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ID:	138
Petitioner Name:	Dana Rogers
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Email:	DANA.ROGERS.1@HOTMAIL.COM
Phone:	605-415-8443
Rule Identification:	41:06:24:01
Decribe Change:	Change to - An unlimited number of RESIDENT "buck antelope" licenses may be issued for this season. Non-Residents can apply for ONE archery "buck antelope" permit after first buying a non-resident small game license and applying (200 Maximum).
Reason for Change:	According to GF&P's 2021 archery surveys, there were 3,019 single-tag archery antelope licenses issued (2,142 resident and 877 nonresident). That extrapolates to 41% of all resident archery antelope licenses! If we held to the 8% de-facto standard that firearms seasons use to allocate for non-residents, we should only be issuing 171 NR archery antelope permits. So this proposals limit of 200 NR permits is well in excess of the 8%. Of further significance is the increase in NR pressure from 2012 to 2021 where we saw an increase from 255 to 877 NR archery antelope permits sold. An increase of 344%. With the current state of our pronghorn population decline as well as the impending significant cuts to resident firearms licenses and changing every permit to a single "buck only" tag, making the change from unlimited non-resident archery permits to a set limit close to the 8% number is warranted.

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Decribe Change:	On behalf of the South Dakota Bowhunters Inc. Make the following change - Unlimited RESIDENT any deer licenses may be issued for units ARD-ST1, ARD-ER1, and ARD-WR1 and unlimited RESIDENT antlerless whitetail deer licenses may be issued for unit ARD-LM1. Non-Residents can apply for ONE any deer permit after first buying a non-resident small game license and applying for: NR ARD-ST1 (2000 Maximum) and NR ARD-LM1 (2000 Maximum)
Reason for Change:	According to the SD GF&P statistics, from 2012 to 2021 Non-Resident archery permit sales have skyrocketed by 87% from 3,128 permits in 2012 to 5,851 permits in 2021. South Dakota has become a very popular destination with Non-Resident archery hunters with progressively more hunters coming each year. The increased number of non-residents has caused significant pressure and overcrowding on many public lands and they have also harvested an increasing number of mule deer. With the numbers listed it would limit NR archers significantly, but not unfairly. According to GF&P's 2021 archery surveys, there were 21,980 INDIVIDUAL resident archery license holders and 5,465 INDIVIDUAL non-resident archery license holders (24.8% of resident total). The typical 8% de-facto allocation used by the department during the firearms seasons in the WR, REF and BH seasons would result in limiting NR archery permits to 1,758. NOTE: Resident archery individual tag success was 25% while NR archery tag success was 37%. The pressure on adult mule deer was extremely glaring according to GFP statistics. Resident bowhunters took 560 mule deer bucks while NR bowhunters killed 525 mule deer bucks. Residents AND NRs both accounted for 75 adult mule deer does in 2021. Please make these adjustments to put the non-resident archery deer permits more in line with the 8% allocation used during most firearms seasons.

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Decribe Change:	Submitted on behalf of the South Dakota Bowhunters inc. (38) Nonresident deer or antelope one-tag license, \$280; to (38) Nonresident deer or antelope one-tag license, \$500.
Reason for Change:	REASON: A schedule fee increase is warranted when you compare SD to other (comparable/border) states across the board for all NR permits. South Dakota has become a very popular destination with Non-Resident hunters with progressively more hunters coming each year. The increased number of non-residents has caused significant pressure, overcrowding and a negative overall impact to resident sportsmen who directly compete for access. Big Game Draw comparison: Attached via e-mail to staff and commissioners. Comparison to all SD border states and comparable states with pronghorn and mule deer to show the disparity. SD is VERY inexpensive in comparison and the ONLY state with unlimited NR archery pronghorn and mule deer opportunities in the entire state where those animals are hunted.