

2026 EAST RIVER ELK



Over the Counter	Purchases Open	Purchases Close
Prairie Elk Unit - ERA	07/09/2026	12/31/2026, 12:00 AM CDT

LICENSE AVAILABILITY

Unit	Type	Resident	
PRE-ERA	21	Unlimited	◆

LICENSE CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR

▲ Increase — No Change ▼ Decrease ◆ New Type

SEASON DATES

September 1 - December 31, 2026

IMPORTANT SEASON INFORMATION

Eligibility: Residents only. Those already possessing an elk tag are not eligible.

- Limit one (1) PRE-ERA tag per person.
- These licenses are not valid on tribal lands.
- This prairie elk hunting unit is mostly privately owned land and has no established elk populations. The only potential for a hunting opportunity would be a transient elk dispersing through the unit.

NOTICE: Successful hunters must have their elk checked by a GFP representative within 24 hours of the kill.

FEE SCHEDULE

License Types	Resident
21 - one any elk	\$195.00

Note: There is an additional \$10 application fee, for a total cost of \$205.00.

GENERAL APPLICATION INFORMATION

Visit <https://gfp.sd.gov/hunt-fish-license/> to view application information, residency and age requirements, landowner preference, preference points, and license fee explanations.

[Unit Descriptions and Map](#)

[Interactive Hunting Unit Map](#)

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NOTE: All applications must be submitted [online](#).