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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:** I'm not sure which rule this is or if it is a rule, but I would like to see the elk draw results finalized much earlier in the year.

**Describe Change:** The elk draw process to be completed earlier in the year

**Reason for Change:** Myself and most my friends have to buy out of state elk licenses every year because it's simply once in a lifetime license anymore to get an elk tag in South Dakota. Many of us have double digit numbers of preference points and each year have to hold off on other out of state licenses along with having a hard time requesting time off in September or October because we're not sure where or when will be able to hunt elk. It would be very helpful and beneficial to myself and friends that I've talked to about this to have the elk draw process completed by March. Many of us apply to multiple other states and would have to waste thousands of dollars if we did draw the South Dakota license to be able to hunt in our own state. This seems like it should be a simple thing that way people would know if they're having a once in a lifetime license in South Dakota and make plans well ahead of time instead of spending lots of money on out-of-state licenses and then having to skip those hunts due to the once in a lifetime license in South Dakota. It's small odds to get a license obviously, but when we have double digit preference points it could happen anytime to draw a license. The elk licenses have to be one of the smallest draw categories that are run and would hopefully be simple to speed up the process to early spring. I appreciate your consideration of my petition.