

AGENDA
Game, Fish, and Parks Commission
November 7-8, 2013
Ramkota RiverCentre
920 West Sioux Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501

Call to order 1 PM CT

Division of Administration

Action items:

1. Approve minutes of the October 2013 meeting
<http://gfp.sd.gov/agency/commission/archive/2013/october/minutes.pdf>
2. Additional Commissioner Salary Days
3. Sportsmen Against Hunger - Commission Representative
4. License List Requests
5. Bond Authority Approval Angostura, Cedar Shores

Information item:

6. License Sales Report
7. Parks and Wildlife Foundation Report

Open Forum

Public Hearing at 2 PM

Finalizations

8. Fish possession limits
9. Fishing regulations
10. Bait fish
11. Hunting, fishing, and trapping license fees
12. Camping permit fees
13. Picnic shelter, firewood, park facility fees

Hunting Season Proposals

14. Spring Turkey Hunting Season
15. Spring Light Goose Hunting Season

Division of Parks and Recreation

Action item:

16. Angostura and Shadehill Seasonal Cabin/Trailer Fees

Information items:

17. Angostura Sewer System
18. Cedar Shore Shoreline Stabilization Project
19. Custer State Park Visitor Center
20. Good Earth State Park

21. Park Revenue and Visitation Reports
22. October storm impact and cleanup

Division of Wildlife

Action item:

23. Partridge allowed for release
24. Sully County land acquisition

Information items:

25. Land acquisition update
26. Transplant of mountain goats
27. Elk management opinion survey
28. Lake Oahe fisheries update
29. Changes in the lakes in Northeast SD
30. Statewide Fisheries Plan
31. Big game management review response plan
32. Pheasant Habitat Summit update
33. Miscellaneous updates

Adjourn

Next meeting information:

Thursday, December 5, 2013 - one day meeting
Plains Ballroom, East Hwy 14, Huron, SD 57350

Friday, December 6, 2013

Governor's Pheasant Summit
Crossroads Convention Center
100 4th Street SW, Huron, SD 57350

Division of Administration

Minutes of the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission
October 3-4, 2013

Chair Susie Knippling called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM at the Spearfish Convention Center in Spearfish, South Dakota. Commissioners Susie Knippling, John Cooper, Duane Sather, Cathy Peterson, Jim Spies, Barry Jensen, and Gary Jensen were present. Secretary Jeff Vonk was present along with public, staff, and media numbering approximately eighty.

Wildlife Management Institute - Big Game Management Review

Nathan Sanderson, Policy Advisor to Governor Daugaard, provided background information about the Big Game Management Review conducted to identify strengths and weaknesses for the management of big game in South Dakota. Sanderson indicated the Governor was briefed the previous day by Steve Williams and Scott Williamson from Wildlife Management Institute and was pleased with their report. The report indicates the Wildlife Division is doing a good job with room for improvement in a few areas.

Steve Williams provided a PowerPoint Presentation that included background, history, and mission of the Wildlife Management Institute (WMI) and their team. He outlined the process and methodology used to produce the report. Williams provided results about the public outreach; the rule recommendation process; roles and responsibilities of the wildlife staff, GFP senior staff, and commissioners; and management of deer, elk, pronghorn, and mountain lions with recommendations to improve management of big game. The report provided answers to nine questions posed by the Governor's Office; strengths of the Wildlife Division; weaknesses of the management process; and specific objectives to improve the management process to meet the desire for a more sophisticated big game management process.

Open Forum

Don Hausle referenced his April letter regarding elk on his land the forage the elk have eaten. He submitted an invoice for \$3,000.00 of hay elk took off his property. He is unhappy that landowners need 240 acres to get landowner elk tag as often times the small operators have additional jobs and will continue to become smaller operators. Hausle wants the Commission to take seriously what is going on in smaller areas with elk as well as the big operators, and cost of elk eating their hay.

Tom Krafka, President of Greater Dacotah Chapter of Safari Club International, who helps with bighorn sheep numbers in the Black Hills. Krafka indicated Safari Club assisted with the auction tag process last year, and provide a handout with questions on how the action tag proceeds are spent and if there will be another auction tag. Chair Knippling indicated a report item later on the agenda may answer his questions.

Marty Davis of Spearfish believes GFP's long term goals for big game management is a better system than Minnesota and South Dakota is more proactive by staying on top of things every year. The mountain lion plan does a good job and allows

hunting while filling the need to provide an opportunity for the common man. He does not want hounds used when hunting lions, appreciates the current system, and the opportunity to use his skills when hunting lions.

Ken Edalla of Rapid City indicated he does not want Lake Oahe limits to change and does not support three day possession as some bodies of waters cannot support this. Believes Lake Oahe's needs should include consideration of water release when setting limits, and how catastrophic events affect the reservoir and fishing. He believes nonresident youth, sixteen and younger, should be allowed to take a limit of fish and he asked about Orman Dam use.

Public Hearing

The Public Hearing began at 2:12 PM and concluded at 3:19 PM. Minutes are attached to the minutes of this regular meeting.

Division of Administration

Action items:

August Minutes Approval

Chair Knippling asked for additions or corrections to the August minutes or a motion for approval.

Motion by Cooper with second by Gary Jensen TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 2013 GFP COMMISSION MINUTES AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

Additional Commissioner Salary Days

Knippling called for any additional commissioner salary days and Cooper requested a day for the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership Missouri River Tour near Yankton on August 11 and a day for the Pheasants Forever/Quail Forever Team Meeting in Estes Park, Colorado, on September 10.

Motion by Spies with second by Peterson TO APPROVE THE TWO ADDITIONAL SALARY DAYS REQUESTED BY COOPER. Motion carried unanimously.

2014 Meeting Schedule

Director Petersen presented the 2014 Commission Meeting Schedule for approval. The schedule was presented at the August meeting for review and the only change is that the December meeting location was moved to Sioux Falls.

Motion by Barry Jensen with second by Jim Spies TO APPROVE THE 2014 GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION SCHEDULE AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

License List requests

Director Petersen presented a license list request from the Mitchell Convention and Visitors Bureau of the 2012 Pheasant license holders in Minnesota to send a

postcard marketing the Mitchell area for late season hunting opportunities and repeat trips to South Dakota. The fee for this request would be waived.

Motion by Sather with second by Peterson TO APPROVE THE LICENSE LIST REQUEST FROM MITCHELL CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

Petersen presented a request from Del's Taxidermy and Archery LLC of Huron for a list of archery license holders in an eight county area to send a brochure about their hunting business. This is a full fee request.

Motion by Sather with second by Cooper TO APPROVE THE LICENSE LIST REQUEST FROM DEL'S TAXIDERMY AND ARCHERY LLC AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

Information item:

License Sales Report

Director Chris Petersen provided the License Sales Totals as of September 26 that indicated that combination license sales are consistent with last year's totals and fishing license sales remain strong. Total license sales reflect a 1.1% increase above sales for the same time frame for last year.

Finalizations

Mountain Lion Hunting Season 41:06:61

Chair Knippling requested an update about the Elk Study Research Project prior to Finalizations. Chad Lehman reported the research is in the third year and 42 cow elk were captured with a 90% pregnancy rate. Calf survival through September 30 is at 41% up from 38% last year and 28 calves are currently wearing collars in eastern Black Hills, Unit 4, near Hermosa and Custer State Park. Cow survival rates are at 83%, up from last year.

Chief Tom Kirschenmann presented the proposed changes to the Mountain Lion Hunting Season along with season dates, harvest limits, requirements, and restrictions. There were no recommended changes to the proposal.

1. Decrease the total mountain lion harvest limit from 100 to 75 and the female harvest limit from 70 to 50.
2. Increase the number of hunting intervals when dog hunting is allowed from 3 to 4 and decrease the number of hunting intervals when no dog hunting is allowed from 5 to 4 for Custer State Park. This structure would include four (4) hunting intervals (17 days in length) with each having 30 access permits (no dog hunting allowed) for a total of 120 access permits and four (4) intervals (7 days in length) with each having 4 access permits (dog hunting allowed) for a total of 16 access permits.

Motion by Gary Jensen with second by Spies TO FINALIZE CHANGES TO THE MOUNTAIN LION HUNTING SEASON 41:06:61 AS PROPOSED. Motion carried unanimously.

Petition for Rule Change

Director Tony Leif presented the five petitions to change the walleye possession limit from two to three times the daily limit statewide. Chief John Lott reviewed current fish harvest regulations and indicated he does not believe the change would have a big biological impact on the resource. Lott believes this is a social issue.

Director Leif provided options for Commission action which included denying the request with a statement of reasons; or making the request a proposal. The proposal would allow public comment before Commission action at the next meeting. Leif recommended accepting the request and have the proposed change include all fish species, not just walleyes. Discussion included the different sizes of lakes and possession limits on waters with neighboring states.

Motion by Spies with second by Gary Jensen TO ACCEPT THE PETITION REQUESTS AND PROPOSE TO MODIFY POSSESSION LIMITS FOR ALL SPECIES OF FISH, FROM TWO TO THREE TIMES THE DAILY TAKE OF FISH, AND TO BE STATEWIDE ON ALL BODIES OF WATER. Motion carried unanimously.

Division of Wildlife

Action items:

Fishing regulations

Geno Adams presented three recommended changes to the general fishing provisions and fish limits. Adams indicated that Black Hills anglers support the change to prohibit felt soled waders. He also shared there are products available to make the felt waders usable. A recent survey of border water anglers indicated their desire that boundary waters regulations be the same as inland waters. Discussion included the spring smelt survey, high angler use, and harvest on Lake Oahe.

1. Add 41:07:01:18 "Felt Soled Waders Prohibited".
2. Modify 41:07:03:02. "South Dakota-Minnesota boundary waters." by changing the possession limit for yellow perch from 15 fish to 30 fish, twice the daily limit.
3. Modify 41:07:03:03. "Daily, possession, and length limit restrictions on special management waters – additional restrictions described." by:
 - a. Adding East and West Heritage GPA ponds to the list of waters with a 15" minimum length limit for largemouth and smallmouth bass.
 - b. Removing current walleye limits of 8 daily, of which at most four can be 15 inches or longer in length, and 24 in possession, and applying statewide harvest restrictions for walleye to Lake Oahe.

Motion by Cooper with second by Sather TO PROPOSE CHANGES TO GENERAL PROVISIONS AND FISH LIMITS AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Spearing

Adams presented the recommended changes and supportive information for Commission consideration.

1. Modify 41:07:06:01. "Spearing of rough fish in inland waters." by including the South Dakota-Minnesota boundary waters in this regulation and modifying the title to reflect this change.
2. Repeal 41:07:06:01.2. "Spearing of rough fish in South Dakota-Minnesota boundary waters."
3. Modify 41:07:06:03. "Areas open to spearing of game fish – Additional permit required." by:
 - a. Removing subsection (7) which allows game fish spearing in certain waters in Eastern South Dakota.
 - b. Adding South Island Land and county designations for North and South Island Lakes to subsection (8) which allows northern pike to be taken in inland waters of the state except those managed for muskies.
 - c. Removing verbiage that allows the director of the Division of Wildlife to temporarily open areas to game fish spearing for special events and instead state that the Commission may open areas temporarily for all anglers by resolution.

Motion by Barry Jensen with second by Gary Jensen TO PROPOSE CHANGES TO SPEARING AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Bait

Will Sayler presented recommended changes to bait rules with supporting information.

1. Modify 41:09:04:02.02 "Species that may be taken as bait for commercial use." to allow emerald shiners and spottail shiners to be taken and sold by any licensed resident bait dealer or sold by any licensed nonresident bait dealer.
2. Modify 41:09:04:02.04 "Species that may be taken as bait for noncommercial use." to allow golden shiners, emerald shiners, spottail shiners and dead gizzard shad to be transported away from the water from which they were taken to be used as bait.
3. Modify 41:09:04:03 "Waters closed to taking of bait." By modifying:
 - a. "Waters closed year-round to commercial and noncommercial taking of bait." to add the exception of that portion of Lewis and Clark Lake and the Missouri River above Gavins Point Dam in Yankton and Bon Homme Counties for the non-commercial taking of bait.
 - b. "Other Waters." to include Lake Yankton in Yankton County and Lakes Byron and Mud in Beadle County.
 - c. "Waters closed year-round to commercial taking of bait." By removing Lake Yankton (Cottonwood) in Yankton County.

Motion by Peterson with second by Barry Jensen TO PROPOSE CHANGES TO BAIT RULES AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Knippling called for a recess at 3:38 PM and meeting resumed at 3:57 PM.

License fees proposals

Director Tony Leif and Chief Scott Simpson presented recommended changes to increase hunting and fishing license fees for 2014. The estimated increase revenue is based on projected 2014 sales. Leif and Simpson provided background on where federal funds dollars are utilized within the division and how alternate funding has been identified prior to proposing fee increases. Many of the fees have not been increase since 2005 and inflation since then is up about 20%. The fee adjustments affect many resident and nonresident license types. The resident preference point for big game licenses will be \$5 and the applicant has the option to pay the fee or not. The

nonresident preference point for big game licenses will be \$10 and applicants will have the option to pay the fee or not.

Chief Simpson presented a license fee comparison of residents and nonresident fees in neighboring states by species or season. Simpson indicated this was a challenging exercise as each state has different criteria for a license and many required more than one fee, license, or stamp to compare with our fees. The report indicated South Dakota fees are comparable with adjacent states. Discussion about the different fees ensued.

Resident fee changes: Annual Fishing \$25-28; Senior Fishing \$10-12; One-Day Fishing \$7-8; Paddlefish Tag \$20-25; Combination \$50-55; Junior Combination \$25-27; Senior Combination \$35-40; Annual Small Game \$30-33; One-Day Small Game \$10-12; Canada Goose Special Season Tags \$11-15; Tundra Swan Tag \$11-18; Spring Turkey 1-tag \$21-25; Spring Turkey 2-tag \$26-35; Fall Turkey 1-tag \$11-15; Fall Turkey 2-tag \$16-20; Any Deer 1-tag \$36-40; Any Deer + Antlerless Deer 2-tag \$46-50; Antlerless Deer 1-tag \$16-20; Antlerless Deer 2-tag \$26-30; Special Buck \$156-175; Any Antelope \$36-40; Any Antelope + Doe/Fawn \$46-50; Doe/Fawn 1-tag \$16-20; Doe/Fawn 2-tag \$26-30; Any Elk \$156-175; Antlerless Elk \$106-116; Mountain Goat \$256-280; Bighorn Sheep \$256-280; Mountain Lion \$26-28; Furbearer \$25-30; and the optional preference point fee on big game licenses will be \$5.

Nonresident fee changes: Annual Fishing \$60-67; Family Fishing \$60-67; One-Day Fishing \$14-16; Three-Day Fishing \$32-37; Paddlefish Tag \$20-40; Game Fish Spearing \$5-10; Spring Light Goose \$46-50; Early Fall Canada Goose \$46-50; Tundra Swan \$16-25; Spring Turkey 1-tag \$86-100; Spring Turkey 2-tag \$101-125; Fall Turkey 1-tag \$76-90; Fall Turkey 2-tag \$86-100; Antlerless Deer 1-tag \$56-80; Antlerless Deer 2-tag \$81-120; Special Buck \$506-560; Antelope Doe/Fawn 1-tag \$56-80; Antelope Doe/Fawn 2-tag \$81-120; Furbearer \$250-275; Predator/Varmint \$35-40; and the optional preference point fee on big game licenses will be \$10.

Motion by Cooper with second by Spies TO PROPOSE INCREASED FEES AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DIVISION OF WILDLIFE. Motion carried unanimously.

Information items:

Boating Officer of the Year

Brandon Gust honored Joe Keaton with the Boating Officer of the Year Award and he was recognized at the national level.

Land acquisition projects

Paul Coughlin provided information about a land exchange and purchase in southeast Sully County adjacent to the Medicine Knoll Creek Game Production Area that will become an action item at the next meeting.

Transplant of mountain goats in SD

This report item was deferred to the next meeting.

Bighorn Sheep Update

Chief Tom Kirschenmann responded to questions from Tom Krafka at the open forum portion of the meeting. Kirschenmann indicated criteria for additional

bighorn sheep tags were placed in rule last year and if three licenses are available for the 2014 season the third tag would be the auction tag. The recommendation and discussion for this season is scheduled for the December Commission meeting. The funds raised from the auction tag have been held by GFP with a specific accounting code allowing for distribution and tracking of these enhancement funds. A meeting of the Bighorn Sheep Working Group is scheduled for Friday, October 11, to discuss how to use these funds.

Pheasant Brood Route Report

Chief Kirschenmann indicated pheasant brood routes are down 64% with a series of events beginning with the drought in the fall of 2012, lack of cover and vegetation during the winter, lack of insects for the young pheasants, a very cool and wet spring, along with loss of habitat all contributed to low numbers. Some of the routes were ran a second time and it confirmed the low numbers and verified a late hatch occurred in early July.

Statewide Fisheries Plan

Director Leif requested this report be moved to the next Commission meeting and he handed out a Division of Wildlife "Perpetuating the Outdoor Heritage of South Dakota" planning document for Commission information.

Division of Parks and Recreation

Action items:

Custer State Park Private Cabin Transfer Resolution

Custer State Park Superintendent Matt Snyder shared that a cabin owner in Custer State Park wishes to transfer ownership to another party and this requires Commission approval. Resolution 13-11 authorizes the Department to provide consent for the transaction upon completion of all criteria and agreements.

Motion by Peterson with second by Barry Jensen TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 13-11 (Appendix A) AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

Custer State Park Resort Employee Housing

Director Doug Hofer indicated Custer Resorts had another great year with reservations up 4% from the previous year. Hofer introduced Josh Schmaltz, Dave Sweet, and Craig Gult from Custer State Park Resorts, who presented a formal request to purchase two additional employee housing units for Custer State Park to attract and accommodate quality staff. The housing units would be purchased by the resort company. Site preparation and the improvements to existing utilities for the units will be paid for using Repair and Maintenance reserve funds. The Fifth Amendment to the Custer State Park Resort Concession Agreement provides stipulations for the purchase and placement of the buildings as well as granting possessory interest of the structures to the resort company.

Motion by Spies with second by Gary Jensen TO APPROVE THE FIFTH AMENDMENT TO CONCESSION AGREEMENT CUSTER STATE PARK RESORT AS PRESENTED (Appendix B). Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution for Adams land transfer

Director Hofer and Parks and Wildlife Foundation Executive Director Wayne Winter presented Resolution 13-12 for Commission consideration. The approval of the resolution would allow the Department to accept the gift of approximately 18 acres in four individual tracts from the Foundation. The tracts would be added to the existing Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve for park and recreation opportunities.

Motion by Gary Jensen with second by Peterson TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 13-12 AS PRESENTED (Appendix C). Motion carried unanimously.

Park fees proposals

Director Hofer indicated utility costs have increased for camping sites, fish cleaning stations, and general operations; as well as an increase in salaries and health care costs for employees since the last camping fee adjustment three years ago. Assistant Director Bob Schneider presented recommended fee increases beginning January 1 for camping, picnic shelters, firewood, and other facility uses.

Add Sheps Canyon Horse Camp to the list of areas that require an equestrian campground fee, and increase camping permit fees established in ARSD 41:03:04:03 as follows: Custer State Park modern campground fee from \$18.96 to \$21.00; Modern campground fee from \$11.38 to \$13.00; Custer State Park semi-modern campground fee from \$17.06 to \$19.00; Basic campground fee from \$9.48 to \$11.00; Custer State Park French Creek natural area from \$5.69 to \$7.00 for each person; Use of a campground site at Fort Sisseton during the annual Fort Sisseton Festival from \$16.11 to \$25.00 (Festival campers are exempt from paying the camping fee); Equestrian campground fee from \$11.38 to \$13.00 at Bear Butte Horse Camp and Sica Hollow Horse Camp, and increase the camping fee at the remaining equestrian campgrounds from \$13.27 to \$15.00; Camping cabin fee at Lewis and Clark Recreation Area, Pierson Ranch Recreation Area, and Chief White Crane Recreation Area from \$39.81 to \$45.00, and Custer State Park from \$44.55 to \$50.00; Camping cabin fees at all other state parks and recreation areas from \$35.07 to \$40.00. Nonprofit youth group camping fee from \$0.47 for each person or \$5.71, whichever is greater, to \$0.50 for each person or \$6.00, whichever is greater; Preferred campground fee from \$13.27 to \$15.00; Prime campsite fee from \$15.17 to \$17.00; Primitive lodging campsite fee from \$20.85 to \$23.00; Custer State Park group camping are fee from \$5.69 per person for overnight use with a minimum fee of \$113.74 to \$7.00 per person for overnight use with a minimum fee of \$140.00; group lodging fee at Mina Lake State Recreation Area from \$160.00 to \$185.00; Custer State Park, French Creek Horse Camp fee from \$21.80 to \$26.00; Oahe Downstream Group Lodge use fee from \$37.92 to \$40.00 per night for nonprofit youth groups year-round and nonprofit groups and government agencies from November 1 to March 31, inclusive, and from \$118.49 to \$125.00 per night for all other groups year-round, and the use fee for all groups except nonprofit youth groups from \$118.49 to \$125.00 from April 1 to October 31, inclusive; and the additional charge for campground sites with electricity from \$3.79 per unit to \$4.00 per unit.

Increase the fee to reserve a picnic shelter from \$18.96 to \$20.00 a day; increase

the fee to purchase a bundle of firewood from \$4.00 to \$5.00; and adjust the fee to use certain park facilities and authorize fees for new services and facilities as follows: Increase the fee for use of Fort Sisseton south barracks from \$125.00 per day to \$300.00 for a period beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Friday and ending at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday; increase for off-site use of the Fort Sisseton event tent from \$750.00 per day to \$1,000.00 per day plus a \$2.00 per mile transport fee for set up over 25 miles; establish a \$125.00 fee for use of Fort Sisseton grounds for outdoor weddings when park benches are used; establish a Lewis and Clark catamaran dry slip storage fee of \$300.00 for a period beginning May 1 and ending September 30, and for seasonal slip rental beginning on or after July 15 a \$60.00 fee plus \$2.00 per day, and a temporary slip rental fee of \$5.00 per day; and establish an Angostura catamaran dry slip storage fee of \$150.00 for a period beginning May 1 and ending September 30, and for seasonal slip rental beginning on or after July 15 a \$30.00 fee plus \$2.00 per day, and a temporary slip rental fee of \$5.00 per day.

Motion by Cooper with second by Sather TO PROPOSE CHANGES TO CAMPING PERMIT, RULES, FEES, PICNIC SHELTERS, FIREWOOD, AND FACILITY USE AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Information items:

Custer State Park Mountain Pine Beetle Update

Matt Snyder indicated the Sylvan Lake area saw a great influx of mountain pine beetle from the adjacent Forest Service property and contractors are currently working on cut and chunk. The Sylvan area will also have 8,500 infested trees removed. Previous years' work throughout the rest of the park appears to be successful in slowing the beetle activity.

2014 Custer State Park Repair and Maintenance Projects

Hofer presented the Proposed Custer Resorts 2014 Repair and Maintenance plan which includes structural work at the Blue Bell Lodge, infrastructure improvements for the two employee units, several cabin renovations, hardwood floor refinishing, improvements at the White Buffalo Room, and other planned improvements as well as an emergency fund allocation. According to the proposal, the future carryover balance is anticipated to decline again next year.

Buffalo Roundup

Snyder indicated the buffalo roundup was a successful event and for the first time held on a Friday. Attendance was comparable to past years, the weather was good, and buffalo movement was good. The Arts Festival and Chili Cook-off saw some impact due the date change; high winds on Sunday blew some tents away and some vendors did pack up and return home; by noon the wind subsided. Sunday attendance ended up to about half compared to previous years.

Park Revenue and Visitation Reports

Director Hofer indicated revenue for 2013 was up in part due to a change in the reservation system policy that allows reservations and payment for the reservation one-year in advance at Custer State Park and six lodges statewide.

Camping units are up 3.1% as of September 30 insuring that 2013 will be a record year for camping. Hofer estimates an additional 10,000 camping units will use the parks before the end of the year.

Secretary Vonk shared with the Commissioners that letters will be going to hunters with deer licenses in Bennett, Tripp, Corson, and Perkins counties offering a refund for their deer tags prior to the start of the season due to EHD.

Motion by Peterson with second by Gary Jensen TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey R. Vonk, Department Secretary

Appendix A

RESOLUTION NO. 13-11

Whereas, the South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks Commission has been advised that Patrick M. Ginsbach was the owner of a cabin located in Custer State Park (Custer County) on property described as:

No.1 Springdale in the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of Section Twelve (12), Township Four (4) South, Range Five (5) East, of the Black Hills Meridian, Custer, County South Dakota; and

Whereas, the property upon which the cabin is located is owned by the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish, and Parks and has been leased to Patrick M. Ginsbach by permit by reason of a Stipulation of Settlement and Dismissal entered in Craft v. Wipf, Civil Action No. 85-5092, U.S. District Court for the District of South Dakota, Western Division, and subsequent agreements and permits executed thereafter based on said Stipulation and Dismissal; and

Whereas, the Commission has been advised that Patrick M. Ginsbach desires to and has transferred and assigned all of his interest in said cabin and cabin site permit to Francis Kub and Joan Kub, husband and wife, as joint tenants; and

Whereas, the Commission has been requested to approve said Transfer and Assignment.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that in the event the Department receives an executed Agreement and Assignment of the above described cabin site permit and cabin and appurtenances located thereon and which further provides that said Assignee agrees to abide by all of the terms and conditions of the aforementioned Stipulation of Settlement and Dismissal and all subsequent agreements relative thereto, including but not limited to Cabin Site Permits, Addendums, and all agreements relative to establishing the lease or rental payments due the Department, then in that event, the Department is authorized to execute a Consent to the requested Assignment.

Appendix B

**FIFTH AMENDMENT TO CONCESSION AGREEMENT
CUSTER STATE PARK RESORT**

This FIFTH AMENDMENT TO CONCESSION AGREEMENT between the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks ("Department"), 523 East Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota, 57501, and US Hotels and Resorts Management, Inc. and Regency CSP Ventures L.P., a South Dakota Limited Partnership, acting by and through US Hotels and Resorts Management, Inc., as its general partner ("Concessionaire"), 3211 West Sencore Drive, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, 57107.

WHEREAS, the Department entered into a Concession Lease Agreement on the 8th day of December, 2006 ("Concession Agreement"), to facilitate the operation of the four resorts at Custer State Park, hereinafter referred to as the "Resort"; and

WHEREAS, The Department and the Concessionaire subsequently entered into written amendments to the Concession Agreement on June 11, 2007, December 7, 2007, September 1, 2009, and October 20, 2010, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the Department and the Concessionaire recognize the need for Concessionaire to provide additional seasonal employee housing units at the Legion Lake Resort and Blue Bell Lodge employee housing complexes at an estimated cost to the Concessionaire of \$136,000; and

WHEREAS, the Department and Concessionaire agree to designate the ownership of said employee housing units as Concessionaire Facilities; and

WHEREAS, such designation of the additional employee housing units as Concessionaire Facilities results in the establishment of a possessory interest held by the Concessionaire in the buildings pursuant to ARSD. Article 41:13.

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED that the Concession Lease Agreement dated December 8, 2006, between Department and the Concessionaire, as subsequently amended, is further amended as follows:

1. The Department Authorizes the Concessionaire to construct and place one (1) 28' x 64' seasonal employee housing unit at the Legion Lake Resort employee housing complex and one (1) 28' x 64' seasonal employee housing unit at the Blue Bell Lodge employee housing complex.
 - a. The buildings will be "Concessionaire Facilities" for which the Concessionaire shall retain possessory interest.
 - b. The underground utilities for the units shall be considered "Government Facilities" for which no possessory interest can be granted and to which the Department shall retain ownership.

- c. Authorization to provide the seasonal housing units is contingent upon compliance with all applicable building codes and the Department securing all environmental clearances. Final placement of the units is subject to Department approval.
2. Exhibit A-2 will be amended to designate the newly provided seasonal employee housing units as Concessionaire Facilities. The following lines are hereby added to Exhibit A-2 attached to the Concession Agreement

Fac. NO	Description	Replacement Cost	Possessory Interest
	Seasonal Employee Housing Unit (28'x64') Legion Lake Resort – Building Only		Per ARSD Article 41:13
	Seasonal Employee Housing Unit (28'x64') Blue Bell Lodge– Building Only		Per ARSD Article 41:13

3. Except as modified by this Fifth Amendment to Concession Agreement, all other terms and conditions set forth in the Concession Lease Agreement dated December 8, 2006, as subsequently amended on June 11, 2007, on December 7, 2007, September 1, 2009, and October 20, 2010, respectively, shall continue to remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Fifth Amendment to Concession Agreement on this _____ day of _____, 2013.

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH AND PARKS

BY: _____ DATE: _____
Douglas Hofer, Director, Division of Parks and Recreation

CONCESSIONAIRE

BY: _____ DATE: _____
David Sweet, CEO
US Hotels and Resorts Management, Inc.

BY: _____ DATE: _____
David Sweet, CEO, US Hotels and Resorts Management, Inc.
As general partner of Regency CSP Ventures, L.P., a South
Dakota Limited Partnership

Appendix C

RESOLUTION 13-12

WHEREAS, South Dakota Parks and Wildlife Foundation owns real estate (Property) described as:

Parcel #1: Adams Tract 3, a vacated Right-of-Way Parcel in the North Half of the Northeast Quarter (N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section 8, Township 89 North, Range 48, West of the 5th P.M., Union County, South Dakota, according to the recorded plat in Book 9 of Plats, page 108; and

Parcel #2: Lot 7, Block 2 of Adams Addition to the City of North Sioux City, Union County, South Dakota, according to the recorded plat in Book 12 of Plats, page 94; and

Parcel #3: Adams Tract 12 and Lot C in the Southeast Quarter of Section 8, Township 89 North, Range 48 West of the 5th P.M., Union County, South Dakota, as platted in Book 30 of Plats, page 28; and

Parcel #4: Adams Tract 11 in the Southeast Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section 8 and in the Southwest Quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section 9, all in Township 89 North, Range 48, West of the 5th P.M., Union County, South Dakota, as platted in Book 12 of Plats, page 110; and

WHEREAS, South Dakota Parks and Wildlife Foundation desires to gift the Property to the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish, and Parks (Department) as an addition to the existing Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve; and

WHEREAS, the Department has evaluated and determined that the Property would serve very well as an addition to the Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve, offering wildlife habitat and public recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Department is authorized to accept gifts of property for park and recreational purposes per SDCL §§ 41-2-19 and 41-2-24;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks Commission does hereby authorize the Department to accept the gift of the Property from South Dakota Parks and Wildlife Foundation to be used as an addition to the Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks Commission, on behalf of the citizens of South Dakota, does hereby acknowledge and express its deepest appreciation and gratitude to South Dakota Parks and Wildlife Foundation for its generosity, and further acknowledge the outdoor recreational opportunities this gift will provide to South Dakotans for many years to come.

Public Hearing Minutes of the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission
October 3, 2013

Public Hearing Officer Chuck Schlueter began the public hearing at 2:12 PM Mountain Daylight Time at the Spearfish Holiday Inn Convention Center. Written and oral testimony would be accepted on the Mountain Lion Hunting Season. Schlueter read testimony received prior to the hearing and the attending public provided testimony at the microphone and provided their name, city, and state before addressing the Commission.

Mountain Lion Hunting Season

Dan Anderson of Vienna, SD, emailed: I am writing to comment on the proposed mountain lion seasons. I feel that the quotas are far too high. ...The proposed quota of 75 total lions, or 50 females, is not sustainable for the population. In addition, allowing the season to be open the entire year in the rest of the state is a blatant attempt to exterminate cougars outside of the Black Hills."

Scott Jamison of Box Elder, SD, emailed: "...My opinion is that until the deer and elk populations increase back to their prior levels; and the license numbers do the same; mountain lion quotas should increase so that anyone interested in helping reduce the predator population has ample opportunity to do so. I would err on the side of overhunting the predators, letting the deer and elk herds increase; until such time as it is apparent that lion sightings and populations have definitely decreased..."

Chuck Clayton of Huron, SD, emailed: "Why don't we just let hunters kill every lion in the Hills? This thinly veiled attempt to keep everyone happy is probably not going to work. We allow "people" to build houses in every corner that is not public in the hills, reducing the available winter habitat for ungulates and cats alike, but somehow think the cats are the problem?"

I have been hunting in the Hills for at least 35 years. I remember "over the counter tags", and open meadows in many places. Now, if it is private it has been sold off for housing, especially in the foot hills leading to the Black Hills, the traditional Wintering grounds for deer and elk are now houses.

Some people blame the cats for the degradation of the deer and elk, when all they have to do is look in the mirror. To many cats are not good ----- but neither are too many people!"

Jeremy Wells of Rapid City, SD, emailed: "The use of hounds obviously worked in Custer State Park and works in Wyoming so I am proposing that we use hounds in the Black Hills. Whether it be in hunting intervals like CSP or just end the foot season in February and let hounds have the remainder of the season. Its time we start hunting them the right way and stop with the ridiculous excuses!!!!"

Jerod Lutter of Belle Fourche, SD, emailed: "In regards to the upcoming proposal on the upcoming mountain lion seasons quota. I believe that the quota should stay at the 100 cats or 75 female quota."

Justin Deutsch of Langford, SD, emailed: "I was one of the lucky ones to draw a Custer State Park hound tag last year. After hunting with dogs I believe this is the best method to harvest mountain lions. I was able to pass up a small kitten with spots, that had I been in the field foot hunting I probably wouldn't have had enough time to study, and would have shot."

Helen McGinnis, Treasurer of the Prairie Hills Audubon Society emailed information from Dr. Robert Wielgus and a partial transcript of a meeting on August 3 or 4, 2013, and a link to you tube presentation.

David R Love of Custer, SD, emailed: "In a word, the quotas for this year's lion season are too high and I am totally in opposition to them..."

Jeremy S. Ansell of Hermosa, SD, emailed: "I like the idea of being able to hunt year round in the black hills. I like to hunt mountain lion but, due to my job I am limited the days I can hunt. This idea is a very good idea. If this gets passed I will most definitely get my license again. Thank you."

Kent R. Guthrie of Rapid City, SD, emailed: "Fewer mountain lions equal more Mountain Goats, Bighorn Sheep, Elk & Deer. The lion harvest affects many more sportsmen then the few who are fortunate enough to take a lion."

Monte Vande Kop of Brookings, SD, emailed: "I think there should be a higher number of lions harvested during the season. I also think hunters should be allowed to use dogs to track these animals. The lion population is tremendously larger than the Black Hills of South Dakota can house."

Albert J. Berreth of Pierre, SD, emailed: "Please keep the mountain lion season quota at 100 or higher for the coming season."

Randall L. Pratt of Mitchell, SD, emailed: "As I look at your data I sense that a harvest limit of 75 total and 50 females is above what can be supported by the area... I could support a little larger number to control the population with respect to other game but in the event hunting conditions are perfect and the limit easily met I suspect harvest levels as proposed would reduce the population dramatically given 3 consecutive harvests above a sustainable level..."

Tom Mikklos of Custer, SD, emailed: "I feel that there should be a separate hound quota for the black hills season. Hounds are great way to hunt lions and the only way that a selective harvest can be done. I think that 30 lions would be a great number for hound hunters to start with."

Ross Rohde of Rapid City, SD, emailed: "...I think the current proposal for 2014 is a good proposal but would like to see a few more changes. I would really like to see the private land owners have the opportunity to be able to use dogs.... Also I would like to see the use of dogs at the end of the season if the quota has not been filled. I think we all know the mountain lion is a very smart and discreet animal..."

Dann Cecil of Wentworth, SD, emailed: "...We have a hard time trying to understand why the mountain lion is more important to the GFP department than our deer, elk, and big horned sheep populations. The answer seems evident as a

small, very vocal minority want to protect the lions. Does our GFP not understand that the large majority of South Dakotans want few or no lions..."

Carlee Tisdall of Rapid City, SD, emailed: "Dogs should be used during mountain lion season in South Dakota because, a hunter could then see if the lion was a male or female, the size of the lion, and if the female lion was nursing kittens. Whereas the lions being hunted by ground hunters, the sex, size, and if a female lion is nursing kittens, cannot be noticed as easily."

Richard Shelatz of Rapid City, emailed: "I would like to see the harvest numbers for the mountain lions stay at last year level of 100 total or 75 females. SD GFP needs to do more research on the range of the mountain lion in Western South Dakota outside of the Black Hills Fire Protection District. Also the rule should be changed to allow the use of hounds, traps, and baits to be used to aid with the harvest of mountain lion STATE WIDE."

Connie Ryan of Rapid City, SD, emailed: "While I understand that is necessary to have a mountain lion season, I believe the number of lions being allowed to be taken has been increased too much. I live in the Black Hills and believe we are encroaching on their territory. "

Andrew Barreth of South Jordan, UT, emailed: "I do not think that there should be a quota at all for the 2014 mountain lion season. The quota was not met last year, and the lion population seems to be handling it just fine. Why even have a quota if it doesn't get met and the population objective is not adversely affected? Keep the season the same and require reporting. There is no need for hunters to be constantly looking over their shoulder to see if the quota is met if they don't have to. My name is Andrew Berreth. My city of residence is South Jordan, UT, but I maintain my legal residency in Pierre, South Dakota as I am Active Duty Army."

Jim Scull of Rapid City, SD, emailed: "I would encourage the commissioners to keep the harvest numbers high on the mountain lions. I have come to realize it is very difficult for the GFP biologists to estimate numbers in the Black Hills. Every indication is however they have very sustainable numbers at this point plus an excess of animals. I continue to see obvious signs of the lions in my region south of Hill City but I also now see increasing elk calf numbers. I do not see an increasing fawn numbers in the deer yet... We need to find that healthy balance of lions in the hills and I personally don't feel we are there yet. I would urge you to continue to harvest abundant lions until the health of all game is balanced. Without the hunter harvest there will be no control except by nature when they have killed too many deer and elk and their own lion population is then affected. That of course would not be good management."

Chris Matusiak of Black Hawk, SD, emailed: "I would like to vote for NOT having a Lion season this year and any other in the future, and let the population make a comeback."

Chris Kainz of Custer, SD, emailed: "I wish you would consider giving the hound hunters more opportunities to help control the population. The park season is a start but it is also set up to be a difficult hunt.. It would be nice to have a few dog permits out of the park as well."

Christopher Spatz, Cougar Rewilding Foundation emailed: "The Cougar Rewilding Foundation recommends that the commissioners reject the proposed mountain lion quota for 2014 and adopt for the Black Hills National Forest - a forest owned by every United States' taxpayer - a policy similar to Washington State's harvest threshold of 14%."

Christine and Richard VanNess of Rapid City, SD, emailed: "...ask the commission to listen to all the stakeholders here, not just the very vocal and threatening hunting constituents."

Helen McGinnis of Harman, WV, emailed a letter: "...Hunting is one "use" of lions, but not the most important. Acting as "shepherds" of ungulates is another use. So is the fact that many if not most of us humans regard lions as extremely beautiful, graceful animals..."

Donna Watson of Deadwood, SD, emailed: "I oppose mountain lion hunting in any form, and particularly oppose increasing the quota..."

Laura Menefee of Wisconsin emailed: "Apex predators are a vital component of a healthy ecosystem. Indiscriminate trophy hunting for "sport" is not scientifically valid, best practice management. Please allow the population to continue to disperse east, where they are needed to help keep ungulate populations strong and healthy."

Kathryn Weller of Rapid City, SD, emailed: "I am writing to comment on the level of mountain lion hunting both over the past 2 years and also regarding proposed hunting for the coming season. I do not believe the past decisions were objective or based on accurate estimates of lion numbers in the Black Hills region. I am asking for those who are making decisions on this years season to please consider the evidence such as the Washington State experiences with lion management. I believe lions are being mismanaged by the state of SD and that lion numbers have been overestimated. Lions are being overhunted here in our small region!!"

Gary L. Hansen of Custer, SD, emailed: "In regard to your recommendations about the length of the cougar season and the number of cougars to be killed, I urge you to error on the side of the cougar. It is easier to exterminate a species than it is to bring it back to healthy self-sustaining numbers."

Larry Bowden, President, Western SD Fur Harvesters Association emailed: "At the September 8th fall convention of the "Western South Dakota Fur Harvesters Association" our membership had a lengthy discussion about the declining game populations in western SD. Our members are concerned about the lack of deer, elk, smaller game and predators especially in the Black Hills. Our membership suggested that we express our concerns to the commission. We support a 100 mountain lion harvest quota for this season. We also support the use of hounds in and outside of Custer State Park. We also support the use of traps and snares to harvest mountain lions. Lions do get "call shy" to game calls and do not respond as well after several seasons. Coyote, fox, and bobcat get call shy also. The lack of snow cover some winters makes it difficult for hunters to see lions. The southern hills does not have as much snow cover as the central and northern hills making lion harvesting

more difficult. The small harvest of lions in Fall River County over the past seasons supports this theory. Will GF&P explore the possibility of establishing several lion harvest zones or areas to more evenly distribute the lion harvest?"

Susan Bond of Kelso, WA, emailed: "As an advocate for wildlife I oppose your plans of cougar hunting in South Dakota. You have a beautiful State and I have heard such wonderful things about it, and that's why I'm confused as to why you would want to kill these beautiful animals. Please review your plans and ask yourselves if what you want to do is what is in the best interest of your citizens, your state and the ecosystem. Thank you for your time and your consideration."

Ignacio Manjon of Miami, FL, emailed: "I would like to express that in my opinion, cougar hunting practices should stop immediately for they are cruel, unnecessary and incompatible with the stage of maturity and understanding the human race has, when it comes to coexisting with our partners in this planet, the animals."

Julie Anderson of Rapid City, SD, emailed: "I am against the hunting of mountain lions for sport. The use of hounds should be banned, as it is cruel and serves only to allow a hunter a trophy. I am against any trapping of mountain lions, as trapping is the most cruel method of killing an animal. I am against hunting in Custer State park, as these animals are not hurting anyone or causing any problems."

Penny Maldonado, Managing Director of the Cougar Fund emailed a letter: "...Although we are opposed to the sport hunting of cougars, we believe in sensible communication with the goal of respectful and productive dialog between all parties. We acknowledge that the layers of consideration you must factor in order to make your decision are complex. They range from the economic to the philosophical and include ethics, tolerance, tradition, science and politics... The Cougar Fund urges you to reconsider your current +/-32 percent harvest limit for next year's overall and female quota, or face the possible consequences of a younger less stable population of mountain lions and the ensuing likelihood of negative encounters."

Oral testimony:

Tim Goodwin of Rapid City, SD, indicated he is a lion hunter at Sheridan Lake and thanked Commission for opportunity to hunt lions; it is the thrill of a lifetime. All hunters are conservationists and do not want to end a population. Lions are still in the mountains and tracks can be seen after any snow event. He believes there are packs of lions in the hills and all cats in the nation contain some Black Hills DNA because of over population. He believes the lack of snow last year was the reason hunters did not harvest 100 lions. He believes there are all kinds of cats in the hills and wants the harvest quota to stay at 100 not 75.

Dean Flage of Sturgis, SD, follows the hunting policies of lion hunting seasons and looks at it from educational background. He believes the big emphasis is balance of nature and that takes a lot of things. Lions do kill deer and to cut down the number cats will increase the coyotes and coyote damage is bigger than lions. Predator control and hunting is a viable use in big game management as hunters seek the biggest and best of a breed or species. Lions

go for the weaker of a species. Balance of nature better manages the quality of a population where hunting manages the quantity. Flage questions the estimate of lions in the Black Hills and when hunters can't fill the quota it is more likely because the cats are not there.

Gardner Gray of Pringle, SD, has never seen a cat, does hear coyotes every night, and has deer and elk in his area. He believes fear is one reason for the hunting season while others get a thrill for the hunt; and neither is a reason for a season. He indicated it is impossible to know the sex of cat or if they have kittens before killing it. He sees no need for season at all; we have plenty of deer and elk; and lions take old, weak, and infirm.

Nancy Hilding, Black Hawk, SD, provided handouts and sent emails with information. She is President of Prairie Audubon Society and is concerned with the prairie lion season. She disagrees with Department that lions on prairie are only disbursing males from the Black Hills. Hilding provided data that shows lion mortality and selected lions outside the Black Hills that showed females killed which indicated the prairie population is more than males. She indicated habitat along the Missouri River and Custer National Forest is good for lions and showed substantial lion mortality north of CNF. There is good habitat above I-90 and north of BHFPD, along the Cheyenne River, Pine Ridge, and into Bennett County. Hilding wants to get rid of the 365 day unlimited season on the prairie and it should be for landowners only, and wants to remove these additional areas out of the prairie season.

Brad Tisdall, of Rapid City, SD, indicated he is a SD Hounds man, lion, deer, and elk hunter, he is the Chairman for Western SD Hounds men and thanked the Commission, GFP, and CSP for advancing the opportunity to use hounds in Custer State Park. He was happy to participate in hunts and harvested a nine year old male lion that was never tagged or collared and CSP staff did not know it existed; he wonders how many others there may be. Hounds men released five lions during the season last year. They would like to use hounds on public lands and private lands with landowner permission and landowner assistance to harvest a lion. Hunting with hounds is part of the sport of hunting and an old one. Hounds men in South Dakota would help landowners if allowed to. He believes the quota should be 100 this coming season, and there is a need to harvest females to control the population. Private landowners on the prairie want to use hounds, he would like to see a training season, and hopes you [the Commission] will do the right thing.

Harry Bork of Hermosa, SD, stated he is here to protect lions; he recognizes and respects views of others. He has a problem with a quota on lions as it is the shoot, shovel, and shut up lions that are counted, lions killed by accident should be counted in quota taken in a year. He concerned for lions traveling together especially when using hounds. He appealed to the Commission not to enlarge the quota of lions.

Curt Munz of Belle Fourche, SD, stated he is a lion hunter and lives in the forest during the lion season. He has seen only five elk the last year and believes lions take elk as he witnessed a lion take a large elk. He believes there are too many lions and wants the use of hounds especially for young hunters. Lions are

pushing the elk out of the hills and depredation is a problem north of the hills. Hounds are used hunting bobcats why not lions? Please allow the use of hounds.

Rick Hanson of Spearfish, SD, indicated he hunts three days a week and has seen four cats. He wonders if the quota for last year was not filled because it is no longer a novelty. He scouts 150 days a year and has not had the opportunity to see a lion during the season.

Arlan Stratmeyer by Rockerville, SD, stated the August 2nd PowerPoint was prepared to justify lowering the 2013 quota indicating snowfall in 2012 and 2013 had an affect lion harvest. He is concerned about the information provided and many areas of the hills had no snow. He did not hunt lions in the snow and believes the presentation was to line you down a path and is not science. He cautions the information about snow events and how it affects hunting. He believes there can be snow events that are worthless in relations to lion hunting and what is the difference in the other weather conditions during the different snow events? The most common obstacle is air temperature and sun as they will end a hunt because snow melts and falls on the ground and looks like lion tracks or will end a hunt quickly. Questions why this information was not provided at the August meeting?

Steve Brule of Hayward, SD, questioned estimated population formulas from past years. Presented past articles about lion populations and this does not make sense and numbers just don't add up.

Clark Blake of Belle Fourche, SD, believes lowering the lion quota would be a big mistake. Lions have a big effect on the deer and elk populations. Blake referenced the Wyoming and Montana seasons and would like to see the use of dogs outside the Black Hills Fire Protection District and to lower the lion population will devastate the big game north of the Black Hills. He agrees with Hilding that females are in the prairie unit as they are being pushed out of the hills.

The Public Hearing concluded at 3:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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REQUEST FOR LISTS OF LICENSE HOLDERS

Type of List Requested 2013 Resident Fishing License

Number of Licenses in list 10,000 to be chosen by SDWF Camo-Coalition _____

Name of Person, Entity, or Organization requesting list:
South Dakota Wildlife Federation Camo-Coalition

Address of Person, Entity, or Organization:
SDWF Camo-Coalition
Box 961
Pierre, SD 57501-7075

Purpose for which list will be used:
SDWF Camo-Coalition would like to send out a letter stating what we do in the Legislature and soliciting free membership in the Camo_Coalition. Educating the public about access onto water over flooded private lands and the Legislation that will affect it..

I would like the list to be on Disk in Access comma delineated.

The sale of lists by the Department of Game, Fish & Parks is authorized by SDCL 1-17-1 and ARSD 41:06:01:04, 05 and 06. A fee of \$100 per thousand names will be assessed for the sale of this list, or a minimum of \$100 whichever is greater.

Names will be provided on self-adhesive mailing labels unless otherwise specified. Unless requested and approved as part of this request, the license list will not include anyone under eighteen years of age. Names are for one-time use only and are to be used only by the person, entity or organization approved per this request.

Chris Hesla 10-29-13
Authorized Signature of Purchaser Date

Date of Commission Action

License Sales Totals

(as of Oct 29)

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	2012	2013	% Change
Resident Predator/Varmint	1,495	1,428	-4.5%
Furbearer	3,320	3,348	0.8%
Resident Small Game	23,159	17,231	-25.6%
Resident 1-Day Small Game	614	490	-20.2%
Resident Youth Small Game	5,173	4,455	-13.9%
Resident Migratory Bird Certificate	28,957	29,501	1.9%
Combination	45,781	45,361	-0.9%
Junior Combination	7,942	7,828	-1.4%
Senior Combination	5,214	6,423	23.2%
Resident 1-Day Fishing	6,661	6,461	-3.0%
Resident Annual Fishing	68,210	65,417	-4.1%
Senior Fishing	13,324	12,525	-6.0%
Resident Gamefish Spearing/Archery	2,017	2,555	26.7%
Nonresident Predator/Varmint	5,185	4,835	-6.8%
Nonresident Furbearer	16	11	-31.3%
Nonresident Small Game	53,601	45,346	-15.4%
Nonresident Youth Small Game	1,843	1,468	-20.3%
Nonresident Annual Shooting Preserve	416	263	-36.8%
Nonresident 5-day Shooting Preserve	6,230	6,403	2.8%
Nonresident 1-day Shooting Preserve	632	636	0.6%
Nonresident Migratory Bird Certificate	903	969	7.3%
Nonresident Spring Light Goose	2,738	4,214	53.9%
Nonresident Youth Spring Light Goose	106	132	24.5%
Nonresident 1-Day Fishing	21,793	20,972	-3.8%
Nonresident 3-Day Fishing	21,711	23,579	8.6%
Nonresident Annual Fishing	20,319	22,222	9.4%
Nonresident Family Fishing	8,062	8,471	5.1%
Nonresident Youth Annual Fishing	1,154	1,261	9.3%
Nonresident Gamefish Spearing/Archery	309	541	75.1%
TOTAL ON FILE =	356,885	344,346	-3.5%

Finalizations

FISH LIMITS
Chapter 41:07:03

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	October 3-4, 2013	Spearfish
	Public Hearing	November 7, 2013	Pierre
	Finalization	November 7-8, 2013	Pierre

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

1. Modify 41:07:03:01. "Inland waters." By changing the possession limit for all species, in inland waters, from two times the daily limit to three times the daily limit.

WILDLIFE DIVISION RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: none

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

1. (a) Interested parties petitioned the Commission to increase the statewide possession limit for walleye in inland waters from two to three times the daily limit stressing the economic benefits to the state of such a change. Petitions stated a possession limit three times the daily limit would better match possession limits with available license types, as currently a three day nonresident fishing license is available with a possession limit that is two times the daily limit.

(b) Division of Wildlife staff recommended the Commission propose increasing the possession limit to three times the daily limit for all species, in inland waters, to allow for public comment on the petition request.

(c) Length and daily limits are used to regulate fish harvest. Length limits are the most effective at reducing harvest, followed by daily limits. When possession limits were initially set many years ago there was the expectation that they would protect fisheries resources but that has not been demonstrated. Possession limits are not expected to have a large impact on fish harvest.

(d) Predicting the degree to which harvest would change by increasing possession limits would be pure speculation related to how many additional fish would be harvested on fishing trips made by anglers not at their possession limit or by anglers where the possession limit is not relevant because of current gifting laws. It is not expected that any increase in harvest resulting from increasing the possession limit would result in noticeable biological effects on fish populations or fisheries quality.

APPROVE

MODIFY

REJECT

NO ACTION

GENERAL PROVISIONS AND FISH LIMITS

Chapters 41:07:01, 41:07:03

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	October 3-4, 2013	Spearfish
	Public Hearing	November 7, 2013	Pierre
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COMMISSION PROPOSAL

1. Add 41:07:01:18 **"Felt Sole Waders Prohibited."** which would prohibit use of external felt sole footwear in the waters of the state, including boots and waders, except that a state or federal employee or emergency personnel, including fire, law enforcement, and emergency medical technician personnel, may use external felt sole footwear in the discharge of official duties.
2. Modify 41:07:03:02. **"South Dakota-Minnesota boundary waters."** by changing the possession limit for yellow perch from 15 fish to 30 fish, twice the daily limit.
3. Modify 41:07:03:03. **"Daily, possession, and length limit restrictions on special management waters – additional restrictions described."** by:
 - a. Adding East and West Heritage GPA ponds to the list of waters with a 15" minimum length limit for largemouth and smallmouth bass.
 - b. Removing current walleye limits of 8 daily, of which at most four can be 15 inches or longer in length, and 24 in possession, and applying statewide harvest restrictions for walleye to Lake Oahe.

WILDLIFE DIVISION RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: none

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

1. Felt soled waders have been found to be a pathway for transmission of aquatic invasive species. The absorbent felt material can trap sediment and organic material which may include Didymo (rock snot) cells, whirling disease spores or invertebrate larvae. Those utilizing felt sole waders can then transport those organisms to the next water in which they enter. In an effort to minimize risk of transmission through this pathway, many states have banned or are considering banning the use of felt soled waders.
2. A recent survey of South Dakota resident anglers in counties bordering Minnesota, Iowa, and Nebraska determined that resident anglers desire regulations for boundary waters to match those of inland waters and that regulations on boundary waters be the same for anglers licensed in both states. By increasing the yellow perch possession limit for

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anglers licensed in SD to twice the daily limit (30 fish) it will be the same for anglers licensed in Minnesota fishing SD/MN boundary waters.

3. a) East and West Heritage GPA ponds are newly managed waters in Region 3 that will be receiving advanced fingerling largemouth bass stockings. Staff anticipates use will be high as with other similar waters in the region, making it a candidate for a 15" minimum on largemouth and smallmouth bass.

b) Abundance of walleye below 15 inches in Lake Oahe decreased from 2012 to 2013. While some anglers took advantage of the daily limit of 8 walleyes in 2013, many were reluctant to harvest fish shorter than 14 inches. The majority of fish available to anglers in 2014 will be those produced during 2009 and will be longer than 15 inches. Younger year classes of walleye will be below 14 inches in length and angler harvest of these fish is expected to be low.

APPROVE

MODIFY

REJECT

NO ACTION

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BAIT

Chapters 41:09:04

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	October 3-4, 2013	Spearfish
	Public Hearing	November 7, 2013	Pierre
	Finalization	November 7-8, 2013	Pierre

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

1. Modify 41:09:04:02.02 **"Species that may be taken as bait for commercial use."** to allow emerald shiners and spottail shiners to be taken and sold by any licensed resident bait dealer or sold by any licensed nonresident bait dealer.
2. Modify 41:09:04:02.04 **"Species that may be taken as bait for noncommercial use."** to allow golden shiners, emerald shiners, spottail shiners and dead gizzard shad to be transported away from the water from which they were taken to be used as bait.
3. Modify 41:09:04:03 **"Waters closed to taking of bait."** By modifying:
 - a. **"Waters closed year-round to commercial and noncommercial taking of bait."** to add the exception of that portion of Lewis and Clark Lake and the Missouri River above Gavins Point Dam in Yankton and Bon Homme Counties for the non-commercial taking of bait.
 - b. **"Other Waters."** to include Lake Yankton in Yankton County and Lakes Byron and Mud in Beadle County.
 - c. **"Waters closed year-round to commercial taking of bait."** By removing Lake Yankton (Cottonwood) in Yankton County.

WILDLIFE DIVISION RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: none

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

1. This change would add two additional species to be taken and sold as bait. There is no biological reason to not allow the commercial take of these species for bait and it will provide additional opportunity to bait dealers.
2. This change would allow golden shiners, emerald shiners, spottail shiners and dead gizzard shad to be transported away from the waters from which they were taken with no associated risk to fisheries. Of the species listed, only live gizzard shad pose a potential threat to other waters. In situations where shad survival over winter is high, there is the potential for shad to become overabundant and negatively affect the fish community.
3. These changes would:

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- a. Clarify that Lewis and Clark Lake and the Missouri River above Gavins Point Dam in Yankton and Bon Homme counties are open to the noncommercial taking of bait. This section will remain closed year round to the commercial taking of bait. This will clarify the intent of the rule.
- b. Add Lake Yankton in Yankton County and Mud Lake and Lake Byron in Beadle County to the list of other waters closed year-round to commercial and noncommercial taking of bait. These waters have been discovered to contain Asian Carp.
- c. Remove Lake Yankton (Cottonwood) from the list of waters closed to the year-round commercial taking of bait because it has been added to the list of waters closed to both the commercial and noncommercial taking of bait.

APPROVE

MODIFY

REJECT

NO ACTION

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
FINALIZATION

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SPEARING
Chapters 41:07:06

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	October 3-4, 2013	Spearfish
	Public Hearing	November 7, 2013	Pierre
	Finalization	November 7-8, 2013	Pierre

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

1. Modify 41:07:06:01. "**Spearing of rough fish in inland waters.**" by including the South Dakota-Minnesota boundary waters in this regulation and modifying the title to reflect this change.
2. Repeal 41:07:06:01.2. "**Spearing of rough fish in South Dakota-Minnesota boundary waters.**"
3. Modify 41:07:06:03. "**Areas open to spearing of game fish – Additional permit required.**" by:
 - a. Removing subsection (7) which allows game fish spearing in the following waters in eastern South Dakota:

North and South Rush in Day County; Cottonwood Slough in Roberts County; North and South Scatterwood in Edmunds and Faulk Counties; James River in Brown County; Lake Whitewood, Lake Preston, and Spirit Lake in Kingsbury County; Lake John, Lake Mary, and Lake Norden in Hamlin County; Lake Albert in Hamlin and Kingsbury Counties; James River, Timber Creek, and Turtle Creek below the Redfield Dam Spillway in Spink County
 - b. Adding South Island Land and county designations for North and South Island Lakes to subsection (8) which allows northern pike to be taken in inland waters of the state except those waters managed for muskies.
 - c. Removing verbiage that allows the director of the Division of Wildlife to temporarily open areas to game fish spearing for special events and instead state that the Commission may open areas temporarily for all anglers by resolution.

WILDLIFE DIVISION RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: none

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

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**GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
FINALIZATION**

1,2. Applying the same regulations to rough fish spearing on the SD/MN boundary waters as inland waters will simplify regulations and increase opportunity for South Dakota anglers while better matching Minnesota regulations.

3. (a) Subsection (7) which allows game fish spearing in a limited number of waters was originally enacted to accommodate dark house spearing for northern pike in eastern South Dakota. Opportunities for underwater spearing or archery of game fish in these eastern South Dakota waters are extremely limited due to lack of water clarity. Since December of 2012, spearing for northern pike statewide has been allowed. With dark house spearing for northern pike legalized statewide in 2012, subsection (7) is no longer necessary.

(b) Currently only North Island Lake is listed as a water managed for muskie and closed to northern pike spearing. South Island Lake is linked to North Island Lake and should be added to the rule along with county designations to clarify where pike spearing is allowed.

(c) The current process of having the Wildlife Division Director issue permits to temporarily open areas to game fish spearing does not allow for adequate public input. It is recommended this authority reside with the Commission to better facilitate public input. Language related to special events would be removed from the rule, meaning areas temporarily open to game fish species would be open for all anglers, not just those participating in a special event.

APPROVE

MODIFY

REJECT

NO ACTION

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**GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
FINALIZATION**

Hunting and Fishing License Fees

Chapters 41:06:02:03, 41:07:01:12

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	October 3-4, 2013	Spearfish
	Public Hearing	November 7, 2013	Pierre
	Finalization	November 7-8, 2013	Pierre

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

1. Raise resident and nonresident license fees by the amounts listed on the attached tables.
2. Expand the assessment of the current \$5 fee for preference points for intentional unsuccessful applications to all unsuccessful license applications for deer, antelope, turkey, waterfowl, and paddlefish licenses where a preference point is awarded. Fee for preference points will be \$5 for residents and \$10 for nonresidents. Applicants shall have the option of declining the preference point and not pay the preference point fee.

DEPARTMENT RECOMENDATION

Changes from proposal:

1. Change description of the small game license from "Sixteen years of age and older" to "19 years of age and older".

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Based upon 2014 license sales projections, these fee increases would generate \$1,977,190 in revenue during calendar year 2014. This additional revenue along with spending cuts already implemented during the current fiscal year and expanded utilization of federal funding will align expenditures with revenue and allow for replenishment of a spending capital base of \$10 million in the game fund.

The last year when a general fee increase package was adopted by the Commission was in 2005. Increased costs associated with state-provided health care and salaries along with inflation (estimated by US Bureau of labor statistics to be 20% from 2005 to 2013) have eroded the ability to generate sufficient revenue to maintain the current level of services at current license fees.

Unsuccessful applications where a preference point was awarded in 2012:

<u>Application type</u>	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Nonresident</u>
Deer	28,572	3,412
Antelope	3,920	
Turkey	547	580
Waterfowl		2,275
Paddlefish	3,824	185
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TOTAL	36,863	6,452
Projected revenue	\$184,315	\$64,520

A total of 8,135 applications for preference point only units were submitted in 2012. Fees collected for these applications totaled \$40,675.

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RESIDENT LICENSE FEES

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	
Fishing																		
annual	\$14	\$21					\$21	\$25								\$25	\$28	
senior	\$5	\$5					\$5	\$10								\$10	\$12	
one-day		\$7														\$7	\$8	
paddlefish tag	\$5	\$5					\$5	\$20								\$20	\$25	
game fish spearing														\$5		\$5	N/C	
Combination	\$30	\$44					\$44	\$49							\$49	\$50	\$55	#
junior		\$23					\$23	\$25								\$25	\$27	
senior														\$34		\$35	\$40	#
Small game																		
annual	\$19	\$27					\$27	\$29							\$29	\$30	\$33	#
youth	\$6	\$5														\$5	N/C	
one-day		\$13				\$13	\$8	\$10								\$10	\$12	
Migratory bird certification	\$2	\$3					\$3	\$5								\$5	N/C	
Canada goose special tags	\$5	\$10													\$10	\$10	N/C	#
Tundra Swan tag	\$10	\$15	\$10												\$10	\$11	\$18	#
Turkey																		
spring one-tag	\$10	\$20													\$20	\$21	\$25	#
spring two-tag	\$10	\$25													\$25	\$26	\$35	#
fall one-tag	\$10	\$10													\$10	\$11	\$15	#
fall two-tag	\$10	\$15													\$15	\$16	\$20	#
Deer																		
one-tag "any"	\$20	\$30					\$30	\$35							\$35	\$36	\$40	#
two/three-tag "any+antlerless"	\$30	\$45													\$45	\$46	\$50	#
one-tag antlerless		\$20			\$20	\$15									\$15	\$16	\$20	#
two/three-tag antlerless	\$20	\$25													\$25	\$26	\$30	#
special buck	\$100	\$105	\$105	\$155											\$155	\$156	\$175	#
youth	\$5	\$5														\$5	N/C	
Antelope																		
one-tag "any"	\$20	\$30					\$30	\$35							\$35	\$36	\$40	#
two/three-tag "any+doe-fawn"	\$30	\$45													\$45	\$46	\$50	#
one-tag "doe-fawn"		\$20			\$20	\$15									\$15	\$16	\$20	#
two/three-tag "doe-fawn"	\$20	\$25													\$25	\$26	\$30	#
Elk																		
any elk	\$50	\$105					\$105	\$155							\$155	\$156	\$175	#
antlerless	\$50	\$105													\$105	\$106	\$116	#
Mountain goat	\$50	\$105					\$105	\$255							\$255	\$256	\$280	#
Bighorn sheep			\$105	\$105	\$505		\$505	\$255							\$255	\$256	\$280	#
Mountain lion								\$15				\$15	\$25		\$25	\$26	\$28	#
Furbearer	\$15	\$25				\$25	\$20	\$25								\$25	\$30	
Predator/varmint		\$5														\$5	N/C	

Fees include the surcharge imposed by SDCL 41-2-34.2.
 N/C No Change

NONRESIDENT LICENSE FEES

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Fishing																	
annual	\$49	\$59					\$59	\$60								\$60	\$67
youth															\$25	\$25	N/C
family	\$59	\$59					\$59	\$60								\$60	\$67
one-day	\$9	\$12					\$12	\$14								\$14	\$16
three-day							\$30	\$32								\$32	\$37
paddlefish tag	\$5	\$5					\$5	\$20								\$20	\$40
game fish spearing															\$5	\$5	\$10
Small game																	
ten-day	\$95	\$100					\$100	\$110							\$110	\$121	N/C #
youth	\$25	\$25											\$25	\$10	\$10	\$10	N/C
Shooting preserve																	
one-day								\$35							\$35	\$46	N/C #
five-day								\$65							\$65	\$76	N/C #
annual	\$30	\$35					\$35	\$85							\$85	\$121	N/C #
Waterfowl																	
ten-day or annual	\$100	\$105					\$105	\$110							\$110	\$121	N/C #
three-day	\$70	\$75													\$75	\$86	N/C #
spring light goose															\$45	\$46	\$50 #
youth spring light goose															\$25	\$26	N/C #
early fall Canada goose			\$45												\$45	\$46	\$50 #
tundra swan tag	\$10	\$10	\$5	\$5	\$10		\$10	\$15							\$15	\$16	\$25 #
Turkey																	
spring one-tag	\$75	\$85													\$85	\$86	\$100 #
spring two-tag	\$75	\$100													\$100	\$101	\$125 #
fall one-tag	\$70	\$75													\$75	\$76	\$90 #
fall two-tag	\$75	\$85													\$85	\$86	\$100 #
Deer																	
one-tag "any"	\$150	\$155					\$155	\$195					\$195	\$285	\$285	\$286	N/C #
two/three-tag "any+antlerless"	\$200	\$205					\$205	\$245					\$245	\$335	\$335	\$336	N/C #
one-tag antlerless	\$150	\$155			\$155	\$55									\$55	\$56	\$80 #
two/three-tag antlerless	\$150	\$155			\$155	\$80									\$80	\$81	\$120 #
special buck	\$400	\$405		\$405	\$505										\$505	\$506	\$560 #
youth	\$5						\$5	\$10								\$10	N/C
Antelope																	
one-tag "any"	\$150	\$155					\$155	\$195					\$195	\$285	\$285	\$286	N/C #
two/three-tag "any+doe-fawn"	\$200	\$205					\$205	\$245					\$245	\$335	\$335	\$336	N/C #
one-tag "doe-fawn"	\$150	\$155			\$155	\$55									\$55	\$56	\$80 #
two/three-tag "doe-fawn"	\$150	\$155			\$155	\$80									\$80	\$81	\$120 #
Furbearer																	
Predator/varmint	\$30	\$35										\$250				\$250	\$275

Fees include the surcharge imposed by SDCL 41-2-34.2
 N/C No Change

License Fee Comparison For Bordering States

	South Dakota	Iowa	Minnesota	Montana	Nebraska	North Dakota	Wyoming	Colorado
	Resident	Resident	Resident	Resident	Resident	Resident	Resident	Resident
Fishing								
annual fish	25.00	32.00	32.00	26.00	28.50	16.00	36.50	41.00
one-day fish	7.00	9.50	20.00		7.50		6.00	14.00
paddlefish	20.00			6.50	21.00	24.00		
Small Game								
combination	50.00	47.00	56.00		60.00	50.00		56.00
small game	30.00	30.00	50.00	17.50	34.00	28.00	24.00	31.00
Turkey								
spring one-tag turkey	21.00	54.50		16.50	44.00	36.00	28.50	34.00
fall one-tag turkey	11.00	54.50	29.00	16.50		36.00	28.50	19.00
Deer								
one-tag "any"	36.00	58.50	33.00	26.00	50.00	38.00	43.00	41.00
one-tag antlerless	16.00	58.50	18.00	20.00	50.00		27.00	41.00
Antelope								
one-tag "any"	36.00			29.00	55.00	38.00	38.00	41.00
Other								
mountain lion	26.00			27.00	45.00		30.00	51.00
furbearer	25.00	33.50	23.00	20.00	36.00	15.00	44.00	21.00

	South Dakota	Iowa	Minnesota	Montana	Nebraska	North Dakota	Wyoming	Colorado
	Nonresident	Nonresident	Nonresident	Nonresident	Nonresident	Nonresident	Nonresident	Nonresident
Fishing								
annual fish	60.00	56.00	55.00	70.00	60.50	47.00	104.50	71.00
three-day fish	32.00	32.50	42.00		27.50	27.00		
one-day fish	14.00	10.50	22.00		9.50		14.00	14.00
paddlefish	20.00			15.00	41.00	40.50		
Small Game								
small game	121.00	123.00	112.50	128.00	101.00	119.00	72.00	66.00
Turkey								
spring one-tag turkey	86.00	225.00	99.00	135.00	111.00		72.00	114.00
fall one-tag turkey	76.00		99.00	135.00		99.00	72.00	101.00
Deer								
one-tag "any"	286.00	549.00	168.00	570.00	229.00	250.00	326.00	361.00
one-tag antlerless	56.00	351.00	83.00	75.00	75.00		48.00	361.00
Antelope								
one-tag "any"	286.00			225.00	175.50	250.00	286.00	361.00
Other								
furbearer	250.00	213.00		250.00	225.00	350.00	242.00	56.00

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
FINALIZATION

Camping Permits and Rules
Camping permit fees
Chapter 41:03:04:03

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	October 3-4, 2013	Spearfish
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	Finalization	November 7-8, 2013	Pierre

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Modify 41:03:04:03 Camping permit fees.

Requirements and Restrictions:

Requires a camper to pay a daily fee for the use of a campsite, camping cabin or lodge in a state park, recreation area and certain lakeside use areas.

Recommended changes:

1. Add Sheps Canyon Horse Camp to the list of areas that require an equestrian campground fee.
2. Adjust the daily camping and lodging fees as follows:

41:03:04:03. Camping permit fees. The daily fee for the use of a campground site by one camper unit is as follows:

(1) Custer State Park modern campground fee, ~~\$18.96~~ **21.00**. Campgrounds included are Game Lodge; Sylvan Lake; Grace Coolidge; Legion Lake; Stockade North; Stockade South; and Blue Bell;

(2) Modern campground fee, ~~\$11.38~~ **13.00**. Campgrounds included are Fort Sisseton, except during the Fort Sisseton Festival (see subdivision (6) of this section); Union Grove; Platte Creek; Swan Creek; Fisher Grove; West Whitlock; Indian Creek; Pease Creek; Okobojo Point; Cow Creek; Buryanek; and West Pollock;

(3) Custer State Park semimodern campground fee, ~~\$17.06~~ **19.00**. The campground included is Center Lake;

(4) Basic campground fee, ~~\$9.48~~ **11.00**. Campgrounds included are Burke Lake; Shadehill-Llewellyn Johns Memorial; Bear Butte Lake unit; Lake Hiddenwood; Sand Creek; East Whitlock; Tabor; North Wheeler; Spring Creek; Oakwood primitive area; Lake Carthage; South Shore; Whetstone Bay; South Scalp Creek; White Swan; Walth Bay; and Amsden Dam;

(5) Custer State Park French Creek natural area, ~~\$5.69~~ **7.00** for each person;

(6) Use of a campground site at Fort Sisseton during the annual Fort Sisseton Festival, ~~\$46.14~~ **25.00**. Program participants and Festival campers are exempt from paying the camping fee;

(7) Equestrian campground fee, ~~\$41.38~~ **13.00**. Campgrounds included are Bear Butte Horse Camp and Sica Hollow Horse Camp. However, at Lewis and Clark Horse Camp, Newton Hills Horse Camp, Oakwood Lakes Horse Camp, Pease Creek Horse Camp, Pelican Lake Horse Camp, and Union Grove Horse Camp, and Sheps Canyon Horse Camp the camping fee is ~~\$43.27~~ **15.00**;

(8) Camping cabin fee, ~~\$35.07~~ **40.00**. Campgrounds included are those in all state parks and recreation areas where camping cabins are located. However, at Lewis and Clark Recreation Area, Pierson Ranch Recreation Area, and Chief White Crane Recreation Area the camping cabin fee is ~~\$39.84~~ **45.00**. At Custer State Park the camping cabin fee is ~~\$44.55~~ **50.00**;

(9) Nonprofit youth group camping fee, ~~\$0.47~~ **0.50** for each person or ~~\$5.74~~ **6.00**, whichever is greater;

(10) Preferred campground fee, ~~\$13.27~~ **15.00**. Campgrounds included are Oakwood Lakes; Angostura, including Shep's Canyon; Lake Vermillion; Lewis and Clark, except those campsites designated as prime waterfront campsites; Newton Hills; Snake Creek; Palisades; Roy Lake; Lake Herman; Lake Poinsett; Walker's Point; Pickerel; Shadehill-Ketterlings Point; Sandy Shore; Lake Cochrane; Farm Island; Lake Louise; Lake Thompson; Mina; Chief White Crane, except those campsites designated as prime waterfront campsites; Pierson Ranch; North Point; Oahe Downstream; Big Sioux; Hartford Beach; Richmond; Springfield; Rocky Point; West Bend; Randall Creek; and South Pelican;

(11) Prime campsite fee, ~~\$45.17~~ **17.00**. Sites included are: all campsites furnished with sewer, water, and electrical service; Lewis and Clark campsite numbers 117P to 161P, inclusive; 163P; 164P; 166P; 213P to 223P, inclusive; 317P to 334P, inclusive; and 384P to 409P, inclusive; and Chief White Crane campsite numbers 111P to 145P, inclusive;

(12) Primitive lodging campsite fee, ~~\$20.85~~ **23.00**. The campground included is Fort Sisseton State Park;

(13) Custer State Park group camping area fee, ~~\$5.69~~ **7.00** a person for overnight use with a minimum fee of ~~\$113.74~~ **140.00**;

(14) The group lodging fee at: Mina Lake State Recreation Area is ~~\$160~~ **185.00** and Shadehill State Recreation Area is \$185 a night for the first 8 persons age 12 and over plus \$17 for each additional person age 12 and older; Lake Thompson State Recreation Area, Palisades State Park, Sheps Canyon State Recreation Area, and Newton Hills State Park is \$240 a night for the first 12 persons age 12 and over plus \$17 for each additional person age 12 and older;

(15) Custer State Park, French Creek Horse Camp fee, ~~\$21.80~~ **26.00**;

(16) Oahe Downstream Group Lodge use fee is ~~\$37.92~~ **40.00** per night for nonprofit youth groups year-round and for nonprofit groups and government agencies from November 1 to March 31, inclusive, and ~~\$148.49~~ **125.00** per night for all other groups year-

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round. The use fee for all groups except nonprofit youth groups is \$118.49 125.00 from April 1 to October 31, inclusive.

An additional charge of \$3.79 4.00 a unit is made for campground sites with electricity.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Changes from Proposal: NONE

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Establishes the authority to charge a fee for use of the Sheps Canyon Horse Camp. Eleven campsites and trailhead parking are scheduled for completion in November, 2013 and the corrals, potable water source and vault toilet will be installed over the winter/spring.

Use at state parks and recreation areas continues to grow. A record number of campers used the parks last year and that record is on pace to be broke again this year. Camping units are bigger than in the past and have more features, leading to increased electricity, water and sewer use. Rising utility costs, along with personnel, facility maintenance and equipment costs add pressure to the budget. User fee adjustments are needed to balance the anticipated fiscal year 2015 operating budget. The adjusted South Dakota's camping, cabin and lodge fees will generate approximately \$665,000 and the prices are comparable with those of other state park systems in the region.

APPROVE MODIFY REJECT NO ACTION

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
FINALIZATION

**Chapter 41:03:04:05.02 Reserved group picnic shelter fee
Chapter 41:03:04:07.01 Sale of firewood
Chapter 41:03:04:13 Park facility use fees**

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	October 3-4, 2013	Spearfish
	Public Hearing	November 7, 2013	Pierre
	Finalization	November 7-8, 2013	Pierre

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Modify 41:03:04:05.02 Reserved group picnic shelter fee; 41:03:04:07.01 Sale of firewood and 41:03:04:13 Park facility use fees.

Requirements and Restrictions:

Requires park users to pay a fee to reserve a group picnic shelter, purchase firewood and use certain facilities in a state park, recreation area and certain lakeside use areas.

Recommended changes:

1. Increase the fee to reserve a picnic shelter by 5.5% to recover the sales tax the department pays on reservation revenue.
41:03:04:05.02. Reserved group picnic shelter fee. The fee for reserving a designated group picnic shelter is ~~\$18.96~~ **20.00** a day payable in advance.
2. Increase the fee to purchase a bundle of firewood by \$1.00
41:03:04:07.01. Sale of firewood. In a state park, state recreation area, or lakeside use area where firewood is sold by the department the price is ~~\$4.00~~ **5.00** a cubic foot.
3. Adjust the fee to use certain park facilities and authorize fees for new services and facilities.
41:03:04:13. Park facility use fees. The fee for the use of the following state park facilities is:
 - (1) Fort Sisseton or Pierson Ranch picnic shelter with kitchenette, \$50 per day;
 - (2) Fort Sisseton south barracks, ~~\$125 per day~~ **300.00 for a period beginning 10:00 am Friday and ending 6:00 pm Sunday;**
 - (3) Fort Sisseton event tent -- on site, \$150 per day (must be rented for a minimum of two consecutive days); off-site, ~~\$750~~ **1,000** per day **plus \$2.00 per mile transport fee for set up over 25 miles.**
 - (4) **Fort Sisseton grounds for outdoor wedding, \$125 when park benches are used.**

(5) Lewis and Clark catamaran dry slip storage, \$300 for a period beginning May 1 and ending September 30. For seasonal slip rental beginning on or after July 15, the fee is \$60 plus \$2.00 per day. Temporary slip rental is \$5.00 per day.

(6) Angostura catamaran dry slip storage, \$150 for a period beginning May 1 and ending September 30. For seasonal slip rental beginning on or after July 15, the fee is \$30 plus \$2.00 per day. Temporary slip rental is \$5.00 per day.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Changes from Proposal: NONE

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Providing campers the opportunity to purchase firewood in the campground is a popular service. We discourage campers from bringing firewood to the parks from outside the area because of the risk of importing the deadly emerald ash bore into South Dakota. Making firewood readily available at the park is the best tool we have to keep ash bores out of the parks. Increasing the cost for a bundle of firewood from \$4.00 to \$5.00 will help cover our cost of preparing firewood and making it available for campers.

Fort Sisseton is an extremely popular venue for special events. These events take considerable staff time, usually on weekends and evenings. The fee adjustments for the use of specific park facilities will help offset the cost of making the Fort Sisseton venue and facilities available. Sailing is a popular activity on both Lewis and Clark Lake and Angostura Reservoir. Giving sailors the opportunity to store their catamarans right on the lake shore is a much appreciated service and encourages park use.

These cost adjustments will generate approximately \$38,000 and will help offset the cost of making firewood available and specialized facilities and services at state park areas.

APPROVE

MODIFY

REJECT

NO ACTION

Hunting Season Proposals

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

14

Custer State Park Spring Wild Turkey Hunting Season

Chapter 41:06:15

Commission Meeting Dates:

Proposal	November 7-8, 2013	Pierre
Public Hearing	December 5, 2013	Huron
Finalization	December 5, 2013	Huron

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Season Dates: April 12 – May 18, 2014

Licenses: 135 resident one-tag "male turkey" licenses

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. Season opens the 2nd Saturday in April and runs through the eighth day prior to Memorial Day, inclusive.
2. License valid for only one male turkey.
3. No person may shoot a turkey in a tree or roost.
4. Restricted to shotguns using shotshells, muzzleloading shotguns and archery equipment only.

Recommended changes from last year:

1. None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Year	Licenses	Applications	Harvest	Success	Ave. Days Hunted
2009	135	718	80	59%	2.2
2010	135	731	78	58%	2.1
2011	135	664	59	44%	3.0
2012	135	540	64	47%	2.2
2013	135	574	57	43%	2.2

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GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL

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Spring Wild Turkey Hunting Season
Chapter 41:06:13; 41:03:01

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	November 7-8, 2013	Pierre
	Public Hearing	December 5, 2013	Huron
	Finalization	December 5, 2013	Huron

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Season Dates:	April 5 – May 18, 2014	Archery
	April 12 – May 18, 2014	Black Hills regular and single-season Prairie units
	April 12 – April 30, 2014	Split-season early Prairie units
	May 1 – May 18, 2014	Split-season late Prairie units; Black Hills late season

Licenses:	Black Hills	Unlimited resident and nonresident one-tag "male turkey" licenses
	Prairie	5,534 resident and 209 nonresident one-tag "male turkey" licenses 2,170 resident and 175 nonresident two-tag "male turkey" licenses
	Archery	Unlimited resident and nonresident one-tag "male turkey" licenses

Requirements and Restrictions:

- Turkey hunters may apply for and receive one license in each of the Black Hills regular, Black Hills bonus, Prairie and Archery Units in the first and second lottery drawings.
- Turkey hunters may purchase only one regular Black Hills and one archery turkey license.
- Residents may purchase one late Black Hills bonus season license.
- One-half of the licenses in each prairie unit are available for land owner/operator preference.
- Prairie units adjoining the White River and Cheyenne River also include an adjacent area one mile wide on the opposite side of the river.
- No person may shoot a turkey in a tree or roost.
- A person may use only bow and arrow, a shotgun using shot shells or a muzzleloading shotgun in state parks and recreation areas within prairie units; and all units in eastern SD (01A, 06A, 08A, 08B, 22A, 23A, 29A, 32A, 37A, 40A, 48A, 52A, 56A, 61A), and in the portion of Unit 58A lying south of Oahe Dam, east of SD Highway 1806 and north of U.S. Highway 14 except as posted by the Corps of Engineers and GFP.

Recommended changes from last year:

- Convert license types in 10 units from 2-tag "any turkey" licenses to 2-tag "male turkey" licenses, convert license type in 8 units from 2-tag "any turkey" licenses to 1-tag "male turkey" licenses, and adjust the number of licenses in 5 units. Overall, these changes and adjustments result in 186 fewer licenses and 2,976 fewer tags for resident hunters. For nonresident hunters these changes result in 15 fewer licenses and 207 fewer tags.
- Establish Unit PST-58B: Stanley County, including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Land and the Oahe Downstream Recreation Area from April 5-30 (see attached map). Allow 4 resident "male turkey" licenses and 1 non-resident "male turkey" license to persons who use a wheelchair for mobility.
- 41:03:01:16. Restrictions on use of firearms and bows -- Exceptions.** Uncased firearms and bows are prohibited in all state parks, state recreation areas, state nature areas, and state lakeside use areas with the following exceptions:
 - From October 1 to April 30, inclusive, uncased firearms and bows are authorized for licensed hunters in all state parks, state recreation areas, nature areas, and lakeside use areas during established hunting seasons with the following restrictions:

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(a) Uncased firearms and bows are prohibited the year around in all established campgrounds, designated day use areas, and at Beaver Creek Nature Area, Lake Herman State Park, Spring Creek Recreation Area, Spirit Mound Historic Prairie, Bear Butte State Park east of State Highway 79, Oahe Downstream Recreation Area except for a hunter who possesses a valid deer license for Unit WRD-58D as described in chapter 41:06:20 or a valid turkey license for Unit PST-58B as described in chapter 41:06:13, and Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve and Good Earth State Park Blood-Run-Nature-Area except for a resident hunter who possesses a valid archery deer license and an access permit as described in chapter 41:06:22 or except for a resident hunter who possesses a valid archery spring turkey license and an access permit as described in chapter 41:06:13;

4. **41:06:13:04. Application requirements and restrictions.** The following applies to all applications for license and licenses issued under this chapter:

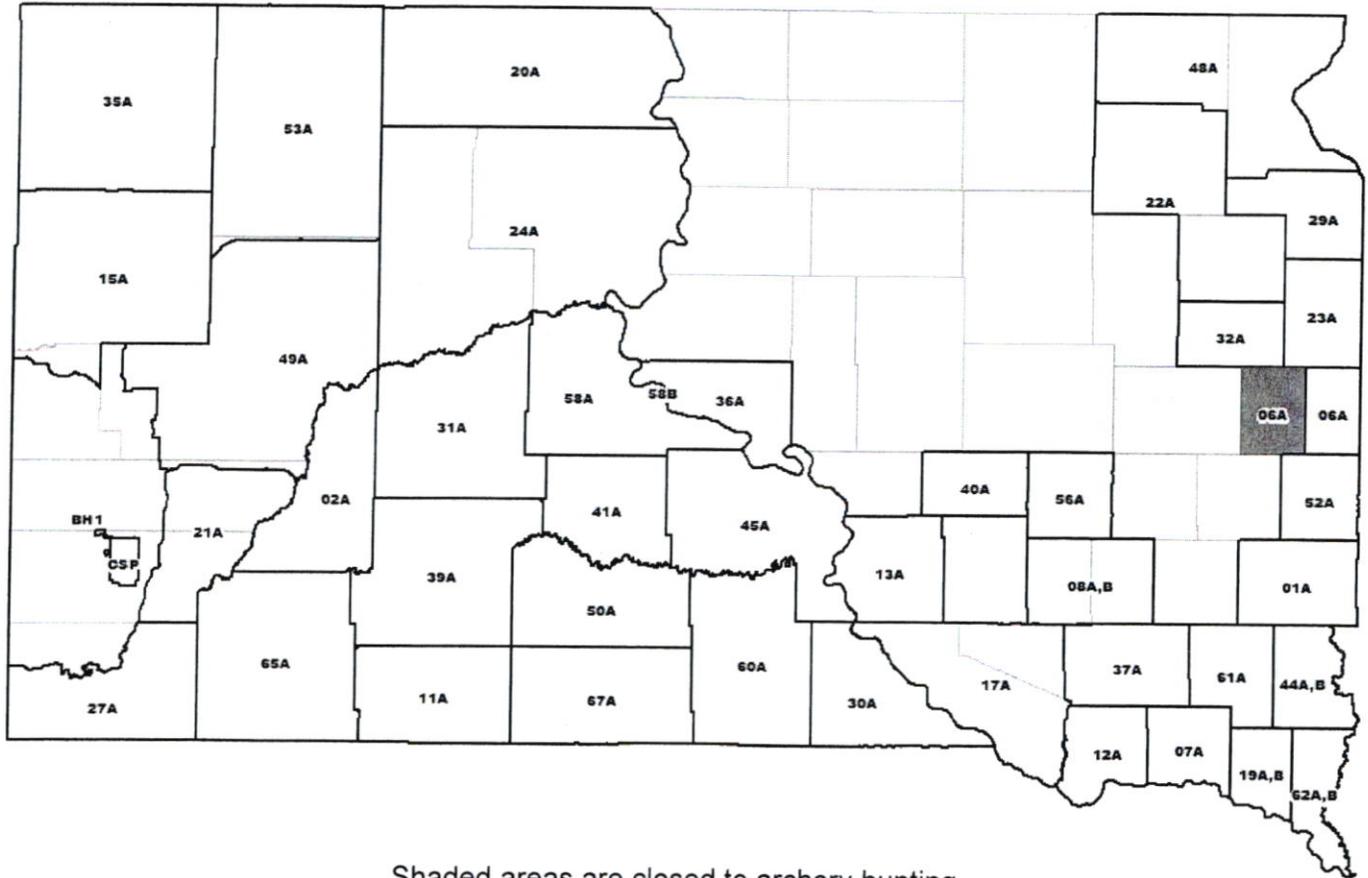
(5) Good Earth State Park Blood-Run-Nature-Area is closed to spring turkey hunting except for ten turkey licensees who possess a valid spring turkey archery license and an archery turkey access permit. Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve is closed to spring turkey hunting except for ten licensees who possess a valid spring turkey archery license and an archery turkey access permit. The access permits may be issued by lottery drawing. Each access permit is valid from the first Saturday of April to April 30, inclusive.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Year	Licenses			Harvest			Success		
	BH	Prairie	Archery	BH	Prairie	Archery	BH	Prairie	Archery
2009	5,474	7,479	2,567	2,346	6,369	844	43%	51%	33%
2010	5,244	7,691	2,548	2,195	6,564	780	42%	52%	31%
2011	4,808	8,064	2,721	1,693	5,536	686	35%	42%	25%
2012	4,435	7,863	2,555	1,685	5,554	739	38%	43%	29%
2013	4,512	7,874	2,830	1,517	5,224	641	31%	41%	23%

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SPRING TURKEY UNITS



Shaded areas are closed to archery hunting

Unit #	Unit Name	Resident		Nonresident		License Totals							
		TomT	2 TomT	TomT	2 TomT	RES	RES	RES	RES	NR	NR	NR	NR
		32	35	32	35	1-tag	2-tag	Licenses	Tags	1-tag	2-tag	Lic	Tags
01A	Minnehaha	100	0	0	0	100	0	100	100	0	0	0	0
02A	Pennington	0	300	0	24	0	300	300	600	0	24	24	48
06A	Brookings	20	0	0	0	20	0	20	20	0	0	0	0
07A	Yankton	280	0	0	0	280	0	280	280	0	0	0	0
08A	Davison/Hanson	80	0	0	0	80	0	80	80	0	0	0	0
08B	Davison/Hanson	80	0	0	0	80	0	80	80	0	0	0	0
11A	Bennett	0	70	0	6	0	70	70	140	0	6	6	12
12A	Bon Homme	300	0	0	0	300	0	300	300	0	0	0	0
13A	Brule	150	0	0	0	150	0	150	150	0	0	0	0
15A	Butte/Lawrence	0	450	0	36	0	450	450	900	0	36	36	72
17A	Charles Mix/Douglas	400	0	0	0	400	0	400	400	0	0	0	0
19A	Clay	80	0	0	0	80	0	80	80	0	0	0	0
19B	Clay	80	0	0	0	80	0	80	80	0	0	0	0
20A	Corson	100	0	8	0	100	0	100	100	8	0	8	8
21A	Custer	0	180	0	15	0	180	180	360	0	15	15	30
22A	Day/Codington	60	0	0	0	60	0	60	60	0	0	0	0
23A	Deuel	90	0	0	0	90	0	90	90	0	0	0	0
24A	Dewey/Ziebach	150	0	12	0	150	0	150	150	12	0	12	12
27A	Fall River	0	150	0	12	0	150	150	300	0	12	12	24
29A	Grant	220	0	0	0	220	0	220	220	0	0	0	0
30A	Gregory	950	0	76	0	950	0	950	950	76	0	76	76
31A	Haakon	0	300	0	24	0	300	300	600	0	24	24	48
32A	Hamlin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
35A	Harding	150	0	12	0	150	0	150	150	12	0	12	12
36A	Hughes	40	0	0	0	40	0	40	40	0	0	0	0
37A	Hutchinson	80	0	0	0	80	0	80	80	0	0	0	0
39A	Jackson	0	200	0	16	0	200	200	400	0	16	16	32
40A	Jerauld	10	0	0	0	10	0	10	10	0	0	0	0
41A	Jones	100	0	8	0	100	0	100	100	8	0	8	8
44A	Lincoln	50	0	0	0	50	0	50	50	0	0	0	0
44B	Lincoln	50	0	0	0	50	0	50	50	0	0	0	0
45A	Lyman	150	0	12	0	150	0	150	150	12	0	12	12
48A	Marshall/Roberts	500	0	0	0	500	0	500	500	0	0	0	0
49A	Meade	0	350	0	28	0	350	350	700	0	28	28	56
50A	Mellette	450	0	36	0	450	0	450	450	36	0	36	36
52A	Moody	40	0	0	0	40	0	40	40	0	0	0	0
53A	Perkins	0	100	0	8	0	100	100	200	0	8	8	16
56A	Sanborn	40	0	0	0	40	0	40	40	0	0	0	0
58A	Stanley	50	0	4	0	50	0	50	50	4	0	4	4
58B	Stanley	4	0	1	0	4	0	4	4	1	0	1	1
60A	Tripp	400	0	32	0	400	0	400	400	32	0	32	32
61A	Turner	20	0	0	0	20	0	20	20	0	0	0	0
62A	Union	80	0	0	0	80	0	80	80	0	0	0	0
62B	Union	80	0	0	0	80	0	80	80	0	0	0	0
65A	Shannon	0	70	0	6	0	70	70	140	0	6	6	12
67A	Todd	100	0	8	0	100	0	100	100	8	0	8	8
2014	TOTAL	5,534	2,170	209	175	5,534	2,170	7,704	9,874	209	175	384	559
	Unit	TomT	2 TomT	TomT	2 TomT	RES	RES	RES	RES	NR	NR	NR	NR
		32	35	32	35	1-tag	2-tag	Licenses	Tags	1-tag	2-tag	Lic	Tags
		RES & NR:				5,743	2,345	8,088	10,433				

2013	TOTAL	2,930	4,960	32	367	2,930	4,960	7,890	12,850	32	367	399	766
	Unit	TomT	2 AnyT	TomT	2 AnyT	RES	RES	RES	RES	NR	NR	NR	NR
		32	37	32	37	1-tag	2-tag	Licenses	Tags	1-tag	2-tag	Lic	Tags
		RES & NR:				2,962	5,327	8,289	13,616				

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SPRING TURKEY
2013--2014 Comparison

Unit #	Unit Name	2013 Resident Licenses	2014 Resident Licenses	# Change	% Change	2013 Resident Tags	2014 Resident Tags	# Change	% Change
01A	Minnehaha	100	100	0	0%	100	100	0	0%
02A	Pennington	300	300	0	0%	600	600	0	0%
06A	Brookings	40	20	-20	-50%	40	20	-20	-50%
07A	Yankton	280	280	0	0%	280	280	0	0%
08A	Davison/Hanson	80	80	0	0%	80	80	0	0%
08B	Davison/Hanson	80	80	0	0%	80	80	0	0%
11A	Bennett	70	70	0	0%	140	140	0	0%
12A	Bon Homme	300	300	0	0%	300	300	0	0%
13A	Brule	150	150	0	0%	150	150	0	0%
15A	Butte/Lawrence	450	450	0	0%	900	900	0	0%
17A	Charles Mix/Douglas	350	400	50	14%	700	400	-300	-43%
19A	Clay	80	80	0	0%	80	80	0	0%
19B	Clay	80	80	0	0%	80	80	0	0%
20A	Corson	100	100	0	0%	200	100	-100	-50%
21A	Custer	180	180	0	0%	360	360	0	0%
22A	Day/Codington	60	60	0	0%	60	60	0	0%
23A	Deuel	90	90	0	0%	90	90	0	0%
24A	Dewey/Ziebach	150	150	0	0%	300	150	-150	-50%
27A	Fall River	150	150	0	0%	300	300	0	0%
29A	Grant	220	220	0	0%	220	220	0	0%
30A	Gregory	950	950	0	0%	1900	950	-950	-50%
31A	Haakon	300	300	0	0%	600	600	0	0%
32A	Hamlin	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
35A	Harding	150	150	0	0%	150	150	0	0%
36A	Hughes	40	40	0	0%	80	40	-40	-50%
37A	Hutchinson	80	80	0	0%	80	80	0	0%
39A	Jackson	200	200	0	0%	400	400	0	0%
40A	Jerauld	10	10	0	0%	10	10	0	0%
41A	Jones	100	100	0	0%	100	100	0	0%
44A	Lincoln	50	50	0	0%	50	50	0	0%
44B	Lincoln	50	50	0	0%	50	50	0	0%
45A	Lyman	250	150	-100	-40%	500	150	-350	-70%
48A	Marshall/Roberts	500	500	0	0%	500	500	0	0%
49A	Meade	350	350	0	0%	700	700	0	0%
50A	Mellette	550	450	-100	-18%	1100	450	-650	-59%
52A	Moody	40	40	0	0%	40	40	0	0%
53A	Perkins	100	100	0	0%	200	200	0	0%
56A	Sanborn	40	40	0	0%	40	40	0	0%
58A	Stanley	50	50	0	0%	50	50	0	0%
58B	Stanley	0	4	4	NA	0	4	4	NA
60A	Tripp	400	400	0	0%	800	400	-400	-50%
61A	Turner	40	20	-20	-50%	40	20	-20	-50%
62A	Union	80	80	0	0%	80	80	0	0%
62B	Union	80	80	0	0%	80	80	0	0%
65A	Shannon	70	70	0	0%	140	140	0	0%
67A	Todd	100	100	0	0%	100	100	0	0%
TOTAL		7,890	7,704	-186	-2.4%	12,850	9,874	-2,976	-23.2%

Note: An additional 8% of the number of licenses will be available to nonresidents in West River units.

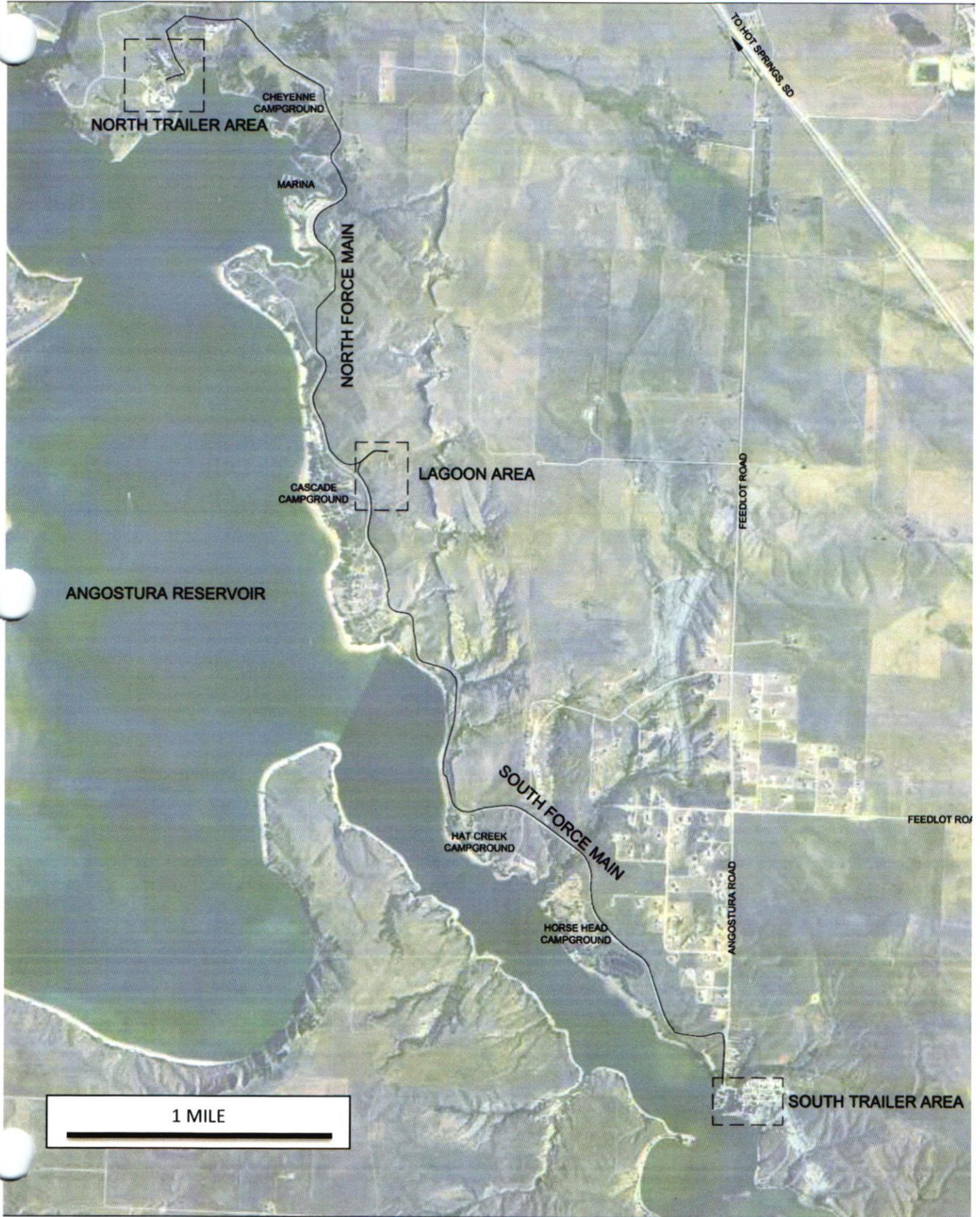
Division of Parks and Recreation

Proposed 2014 Rates for Angostura Cabins and Shadehill Cabins and Trailers

(Based upon the projected year-end Consumer Price Index as
reported by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

Number of Units	Angostura Cabins		Shadehill (30 cabins and 17 Trailers)		
	32		47		
2014 Rate	CPI (2013) = 1.2%	\$ 820.00	\$ 425.00		
	Total Revenue	\$ 26,240.00	\$ 19,975.00	\$ 46,215.00	
2013 Rate	CPI (2012) = 2.1%	\$ 810.00	\$ 420.00		
	Total Revenue	\$ 25,920.00	\$ 19,740.00	\$ 45,660.00	
2012 Rate	CPI (2011) = 3.2%	\$ 795.00	\$ 410.00		
	Total Revenue	\$ 25,440.00	\$ 19,270.00	\$ 44,710.00	
2011 Rate	CPI (2010) = 1.6%	\$ 765.00	\$ 395.00		
	Total Revenue	\$ 24,480.00	\$ 18,565.00	\$ 43,045.00	
2010 Rate	CPI (2009) = -0.4%	\$ 765.00	\$ 395.00		
	Total Revenue	\$ 24,480.00	\$ 18,565.00	\$ 43,045.00	
2009 Rate	CPI (2008) = 3.8%	\$ 765.00	\$ 395.00		
	Total Revenue	\$ 24,480.00	\$ 18,565.00	\$ 43,045.00	
2008 Rate	CPI (2007) = 2.8%	\$ 730.00	\$ 375.00		
	Total Revenue	\$ 23,360.00	\$ 17,625.00	\$ 40,985.00	
2007 Rate	CPI (2006) = 3.3%	\$ 710.00	\$ 365.00		
	Total Revenue	\$ 22,720.00	\$ 17,155.00	\$ 39,875.00	
2006 Rate	CPI (2005) = 3.5%	\$ 685.00	\$ 350.00		
	Total Revenue	\$ 21,920.00	\$ 16,450.00	\$ 38,370.00	
2005 Rate	CPI (2004) = 2.6%	\$ 660.00	\$ 340.00		
	Total Revenue	\$ 21,120.00	\$ 15,980.00	\$ 37,100.00	
2004 Rate	CPI (2003) = 2.3%	\$ 645.00	\$ 330.00		
	Total Revenue	\$ 20,640.00	\$ 15,510.00	\$ 36,150.00	

ANGOSTURA WASTEWATER PROJECT





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DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH, AND PARKS

Foss Building
523 East Capitol
Pierre, South Dakota 57501-3182

October 10, 2013

Angostura Trailer Owner
Address
City, State ZIP

Dear *Trailer Owner*,

The final project engineering for the Angostura waste water system has been completed and the project was advertised for construction in September. Three bids were received and the contract has been awarded to Quinn Construction of Rapid City. The project is scheduled for completion in the spring of 2014 prior to the recreational season.

Eighty-four of the 86 trailer permittees have paid the \$800 earnest fee requested and are committed to participating in the project through the annual assessment fees.

Based upon the successful bid, the construction costs of the force main system and lagoon expansion will be approximately \$1.6 million. This exceeds the preliminary engineering estimate of \$1.5 million. This project will also require connection stubs from the collection system to each individual trailer. The original plans called for limited stubs which would have required each trailer owner to hire an excavator and plumber to connect to the line. We asked the bidders to provide a bid for a surfaced pipe underneath each trailer as a bid alternate. With this option, the cost of the individual connections can be included in the overall project and amortized over the life of the bond rather than requiring additional up-front costs to the trailer owners. The trailer owners will be responsible for providing a connector pipe and ensuring it is properly installed and connected to the new sewer system.

Given the now known construction costs, the final annual assessment payment amount will be dependent on the actual interest rate at the time of the bond sale, and payback term of the bonds. Although the construction costs are higher than originally estimated which now includes the individual connection stubs we are hopeful that the annual assessment for the sewer system will be less than \$900 per year based on the best information we have today regarding the upcoming bond sale.

Once the bond sale is finalized and an actual annual assessment fee is known, you will receive an invoice for your 2014 lot rental fees and the annual sewer assessment fee. Angostura Resort Management will coordinate the invoices and payments with you. As

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stated in the past, although your yearly lot rental rate may be annually adjusted by the Resort Company, the sewer system assessment fee will remain fixed.

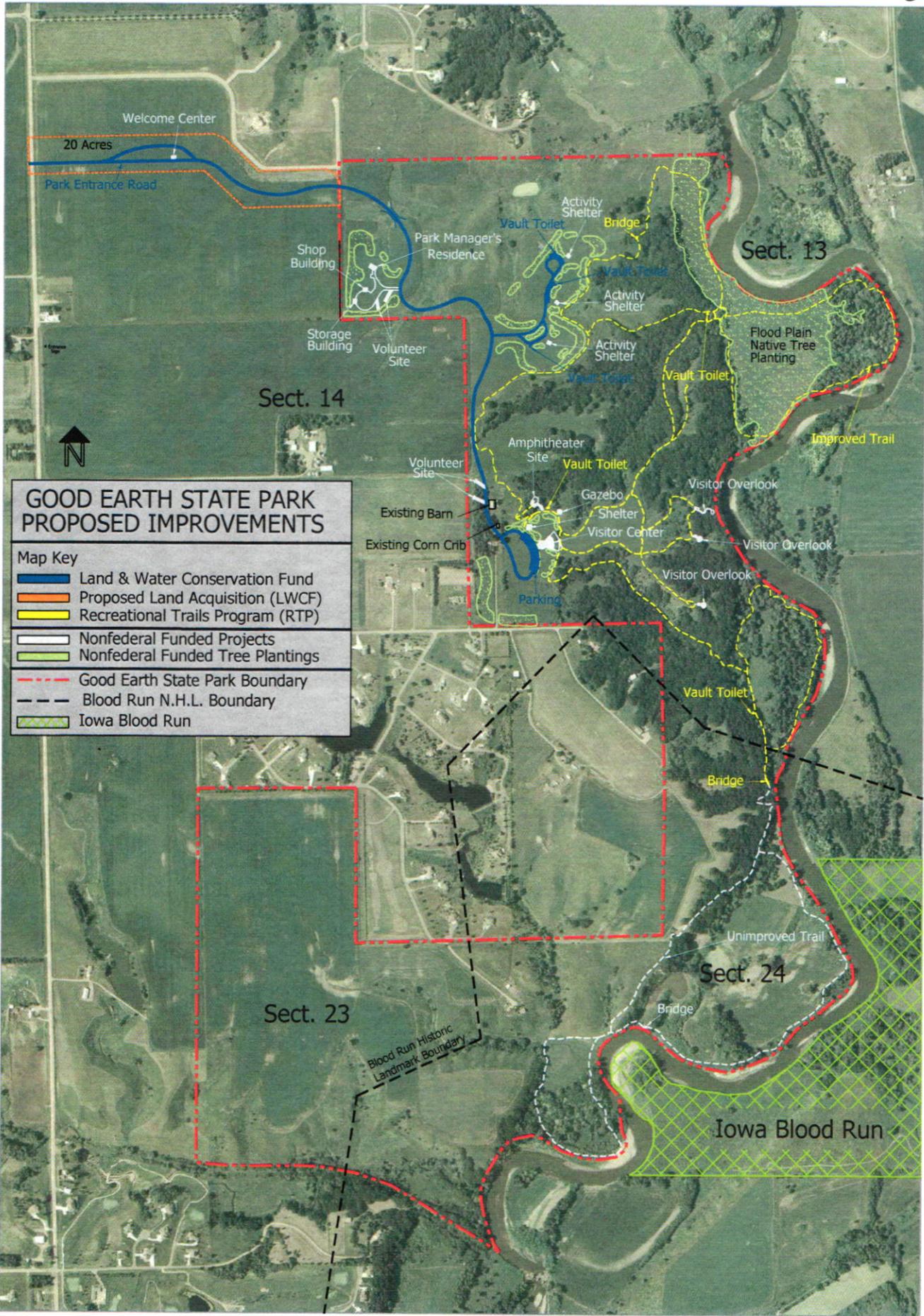
You will be receiving a letter from Willy Collignon regarding construction schedules in your trailer area as well as site preparation details that will affect you.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 605.773.3391 or Willy Collignon at 605.745.6996.

Sincerely,

Sean Blanchette
Concessions Manager, Division of Parks and Recreation

CC: Douglas Hofer, Director, Division of Parks and Recreation
Willy Collignon, District Park Supervisor, Angostura Recreation Area
Joe Hall, US Bureau of Reclamation
Angostura Resort Management, Inc.



**GOOD EARTH STATE PARK
PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS**

Map Key

- Land & Water Conservation Fund
- Proposed Land Acquisition (LWCF)
- Recreational Trails Program (RTP)
- Nonfederal Funded Projects
- Nonfederal Funded Tree Plantings
- Good Earth State Park Boundary
- Blood Run N.H.L. Boundary
- Iowa Blood Run

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JANUARY- OCTOBER 2013 REVENUE COMPARISON BY PRODUCT

	2012		2013		% Change
	# Sold	\$ Sold	# Sold	\$ Sold	
Annual	47,995	\$ 1,343,865.10	43,215	\$ 1,296,437.30	-3.5%
Second Vehicle	14,015	\$ 196,213.00	13,900	\$ 194,596.15	-0.8%
Combo	17,972	\$ 754,843.00	21,180	\$ 953,115.00	26.3%
Transferable	923	\$ 55,379.00	1,163	\$ 75,623.00	36.6%
Daily / Person (\$4)	30,855	\$ 123,420.18	27,400	\$ 109,599.39	-11.2%
Daily / Vehicle (\$6)	75,630	\$ 453,778.92	73,411	\$ 440,468.69	-2.9%
Unattended Vehicle Daily (\$4)	187	\$ 746.00	0	\$ -	-100.0%
Unattended Vehicle Daily (\$10)	1,534	\$ 15,337.00	1,105	\$ 11,048.00	-28.0%
Motorcoach Permit	6,763	\$ 20,290.00	7,293	\$ 21,879.00	7.8%
GSM Annual Trail Pass (\$15)	2,488	\$ 37,320.00	2,254	\$ 33,815.00	-9.4%
GSM Daily Trail Pass (\$3)	16,651	\$ 49,953.00	14,043	\$ 42,129.00	-15.7%
CSP Temp Daily / Vehicle (\$15)	135,476	\$ 2,032,135.00	138,857	\$ 2,082,861.95	2.5%
CSP Unattended (\$15)		\$ 15.00		\$ 995.00	
Bike Band (\$10)	17,682	\$ 176,820.00	18,332	\$ 183,320.00	3.7%
Rally Bike Band (\$10)	38,879	\$ 388,790.00	38,392	\$ 383,920.00	-1.3%
One-Day Special Event	N/A	\$ 15,078.00	N/A	\$ 8,751.00	-42.0%
2012 Online PEL sales		\$ 103,864.00		\$ -	-100.0%
	<u>407,050</u>	<u>\$ 5,767,847.20</u>	<u>400,546</u>	<u>\$5,838,558.48</u>	1.2%
Gift Cards				\$ 12,762.00	
Camping Services Permits		\$ 5,681,082.46		\$ 6,259,129.88	10.2%
Picnic Reservations		\$ 10,203.40		\$ 11,477.25	12.5%
Firewood		\$ 121,827.21		\$ 140,407.67	15.3%
		<u>\$ 5,813,113.07</u>		<u>\$ 6,423,776.80</u>	10.5%
Totals:		\$11,580,960.27		\$12,262,335.28	5.9%

JANUARY - OCTOBER 2013 REVENUE COMPARISON BY DISTRICT

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Dis Park	2012	2013	% Change	Dis Park	2012	2013	% Change
1 Fort Sisseton Roy Lake Sica Hollow	\$240,164.87	\$213,074.18	-11.3%	10 North Point North Wheeler Pease Creek Randall Creek South Shore Whetstone Bay	\$476,242.11	\$520,533.77	9.3%
2 Richmond Lake Mina Lake Lake Louise Fisher Grove Amsden	\$214,885.87	\$229,368.20	6.7%	11 Farm Island West Bend	\$360,479.10	\$380,536.86	5.6%
3 Sandy Shore Hartford Beach Lake Cochrane Pelican South Pickerel Lake	\$445,531.00	\$463,149.84	4.0%	12 Oahe Downstream West Shore Cow Creek Okobojo Point Spring Creek East Shore	\$426,495.98	\$470,013.19	10.2%
4 Oakwood Lakes Lake Poinsett Lake Thompson	\$570,348.10	\$609,675.96	6.9%	13 West Whitlock Lake Hiddenwood East Whitlock Swan Creek Bush's Landing Indian Creek Revheim Bay Little Bend Bob's Landing Walth Bay West Pollock	\$352,125.10	\$350,341.76	-0.5%
5 Lake Herman Walkers Point	\$243,813.61	\$237,886.89	-2.4%	14 GSM Trail Bear Butte	\$131,853.09	\$119,033.40	-9.7%
6 Snake Creek Platte Creek Burke Lake Buryanek	\$366,517.85	\$371,650.36	1.4%	15 Shadehill Llewellyn Johns Rocky Point	\$260,467.70	\$314,611.34	20.8%
7 Palisades Lake Vermillion Big Sioux	\$606,511.51	\$653,862.95	7.8%	16 Custer	\$4,343,791.99	\$4,677,831.66	7.7%
8 Newton Hills Lake Alvin Union Grove Adams	\$403,571.41	\$406,909.76	0.8%	17 Angostura	\$437,334.36	\$485,065.25	10.9%
9 Lewis & Clark Tabor Sand Creek Springfield Chief White Crane Pierson Ranch	\$1,557,891.62	\$1,573,498.91	1.0%	20 Pierre Office	\$142,935.00	\$185,291.00	29.6%
				TOTALS:	<u>\$11,580,960.27</u>	<u>\$12,262,335.28</u>	<u>5.9%</u>

JANUARY- OCTOBER 2013 CAMPING UNIT COMPARISON REPORT BY DISTRICT

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Dis: Park	2012 Units	2013 Units	%	Dist Park	2012 Units	2013 Units	%
1 Fort Sisseton	1,490	1,362	-8.6%	9 Lewis & Clark	37,490	36,634	-2.3%
Roy Lake	5,745	5,732	-0.2%	Tabor	56	71	26.8%
Sica Hollow	144	181	25.7%	Sand Creek	84	97	15.5%
	<u>7,379</u>	<u>7,275</u>	<u>-1.4%</u>	Springfield	1,080	1,078	-0.2%
2 Richmond Lake	1,361	1,566	15.1%	Chief White Crane	9,587	9,511	-0.8%
Mina Lake	2,535	2,485	-2.0%	Pierson Ranch	4,191	4,481	6.9%
Lake Louise	1,886	1,878	-0.4%		<u>52,488</u>	<u>51,872</u>	<u>-1.2%</u>
Fisher Grove	0	662		10 North Point	7,029	8,327	18.5%
Amsden	376	341	-9.3%	North Wheeler	463	475	2.6%
	<u>6,158</u>	<u>6,932</u>	<u>12.6%</u>	Pease Creek	1120	1321	17.9%
3 Sandy Shore	901	950	5.4%	Randall Creek	5,733	6,320	10.2%
Hartford Beach	3,660	4,122	12.6%	South Shore	237	306	29.1%
Lake Cochrane	1,828	1,713	-6.3%	Whetstone Bay	289	517	78.9%
Pelican South	3,729	4,069	9.1%	White Swan	0	93	
Pickeral Lake	5,973	5,899	-1.2%		<u>14,871</u>	<u>17,359</u>	<u>16.7%</u>
	<u>16,091</u>	<u>16,753</u>	<u>4.1%</u>	11 Farm Island	5,690	6,126	7.7%
4 Oakwood Lakes	7,569	7,657	1.2%	West Bend	6,463	6,734	4.2%
Lake Poinsett	6,330	6,307	-0.4%		<u>12,153</u>	<u>12,860</u>	<u>5.8%</u>
Lake Thompson	5,435	6,162	13.4%	12 Oahe Downstream	11,109	12,280	10.5%
	<u>19,334</u>	<u>20,126</u>	<u>4.1%</u>	Cow Creek	2699	2579	-4.4%
5 Lake Herman	5,006	5,251	4.9%	Okobojo Point	953	975	2.3%
Walkers Point	2,807	2,603	-7.3%		<u>14,761</u>	<u>15,834</u>	<u>7.3%</u>
Lake Carthage	611	637	4.3%	13 West Whitlock	4,566	4,320	-5.4%
	<u>8,424</u>	<u>8,491</u>	<u>0.8%</u>	Lake Hiddenwood	278	259	-6.8%
6 Snake Creek	8,561	8,310	-2.9%	East Whitlock	93	80	-14.0%
Platte Creek	1,274	1,194	-6.3%	Swan Creek	551	481	-12.7%
Burke Lake	70	83	18.6%	Indian Creek	5,487	5,551	1.2%
Buryanek	2,295	2,282	-0.6%	Walsh Bay	0	75	
	<u>12,200</u>	<u>11,869</u>	<u>-2.7%</u>	West Pollock	927	644	-30.5%
7 Palisades	3,995	4,137	3.6%		<u>11,902</u>	<u>11,410</u>	<u>-4.1%</u>
Lake Vermillion	7,414	7,690	3.7%	14 Bear Butte Lake	749	1,060	41.5%
Big Sioux	4,595	4,540	-1.2%		<u>749</u>	<u>1,060</u>	<u>41.5%</u>
	<u>16,004</u>	<u>16,367</u>	<u>2.3%</u>	15 Shadehill	4,184	4,330	3.5%
8 Newton Hills	9,492	9,445	-0.5%	Llewellyn Johns	231	314	35.9%
Union Grove	1,227	1,400	14.1%	Rocky Point	3906	4015	2.8%
	<u>10,719</u>	<u>10,845</u>	<u>1.2%</u>		<u>8,321</u>	<u>8,659</u>	<u>4%</u>
				16 Custer	44,336	46,334	4.5%
					<u>44,336</u>	<u>46,334</u>	<u>4.5%</u>
				17 Angostura	13,471	12,748	-5.4%
				Sheps Canyon	0	934	
					<u>13,471</u>	<u>13,682</u>	<u>1.6%</u>
				TOTAL FEE AREA			
				CAMPER UNITS	269,361	277,728	3.1%



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**South Dakota Game and Fish and Parks
Black Hills Trails
11361 Nevada Gulch Rd
Lead, SD 57754**

Dear Shannon Percy, Brian Nelson and Bill Loken

Lawrence County and it's citizens owe you and the Black Hills Trails Division a great debt of gratitude for the tireless hours spent helping the countless citizens during the recent blizzard. At a time when so many people were out of power and had no where else to go, the shelter was their only option. Getting the citizens to the shelter during this blizzard proved almost impossible without your help in the snow cats. We had originally planned a shelter at the Deadwood Gulch Convention Center but when the power went out there we knew we would have to find another location. When the Days Inn volunteered to let evacuees shelter at their location you didn't skip a beat and began moving people into that location with the direction of the Lawrence County EOC. It has been said that during the time of crisis you will see the true nature of a people come out. I witnessed in all of you a very caring nature while working in a very difficult environment. I cannot begin to express my personal appreciation enough and I know many of those that you cared for during this time feel the same as I do. With so many in need of care for their medical issues with oxygen it was reassuring to know that experienced persons such as yourself were willing to help them through this difficult time.

During a time of need such as this blizzard in Lawrence County we found that persons such as yourself that were willing to help and give of themselves, made a difficult time a little more bearable.

Thank you so very much,

**Paul Thomson, Director
Lawrence County Emergency Management**



Division of Wildlife

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL

Private Shooting Preserves
Chapter 41:09:01

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	November 7-8, 2013	Pierre
	Public Hearing	December 5, 2013	Huron
	Finalization	December 5, 2013	Huron

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

41:09:01:03. Birds that may be released -- Minimum release age -- Marking of birds. Any bird released on a shooting preserve must be at least 15 weeks of age at the time of release. Except for chukar partridge, any game bird or turkey propagated, possessed, or released on the premises described in the preserve permit must have one front toe or one hind toe on either foot removed back to the first joint including the nail before becoming six weeks of age. An anti-pecking device affixed to the bird before it is six weeks old and worn by the bird until it is at least 15 weeks old is acceptable in lieu of toe clipping if the anti-pecking device leaves a permanent, easily identifiable mark through the nares.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Department has received requests from individuals to release other sub-species of partridge and the department has determined there is no biological reason to retain language in existing rules. The deletion of "Hungarian" and "Chukar" would make an allowance for the release of any sub-species of partridge.

APPROVE _____	MODIFY _____	REJECT _____	NO ACTION _____
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GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Captive Game Birds Chapter 41:09:02

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	November 7-8, 2013	Pierre
	Public Hearing	December 5, 2013	Huron
	Finalization	December 5, 2013	Huron

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

41:09:02:04. Identification marking required. Except for ~~chukar~~ partridge and quail, any game bird propagated, possessed, sold, offered for sale, or released from captivity must have one front toe or one hind toe on either foot removed back to the first joint including the nail before becoming six weeks of age. An anti-pecking device affixed to the bird before it is six weeks old and worn by the bird until it is at least 15 weeks old is acceptable in lieu of toe clipping if the anti-pecking device leaves a permanent, easily identifiable mark through the nares. Any game bird propagated under this chapter that has not been shot and that is commercially packaged by a transparent sealed vacuum/shrink-type process may have the marked appendage removed if a label is permanently affixed to the package showing the name and address of the licensee.

41:09:02:06.01. Release to the wild prohibited. A person may not release into the wild within the state of South Dakota any game birds, except ring-necked pheasants, ~~Hungarian or Chukar~~ partridge, wild turkeys, or quail, without written consent of the secretary.

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South Dakota Department of Game, Fish & Parks - Wildlife Division
Land Acquisition and Disposal Report
November 2013

Action Items

Medicine Knoll Creek GPA Exchange & Purchase

Location: Southeast Sully County

Description: This project involves the equal value exchange of two private tracts (118.2 acres and 154.8 acres) adjoining the Medicine Knoll Creek GPA with two GFP tracts (160 acres each). The acquisition portion involves GFP purchasing the residual acres (41.8 acres and 5.2 acres) of each quarter section, to complete an acre for acre property exchange.

Management Objective: Consolidate GPA holdings, realize more diverse wildlife habitat development opportunities, and enhance public hunting opportunities.

Cost: \$109,400.00

Expected Closing: December 2013

Requested Commission Action: Adopt RESOLUTION 13-14 authorizing and approving the exchange of GFP parcels for equal valued private parcels; and adopt RESOLUTION 13-15 authorizing and approving the purchase of remaining private parcels.

Information Items

Chain Lakes (Holoubek) GPA Addition

Location: Southeast Brule County

Description: 160 acre tract of grassland and wetland adjoining the Chain Lakes (Holoubek) GPA

Management Objective: Consolidate GPA holdings through purchase of an in-holding and enhance public hunting opportunities.

Cost: \$160,000.00 – Acquisition will be funded through the Tony Dean's Acres NAWCA grant.

Expected Commission Action: January 2014

Expected Closing: February 2014

Early Development Items

Moody County Property

Location: Northwest Moody County

Description: 160 acre tract of restored grassland and wetland

Management Objective: Wildlife management and public hunting

Cost: Property is being appraised

Expected Closing: Unknown

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Pierre, SD 57501

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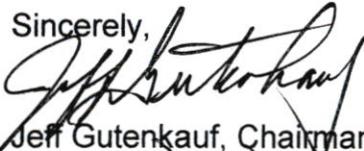
Dear Secretary Vonk:

The Pierre/Ft. Pierre Chapter of Pheasants Forever is writing in support of South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks' (SDGFP) efforts to consolidate its land holdings at the Medicine Knoll Creek Game Production Area through the proposed land exchange and purchase project currently under consideration by the SDGFP Commission.

With over 5500 acres in public ownership, the opportunities for habitat development and public hunting on the Medicine Knoll Creek GPA are second to none in central South Dakota. We believe completing the land exchange and purchase will benefit local hunters by preserving a large tract of high value open space and providing additional hunting and outdoor recreation opportunities for residents and visitors to our area.

We appreciate the efforts of you staff and lend our full support to this project.

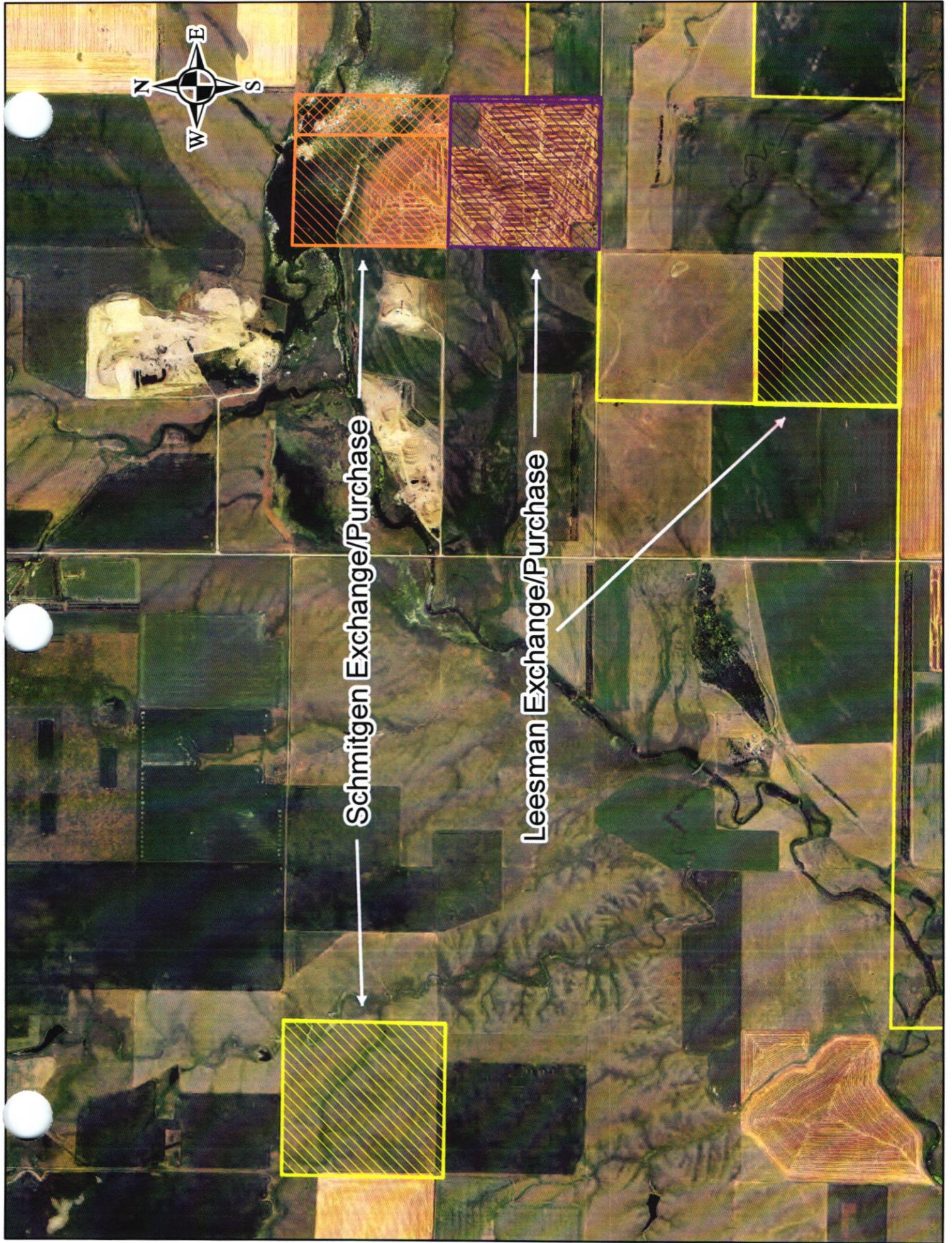
Sincerely,



Jeff Gutenkauf, Chairman, Pierre/Ft. Pierre Pheasants Forever



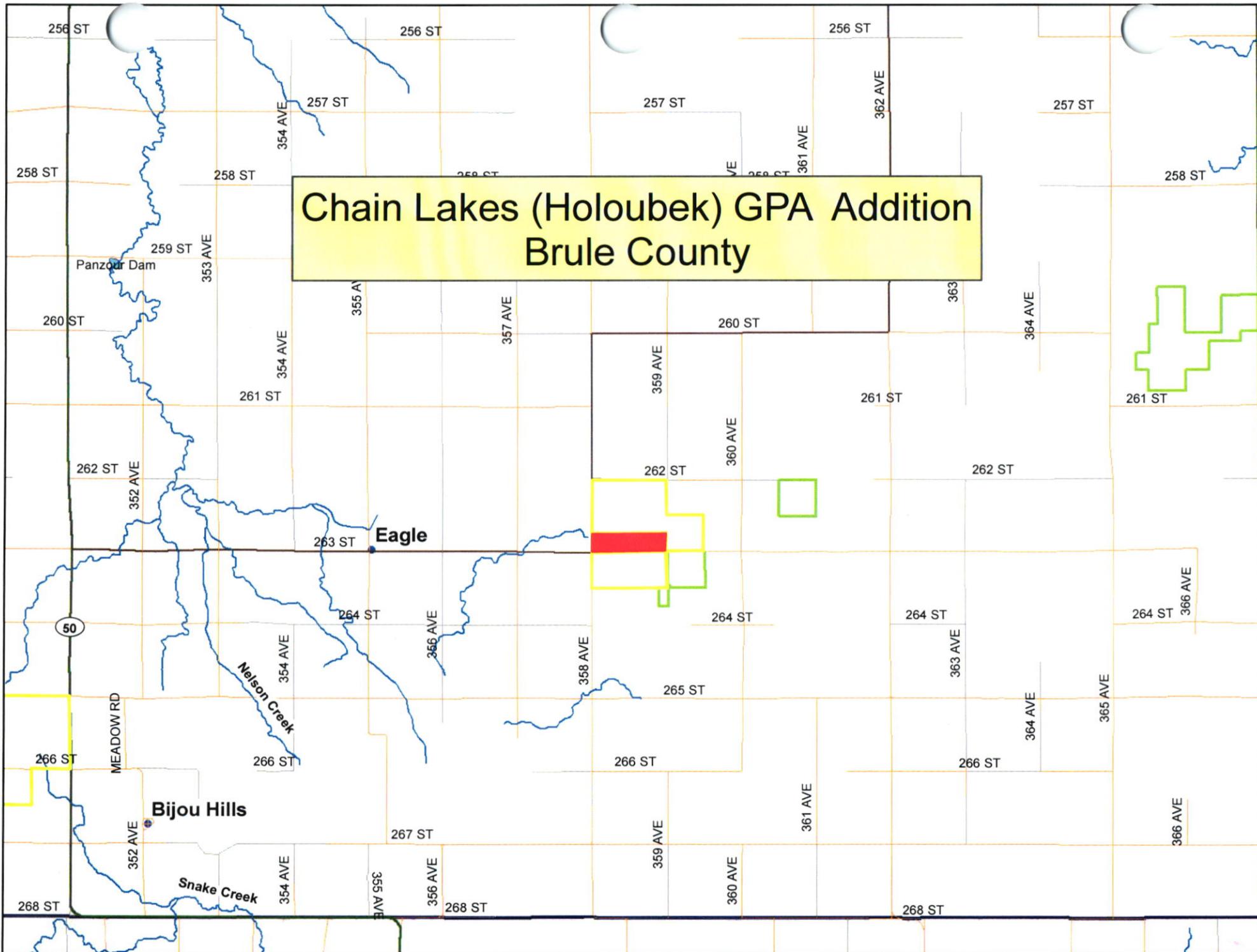
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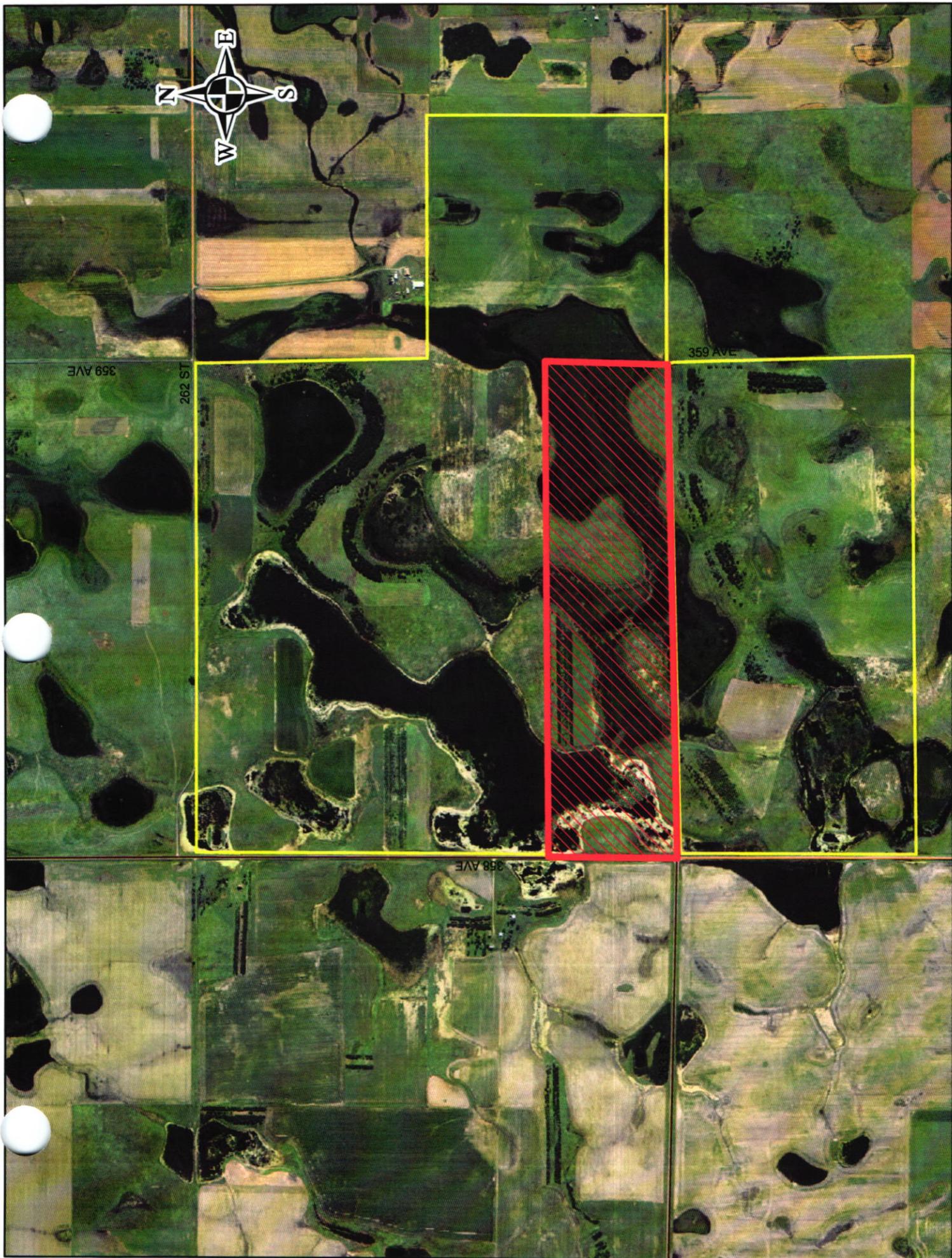


Schmitgen Exchange/Purchase

Leesman Exchange/Purchase

Chain Lakes (Holoubek) GPA Addition Brule County





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Population Monitoring

	Staff Responsible	Completion
1. Evaluation of staffing needs and prioritizing work	Leif/Senior Managers	December 2013 and beyond
2. Evaluation of staff time, prioritization, and resources for population surveys, modeling, and management	Leif/Senior Managers	December 2013 and beyond
3. Evaluate methods and feasibility of increasing response rates for harvest surveys	Longmire	January 2014
4. Seek and employ more biometric/statistical assistance	Switzer/ Lindbloom	March 2014
5. Establish draft deer data analysis units (DAUs)	Lindbloom	March 2014
6. Deer season structure (management options)		
A. Draft management options (license allocation, license types, etc.) based on status of deer populations	Switzer/ Lindbloom	March 2014
B. Implement management options	Lindbloom/Regional Managers	April 2014
7. Enhance human dimensions component of wildlife management	Longmire	May 2014
8. Standardize information gathered through Landowner/Conservation Officer contacts	Keyser/ Longmire	May 2014
9. Survey protocols and methods		
A. Review wildlife survey protocols and methods	Lindbloom	May 2014
B. Implement adjustments to wildlife survey protocols and methods	Lindbloom	August 2014
10. Deer and pronghorn composition surveys		
A. Review and assess current surveys	Lindbloom	May 2014

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B. Employ adjustments to composition surveys	Lindbloom	August 2014
11. Enhance staff training for surveys and protocols	Lindbloom/Regional Managers	August 2014
12. Reevaluate mountain lion population estimate and survey methodologies	Lindbloom	August 2014
13. Evaluate and implement identified adjustments to elk herd composition surveys	Lindbloom	January 2015 and beyond
14. Enhance current and build new population models	Lindbloom	July 2016
15. Refine methodologies to obtain doe survival information for population models	Lindbloom	July 2016
16. Create winter and drought severity models	Lindbloom	July 2016

Management Plans

1. Assess and allocate sufficient staff time and resources for drafting and implementing management plans	Kirschenmann/Switzer	December 2013 and beyond
2. Clarify mountain lion plan population objective	Switzer/Lindbloom	December 2013
3. Implement periodic reviews of management plans to ensure implementation	Kirschenmann, Switzer, and Senior Biologists	December 2013 and beyond
4. Strengthen use of management plans to guide CRD process and season structures	Commission and Department	March 2014 and beyond
5. Develop a template for future management plans		
A. Specifics for unit objectives (time-bound), guidance to staff, and public input through a universally applied, structured approach	Kirschenmann/Lott	May 2014

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B. Engage commissioners in planning process and formal adoption of plans	Kirschenmann/Lott	May 2014 and beyond
6. Use of human dimensions in management plans		
A. Evaluate and determine needs of enhanced human dimensions	Longmire	March 2014
B. Implement enhanced human dimensions approaches	Longmire	May 2014
7. Establish pronghorn population objective ranges for management units	Lindbloom/Regional Managers	June 2014
8. Elk Management Plan (completion by December 2014)		
A. Public Survey	Longmire	December 2013
B. Stakeholder group and public meetings	Keyser/ Kirschenamnn	Jan/Feb 2014
C. Commission Meeting – review population objectives	Lindbloom	March 2014
D. Adopt Elk Management Plan	Commission and Department	December 2014
9. Deer Management Plan (completion by December 2016)		
A. Begin process	Switzer/Lindbloom	January 2015
B. Public opinion survey	Longmire	July 2015
C. Stakeholder group discussions and public meetings	Kirschenmann/Switzer/ Lindbloom	Fall 2015/ Winter 2016
D. Population objectives and season structure recommendations	Kirschenmann/Switzer/ Lindbloom	May 2016
E. Adopt Deer Management Plan	Commission and Department	December 2016

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10. Update/revise existing management plans

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mountain Lion | Lindbloom | January 2016 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turkey | Lehman | December 2015 |

Communications (Internal and External)

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| 1. Strengthen agency leaders' interaction with field staff in less formal settings | Senior Managers | December 2013 and beyond |
| 2. Maintain environment where two-way communication is supported in the decision making processes | Senior Managers | December 2013 and beyond |
| 3. Formalize plans for use of email lists | Simpson | January 2014 |
| 4. Stay current with advancements in communication platforms | Simpson/Schlueter/ Krause | January 2014 and beyond |
| 5. Increase understanding of leadership priorities, policies, goals and objectives | Senior Managers | January 2014 and beyond |
| 6. Better define roles in participatory management | Senior Managers | January 2014 and beyond |
| 7. Launch redesigned leadership and career development program | Keyser/Simpson | March 2014 |
| 8. Assess and enhance use of social media | Simpson | March 2014 |
| 9. Use human dimension research to identify platform, content, and frequency of communication to stakeholders | Longmire | April 2014 |
| 10. Enhance electronic media, including effectiveness/layout of website | Simpson | August 2014 |

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Commission Regulation Development (CRD) Process

1. Provide guidance and objectives to staff early in the rules recommendation process	Kirschenmann/Keyser/ Regional Supervisors	April 2014
2. Create a standardized method of feedback summarizing any adjustments to recommendations	Kirschenmann/Keyser/ Regional Supervisors	April 2014
3. Ensure that management plans provide guidance/direction for licenses and season structure recommendations	Section Chiefs and Program Administrators	April 2014 and beyond
4. Annually train staff on the importance and use of harvest, biological, and human dimension data for developing recommendations	Switzer/Longmire	April 2014 and beyond
5. Evaluate the feasibility, pros and cons, and schedule to address regulations on a multi-year approach	Leif/Kirschenmann/Lott/ Keyser/Commissioners	July 2014
6. Develop minimum thresholds for recommended changes in regulations	Leif/Kirschenmann/Lott/ Keyser/Commissioners	November 2014
7. Identify roles and responsibilities of Commission and Department staff in the rules recommendation process		
A. Process to engage Commission and staff	Vonk/Leif/Commissioners	July 2014
B. Develop guidance document	Vonk/Leif/Commissioners	July 2015