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South Dakota - Game, Fish, and Parks

Petition for Rule Change

A new form was just submitted from the <http://gfp.sd.gov/> website with the following information:

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Rule Identification: Deer draw structure

Decribe Change: Change the deer draw structure back to the original form which It has been my whole life until 2019. This means any applicant can put in as many first choice deer applications as desired.

Reason for Change: The recently implemented draw structure has not been beneficial to any resident deer hunter that I know or have talked to about this topic. It is simply made it harder to hunt deer in South Dakota. Now we have to take tags that are over allotted due to low harvest rates or poor quality hunts to try and get more people a first choice license. It has changed that. Now I have to find different hunts or worse hunts just to get deer tags to fill my freezer. Before I could get plenty of deer on just a couple hunts because of the quality I knew where to hunt and I had permission on places that I had worked since I was a kid to get on. It's not everyone else's fault that people don't try to get permission to hunt land. Even the people trying to get first choice applications have to apply to different draws now because of the difficulty of drawing any deer tags. This has resulted in poor satisfaction for myself and all the hunters I know. I have only talked to one couple that prefers the way the draw has changed and they were people that were new to getting into hunting. I have spoken with plenty of GFP workers that do not support this newer draw process either. For years I had talked to game fishing parks on when and how to put in a petition to change the draw process back to its original form where you could apply to as many first choice applications as you wanted and then to find out it was voted on or reassessed during the fall while I was gone hunting anyways and didn't pay attention to emails. I would be more than happy to get a large petition together to change the draw structure back to its original form with unlimited first applications. I now have to buy out of state licenses every year to fill my freezer instead of driving all over South Dakota with poor quality leftover tags. I appreciate your consideration of my petition