

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION FINALIZATION

West River Prairie Deer Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:20

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	March 9-10, 2023	Pierre
	Public Hearing	May 4, 2023	Custer State Park
	Finalization	May 4-5, 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.”

Changes from last year:

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.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None

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 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. 41:06:20:02

(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. 41:06:20:02

(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 – NA
2. Historical Considerations – NA
3. Biological Considerations – 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? No.
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? Yes, West River firearm deer hunters in unit 49A 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.

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

Apprentice Hunter Deer Season

Chapter 41:06:44

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	March 9-10, 2023	Pierre
	Public Hearing	May 4, 2023	Custer State Park
	Finalization	May 4-5, 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.

Changes from last year: Remove closed area specifications to Fort Meade Bureau of Land Management property.

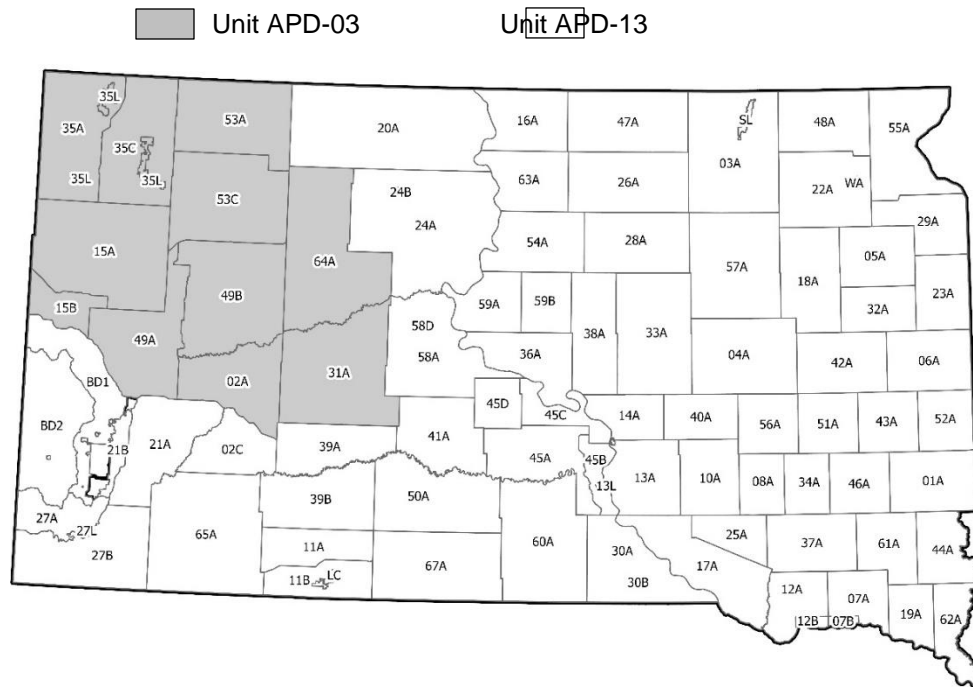
DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Fort Meade Bureau of Land Management property in West River deer hunting unit 49A is already limited to archery only equipment 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
2021	641	21	323	0	18	362	57%
2022	527	27	212	4	22	263	50%



DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES

41:06:44:02.01. 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 – NA
2. Historical Considerations – NA
3. Biological Considerations – 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? No.
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? Yes, apprentice hunters 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.

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

Youth Deer Hunting Season

Chapter 41:06:63

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	March 9-10, 2023	Pierre
	Public Hearing	May 4, 2023	Custer State Park
	Finalization	May 4-5, 2023	Custer State Park

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

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.

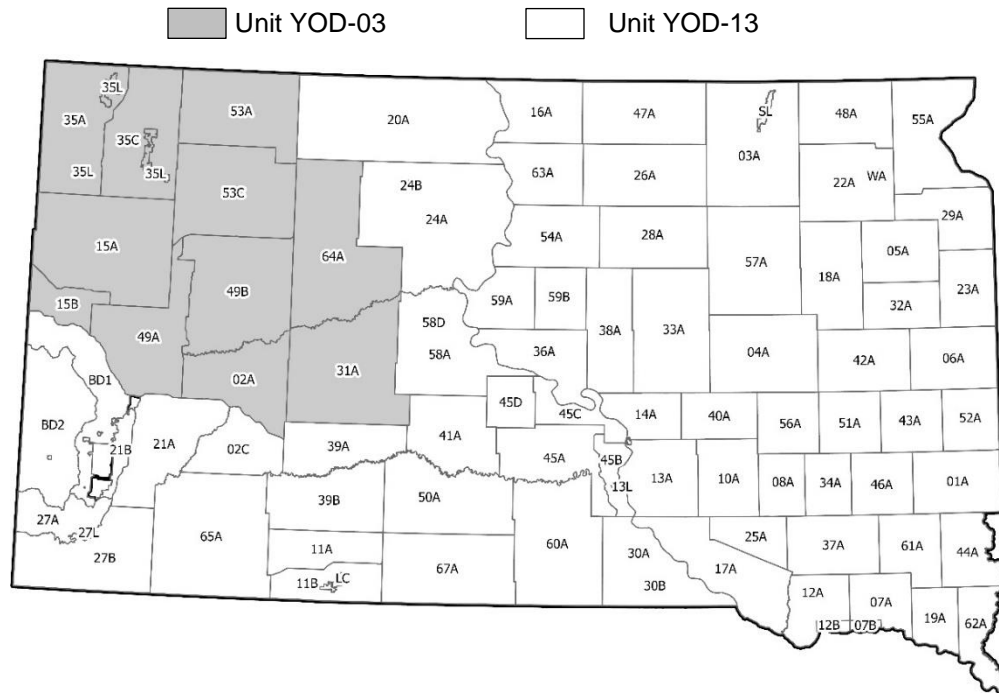
Changes from last year: Remove closed area specifications to Fort Meade Bureau of Land Management property.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

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



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 – NA
2. Historical Considerations – NA

3. Biological Considerations – 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? 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.

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

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

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	March 9-10, 2023	Pierre
	Public Hearing	May 4, 2023	Custer State Park
	Finalization	May 4-5, 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.

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

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: Include an additional sentence in 41:06:41:01 to specify any deer and any whitetail licenses are valid from November 1 through November 30 and antlerless whitetail licenses valid from December 1 through December 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. Any deer and any whitetail licenses are valid from November 1 through November 30 and antlerless whitetail licenses are valid from December 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 – NA
2. Historical Considerations – NA
3. Biological Considerations – 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? Deer hunters with a Custer State Park any whitetail deer firearm license will be able to hunt more days in November.
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? Hunting opportunity will be increased without compromising the resource.
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? The regulation will encourage outdoor recreation by enhancing hunting opportunity.

APPROVE _____ MODIFY _____ REJECT _____ NO ACTION _____

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION FINALIZATION

National Wildlife Refuge Deer Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:36

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	March 9-10, 2023	Pierre
	Public Hearing	May 4, 2023	Custer State Park
	Finalization	May 4-5, 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.

Changes from last year:

1. Restrict RFD-SL4 to muzzleloading rifles without telescopic sights with the intention of switching antlerless licenses to any deer licenses for this season.
2. Edit the open unit description of Lacreek Refuge to specify the refuge unit area is specified by the refuge.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge staff would like to expand the unique any deer hunting opportunity in the refuge. Success rates for the any deer Sand Lake Refuge seasons are primarily driven by weather conditions, specifically water levels, and not as closely related to buck population levels as other areas. When water levels are high, success decreases because many areas become inaccessible or difficult to hunt. Switching the fourth season from antlerless only to any deer and restricting to muzzleloader will create an additional unique opportunity to hunt a different time when water levels may provide different accessibility.

Lacreek Refuge staff designate hunting areas within the refuge which vary annually. The recommended rule change is designed to allow Lacreek Refuge staff to specify hunting unit boundaries.

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
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 – NA
2. Historical Considerations – NA
3. Biological Considerations – 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? No.
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? Limiting the weapon to muzzleloaders during the 4th Sand Lake Refuge deer season will allow additional hunting opportunity with a lesser weapon than a firearm.
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? Hunting opportunity will be increased without compromising the resource.
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? The regulation will encourage outdoor recreation by enhancing hunting opportunity.

APPROVE ____	MODIFY ____	REJECT ____	NO ACTION ____
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2023-2024 ARCHERY ACCESS PERMITS

Designated Area	Number of Access Permits		
	Any Deer	Antlerless Whitetail Deer	Total
Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve	10	60	70
Good Earth State Park	5	0	5
WRD-27L (Residents)	20	0	20
WRD-27L (Nonresidents)	5	0	5
WRD-35L (Residents)	400	0	400
WRD-35L (Nonresidents)	100	0	100

2021-2022 vs. 2023-2024 Comparison

Designated Area	Number of Access Permits		
	Any Deer	Antlerless Whitetail Deer	Total
2021-2022 Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve	10	60	70
2023-2024 Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve	10	60	70
2021-2022 Good Earth State Park	5	0	5
2023-2024 Good Earth State Park	5	0	5
2021-2022 WRD-27L (Residents)	20	0	20
2023-2024 WRD-27L (Residents)	20	0	20
2021-2022 WRD-27L (Nonresidents)	5	0	5
2023-2024 WRD-27L (Nonresidents)	5	0	5
2021-2022 WRD-35L (Residents)	500	0	500
2023-2024 WRD-35L (Residents)	400	0	400
2021-2022 WRD-35L (Nonresidents)	125	0	125
2023-2024 WRD-35L (Nonresidents)	100	0	100

2023-2024 MUZZLELOADER DEER

	Resident	
	Any Deer Licenses	Any Deer Tags
Statewide	1,000	1,000
Total	1,000	1,000

2021-2022 VS. 2023-2024 Comparison

	Resident	
	Any Deer Licenses	Any Deer Tags
2021-2022 Statewide	1,000	1,000
2023-2024 Statewide	1,000	1,000

2023-2024 BLACK HILLS DEER

Unit	Resident Licenses			Nonresident Licenses			License Totals							
	Any Deer	Any WT	Antless WT	Any Deer	Any WT	Antless WT	RES	RES	RES	RES	NR	NR	NR	NR
	01	11	13	01	11	13	1-tag	2-tag	Lic	Tags	1-tag	2-tag	Lic	Tags
BD1				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BD2				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BH1	200	2,750		16	220	0	2,950	0	2,950	2,950	236	0	236	236
TOTAL	200	2,750	0	16	220	0	2,950	0	2,950	2,950	236	0	236	236
Unit	Any Deer	Any WT	Antless WT	Any Deer	Any WT	Antless WT	RES	RES	RES	RES	NR	NR	NR	NR
	01	11	13	01	11	13	1-tag	2-tag	Lic	Tags	1-tag	2-tag	Lic	Tags
				RES and NR:			3,186	0	3,186	3,186				

2021-2022 vs. 2023-2024 Comparison

Resident Licenses												
Unit	Any Deer				Any Whitetail				Antlerless Whitetail			
	Year		Change		Year		Change		Year		Change	
	2021-22	2023-24	#	%	2021-22	2023-24	#	%	2021-22	2023-24	#	%
BD1									300	0	-300	-100%
BD2									0	0	0	NA
BH1	200	200	0	0%	3,000	2,750	-250	-8%				
TOTAL	200	200	0	0%	3,000	2,750	-250	-8%	300	0	-300	-100%

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

2023-2024 CUSTER STATE PARK DEER

Unit	Resident Licenses		
	Any Deer Type 01	Any Whitetail Type 11	Antlerless Whitetail Type 13
CUD-1	0	20	0
CUD-2	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	20	0

2021-2022 vs. 2023-2024 Comparison

Unit	2021- 2022 Resident Licenses	2023- 2024 Resident Licenses	# Change	% Change	2021-2022 Resident Tags	2023-2024 Resident Tags	# Change	% Change
CUD-1	25	20	-5	-20%	25	20	-5	-20%
CUD-2	50	0	-50	-100%	50	0	-50	-100%
TOTAL	75	20	-55	-73%	75	20	-55	-73%

2023-2024 REFUGE DEER

Unit	Resident Licenses		Nonresident Licenses		License Totals					
	Any D 01	AtIW 13	Any D 01	AtIW 13	RES 1-tag	RES Lic	RES Tags	NR 1-tag	NR Lic	NR Tags
Lacreek Refuge										
RFD-LC1	10		1		10	10	10	1	1	1
RFD-LC2	10		1		10	10	10	1	1	1
Sand Lake Refuge										
RFD-SL1	20		2		20	20	20	2	2	2
RFD-SL2	20		2		20	20	20	2	2	2
RFD-SL3	20		2		20	20	20	2	2	2
RFD-SL4	20		2		20	20	20	2	2	2
RFD-SL5	20		2		20	20	20	2	2	2
Waubay Refuge										
RFD-WA1	10		1		10	10	10	1	1	1
RFD-WA2					0	0	0	0	0	0
RFD-WA3	10		1		10	10	10	1	1	1
TOTAL	140	0	14	0	140	140	140	14	14	14
Unit	Any D 01	AtIW 13	Any D 01	AtIW 13	RES 1-tag	RES Lic	RES Tags	NR 1-tag	NR Lic	NR Tags
RES and NR:					154	154	154			

2021-2022 vs. 2023-2024

Unit	Resident Licenses							
	Any Deer				Antlerless Deer			
	Year		Change		Year		Change	
	2021-22	2023-24	#	%	2021-22	2023-24	#	%
Lacreek Refuge								
RFD-LC1	10	10	0	0%	0	0	0	NA
RFD-LC2	10	10	0	0%	0	0	0	NA
Sand Lake Refuge								
RFD-SL1	20	20	0	0%	0	0	0	NA
RFD-SL2	20	20	0	0%	0	0	0	NA
RFD-SL3	20	20	0	0%	0	0	0	NA
RFD-SL4	0	20	20	NA	25	0	-25	-100%
RFD-SL5	20	20	0	0%	0	0	0	NA
Waubay Refuge								
RFD-WA1	10	10	0	0%	0	0	0	NA
RFD-WA2	0	0	0	NA	0	0	0	NA
RFD-WA3	10	10	0	0%	0	0	0	NA
TOTAL	120	140	20	17%	25	0	-25	-100%

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

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Unit #	Unit Name	Resident Licenses												Nonresident Licenses											
		AnyD 01	AtID 03	AtID 03P	AD+AtID 08	2 AtID 09P	AnyW 11	AtIW 13	AtIW 13P	3 AtIW 17P	AW+AtIW 18	2 AtIW 19	2 AtIW 19P	AnyD 01	AtID 03	AtID 03P	AD+AtID 08	2 AtID 09P	AnyW 11	AtIW 13	AtIW 13P	3 AtIW 17P	AW+AtIW 18	2 AtIW 19	2 AtIW 19P
02A	Pennington	400									200			32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	0	0
02C	Pennington	100					50							8	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
11A	Bennett	125					50							10	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
11B	Bennett	50					75							4	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
15A	Butte	200									600		400	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	0	32
15B	Butte	150									400		200	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	0	16
20A	Corson	150	50								400	100		12	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	8	0
21A	Custer	100					200		50					8	0	0	0	0	16	0	4	0	0	0	0
21B	Custer	50					50							4	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
24A	Dewey	100					250	100						8	0	0	0	0	20	8	0	0	0	0	0
24B	Little Moreau						10	10						0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
27A	Fall River	125					50		25					10	0	0	0	0	4	0	2	0	0	0	0
27B	Fall River	200					125	50	50					16	0	0	0	0	10	4	4	0	0	0	0
27L	Fall River	5					10							1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
30A	Gregory	25									600	200	100	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	16	8
30B	Gregory	25									600	200	100	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	16	8
31A	Haakon	600			50		100					100		48	0	0	4	0	8	0	0	0	0	8	0
35A	Harding	300					100				50		75	24	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	4	0	6
35C	Harding	200		50			100				50		75	16	0	4	0	0	8	0	0	0	4	0	6
35L	Harding	100												8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
39A	Jackson	175					100	50						14	0	0	0	0	8	4	0	0	0	0	0
39B	Jackson	275					50	50						22	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0
41A	Jones	200					300							16	0	0	0	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0
45A	Lyman	100					350		150		200			8	0	0	0	0	28	0	12	0	16	0	0
45B	Lyman	50							75		175			4	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	14	0	0
45C	Lyman	30										20		3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	
45D	Lyman	30					50							3	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
49A	Meade	500						75			250			40	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	20	0	0
49B	Meade	600					100							48	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
50A	Mellette	200					500							16	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	0
53A	Perkins	400				75					250		100	32	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	20	0	8
53C	Perkins	500				75					250		100	40	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	20	0	8
58A	Stanley	150						50			150			12	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	12	0	0
58D	Stanley	5						3						1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
60A	Tripp	100						250			1,000			8	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	80	0	0
64A	Ziebach	250					100						50	20	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	4
65A	Oglala Lakota	75												6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
67A	Todd	100					100	100						8	0	0	0	0	8	8	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL	6,745	50	50	50	150	2,820	738	350	0	5,175	620	1,200	542	4	4	4	12	226	60	28	0	414	50	96
Unit #	Unit Name	AnyD 01	AtID 03	AtID 03P	AD+AtID 08	2 AtID 09P	AnyW 11	AtIW 13	AtIW 13P	3 AtIW 17P	AW+AtIW 18	2 AtIW 19	2 AtIW 19P	AnyD 01	AtID 03	AtID 03P	AD+AtID 08	2 AtID 09P	AnyW 11	AtIW 13	AtIW 13P	3 AtIW 17P	AW+AtIW 18	2 AtIW 19	2 AtIW 19P

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Unit #	Unit Name	License Totals									
		RES 1-tag	RES 2-tag	RES 3-tag	RES Licenses	RES Tags	NR 1-tag	NR 2-tag	NR 3-tag	NR Licenses	NR Tags
02A	Pennington	400	200	0	600	800	32	16	0	48	64
02C	Pennington	150	0	0	150	150	12	0	0	12	12
11A	Bennett	175	0	0	175	175	14	0	0	14	14
11B	Bennett	125	0	0	125	125	10	0	0	10	10
15A	Butte	200	1,000	0	1,200	2,200	16	80	0	96	176
15B	Butte	150	600	0	750	1,350	12	48	0	60	108
20A	Corson	200	500	0	700	1,200	16	40	0	56	96
21A	Custer	350	0	0	350	350	28	0	0	28	28
21B	Custer	100	0	0	100	100	8	0	0	8	8
24A	Dewey	450	0	0	450	450	36	0	0	36	36
24B	Little Moreau	20	0	0	20	20	2	0	0	2	2
27A	Fall River	200	0	0	200	200	16	0	0	16	16
27B	Fall River	425	0	0	425	425	34	0	0	34	34
27L	Fall River	15	0	0	15	15	2	0	0	2	2
30A	Gregory	25	900	0	925	1,825	2	72	0	74	146
30B	Gregory	25	900	0	925	1,825	2	72	0	74	146
31A	Haakon	700	150	0	850	1,000	56	12	0	68	80
35A	Harding	400	125	0	525	650	32	10	0	42	52
35C	Harding	350	125	0	475	600	28	10	0	38	48
35L	Harding	100	0	0	100	100	8	0	0	8	8
39A	Jackson	325	0	0	325	325	26	0	0	26	26
39B	Jackson	375	0	0	375	375	30	0	0	30	30
41A	Jones	500	0	0	500	500	40	0	0	40	40
45A	Lyman	600	200	0	800	1,000	48	16	0	64	80
45B	Lyman	125	175	0	300	475	10	14	0	24	38
45C	Lyman	30	20	0	50	70	3	2	0	5	7
45D	Lyman	80	0	0	80	80	7	0	0	7	7
49A	Meade	575	250	0	825	1,075	46	20	0	66	86
49B	Meade	700	0	0	700	700	56	0	0	56	56
50A	Mellette	700	0	0	700	700	56	0	0	56	56
53A	Perkins	400	425	0	825	1,250	32	34	0	66	100
53C	Perkins	500	425	0	925	1,350	40	34	0	74	108
58A	Stanley	200	150	0	350	500	16	12	0	28	40
58D	Stanley	8	0	0	8	8	2	0	0	2	2
60A	Tripp	350	1,000	0	1,350	2,350	28	80	0	108	188
64A	Ziebach	350	50	0	400	450	28	4	0	32	36
65A	Oglala Lakota	75	0	0	75	75	6	0	0	6	6
67A	Todd	300	0	0	300	300	24	0	0	24	24
	TOTAL	10,753	7,195	0	17,948	25,143	864	576	0	1,440	2,016
Unit #	Unit Name	RES 1-tag	RES 2-tag	RES 3-tag	RES Licenses	RES Tags	NR 1-tag	NR 2-tag	NR 3-tag	NR Lic	NR Tags
	RES & NR:	11,617	7,771	0	19,388	27,159					

WEST RIVER DEER 2021-22 vs. 2023-24 Comparison

Unit #	Unit Name	2021-2022 Resident Licenses	2023-2024 Resident Licenses	# Change	% Change	2021-2022 Resident Tags	2023-2024 Resident Tags	# Change	% Change
02A	Pennington	600	600	0	0%	800	800	0	0%
02C	Pennington	150	150	0	0%	150	150	0	0%
11A	Bennett	250	175	-75	-30%	250	175	-75	-30%
11B	Bennett	250	125	-125	-50%	250	125	-125	-50%
15A	Butte	1,400	1,200	-200	-14%	3,050	2,200	-850	-28%
15B	Butte	950	750	-200	-21%	1,950	1,350	-600	-31%
20A	Corson	550	700	150	27%	950	1,200	250	26%
21A	Custer	475	350	-125	-26%	475	350	-125	-26%
21B	Custer	250	100	-150	-60%	250	100	-150	-60%
24A	Dewey	450	450	0	0%	450	450	0	0%
24B	Little Moreau	20	20	0	0%	20	20	0	0%
27A	Fall River	225	200	-25	-11%	325	200	-125	-38%
27B	Fall River	800	425	-375	-47%	1,200	425	-775	-65%
27L	Fall River	15	15	0	0%	15	15	0	0%
30A	Gregory	925	925	0	0%	1,825	1,825	0	0%
30B	Gregory	925	925	0	0%	1,825	1,825	0	0%
31A	Haakon	850	850	0	0%	1,000	1,000	0	0%
35A	Harding	900	525	-375	-42%	1,400	650	-750	-54%
35C	Harding	800	475	-325	-41%	1,300	600	-700	-54%
35L	Harding	100	100	0	0%	100	100	0	0%
39A	Jackson	325	325	0	0%	325	325	0	0%
39B	Jackson	375	375	0	0%	375	375	0	0%
41A	Jones	500	500	0	0%	500	500	0	0%
45A	Lyman	750	800	50	7%	950	1,000	50	5%
45B	Lyman	250	300	50	20%	400	475	75	19%
45C	Lyman	50	50	0	0%	70	70	0	0%
45D	Lyman	80	80	0	0%	80	80	0	0%
49A	Meade	1,350	825	-525	-39%	2,000	1,075	-925	-46%
49B	Meade	1,300	700	-600	-46%	1,900	700	-1,200	-63%
50A	Mellette	700	700	0	0%	700	700	0	0%
53A	Perkins	800	825	25	3%	1,275	1,250	-25	-2%
53C	Perkins	1,025	925	-100	-10%	1,550	1,350	-200	-13%
58A	Stanley	450	350	-100	-22%	600	500	-100	-17%
58D	Stanley	8	8	0	0%	8	8	0	0%
60A	Tripp	1,350	1,350	0	0%	2,350	2,350	0	0%
64A	Ziebach	650	400	-250	-38%	750	450	-300	-40%
65A	Oglala Lakota	75	75	0	0%	75	75	0	0%
67A	Todd	300	300	0	0%	300	300	0	0%
TOTAL		21,223	17,948	-3,275	-15%	31,793	25,143	-6,650	-21%

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

2023-2024 EAST RIVER DEER

Unit #	Unit Name	Resident Licenses												License Totals				
		AnyD 01	AtID 03	AtID 03P	AD+AtID 08	2 AtID 09P	AnyW 11	AtIW 13	AtIW 13P	3 AtIW 17P	AW+AtIW 18	2 AtIW 19	2 AtIW 19P	RES 1-tag	RES 2-tag	RES 3-tag	RES Licenses	RES Tags
01A	Minnehaha	400						200						600	0	0	600	600
03A	Brown	800						600						1400	0	0	1400	1400
04A	Beadle						500	150						650	0	0	650	650
05A	Codington	400						200						600	0	0	600	600
06A	Brookings	450						150						600	0	0	600	600
07A	Yankton	350												350	0	0	350	350
07B	Yankton											75		0	75	0	75	150
08A	Davison						250							250	0	0	250	250
10A	Aurora						250	150						400	0	0	400	400
12A	Bon Homme	300												300	0	0	300	300
12B	Bon Homme											50		0	50	0	50	100
13A	Brule	100					800		150					1050	0	0	1,050	1,050
13L	Brule	20												20	0	0	20	20
14A	Buffalo	100							50		250			150	250	0	400	650
16A	Campbell	30					400							430	0	0	430	430
17A	Charles Mix	25					250							275	0	0	275	275
18A	Clark	600										200		600	200	0	800	1,000
19A	Clay	200						50						250	0	0	250	250
22A	Day	600						300						900	0	0	900	900
23A	Deuel	500						200						700	0	0	700	700
25A	Douglas						250	100						350	0	0	350	350
26A	Edmunds	600						300						900	0	0	900	900
28A	Faulk	600						500						1100	0	0	1,100	1,100
29A	Grant	400						100						500	0	0	500	500
32A	Hamlin	600						200						800	0	0	800	800
33A	Hand	10					350							360	0	0	360	360
34A	Hanson						250	50						300	0	0	300	300
36A	Hughes	150					250							400	0	0	400	400
37A	Hutchinson						250							250	0	0	250	250
38A	Hyde	10					300							310	0	0	310	310
40A	Jerauld						250	150						400	0	0	400	400
42A	Kingsbury	500						200						700	0	0	700	700
43A	Lake	300						150						450	0	0	450	450
44A	Lincoln	200						100						300	0	0	300	300
46A	McCook	350						300						650	0	0	650	650
47A	McPherson	500						500						1000	0	0	1,000	1,000
48A	Marshall	500						150						650	0	0	650	650
51A	Miner	400						350						750	0	0	750	750
52A	Moody	300						250						550	0	0	550	550
54A	Potter	50					400							450	0	0	450	450
55A	Roberts	500						200						700	0	0	700	700
56A	Sanborn						350	300						650	0	0	650	650
57A	Spink	900						300						1200	0	0	1,200	1,200
59A	Sully	100					200							300	0	0	300	300
59B	Sully	20					200							220	0	0	220	220
61A	Turner	200												200	0	0	200	200
62A	Union	350						100						450	0	0	450	450
63A	Walworth	50					400	100						550	0	0	550	550
	TOTAL	12,465	0	0	0	0	5,900	6,400	200	0	250	325	0	24,965	575	0	25,540	26,115
Unit #	Unit Name	AnyD 01	AtID 03	AtID 03P	AD+AtID 08	2 AtID 09P	AnyW 11	AtIW 13	AtIW 13P	3 AtIW 17P	AW+AtIW 18	2 AtIW 19	2 AtIW 19P	RES 1-tag	RES 2-tag	RES 3-tag	RES Licenses	RES Tags

EAST RIVER DEER 2021-22 vs. 2023-24 Comparison

Unit #	Unit Name	2021-22 Resident Licenses	2023-24 Resident Licenses	# Change	% Change	2021-22 Resident Tags	2023-24 Resident Tags	# Change	% Change
01A	Minnehaha	600	600	0	0%	600	600	0	0%
03A	Brown	2,000	1,400	-600	-30%	2,000	1,400	-600	-30%
04A	Beadle	800	650	-150	-19%	800	650	-150	-19%
05A	Codington	550	600	50	9%	750	600	-150	-20%
06A	Brookings	550	600	50	9%	550	600	50	9%
07A	Yankton	350	350	0	0%	350	350	0	0%
07B	Yankton	75	75	0	0%	150	150	0	0%
08A	Davison	200	250	50	25%	200	250	50	25%
10A	Aurora	400	400	0	0%	400	400	0	0%
12A	Bon Homme	300	300	0	0%	300	300	0	0%
12B	Bon Homme	75	50	-25	-33%	100	100	0	0%
13A	Brule	1,000	1,050	50	5%	1,000	1,050	50	5%
13L	Brule	20	20	0	0%	20	20	0	0%
14A	Buffalo	350	400	50	14%	350	650	300	86%
16A	Campbell	530	430	-100	-19%	530	430	-100	-19%
17A	Charles Mix	400	275	-125	-31%	400	275	-125	-31%
18A	Clark	800	800	0	0%	1,000	1,000	0	0%
19A	Clay	350	250	-100	-29%	350	250	-100	-29%
22A	Day	1,000	900	-100	-10%	1,000	900	-100	-10%
23A	Deuel	700	700	0	0%	900	700	-200	-22%
25A	Douglas	350	350	0	0%	350	350	0	0%
26A	Edmunds	1,100	900	-200	-18%	1,100	900	-200	-18%
28A	Faulk	1,000	1,100	100	10%	1,000	1,100	100	10%
29A	Grant	500	500	0	0%	600	500	-100	-17%
32A	Hamlin	800	800	0	0%	1,000	800	-200	-20%
33A	Hand	310	360	50	16%	310	360	50	16%
34A	Hanson	200	300	100	50%	200	300	100	50%
36A	Hughes	400	400	0	0%	400	400	0	0%
37A	Hutchinson	200	250	50	25%	200	250	50	25%
38A	Hyde	310	310	0	0%	310	310	0	0%
40A	Jerauld	350	400	50	14%	350	400	50	14%
42A	Kingsbury	600	700	100	17%	600	700	100	17%
43A	Lake	400	450	50	13%	400	450	50	13%
44A	Lincoln	300	300	0	0%	300	300	0	0%
46A	McCook	650	650	0	0%	650	650	0	0%
47A	McPherson	1,000	1,000	0	0%	1,000	1,000	0	0%
48A	Marshall	800	650	-150	-19%	800	650	-150	-19%
51A	Miner	750	750	0	0%	750	750	0	0%
52A	Moody	450	550	100	22%	450	550	100	22%
54A	Potter	450	450	0	0%	450	450	0	0%
55A	Roberts	700	700	0	0%	900	700	-200	-22%
56A	Sanborn	650	650	0	0%	650	650	0	0%
57A	Spink	1,100	1,200	100	9%	1,100	1,200	100	9%
59A	Sully	350	300	-50	-14%	350	300	-50	-14%
59B	Sully	320	220	-100	-31%	320	220	-100	-31%
61A	Turner	150	200	50	33%	150	200	50	33%
62A	Union	450	450	0	0%	450	450	0	0%
63A	Walworth	550	550	0	0%	550	550	0	0%
	TOTAL	26,240	25,540	-700	-3%	27,440	26,115	-1,325	-5%

Changes from Recommended April Tables for East River Deer

County	Unit	Type	Apr_Rec	May_Rec	License_Change
McPherson	47A	1	500	500	0
McPherson	47A	13	500	500	0
Edmunds	26A	1	700	600	-100
Edmunds	26A	13	400	300	-100
Faulk	28A	1	600	600	0
Faulk	28A	13	500	500	0
Brown	03A	1	1000	800	-200
Brown	03A	13	1300	600	-700
Spink	57A	1	900	900	0
Spink	57A	13	300	300	0
Marshall	48A	1	500	500	0
Marshall	48A	13	300	150	-150
Day	22A	1	600	600	0
Day	22A	13	400	300	-100
Clark	18A	1	600	600	0
Clark	18A	13	300	200	-100
Roberts	55A	1	500	500	0
Roberts	55A	13	0	200	200
Roberts	55A	19	200	0	-200
Grant	29A	1	400	400	0
Grant	29A	13	0	100	100
Grant	29A	19	100	0	-100
Codington	05A	1	400	400	0
Codington	05A	13	0	200	200
Codington	05A	19	200	0	-200
Hamlin	32A	1	600	600	0
Hamlin	32A	13	0	200	200
Hamlin	32A	19	200	0	-200
Deuel	23A	1	500	500	0
Deuel	23A	13	0	200	200
Deuel	23A	19	200	0	-200