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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: Big Game Tagging Location (between ankle and hoof)

Describe Change: Allow tagging of big game (other than elk) to be tagged on the hock tendon and leg bone (as allowed on elk), OR allow antlered/horned game to tagged around a horn base.

Reason for Change: Many of us hunt on foot, far away from roads in which once an animal is harvested, the game is broke down in the field and placed into game bags. Allowing the tag to placed somewhere other than the leg between the hoof and ankle joint would allow: 1) less weight to carry out not having to have a leg still intact 2)easier loading of meat into bags/packs 2)cleaner, more sanitary meat within a game bag not having any hair/fur in the bag with the meat. Allowing a antlered/horned game to be tagged around an antler/horn allows for the tag to readily seen/inspected as needed as well as allow for more reasonable transport of game to processing/taxidermist location. In addition, with the tag attached to antlers/horns the taxidermist can easily identify proper ownership as well as more easily maintain proof of ownership and legal harvest information of game animals stored within their business.