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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:

ID: 210
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Rule Identification: 46:06:01
Describe Change: Apply landowner Preference to the Muzzleloader Tag or other acceptable solution.
Reason for Change: I, a resident landowner, own and manage 700 acres of good farmland for habitat in Charles Mix County. We produce and carry an abundant supply of wildlife far beyond what I can personally harvest and manage. For trophy deer hunting purposes, as was the case this year due to abnormally warm temperatures, deer hunting improves as the weather cools and the calendar moves towards the end of Dec. Archery equipment becomes less effective. Adding a landowner preference option to the muzzleloader tag would be a great option. Another option would be to allow the landowners gun deer tag to convert to a muzzleloader tag is not used. If i had to pick between Nov. or Dec. to hunt deer I would pick Dec. The muzzleloader season fits well but the 7 year lottery and 1000 tags per state method of using this weapon is obsolete. Currently I have good weapons/tags options to put meat in the freezer for our family (does).