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GFP Commission Proposes Rule to Allow for Free Hunting Licenses, Park Entrance Licenses

### Proposal

East river deer rifle extended season start the weekend before Christmas and end the weekend after New Year's. For active duty Military, and South Dakota guard personnel that are stationed outside South Dakota during regular deer season, these personnel and spouses are giving the opportunity to purchase an any deer tag for this extended season.

### Reason proposal

The 2018 east river deer rifle extended season was changed so it ended before the Christmas Holidays. I'm retired from the military, the few times I could make it back to South Dakota for the Christmas Holidays I always looked forward to deer hunting. It was not only the hunt I looked forward to, but also the camaraderie with friends and family during the hunt. One year, my brother-in-law waited to hunt to the extended season so we could hunt together. For the 2018 deer season, South Dakota military personnel could not hunt deer with rifle if they came home for Christmas. In late December a South Dakota guard unit came home and was deactivate right before the Christmas Holidays, I do not think they had the opportunity to hunt deer with rifle.

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