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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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| ID: | 57 |
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| Rule Identification: | 41:06:01:17 |
| Decribe Change: | Make the following change: Any resident or nonresident deer hunter possessing an archery, muzzleloader, apprentice hunter, or mentor deer license shall obtain and possess a free access permit to hunt 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. Any resident or nonresident deer hunter possessing an archery deer license shall obtain and possess a free access permit in order to hunt in the Black Hills as defined in § 41:06:19:02. Unlimited resident access permits may be issued for each management unit and each free access permit shall be unit specific. Nonresident archery deer hunters may apply for a limited amount of access permits via drawing for Black Hills, National Grasslands, Custer National Forest or Missouri River corridor based on department recommendations to distribute hunting pressure. |
| Reason for Change: | REASON: South Dakota has become a very popular destination with Non-Resident hunters with progressively more hunters coming each year. It has recently become even more popular with the change in the archery opener to September 1. The increased number of non-residents has caused significant pressure and overcrowding on many public lands and they have also harvested an increasing number of mule deer. This is a particular issue on large public parcels where a significant number of NRs have a direct and negative impact on the quality of hunt for residents. The NRs pressure and mule deer harvest is also disproportionate on large public parcels like the Black Hills National Forest; Custer National Forest, National Grasslands; Missouri, White and Cheyenne River Corridor's and many small Public Parcels East River. When a resident Firearm hunter has to wait several years and accrue preference to hunt in many of those areas, this is a significant inequity in opportunity to harvest Mule Deer. Placing a low and finite amount of access permits available for NRs will have a positive effect on the herd and quality of hunt for everyone on our large public tracts. If you look at the amount of NR archery hunters that hunt the Black Hills, National Grasslands, Custer National Forest and River Corridor units and compare the amount of mule deer they harvest to resident archers and rifle hunters, the data is clear a change must be made. |