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Chronic wasting disease (CWD) is a fatal deer and elk disease caused by an abnormal protein called a prion. There are concerns regarding long-term effects of CWD on deer and elk populations. Learning about presence and distribution of CWD through surveillance and implementing best management practices to reduce the spread of CWD is a priority.

CWD SURVEILLANCE

Our agency is interested in collaborating with deer hunters to assist in collecting samples for CWD testing from designated hunting units. Other sampling strategies will include partnering with game processors and taxidermists. High priority surveillance areas (see below) adjacent to hunting units or other states with confirmed CWD have been identified where testing is desired to determine the presence of CWD in designated hunting units.

- West River Deer Hunting Units (24A, 24B, 30A, 30B, 41A, 45A, 45B, 45C, 45D, 45P, 50A, 53A, 53C, 58A, 58D, 64A, 65A, 67A)
- East River Deer Hunting Units (13A, 13L, 13P, 17A, 18A, 62A)
- Other Deer Hunting Areas: Cheyenne River, Standing Rock, Pine Ridge and Rosebud Tribal Lands



To make sample submissions as convenient as possible, numerous CWD collection stations will be available for hunters to provide samples during the regular firearm seasons. Information regarding CWD collection stations and other methods to submit samples can be found at <https://gfp.sd.gov/cwd-testing/>.

Hunters should remove the deer head at the neck and take it to a collection station. It is the responsibility of the hunter to remove the head. To submit your deer head for testing, please follow the instructions below and as posted at the designated collection stations. **At the collection station, there will be a box with supplies in it which includes a heavy paper tag with a space for your Name, License Number, Hunting Unit, County of Harvest, and phone number and a wire tie attached.** Please use a permanent marker or pen and print the requested information on this tag and attach the tag to one ear of the animal by cutting a small hole through the center of the ear and inserting one leg of the wire through the hole and twisting the two legs of the wire together. This process is very important as we will

need to know the hunter's Name and License Number in order to contact the hunter if the deer tests positive for CWD. At the collection station there will be barrels where heads can be placed. GFP staff will collect samples on a regular basis and send to the lab for CWD testing.

Any hunter that voluntarily submits a deer head may transport their animal without the head if they complete a **Transportation Permit**. **Transportation Permits** will be provided at collection sites. Please fill out the permit form, keep the White copy, and leave the Yellow duplicate copy in the metal box located at the collection site.

Animals to be mounted can be submitted for testing also. Animals that are to be mounted can be caped by a taxidermist and the antlers can be removed with a v-cut that will not destroy the tissue needed for CWD testing. After an animal is caped out, the head can be submitted at the drop-off locations. Be sure to attach a tag to the head for identification. Animals that are to be European mounted will need samples pulled before cleaning the skull. If you have questions on this process, please call the Rapid City GFP Regional Office (605.394.2391).

TRANSPORTATION AND DISPOSAL OF CARCASSES

The GFP Commission has created regulations for the transportation and disposal of deer and elk carcasses from other states and from hunting units within South Dakota's confirmed CWD endemic areas. **These regulations will go into effect for the 2020 hunting seasons.** For more information on these regulations, visit: <https://gfp.sd.gov/2020-cwd-regulations/>.

Research has shown that CWD infected carcasses may be an avenue for the spread of CWD. If whole animals are removed from known CWD endemic areas, **the boned-out carcass should be disposed of in a landfill.** Contact your waste management provider to determine if carcass remains are an acceptable item for your container. Throwing the carcass in a ditch or in the back of your property may have potential to spread the disease to other areas. A map of permitted landfills and other information related to CWD can be found at <https://gfp.sd.gov/chronic-wasting-disease/>.

HEALTH RISKS

Health officials and the Centers for Disease Control have found no link between CWD and neurological diseases in humans, but recommend you do not eat meat from an animal that tests positive for CWD (<https://www.cdc.gov/prions/cwd/prevention.html>). To minimize their risk of exposure to CWD, hunters can implement best management practices listed in a "Frequently Asked Questions" document found at https://gfp.sd.gov/userdocs/docs/CWD_FAQ's_Final_8_6_20.pdf.

This surveillance program is not designed nor intended to provide hunters with meat quality assurance for harvested animals. If an animal tests positive for CWD, GFP will notify a hunter immediately by personal contact. Hunters who submit samples for testing that are diagnosed as not positive for CWD will be notified by mail or e-mail as soon as possible.

We wish you a great experience with your South Dakota deer hunt and appreciate your consideration in cooperating with this surveillance effort. If you have questions related to CWD or the surveillance, please contact either:

Chad Switzer, Wildlife Program Administrator, at 605.773.4193 or chad.switzer@state.sd.us.

Steve Griffin, Big Game Biologist, at 605.394.6786 or steve.griffin@state.sd.us.

Locations of CWD Collection Stations arranged alphabetically by city

Location Name	Address or Description of Location	City	Latitude	Longitude	Dates Available
Aberdeen GFP District Office	5850 East Hwy 12	Aberdeen	45.45809	-98.39474	Nov. 21 - Dec. 6
Beresford DOT	1508 W Cedar St	Beresford	43.08400	-96.79350	Nov. 21 - Dec. 6
Bison DOT	17854 SD Hwy 20	Bison	45.53130	-102.46664	Nov. 14 - Nov. 29
Cahoy's General Store	511 US HWY 18	Bonesteel	43.07191	-98.94626	Nov. 7 - Nov. 29
Keller Kountry Korner	43415 SD Hwy 20	Bradley	45.09328	-97.53235	Nov. 21 - Dec. 6
Chamberlain GFP District Office	1550 East King Ave	Chamberlain	43.78188	-99.31219	Sept. 1 - Jan. 1
Big C Travel Plaza	801 1st Ave. E--collection station behind store	Clark	44.87690	-97.72253	Nov. 21 - Dec. 6
Dakota Butcher, LLC	99 S. Commercial St.--collection station behind store	Clark	44.87690	-97.73323	Nov. 21 - Dec. 6
Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe GFP Office	24390 US Hwy 212- East side of Eagle Butte	Eagle Butte	45.00768	-101.22219	Nov. 14 - Nov. 29
Glen Bosse Taxidermy-Elk Point	701 W Main St	Elk Point	42.69030	-96.69290	Nov. 21 - Dec. 6
Prairie Vista Inn	Hwy 212 and 1st avenue	Faith	45.02299	-102.03577	Nov. 14 - Nov. 29
Ft. Pierre GFP Regional Office	20641 SD Highway 1806	Fort Pierre	44.40533	-100.39643	Sept. 1 - Jan. 1
Runnings (Gregory)	115 Park Ave	Gregory	43.22796	-99.43433	Nov. 7 - Nov. 29
Hayes DOT Rest Area	1/2 Mile East of Hayes	Hayes	44.37098	-101.01251	Nov. 14 - Nov. 29
Huron GFP District Office	895 3rd Street SW	Huron	44.36366	-98.22983	Nov. 21 - Dec. 6
SD DOT Weight Station	Hwy 73 and Hwy 12 corner	Lemmon	45.93403	-102.17638	Nov. 14 - Nov. 29
LBST Wildlife (Lower Brule)	22695 Little Bend Rd	Lower Brule	44.11029	-99.59079	Nov. 7 - Dec. 31
Rosebud Sioux Tribe GFP Headquarters	Approximately 6.5 miles West of Mission on Hwy 18	Mission	43.30610	-100.79447	Nov. 1 - Nov. 29
Mobridge GFP District Office	909 Lake Front Drive	Mobridge	45.52675	-100.42009	Sept. 1 - Jan. 1
Agtegra (Murdo)	602 E 5 th Street	Murdo	43.88700	-100.70532	Nov. 14 - Nov. 29
Abby's (Pickstown)	P.O. Box 157	Pickstown	43.07004	-98.53451	Nov. 21 - Dec. 6
Platte DOT	201 North Main Avenue	Platte	43.39339	-98.84427	Nov. 21 - Dec. 6
Rapid City GFP Regional Office	4130 Adventure Trail	Rapid City	44.09003	-103.28484	Sept. 1 - Jan. 1
Shadehill State Park	19150 Summerville Road	Shadehill	45.77566	-102.18708	Nov. 14 - Nov. 29
Sioux Falls GFP Regional Office	4500 S Oxbow Ave	Sioux Falls	43.50590	-96.76140	Nov. 21 - Dec. 6
Biegler's Service Station	824 Main Street	Timber Lake	45.43001	-101.07344	Nov. 14 - Nov. 29
Coffee Cup Fuel Stop (Vivian)	24022 US Hwy 83	Vivian	43.91630	-100.31437	Nov. 14 - Nov. 29
Watertown GFP Regional Office	400 West Kemp	Watertown	44.90145	-97.12125	Nov. 21 - Dec. 6
Webster GFP District Office	603 E 8th Ave	Webster	45.33339	-97.51139	Nov. 21 - Dec. 6
Dakota Convenience Store	710 SD Hwy 28	Willow Lake	44.63058	-97.64581	Nov. 21 - Dec. 6
Winner DOT Weight Station	Hwy 183; 8 miles west of Winner	Winner	43.38607	-100.02045	Nov. 14 - Nov. 29
D&E Food and Fuel (Wood)	407 S 1st St	Wood	43.49709	-100.47739	Nov. 14 - Nov. 29