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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: Beginning with the 2020 East River Deer season

Describe Change: 1. Establish Nonresident east river special Any Whitetail Deer license and fee of \$554. 2. 500 nonresident Special Any Whitetail Deer licenses to be allocated annually. 3. Applicant must have permission from an owner or lessee of private land before applying. 4. Applicant for special Any Whitetail Deer must also include the name and telephone number of the owner or lessee providing permission.

Reason for Change: There is significant demand for nonresident rifle deer hunting opportunities in east river, South Dakota. Landowners deserve the opportunity to host nonresidents on private property in order to assist in sustaining the cost of land ownership and support land stewardship. The addition of 500 east river tags will not have a biologic impact on deer herds. Further, nonresidents may only use the tags on private property, therein preserving public hunting opportunity in eastern South Dakota while reinforcing property rights for landowners and producers. This proposal will also afford nonresident landowners the chance to secure tags for their property and acknowledge their significant landowner contributions. Nonresident family members will also have the opportunity to come home to hunt. In applying the nonresident/resident criteria, it is clear that the overwhelming majority of considerations adopted by the Commission support this petition. Further, the recent adoption of the west river nonresident special whitetail proposal shows the importance of honoring property rights.