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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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Rule Identification:	41:06:45:01. General muzzleloading deer hunting season established -- Open unit -- Number and type of licenses.
Decribe Change:	In addition to the current season dates of Dec 1 to Jan 1, Make muzzleloader licenses valid within the same unit and same time period that a firearms deer season is open. Excluding areas not included in "41:06:45:02. Open units" and areas specifically closed to muzzleloader hunting in "41:06:45:02.01. Closed areas." Example: Open muzzleloader hunting in West River Counties during the West River firearms deer season.
Reason for Change:	In the spirit of providing more opportunities to sportsmen, this would allow muzzleloader hunters to hunt with family and friends during the other firearms seasons. Muzzleloader anydeer tags are usually harder to draw than many other tags. This would also provided a better opportunity to harvest a deer after a hunter has waited years to obtain the tag. It would allow a muzzleloader hunter to make use of more hospitable weather. I don't believe it would place undue pressure on deer populations as there are only 1000 any deer tags available statewide. Also muzzleloaders are a more primative method thus inherently making them less efficient. I believe it is already legal to hunt with different methods (ex: archery and firearm) at the same time as long as the dates and geographical areas overlap. This would just expand opportunity to these limited tags.