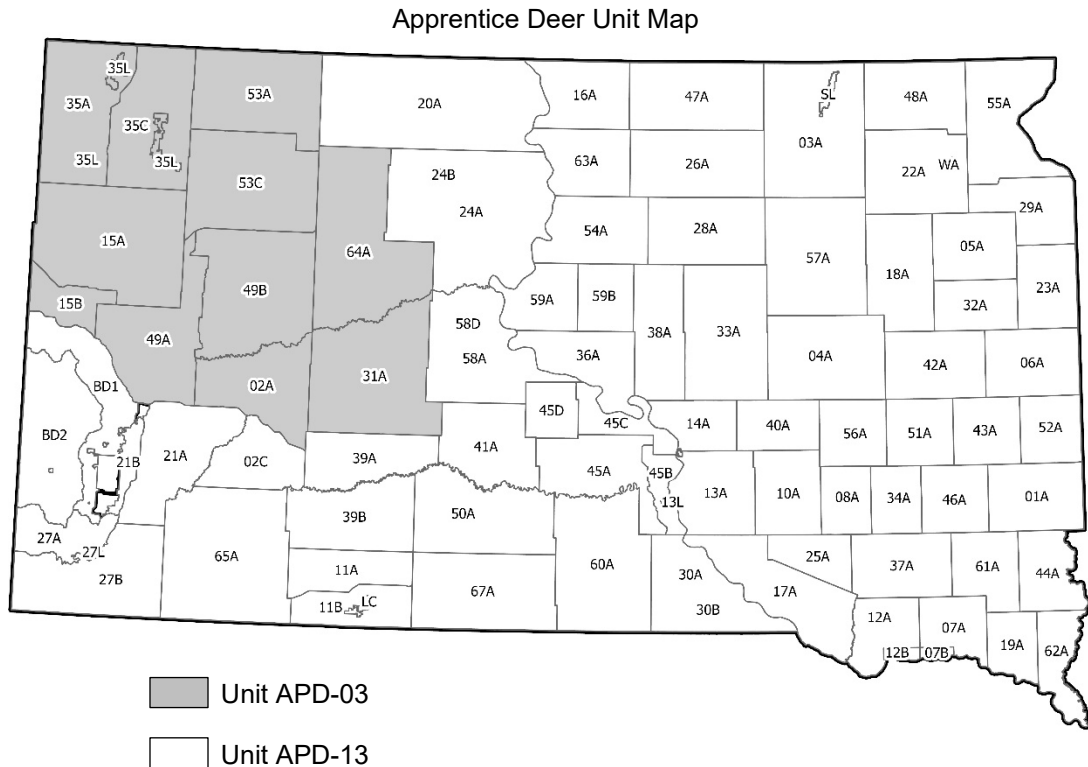


Apprentice Hunter Deer Season 2023-2024 “Antlerless License” Restrictions

1. Unit APD-03: West River Units 02A, 15A, 15B, 31A, 35A, 35C, 35L, 49A, 49B, 53A, 53C and 64A. Single tag “any antlerless deer” license.
 2. Unit APD-13: That portion of the state not included in Unit APD-03 and excluding Custer State Park. Single tag “antlerless whitetail deer” license.
 3. Apprentice deer hunters may purchase one (1) deer license.
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GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Apprentice Hunter Deer Season

Chapter 41:06:44

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	March 9-10, 2023	Pierre
	Public Hearing	May 11, 2023	Custer State Park
	Finalization	May 11-12, 2023	Custer State Park

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Duration of Recommendation: 2023 and 2024 hunting seasons

Season Dates: September 9, 2023 – January 1, 2024
September 14, 2024 – January 1, 2025

Open Areas: Unit APD-03: West River Units 02A, 15A, 15B, 31A, 35A, 35C, 35L, 49A, 49B, 53A, 53C and 64A (See map for open area)
Unit APD-13: That portion of the state not included in Unit APD-03 (See map for open area)

Licenses: Unit APD-03: Single tag “any antlerless deer” license
Unit APD-13: Single tag “antlerless whitetail deer” license

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. Any resident hunter who has not held a license to hunt deer during the previous 10 years may purchase an Apprentice Hunter Deer License. Receipt of an Apprentice Hunter Deer License does not affect eligibility for a license in any other season.
2. Shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.
3. Hunters may purchase one (1) Apprentice Hunter Deer License valid for either Unit APD-03 or Unit APD-13.
4. Custer State Park is closed to those with Apprentice Hunter Deer License and National Wildlife Refuges are closed unless specified by the refuge.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended change: Remove closed area specifications to Fort Meade Bureau of Land Management property.

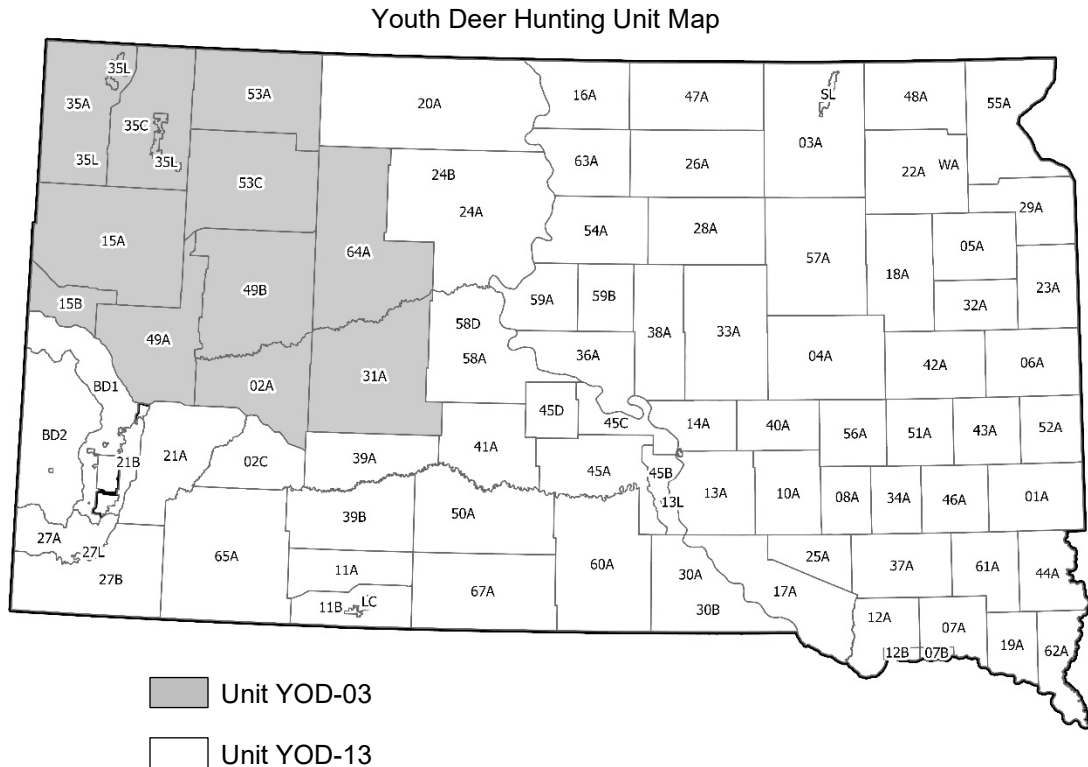
SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Fort Meade Bureau of Land Management property in West River deer hunting unit 49A is already limited to archery only equipment (ARSD 41:06:13:04) and additional hunting opportunity can be provided for hunters because of the limited success based on the weapon restriction.

Year	Licenses Sold	WT Bucks Harvested	WT Does Harvested	MD Bucks Harvested	MD Does Harvested	All Deer Harvested	Tag Success
2018	4,845	264	1,823	35	377	2,499	52%
2019	4,424	263	1,722	37	297	2,319	52%
2020	4,302	249	1,846	26	372	2,493	58%
2021	641	21	323	0	18	362	57%
2022	527	27	212	4	22	263	50%

Youth Deer Hunting Season 2023-2024 "Antlerless License" Restrictions

1. Unit YOD-03: West River Units 02A, 15A, 15B, 31A, 35A, 35C, 35L, 49A, 49B, 53A, 53C and 64A. Single tag "any antlerless deer" license.
2. Unit YOD-13: That portion of the state not included in Unit YOD-03 and excluding Custer State Park. Single tag "antlerless whitetail deer" license.
3. Youth deer hunters may purchase one (1) deer license.



GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Youth Deer Hunting Season

Chapter 41:06:63

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	March 9-10, 2023	Pierre
	Public Hearing	May 11, 2023	Custer State Park
	Finalization	May 11-12, 2023	Custer State Park

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Duration of Recommendation: 2023 and 2024 hunting seasons

Season Dates: September 9, 2023 – January 1, 2024
September 14, 2024 – January 1, 2025

Open Areas: Unit YOD-03: West River Units 02A, 15A, 15B, 31A, 35A, 35C, 35L, 49A, 49B, 53A, 53C and 64A (See map for open area)
Unit YOD-13: That portion of the state not included in Unit YOD-03 (See map for open area)

Licenses: Unit YOD-03: Single tag “any antlerless deer” license
Unit YOD-13: Single tag “antlerless whitetail deer” license

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. Both residents and nonresidents that have reached the age of 12 years during the period September through December 31 and have not reached the age of 18 years old by June 30; and any person who has not received a Mentored Deer License may purchase a Youth Deer License. Successful applicants for the Youth Deer License are not eligible for the Mentored Deer License.
2. Each hunter under 16 years old must be accompanied by an adult while hunting.
3. Shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.
4. Hunters may purchase one (1) Youth Deer Hunting License valid for either Unit YOD-03 or Unit YOD-13.
5. Custer State Park is closed to those with Youth Deer Hunting License and National Wildlife Refuges are closed unless specified by the refuge.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended change:

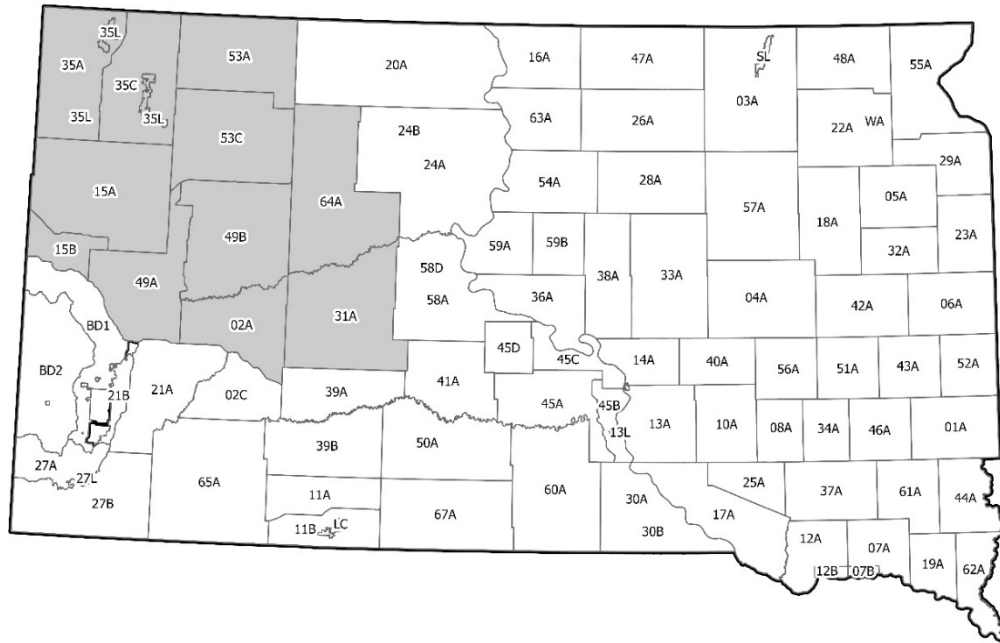
Remove closed area specifications to Fort Meade Bureau of Land Management property.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Fort Meade Bureau of Land Management property in West River deer hunting unit 49A is already limited to archery only equipment (ARSD 41:06:13:04) and additional hunting opportunity can be provided for hunters because of the limited success based on the weapon restriction.

Youth Deer Hunting Unit Map

Unit YOD-03
 Unit YOD-13



Mentored Youth Deer

Year	Licenses Sold	WT Bucks Harvested	WT Does Harvested	MD Bucks Harvested	MD Does Harvested	All Deer Harvested	Tag Success
2016	3,646	287	1,495	30	301	2,114	58%
2017	4,069	230	1,567	31	320	2,147	53%
2018	5,357	324	2,335	51	439	2,824	53%
2019	5,715	348	2,123	45	417	2,932	51%
2020	6,387	371	2,772	21	472	3,636	57%
2021	6,207	301	2,446	5	225	2,977	48%
2022	6,723	331	2,602	6	324	3,263	49%

Youth Deer

Year	Licenses Sold	WT Bucks Harvested	WT Does Harvested	MD Bucks Harvested	MD Does Harvested	All Deer Harvested	Tag Success
2016	4,861	322	1,896	29	324	2,571	53%
2017	5,325	292	2,072	35	426	2,825	53%
2018	Modified into Apprentice Deer season						
2019							
2020							
2021	3,812	175	1,522	8	156	1,861	49%
2022	3,448	155	1,275	4	240	1,674	49%

DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES

41:06:63:04. Closed areas. The youth deer season is closed and licenses are not valid in the following areas:

- (1) Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge in Brown County, unless otherwise allowed by the refuge;

- (2) Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge in Bennett County, unless otherwise allowed by the refuge;
- (3) Lake Andes National Wildlife Refuge in Charles Mix County, unless otherwise allowed by the refuge;
- (4) Waubay National Wildlife Refuge and Waubay State Game Bird Refuge in Day County, unless otherwise allowed by the refuge; and
- ~~—(5) Fort Mead Bureau of Land Management south unit and the signed portion of the north unit in Meade County.~~

RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

- 1. The Issue – Not applicable
- 2. Historical Considerations – Not applicable
- 3. Biological Considerations – Not applicable
- 4. Social Considerations – Not applicable
- 5. Financial considerations – Not applicable

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

- 1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? No.
- 2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? Yes, youth would be able to hunt additional areas with archery equipment.
- 3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? Yes, see response to #2.
- 4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? Yes, see response to #2.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact to the Department.

APPROVE _____ MODIFY _____ REJECT _____ NO ACTION _____

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Custer State Park Deer Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:41

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	March 9-10, 2023	Pierre
	Public Hearing	May 11, 2023	Custer State Park
	Finalization	May 11-12, 2023	Custer State Park

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Duration of Recommendation: 2023 and 2024 hunting seasons

Unit Dates: CUD-CU1-11: Any whitetail November 1-30
CUD-CU1-13: Antlerless whitetail December 1-15

Licenses: Specific number of licenses by tag types and allocation will be recommended by the Department to the GFP Commission at the April Commission meeting.

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. Applicants successful in drawing an “any” tag type are ineligible for the license again for 10 years.
2. “Any Deer” and “Any Whitetail Deer” licenses are valid November 1-30.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from last year: Remove the archery only equipment restriction from November 1-15.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Very little archery only hunting occurs between November 1-15 in Custer State Park. Expanding the use of firearms through the entire month of November for the Custer State Park any deer and any whitetail seasons will increase hunting opportunity and is not expected to result in a substantial biological difference in harvest. In addition, harvest can be managed using the total number of any whitetail and antlerless whitetail licenses in Custer State Park.

The recommended maximum number of one-tag deer licenses will be established in administrative rule and the GFP Commission via administrative rule will determine specific number of licenses by tag types and allocation.

Preliminary harvest data for the 2022 deer hunting seasons just became available. Department staff will review all harvest and other biological data, population modeling outputs, determine population objectives for whitetail and mule deer, and then bring recommendations for unit-specific license numbers and types to the GFP Commission at the April Commission meeting.

Year	Licenses Sold	WT Bucks Harvested	WT Does Harvested	MD Bucks Harvested	MD Does Harvested	All Deer Harvested	Tag Success
2016	40	10	19	0	0	29	72%
2017	64	30	11	1	0	42	66%
2018	64	26	9	0	0	36	56%
2019	87	26	24	3	0	53	61%
2020	88	28	25	3	0	56	63%
2021	73	20	22	0	0	41	57%
2022	75	14	27	0	0	42	56%

DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES

41:06:41:01. Custer State Park deer hunting season established -- Number and type of licenses. The Custer State Park deer hunting season is open from November 1 through December 15. No more than 100 one-tag deer licenses may be issued for the Custer State Park deer hunting season. ~~Hunting is limited to archery equipment from November 1 through November 15.~~

RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

1. The Issue – Not applicable
2. Historical Considerations – Not applicable
3. Biological Considerations – Not applicable
4. Social Considerations – Not applicable
5. Financial considerations – Not applicable

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

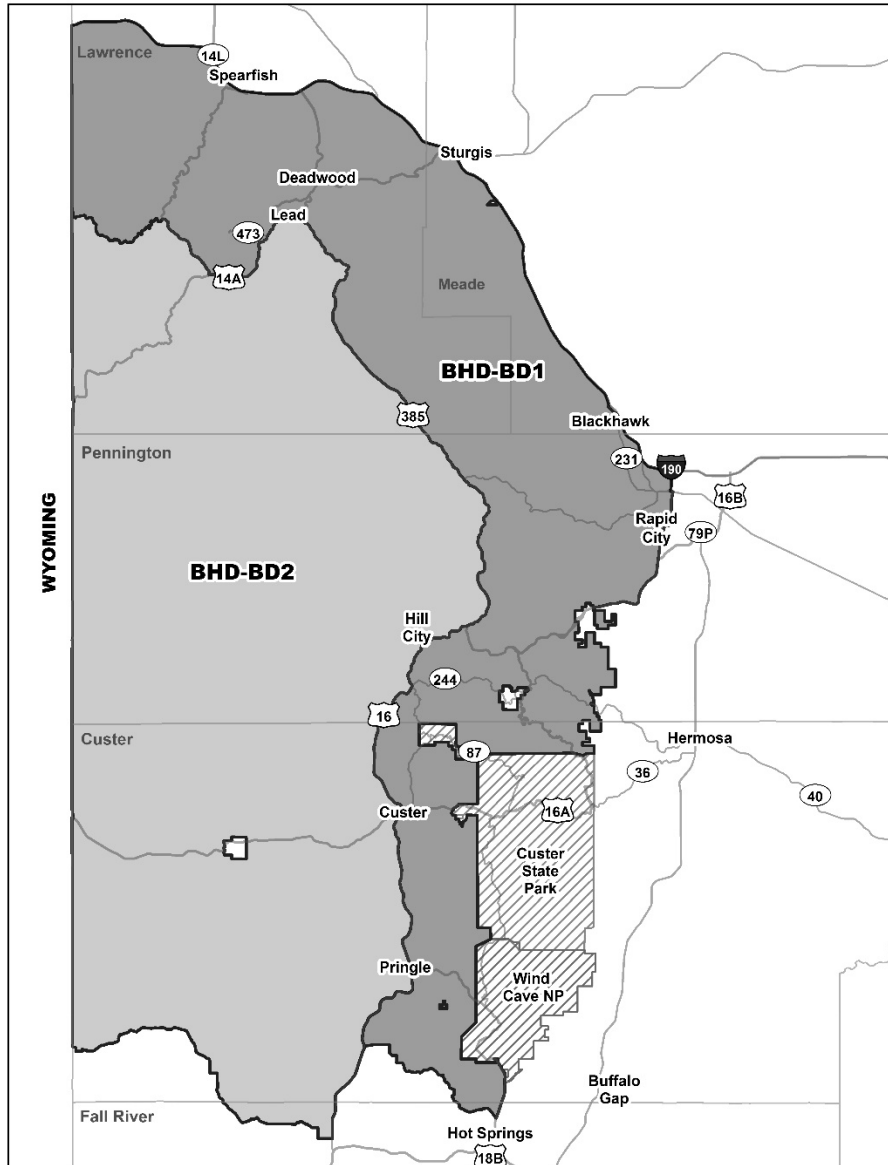
1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? Not applicable.
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? Not applicable.
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? Not applicable.
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? Not applicable.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact to the Department.

APPROVE _____ MODIFY _____ REJECT _____ NO ACTION _____

BLACK HILLS DEER UNITS



BH1 – All of the area in BD1 and BD2

Black Hills Deer Licenses – 2023 and 2024

Preliminary harvest data for the 2022 deer hunting seasons just became available. Department staff will review all harvest and other biological data, population modeling outputs, determine population objectives for whitetail and mule deer, and then bring recommendations for unit-specific license numbers and types to the GFP Commission at the April Commission meeting.

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Black Hills Deer Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:19

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	March 9-10, 2023	Pierre
	Public Hearing	May 11, 2023	Custer State Park
	Finalization	May 11-12, 2023	Custer State Park

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Duration of Recommendation: 2023 and 2024 hunting seasons

Season Dates: November 1-30

Open Area: Black Hills

Licenses: Specific number of licenses by tag types and allocation for resident and nonresidents will be recommended by the Department to the GFP Commission at the April Commission meeting.

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. No more than 5,000 one-tag deer licenses.
2. One-half of the resident licenses allocated for each unit are available for landowner preference.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

The recommended maximum number of one-tag deer licenses will be established in administrative rule and the GFP Commission via administrative rule will determine specific number of licenses by tag types and allocation amongst residents and nonresidents.

Preliminary harvest data for the 2022 deer hunting seasons just became available. Department staff will review all harvest and other biological data, population modeling outputs, determine population objectives for whitetail and mule deer, and then bring recommendations for unit-specific license numbers and types to the GFP Commission at the April Commission meeting.

Year	Licenses Sold	WT Bucks Harvested	WT Does Harvested	MD Bucks Harvested	MD Does Harvested	All Deer Harvested	Tag Success
2016	4,455	2,604	505	86	2	3,198	72%
2017	4,662	2,616	630	79	0	3,325	71%
2018	4,710	2,260	643	86	12	3,001	64%
2019	5,213	2,258	847	57	0	3,161	60%
2020	5,193	2,293	894	75	7	3,269	64%
2021	3,776	1,896	418	73	0	2,387	63%
2022	3,813	1,777	432	73	2	2,283	60%

DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES

None.

RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

1. The Issue – Not applicable
2. Historical Considerations – Not applicable
3. Biological Considerations – Not applicable
4. Social Considerations – Not applicable
5. Financial considerations – Not applicable

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? Not applicable.
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? Not applicable.
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? Not applicable.
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? Not applicable.

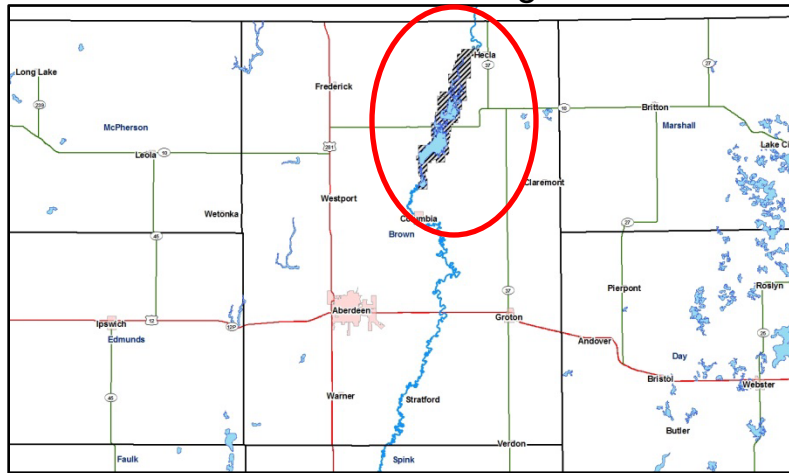
FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact to the Department.

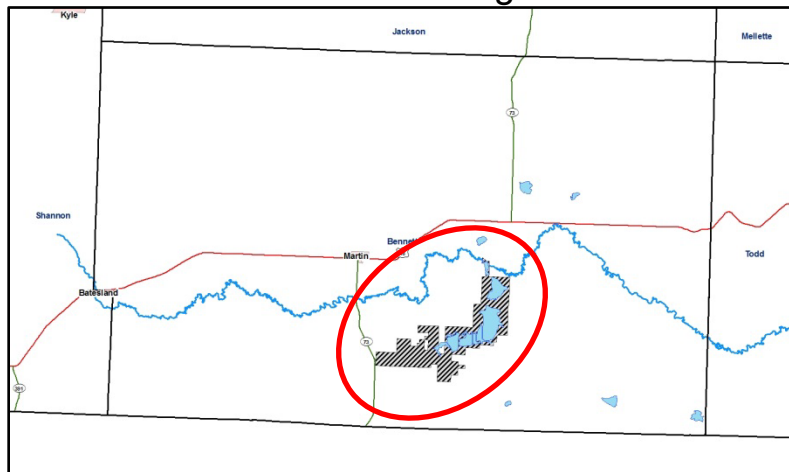
APPROVE _____ **MODIFY** _____ **REJECT** _____ **NO ACTION** _____

REFUGE DEER UNITS

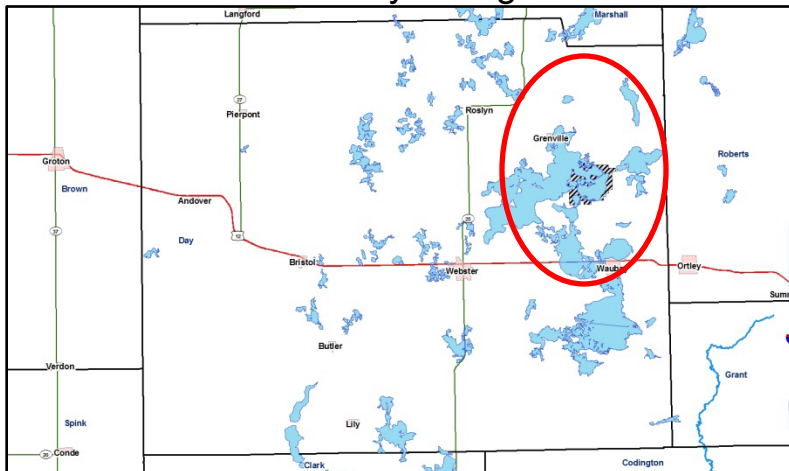
Sand Lake Refuge



Lacreek Refuge



Waubay Refuge



GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

National Wildlife Refuge Deer Hunting Season

Chapter 41:06:36

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	March 9-10, 2023	Pierre
	Public Hearing	May 11, 2023	Custer State Park
	Finalization	May 11-12, 2023	Custer State Park

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Duration of Recommendation: 2023 and 2024 hunting seasons

2023 Season Dates: Sand Lake NWR November 11-15, November 16-20, November 21-26, November 27 – December 3, December 4-10
Lacreek NWR October 18-24 and November 22-28
Waubay NWR* November 11-19 and November 25 – December 3
* includes Waubay State Game Bird Refuge

2024 Season Dates: Sand Lake NWR November 9-13, November 14-18, November 19-24, November 25 – December 1, December 2-8
Lacreek NWR October 16-22 and November 27-December 3
Waubay NWR* November 9-17 and November 23 – December 1
* includes Waubay State Game Bird Refuge

Licenses: Specific number of licenses by tag types and allocation for resident and nonresidents will be recommended by the Department to the GFP Commission at the April Commission meeting.

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. The first season on Sand Lake NWR, all seasons on Lacreek NWR and Waubay NWR are restricted to muzzleloaders.
2. Applicants may apply for only one refuge unit (season) in the first application period.
3. Licenses remaining after the first application period may be purchased by any resident or nonresident on a first-come, first serve basis.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from last year:

1. Restrict RFD-SL4 to muzzleloading rifles without telescopic sights.
2. Edit the open unit description of Lacreek Refuge to specify the refuge unit area is specified by the refuge.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

The recommended maximum number of one-tag deer licenses will be established in administrative rule and the GFP Commission via administrative rule will determine specific number of licenses by tag types and allocation amongst residents and nonresidents.

Preliminary harvest data for the 2022 deer hunting seasons just became available. Department staff will review all harvest and other biological data, population modeling outputs, determine population objectives for whitetail and mule deer, and then bring recommendations for unit-specific license numbers and types to the GFP Commission at the April Commission meeting.

Refuge Deer

Year	Licenses Sold	Bucks Harvested	Does Harvested	Total Harvest	Tag Success
2016	200	40	11	51	26%
2017	215	57	19	76	35%
2018	195	60	21	81	42%
2019	158	42	13	55	35%
2020	159	53	5	58	36%
2021	152	56	6	62	41%
2022	158	53	17	70	44%

DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES

1.

41:06:36:02. Sand Lake open units. The following is a description of the units open to deer hunting on the Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge:

(1) Unit RFD-SL1 is open for five consecutive days beginning on the second Saturday of November. The licenses are restricted to muzzleloading rifles without telescopic sights as provided in § 41:06:04:14;

(2) Unit RFD-SL2 is open for five consecutive days beginning on the day following the end of the Unit RFD-SL1 season;

(3) Unit RFD-SL3 is open for six consecutive days beginning on the day following the end of the Unit RFD-SL2 season;

(4) Unit RFD-SL4 is open for seven consecutive days beginning on the day following the end of the Unit RFD-SL3 season. The licenses are restricted to muzzleloading rifles without telescopic sights as provided in § 41:06:04:14; and

(5) Unit RFD-SL5 is open for seven consecutive days beginning on the day following the end of the Unit RFD-SL4 season.

A hunter possessing an unfilled "antlerless deer" license for any Sand Lake deer hunting unit may hunt the refuge for nine consecutive days beginning on the day following the end of Unit RFD-SL5 season.

2.

41:06:36:02.01. Lacreek open units. The following is a description of the units open to deer hunting on the Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge:

(1) Unit RFD-LC1 is open for seven consecutive days beginning on the third Wednesday of October; and

(2) Unit RFD-LC2 is open for seven consecutive days beginning on the fourth Wednesday of November.

The deer hunting units within the refuge are set by Lacreek Refuge. Information is available at Lacreek Refuge headquarters and will be mailed to successful applicants.

All Lacreek open units are restricted to muzzleloading rifles without scopes.

RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

1. The Issue

- Why make the change, what are the change alternatives, how will public/stakeholder input be solicited, and how will the change be evaluated if implemented?
 - NA
2. Historical Considerations
 - NA
 3. Biological Considerations
 - What is the current and projected status of the population and habitat conditions for these populations?
 - NA
 4. Social Considerations
 - NA
 5. Financial considerations
 - NA

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

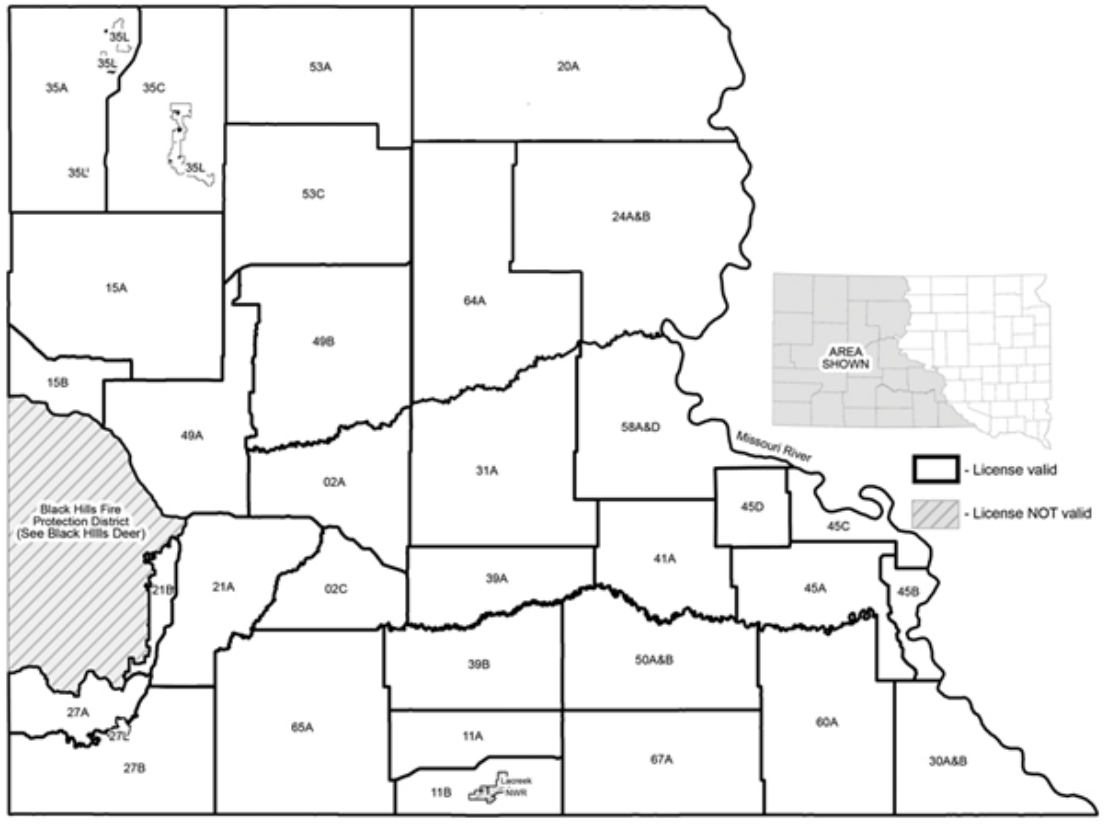
1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? NA
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? NA
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? NA
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? NA

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact is expected to the Department.

APPROVE _____ **MODIFY** _____ **REJECT** _____ **NO ACTION** _____

WEST RIVER DEER UNITS



2023 and 2024 - West River Deer License & Tag Numbers

Preliminary harvest data for the 2022 deer hunting seasons just became available. Department staff will review all harvest and other biological data, population modeling outputs, determine population objectives for whitetail and mule deer, and then bring recommendations for unit-specific license numbers and types to the GFP Commission at the April Commission meeting.

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

West River Prairie Deer Hunting Season

Chapter 41:06:20

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	March 9-10, 2023	Pierre
	Public Hearing	May 11, 2023	Custer State Park
	Finalization	May 11-12, 2023	Custer State Park

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Duration of Recommendation: 2023 and 2024 hunting seasons

Season Dates: All units excluding Gregory County: November 11-26, 2023
Gregory County (Unit 30A): November 4-7 and November 20-26, 2023
Gregory County (Unit 30B): November 11-26, 2023
Antlerless deer tags only: December 9-17, 2023

All units excluding Gregory County: November 16-December 1, 2024
Gregory County (Unit 30A): November 9-12 and November 25-December 1, 2024
Gregory County (Unit 30B): November 16-December 1, 2024
Antlerless deer tags only: December 14-22, 2024

Open Area: See the attached map

Licenses: Specific number of licenses by tag types and allocation for resident and nonresidents will be recommended by the Department to the GFP Commission at the April Commission meeting.

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. 500 resident and 500 nonresident "any deer" licenses AND 500 resident and 500 nonresident "any whitetail deer" licenses are available through the "Special Buck" application.
2. No more than 20,000 one-tag deer licenses, 15,000 two-tag deer licenses and 10,000 three-tag licenses.
3. One-half of the licenses allocated in each unit are available for landowner/operator preference applicants.
4. Landowners may also purchase an "any deer" or "any deer + any antlerless deer" license that is valid only on their property as long they do not hold a regular West River deer license that allows the harvest of a buck.
5. Only persons using a wheelchair may apply for the licenses in Stanley County (Unit 58D) designated as a special "Hunters with Disabilities Unit."

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes:

1. Edit "Custer Count Road 319" error to "Custer County Road 317" in Unit WRD-27A description:
2. Remove Fort Meade exception in Unit WRD-49A description:

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

The unit description for WRD-27A incorrectly referenced Custer County Road 319 and should reference Custer County Road 317.

Fort Meade Bureau of Land Management property in West River deer hunting unit 49A is already limited to archery only equipment (ARSD 41:06:13:04) and additional hunting opportunity can be provided for hunters because of the limited success based on the weapon restriction.

The recommended maximum number of one-tag, two-tag and three-tag deer licenses will be established in administrative rule and the GFP Commission via administrative rule will determine specific number of licenses by tag types and allocation amongst residents and nonresidents.

Preliminary harvest data for the 2022 deer hunting seasons just became available. Department staff will review all harvest and other biological data, population modeling outputs, determine population objectives for whitetail and mule deer, and then bring recommendations for unit-specific license numbers and types to the GFP Commission at the April Commission meeting.

Year	Licenses Sold	WT Bucks Harvested	WT Does Harvested	MD Bucks Harvested	MD Does Harvested	All Deer Harvested	Tag Success
2016	21,237	7,600	3,557	2,869	257	14,283	53%
2017	20,142	6,896	2,799	3,373	213	13,280	56%
2018	20,163	6,696	2,916	3,320	250	13,182	56%
2019	19,349	6,618	3,340	2,874	256	10,089	59%
2020	19,382	7,285	4,028	3,077	219	14,610	63%
2021	21,072	6,710	4,941	3,026	336	15,013	58%
2022	21,944	6,364	4,941	3,020	398	14,724	56%

DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES

1. 41:06:20:

(12) Unit WRD-27A: those portions of Custer and Fall River Counties within a line beginning at the junction of the South Dakota-Wyoming border and U.S. Highway 18, then easterly along U.S. Highway 18 to its junction with the Cheyenne River, then easterly along the Cheyenne River to its junction with U.S. Highway 18 and 385, then northerly along U.S. Highway 18 and 385 to its junction with State Highway 79 and continuing along State Highway 79 to its junction with the section line between section 19 and section 18, township 6 south, range 7 east, then westerly along this section line to its junction with section 13 and section 24, township 6 south, range 7 east, then southerly along the section line between section 19 and section 24, township 6 south, range 7 east to its junction with Custer County Road 101, then westerly along Custer County Road 101 to its junction with U.S. Highway 385, then southerly along U.S. Highway 385 to its junction with Fall River County Road 18 (Argyle Road), then northwesterly along Fall River County Road 18 and Custer County Road 333 to its junction with State Highway 89, then southerly along State Highway 89 to its junction with Fall River County Road 12, then westerly along Fall River County Road 12 to its junction with Custer County Road 319, then westerly along Custer County Road 319 to its junction with Custer County Road 715, then westerly along Custer County Road 715 to its junction with Custer County Road 769, then westerly along Custer County Road 769 through Dewey to its junction with the South Dakota-Wyoming border, then southerly along the South Dakota-Wyoming border to its junction with U.S. Highway 18, the point of beginning, except the portion included in WRD-27L;

2. 41:06:20:

(28) Unit WRD-49A: the portion of Meade County east of Interstate 90, ~~except the Fort Meade Bureau of Land Management South Unit and the signed portion of the North Unit~~, south of U.S. Highway 212, and west of a line beginning at the junction of U.S. Highway 212 and Meade County Road 23, then southerly along Meade County Road 23 to its junction with Meade County Road 28, then easterly along Meade County Roads ~~23-28~~, then southerly along Meade County Road 23 to its junction with State Highway 34, then southerly along Meade County Road 21 (New Underwood Road) to its junction with the Pennington County line and that portion of Pennington County west of Pennington County 160th Avenue (New Underwood Road) and north of Interstate 90;

RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

1. The Issue

- Why make the change, what are the change alternatives, how will public/stakeholder input be solicited, and how will the change be evaluated if implemented?
- NA

2. Historical Considerations

- NA

3. Biological Considerations

- What is the current and projected status of the population and habitat conditions for these populations?
 - NA
4. Social Considerations
 - NA
 5. Financial considerations
 - NA

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

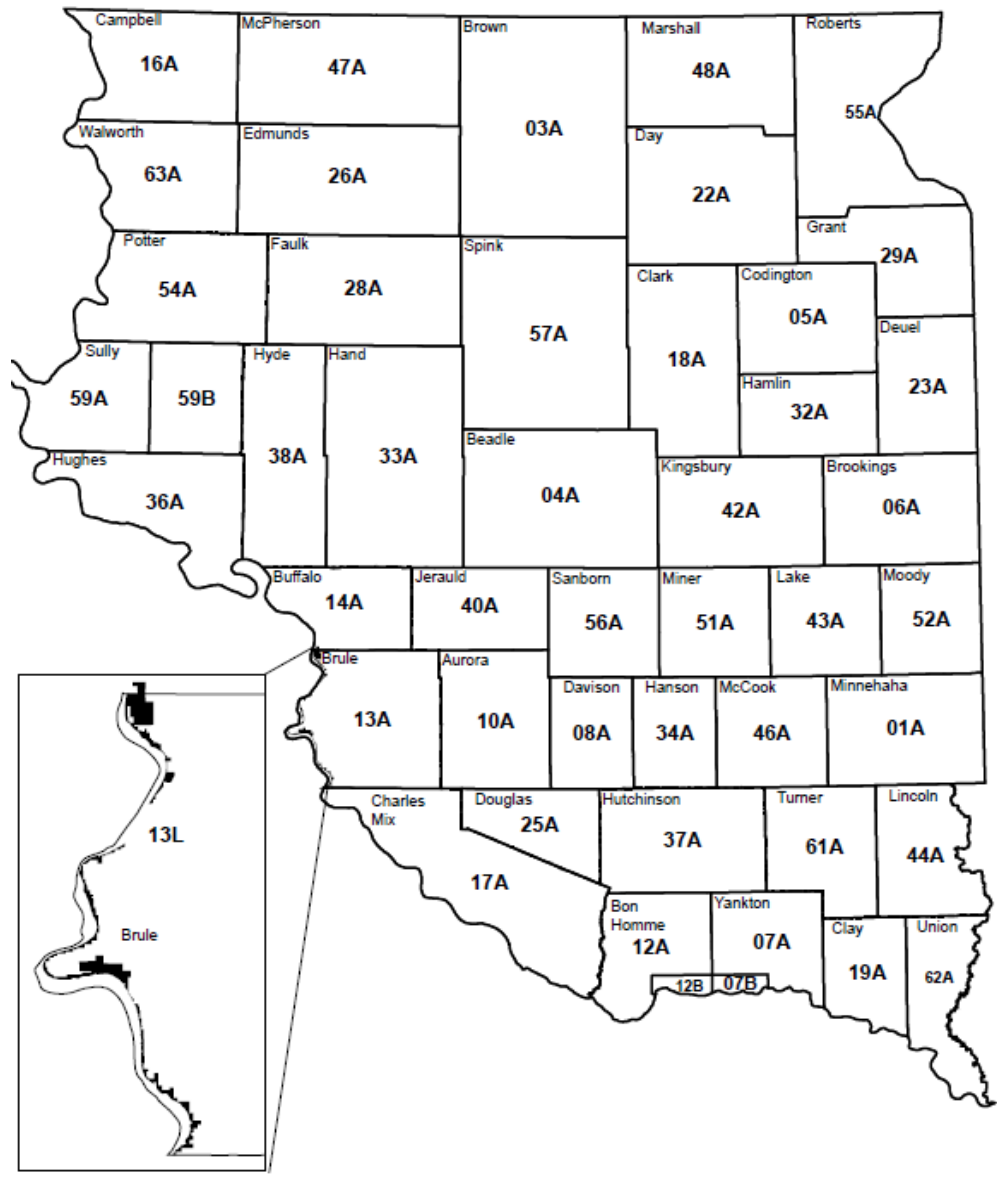
1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? NA
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? NA
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? NA
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? NA

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact is expected to the Department.

APPROVE _____ **MODIFY** _____ **REJECT** _____ **NO ACTION** _____

EAST RIVER DEER UNITS



2023-2024 – License and Tag Numbers by Unit

Preliminary harvest data for the 2022 deer hunting seasons just became available. Department staff will review all harvest and other biological data, population modeling outputs, determine population objectives for whitetail and mule deer, and then bring recommendations for unit-specific license numbers and types to the GFP Commission at the April Commission meeting.

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

East River Deer Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:21

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	March 9-10, 2023	Pierre
	Public Hearing	May 11, 2023	Custer State Park
	Finalization	May 11-12, 2023	Custer State Park

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Duration of Recommendation: 2023 and 2024 hunting seasons

Season Dates: November 18 – December 3, 2023
Antlerless deer tags only: December 9-17, 2023

November 23 – December 8, 2024
Antlerless deer tags only: December 14-22, 2024

Open Area: See the attached map

Licenses: Specific number of licenses by tag types and allocation for resident and nonresidents will be recommended by the Department to the GFP Commission at the April Commission meeting.

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. 500 “any deer” licenses are available through the “Special Buck” application.
2. No more than 30,000 one-tag deer licenses, 15,000 two-tag deer licenses and 5,000 three-tag licenses.
3. One-half of the licenses allocated in each unit are available for landowner/operator preference.
4. Landowners not possessing a license that allows the harvest of a buck may purchase an “any deer” or a two-tag “any deer + antlerless deer” license that is valid on their property only.
5. Initially, all licenses are available only to residents. Nonresidents may apply for licenses remaining after the second lottery drawing.
6. A portion of southeastern Minnehaha County is closed to hunting with firearms other than muzzleloaders and shotguns using slugs.
7. Only unfilled “any antlerless deer” and “antlerless whitetail deer” tags are valid for 9 days beginning on the third Saturday after Thanksgiving.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

The recommended maximum number of one-tag, two-tag and three-tag deer licenses will be established in administrative rule and the GFP Commission via administrative rule will determine specific number of licenses by tag types and allocation amongst residents and nonresidents.

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Year	Licenses Sold	WT Bucks Harvested	WT Does Harvested	MD Bucks Harvested	MD Does Harvested	All Deer Harvested	Tag Success
2016	25,479	8,755	7,207	287	69	16,319	44%
2017	25,406	9,143	5,485	194	57	14,879	48%
2018	26,375	9,087	5,470	238	57	14,853	48%
2019	27,836	7,788	4,977	191	20	12,976	46%
2020	26,662	8,704	5,214	227	20	14,164	52%
2021	26,036	8,578	4,689	168	17	13,452	50%
2022	26,183	9,403	4,779	208	9	14,400	53%

DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES

None.

RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

1. The Issue – Not applicable
2. Historical Considerations – Not applicable
3. Biological Considerations – Not applicable
4. Social Considerations – Not applicable
5. Financial considerations – Not applicable

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? Not applicable.
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? Not applicable.
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? Not applicable.
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? Not applicable.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact to the Department.

APPROVE _____ **MODIFY** _____ **REJECT** _____ **NO ACTION** _____

Muzzleloader Deer Hunting Season 2023-2024 “Antlerless License” Restrictions

1. The Unit MZD-LM1 single-tag “antlerless whitetail deer” license is valid in only the gray shaded areas, as those units have firearm antlerless deer licenses.

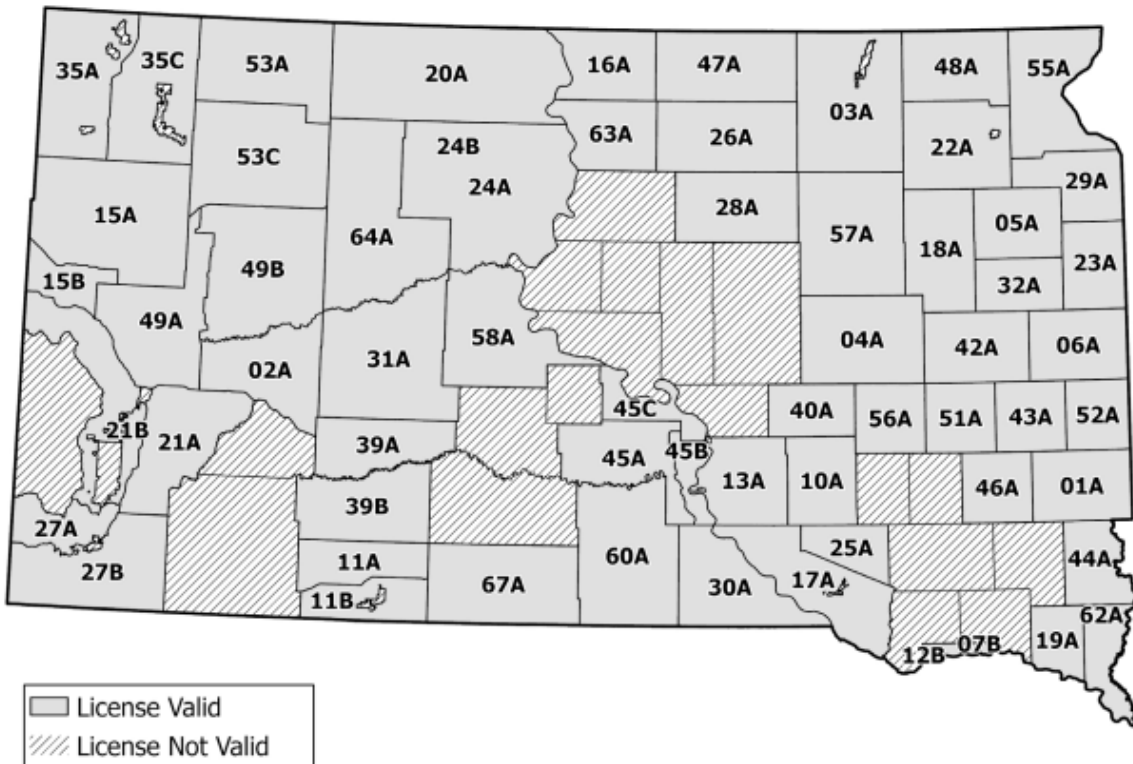
Muzzleloader Antlerless Whitetail Deer

Unit MZD-LM1

2023-2024 Map

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2021-2022 Map for Reference



GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

General Muzzleloading Deer Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:45

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	March 9-10, 2023	Pierre
	Public Hearing	May 11, 2023	Custer State Park
	Finalization	May 11-12, 2023	Custer State Park

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Duration of Recommendation: 2023 and 2024 hunting seasons

Season Dates: December 1, 2023 – January 1, 2024
December 1, 2024 – January 1, 2025

Open Area: “Any Deer” Licenses: Statewide
“Antlerless Whitetail Deer” Licenses: Unit MZD-LM1

Licenses: 1,000 “any deer” licenses
Unlimited single tag “antlerless whitetail deer” licenses

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. Only residents are eligible to apply for “any deer” tags. Residents and nonresidents may purchase “antlerless whitetail deer” licenses.
2. Individuals may purchase one “antlerless whitetail deer” license for Unit MZD-LM1 (see map).
3. Shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.
4. Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge, Lake Andes National Wildlife Refuge, Waubay National Wildlife Refuge, Waubay State Game Refuge, Farm Island State Recreation Area, LaFramboise Island Nature Area, and the Fort Meade Bureau of Land Management South unit and the signed portion of the North unit are closed to general muzzleloading deer hunting.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

The recommended maximum number of one-tag deer licenses will be established in administrative rule and the GFP Commission via administrative rule will determine specific number of licenses by tag types and allocation amongst residents and nonresidents.

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Year	Licenses Sold	WT Bucks Harvested	WT Does Harvested	MD Bucks Harvested	MD Does Harvested	All Deer Harvested	Tag Success
2016	3,048	334	699	89	6	1,127	37%
2017	3,432	263	865	117	4	1,251	36%
2018	3,383	275	808	110	14	1,208	36%
2019	3,340	295	795	112	17	1,219	36%

2020	3,707	272	882	170	17	1,341	36%
2021	3,491	235	711	110	8	1,065	31%
2022	3,187	280	759	85	8	1,131	35%

DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES

None.

RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

1. The Issue
 - Why make the change, what are the change alternatives, how will public/stakeholder input be solicited, and how will the change be evaluated if implemented?
 - NA
2. Historical Considerations
 - NA
3. Biological Considerations
 - What is the current and projected status of the population and habitat conditions for these populations?
 - NA
4. Social Considerations
 - NA
5. Financial considerations
 - NA

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

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2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? NA
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? NA
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FISCAL IMPACT

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