

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

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Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	March 3-4, 2002	Pierre
	Public Hearing	May 5, 2022	Custer State Park
	Finalization	May 5-6, 2022	Custer State Park

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Proposed changes from last year:

1. Remove the requirement for unlimited access permits for archery, muzzleloader, mentor, youth, and apprentice deer license holders to hunt certain deer hunting units and public lands.
2. Limit the number of archery access permits for Unit WRD-27L to no more than 20 "any deer" access permits for residents and no more than 5 "any deer" access permits for nonresidents.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Research on R3 efforts (i.e., Recruitment, Reactivation, Retention) has identified rule/regulation complexity to be one of several obstacles for new sportsmen and women. The removal of these access permits will greatly simplify hunting regulations regarding mentor, archery, muzzleloader, youth, and apprentice deer license holders while having no impact to deer management in these areas. The number of access permits currently available, across all of these seasons, has created unnecessary complexity for sportsmen and women as well as the administration of these access permits in the licensing system.

Unlimited access permits were established with the intent to evaluate harvest and participation on specific management areas by deer hunters with statewide or region-wide (e.g., West River Archery Deer) license types including archery, muzzleloader, mentor, youth, and apprentice license types. Deer harvest and participation was evaluated on all areas that required an access permit in 2019 and results were presented to the Commission. As a result, the Commission took action to limit archery deer access permits to 500 residents and 125 nonresidents on management unit 35L and no other unlimited license types or access permit areas were limited. Since 2019, no changes have been made to the number of access permits available for archery deer hunters in management unit 35L and no further changes have been made to the unlimited access permit areas.

Through the 2021 deer hunting season, hunting effort and harvest success by access permit users has been collected, providing sufficient baseline information regarding use on these areas. Harvest and success by hunters with statewide or region-wide license types will continue to be estimated at the firearm deer management unit level. In the event there is a desire to consider limiting access permits on additional areas and user groups, harvest and success data will be used to evaluate use by user groups on these areas beginning the 2022 deer hunting season.

This change will simplify deer hunting regulations for statewide and region-wide deer license type user groups and reduce complexity of the deer licensing system.

Limited access units (LAUs) are intended to reduce hunter densities and provide a quality hunt experience. Trend data of supports limiting the number of resident and nonresident archery access permits for Unit WRD-27L to help meet its LAU objective. In addition, a reduction in archery deer harvest will help meet the 80% firearm hunter success goal identified in the deer management plan for LAUs.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

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Access Permit Survey Archery Deer Harvest Projections

Custer National Forest (35L)

Year		Permits Issued	Projected Hunted	Hunter Success	Permit Success	Harvest Projections								Total Deer Harvest
						Whitetail				Mule Deer				
						Bucks		Does		Bucks		Does		
Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn					
2014	Resident	262	112	14%	6%	3	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	15
	Nonresident	105	75	28%	20%	2	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	21
2015	Resident	355	176	12%	6%	3	0	0	0	16	0	1	1	21
	Nonresident	102	71	22%	15%	4	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	16
2016	Resident	488	270	13%	7%	8	0	4	1	19	0	1	0	34
	Nonresident	172	134	24%	19%	3	0	0	0	28	0	0	1	32
2017	Resident	497	304	8%	5%	3	0	0	0	20	0	1	0	24
	Nonresident	326	249	21%	16%	6	1	4	0	31	1	7	1	51
2018	Resident	733	337	6%	3%	4	0	0	0	13	0	1	0	19
	Nonresident	415	281	16%	11%	7	0	0	0	36	0	3	0	46
2019	Resident	500	267	8%	4%	3	0	0	0	16	1	0	0	20
	Nonresident	125	103	13%	11%	7	0	0	1	3	0	3	0	13
2020	Resident	497	275	10%	6%	6	0	0	0	19	0	3	0	28
	Nonresident	122	92	34%	26%	12	2	0	0	17	0	2	0	32

Hill Ranch GPA (27L)

Year		Permits Issued	Projected Hunted	Hunter Success	Permit Success	Harvest Projections								Total Deer Harvest
						Whitetail				Mule Deer				
						Bucks		Does		Bucks		Does		
Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn					
2014	Resident	126	54	14%	6%	4	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	7
	Nonresident	23	8	29%	10%	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
2015	Resident	136	61	9%	4%	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	5
	Nonresident	33	18	0%	0%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2016	Resident	157	51	6%	2%	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
	Nonresident	52	24	24%	11%	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	6
2017	Resident	149	60	7%	3%	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
	Nonresident	62	23	5%	2%	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
2018	Resident	229	62	2%	1%	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Nonresident	82	31	8%	3%	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
2019	Resident	171	42	11%	3%	2	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	5
	Nonresident	64	20	7%	2%	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2020	Resident	186	69	15%	6%	2	0	3	3	2	0	0	0	10
	Nonresident	24	15	50%	31%	5	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	8

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Access Permit Survey Archery Deer Harvest Projections

Little Moreau GPA (24B)

Year		Permits Issued	Projected Hunted	Hunter Success	Permit Success	Harvest Projections								Total Deer Harvest
						Whitetail				Mule Deer				
						Bucks		Does		Bucks		Does		
						Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	
2014	Resident	82	17	7%	1%	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Nonresident	15	6	40%	15%	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
2015	Resident	95	23	26%	6%	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	6
	Nonresident	22	12	11%	6%	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2016	Resident	118	30	14%	4%	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	4
	Nonresident	28	4	33%	5%	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
2017	Resident	113	29	17%	4%	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	5
	Nonresident	47	9	38%	7%	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
2018	Resident	142	30	9%	2%	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
	Nonresident	59	4	0%	0%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2019	Resident	103	34	13%	4%	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	4
	Nonresident	41	3	0%	0%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2020	Resident	96	30	18%	5%	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	5
	Nonresident	5	3	0%	0%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Brule County certain GPA/Corps (13L)

Year		Permits Issued	Projected Hunted	Hunter Success	Permit Success	Harvest Projections								Total Deer Harvest
						Whitetail				Mule Deer				
						Bucks		Does		Bucks		Does		
						Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	
2017	Resident	112	15	17%	2%	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
	Nonresident	44	0		0%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2018	Resident	181	24	6%	1%	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Nonresident	66	14	0%	0%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2019	Resident	155	38	8%	2%	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
	Nonresident	54	5	0%	0%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2020	Resident	149	37	9%	2%	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
	Nonresident	13	4	50%	17%	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2

Black Hills Unit (BH1)

Year		Permits Issued	Projected Hunted	Hunter Success	Permit Success	Harvest Projections								Total Deer Harvest
						Whitetail				Mule Deer				
						Bucks		Does		Bucks		Does		
						Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	
2016*	Resident	NA	NA	NA	NA	384	31	215	11	83	0	15	5	744
	Nonresident	NA	NA	NA	NA	76	4	39	3	49	0	7	0	177
2017*	Resident	NA	NA	NA	NA	440	12	248	17	82	0	22	0	822
	Nonresident	NA	NA	NA	NA	101	3	51	3	34	0	13	0	203
2018	Resident	2,182	1,338	34%	21%	235	13	138	8	58	0	7	0	459
	Nonresident	277	125	37%	17%	37	0	1	0	4	0	3	0	46
2019	Resident	1,419	913	29%	19%	140	13	90	6	15	0	3	1	268
	Nonresident	160	66	46%	19%	15	0	9	0	7	0	0	0	30
2020	Resident	1,171	733	45%	28%	166	5	117	6	27	0	6	0	328
	Nonresident	74	33	74%	33%	10	0	10	0	2	0	2	0	24

*Prior to 2018 harvest numbers are from the regular archery survey

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Access Permit Muzzleloader Deer Harvest Projections

Custer National Forest (35L)

Year	Permits Issued		Sold	Projected Hunted	Hunter Success	Permit Success	Harvest Projections								Total Deer Harvest
							Whitetail				Mule Deer				
	Resident	Nonresident					Bucks		Does		Bucks		Does		
	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	
2014	27	0	27	14	25%	13%	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4
2015	57	0	57	24	25%	11%	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	6
2016	58	0	58	26	32%	14%	1	0	1	0	6	0	0	0	8
2017	70	0	70	34	23%	11%	2	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	8
2018	72	0	72	40	19%	10%	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	7
2019	100	0	100	40	39%	15%	1	0	0	0	13	0	1	0	15
2020	141	0	141	60	41%	17%	3	0	0	0	22	0	0	0	25

Hill Ranch GPA (27L)

Year	Permits Issued		Sold	Projected Hunted	Hunter Success	Permit Success	Harvest Projections								Total Deer Harvest
							Whitetail				Mule Deer				
	Resident	Nonresident					Bucks		Does		Bucks		Does		
	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	
2014	19	0	19	7	33%	12%	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
2015	31	0	31	10	0%	0%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2016	38	0	38	15	23%	9%	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
2017	38	0	38	10	20%	5%	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
2018	17	0	17	4	0%	0%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2019	18	0	18	5	25%	7%	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2020	44	0	44	8	17%	3%	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1

Little Moreau GPA (24B)

Year	Permits Issued		Sold	Projected Hunted	Hunter Success	Permit Success	Harvest Projections								Total Deer Harvest
							Whitetail				Mule Deer				
	Resident	Nonresident					Bucks		Does		Bucks		Does		
	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	
2014	27	3	30	12	18%	7%	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
2015	43	2	45	18	25%	10%	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	4
2016	54	9	63	16	43%	11%	1	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	7
2017	42	9	51	22	32%	16%	0	0	7	0	0	1	0	0	8
2018	47	8	55	23	19%	8%	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
2019	36	5	41	11	43%	12%	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	5
2020	31	2	33	8	50%	12%	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	4

Brule County certain GPA/Corps (13L)

Year	Permits Issued		Sold	Projected Hunted	Hunter Success	Permit Success	Harvest Projections								Total Deer Harvest
							Whitetail				Mule Deer				
	Resident	Nonresident					Bucks		Does		Bucks		Does		
	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	
2017	32	0	32	2	50%	3%	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
2018	20	0	20	4	0%	0%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2019	22	0	22	6	25%	6%	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
2020	44	0	44	5	0%	0%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Black Hills Unit Harvest

Year	Permits Issued		Sold	Projected Hunted	Hunter Success	Permit Success	Harvest Projections								Total Deer Harvest
							Whitetail				Mule Deer				
	Resident	Nonresident					Bucks		Does		Bucks		Does		
	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	
2014	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	24	0	16	3	12	0	0	0	54
2015	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	17	0	5	3	16	0	3	0	44
2016	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	38	28	174	27	8	1	0	0	275
2017	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	32	20	250	30	14	0	1	0	346
2018	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	17	23	259	24	16	0	0	0	339
2019	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	20	14	172	9	8	0	2	0	226
2020	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	18	28	169	14	11	1	0	0	241

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Access Permit Youth/Apprentice Deer Harvest Projections

Custer National Forest (35L)

Year	Permits Issued		Sold	Projected Hunted	Hunter Success	Permit Success	Harvest Projections								Total Deer Harvest
	Resident	Nonresident					Whitetail				Mule Deer				
							Bucks		Does		Bucks		Does		
	Adult	Fawn					Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn			
2014	20	6	26	9	25%	9%	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	
2015	15	2	17	5	25%	8%	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	
2016	28	4	32	6	75%	13%	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	
2017	19	4	23	10	44%	20%	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	5	
2018	27	9	36	10	38%	10%	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	4	
2019	20	7	27	11	67%	26%	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	7	
2020	23	10	33	8	60%	15%	0	2	0	0	2	2	0	5	

Hill Ranch GPA (27L)

Year	Permits Issued		Sold	Projected Hunted	Hunter Success	Permit Success	Harvest Projections								Total Deer Harvest
	Resident	Nonresident					Whitetail				Mule Deer				
							Bucks		Does		Bucks		Does		
	Adult	Fawn					Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn			
2014	17	6	23	12	29%	15%	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	4	
2015	10	2	12	5	25%	10%	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
2016	17	2	19	5	0%	0%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2017	11	1	12	7	40%	22%	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	3	
2018	24	0	24	4	0%	0%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2019	14	2	16	6	40%	15%	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	
2020	18	1	19	4	50%	10%	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	

Little Moreau GPA (24B)

Year	Permits Issued		Sold	Projected Hunted	Hunter Success	Permit Success	Harvest Projections								Total Deer Harvest
	Resident	Nonresident					Whitetail				Mule Deer				
							Bucks		Does		Bucks		Does		
	Adult	Fawn					Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn			
2014	13	3	16	5	0%	0%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2015	7	3	10	4	67%	25%	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	
2016	16	1	17	9	38%	20%	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	3	
2017	7	3	10	6	33%	20%	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	
2018	17	2	19	6	17%	6%	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	
2019	6	1	7	5	33%	25%	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	
2020	8	1	9	3	100%	33%	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	

Brule County certain GPA/Corps (13L)

Year	Permits Issued		Sold	Projected Hunted	Hunter Success	Permit Success	Harvest Projections								Total Deer Harvest
	Resident	Nonresident					Whitetail				Mule Deer				
							Bucks		Does		Bucks		Does		
	Adult	Fawn					Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn			
2017	12	0	12	4	50%	18%	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	
2018	24	0	24	1	0%	0%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2019	14	1	15	5	0%	0%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2020	20	1	21	5	50%	11%	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	

Black Hills Unit Harvest

Year	Permits Issued		Sold	Projected Hunted	Hunter Success	Permit Success	Harvest Projections								Total Deer Harvest
	Resident	Nonresident					Whitetail				Mule Deer				
							Bucks		Does		Bucks		Does		
	Adult	Fawn					Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn			
2014	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	25	174	18	0	32	0	0	250	
2015	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	29	204	34	4	38	2	0	311	
2016	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	37	289	26	3	33	4	0	392	
2017	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	28	273	35	3	47	1	0	388	
2018	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	21	297	23	5	35	8	0	389	
2019	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	30	192	22	3	28	0	0	275	
2020	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	25	288	31	0	51	2	0	397	

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Access Permit Mentored Youth Deer Harvest Projections

Custer National Forest (35L)

Year	Permits Issued		Sold	Projected Hunted	Hunter Success	Permit Success	Harvest Projections								Total Deer Harvest
	Resident	Nonresident					Whitetail				Mule Deer				
							Bucks		Does		Bucks		Does		
	Adult	Fawn					Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn			
2014	11	0	11	4	67%	25%	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	
2015	10	0	10	3	50%	17%	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	
2016	23	0	23	3	50%	6%	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	
2017	14	0	14	1	0%	0%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2018	30	0	30	4	0%	0%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2019	37	0	37	4	0%	0%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2020	17	0	17	3	33%	6%	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	

Hill Ranch GPA (27L)

Year	Permits Issued		Sold	Projected Hunted	Hunter Success	Permit Success	Harvest Projections								Total Deer Harvest
	Resident	Nonresident					Whitetail				Mule Deer				
							Bucks		Does		Bucks		Does		
	Adult	Fawn					Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn			
2014	7	0	7	1	0%	0%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2015	7	0	7	2	50%	14%	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	
2016	11	0	11	3	50%	14%	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	
2017	6	0	6	2	100%	33%	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	
2018	18	0	18	6	100%	31%	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	6	
2019	25	0	25	11	13%	6%	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	
2020	21	0	21	6	100%	31%	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	

Little Moreau GPA (24B)

Year	Permits Issued		Sold	Projected Hunted	Hunter Success	Permit Success	Harvest Projections								Total Deer Harvest
	Resident	Nonresident					Whitetail				Mule Deer				
							Bucks		Does		Bucks		Does		
	Adult	Fawn					Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn			
2014	5	0	5	3	100%	50%	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	
2015	3	0	3	2	50%	33%	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
2016	7	0	7	0	0%	0%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2017	7	0	7	1	0%	0%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2018	6	0	6	0	0%	0%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2019	8	0	8	0	0%	0%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2020	5	0	5	3	0%	0%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Brule County certain GPA/Corps (13L)

Year	Permits Issued		Sold	Projected Hunted	Hunter Success	Permit Success	Harvest Projections								Total Deer Harvest
	Resident	Nonresident					Whitetail				Mule Deer				
							Bucks		Does		Bucks		Does		
	Adult	Fawn					Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn			
2017	9	0	9	3	0%	0%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2018	25	0	25	6	40%	9%	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	
2019	25	0	25	6	25%	6%	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	
2020	15	0	15	1	0%	0%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Black Hills Unit Harvest

Year	Permits Issued		Sold	Projected Hunted	Hunter Success	Permit Success	Harvest Projections								Total Deer Harvest
	Resident	Nonresident					Whitetail				Mule Deer				
							Bucks		Does		Bucks		Does		
	Adult	Fawn					Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn			
2014	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	15	106	38	1	20	6	187		
2015	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	12	129	21	1	25	0	188		
2016	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	32	149	23	4	21	1	230		
2017	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	29	195	27	4	38	4	297		
2018	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	26	240	34	2	24	0	326		
2019	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	31	200	34	2	25	1	293		
2020	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	31	236	48	6	17	0	338		

DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES

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The following are proposed draft changes that are intended to incorporate the recommended changes adopted by the Commission.

41:06:01:17. Access permits required for specific deer hunting units and public lands. Any resident or nonresident deer hunter possessing an archery, muzzleloader, apprentice hunter, youth, or mentor deer license shall obtain and possess a free limited access permit to hunt certain hunting units or public lands described in § 41:06:22:01. West River deer units 24B, 27L, 35L, and East River deer unit 13L. Any resident or nonresident deer hunter possessing an archery deer license shall obtain and possess a free access permit in order to hunt Newton Hills State Park or in the Black Hills as defined in § 41:06:19:02. Unlimited access permits may be issued for each management unit and each free access permit shall be unit specific.

41:06:22:01. Archery deer hunting season established -- Number and type of licenses -- Access permits. The archery deer hunting season is open statewide from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset each day beginning September 1 through January 1, except as otherwise provided in § 41:06:22:02. Unlimited "any deer" licenses may be issued for units ARD-ST1, ARD-ER1, and ARD-WR1 and unlimited antlerless whitetail deer licenses may be issued for unit ARD-LM1. One thousand single-tag "any antlerless deer" licenses may be issued for use in ARD-MP1, ARD-MP2 and ARD-MP3. No more than ten "any deer" and 50 antlerless whitetail deer access permits may be issued to residents for Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve. No more than ten "any deer" and 25 "antlerless whitetail deer" access permits may be issued to residents for Good Earth State Park. No more than 500 "any deer" access permits may be issued to residents and no more than 125 "any deer" access permits may be issued to nonresidents for unit WRD-35L described in § 41:06:20:02. No more than 20 "any deer" access permits may be issued to residents and no more than 5 "any deer" access permits may be issued to nonresidents for unit WRD-27L described in § 41:06:20:02.

RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

1. The Issue
 - Unlimited access permits were originally used to monitor deer hunter numbers and success on specific management units. Adequate data have been obtained to evaluate hunter numbers and harvest on these areas, and future monitoring can be obtained via harvest estimates and success without the need for unlimited access permits.
2. Historical Considerations
 - Data regarding unlimited access permit use and harvest success were evaluated in 2019 and changes were made to limit archery hunters in deer management unit 35L.
3. Biological Considerations
 - Harvest estimates at the firearm deer management unit will continue to be estimated by deer hunters with statewide and region-wide license types and these data are used to evaluate biological impact of harvest to the deer population.
4. Social Considerations
 - Hunter density and harvest by hunters with statewide and region-wide license types will continue to be monitored to estimate and evaluate social considerations, such as perceived hunter density and crowding.
5. Financial considerations
 - Access permits are available at no cost, so there is no financial consideration.

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?
 - No, the access permits were free and unlimited, so the removal of these permits will have no effect on opportunity.
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers, and outdoor recreationists?
 - The regulation will simplify hunting requirements for deer hunter license types including archery, muzzleloader, mentor, youth, and apprentice.
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 as all access permits are issued free of charge.

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