGIN TEXT####

Christopher Sproat leads his letter in response to the story about Deb Luskin ["I don't just want to read the landscape, I want to eat it," News, Oct. 29] by calling her entitled and a sociopath, and it doesn't get a lot friendlier from there.

There are several issues at play here that are complicated and worth more discussion, including, for instance, the morality of killing wildlife, whether we need to reduce the deer

11 population, and the health of southeastern Vermont's deer
12 population.

13 Rather than initiate a healthy and evocative discussion,
14 Sproat does what is unfortunately too common these days:
15 spewing angry venom.

16 Let's not to add to the culture of animosity out there.
17 There is a factual question raised about whether the deer
18 population in this area is starving due to overpopulation and/or
19 overeating our most valuable maple and oak trees.

20 The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department tracks data on
21 this. Seems to me we'd be better off starting with these facts, then
22 get into respectful discussion about the ethics and efficacy of
23 hunting.

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