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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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Describe Change: I would like to see Corson County spit into two different units. The units would be divided east and west dividing at highway 65.

Reason for Change: As a resident of western Corson County, I can see firsthand see the problem with mule and white tail doe. The problem with having Corson County as one large unit is that there is hardly anyone hunting the western side. I have been working for Black Horse Ranch for a few years now and they have land in walk in for hunters to utilize. I take the time to visit with the hunters from time to time but not once have I seen or have, they said that they were after a doe, it was always a buck that they were packing out or were going after. As many of you know you need hay to feed the cows through the winter, well the doe is always in our hay yards. We do however take precautions and put-up deer fence and also deer panels around our hay but one thing we cannot protect is our hay ground and spring grazing. The deer will graze off all of our spring grazing before our cows even have the chance to utilize the grass. Within a mile of the headquarters of the ranch there are between 100-150 doe. They will come up and will be standing in our yard, tearing up the grass. Our neighbors all have the same problem with doe taking over their yards and eating hay and grazing. You can only imagine how it would feel to have 40 deer standing in your yard and tearing it up. I can only assume that you would want something done about that and that is what we are asking you to do is help us get the population of white tail and mule doe under control by allowing hunters to help us. We have been working with game and fish to start some depredation hunts, but this is a short-term fix for a long-term problem. Please consider splitting Corson County for the betterment of all the ranchers in our area.