

## Access Permit for Greater Sage-Grouse Hunting Season

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In addition to a license to hunt small game, sage-grouse hunters are required to have a FREE access permit.

The issuance of these 40 free access permits will allow South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks to collect hunter use and harvest data.

The 40 access permits will be issued to South Dakota residents through a lottery draw system. Only online applications will be accepted. Leftover licenses will be issued on a first come first served basis to both residents and non-residents.

Application Period: July 20 – August 17<sup>th</sup> 8:00AM Central Time

Season Dates: September 17, 2016 – September 18, 2016

Open Area: All public land and private land leased as Walk-in Areas in Harding County and west of U.S. Highway in Butte County.

Shooting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

Season Bag Limit: One per hunter

The following criteria and rules will apply to hunting sage-grouse where an Access Permit is required.

- A person must have their applicable small game hunting license and their Access Permit with them while hunting.
- Access Permit holders are responsible for leaving the property they are hunting in the same condition as they found it.
- A person's Access Permit will be revoked if the hunter is found to be in violation of any of these rules.
- All other upland game hunting regulations apply

Hunters are encouraged to provide post-hunt interviews, present harvested sage-grouse to GFP for examination, and respond to a hunter harvest survey.

If you have additional questions about this season, please call the GFP Licensing Office at 605-223-7660.