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Comment:

There are four large lakes in or adjacent to the Black Hills where people can operate their boats at high speeds. There is only one where I can go with my kayak, or my canoe, and not fight the waves created by fast moving boats. If you have to raise the speed limit raise it to 10 mph, or prohibit recreational towing (wake boards, water skis, and tubes). Wake boards typically travel at 13 to 25 mph, and because of the ballast tanks in the boats, create huge wakes. Please leave one decent size lake for those of us that want to paddle or fish in peace and quiet.

Dwaine Tollefsrud

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Comment:

I have a canoe, float tube & kayak & enjoy the current no wake limit on Deerfield Lake. Please leave the the 5 mph speed limit & no-wake restriction in place.

Mary Braley

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Comment:

I'm writing in response to the Deerfield Lake petition for rule change. This proposal would increase the water craft speed from 5 mph to 25 mph. I oppose the change. I have kayaked in multiple South Dakota lakes. In the Sioux Falls vicinity there is a stark contrast in recreational use between Lake Alvin (no wake) and Wall Lake (wakes not restricted). Lake Alvin is used by fisherman, kayaker and canoeists. Wall Lake is frequented by skiing and jet ski. Each group has a nearby lake geared to meet their needs, either solitude or recreational thrill seeking. As quoted by the petition's author in the Rapid City Journal in a March 19, 2019 article regarding Deerfield: "Pactola and Sheridan have become such popular destinations for water skiing, jet skiing and tubing that the water gets too rough for his fishing boat by about 11 a.m. most summer weekends". Unfortunately the 25 mph speed limit will allow skiing, tubing and jet ski use at Deerfield Lake, thus creating rough waters that interfere with fishing, canoeing, paddle board and kayaking. (average speeds: combo ski=25 mph, slalom ski=19-36 mph, wakeboard=16-19 mph, trick ski 11-21 mph, tubing 8-25 mph, jet ski beginner 10-15 mph) Unfortunately people do not always follow the law. Despite ATV trail closure Memorial weekend due to wet trails I still saw ATV on these trails. While hiking I see motorcycles and ATV in areas restricted from motorized vehicles. I fear the difficulty in monitoring speeds on Deerfield Lake will result in abuse. Shore fisherman, non-motorized water craft, birdwatchers, hikers on trail 40L, and people simply relaxing along the shore enjoy the serenity a no-wake lake provides. Deerfield Lake is the one remaining sizable lake in the Black Hills that retains the quiet and tranquility of this unique area of our state. It is a peaceful haven for kayak, canoe, fisherman, hikers, birdwatchers and other outdoor enthusiasts. Please do not approve the proposed Deerfield Lake boat speed limit when voting on July 6, 2019.

Gregory English

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Comment:

I have a cabin in deerfield and bought the cabin because of the tranquility of that area including deerfield lake. I enjoy kayaking to catch fish and the quiet setting I can do that in on the lake. It would be a terrible idea to ruin the uniqueness of deerfield with the sound and wake of loud boat engines and their large wakes. Thanks

Jocelyn Aker

Rapid SD

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Comment:

I strongly oppose the change to a 25 mph speed limit. The no-wake restriction helps prevent erosion of the shoreline and mud-flats. Mudflats are important feeding areas for migrating shorebirds both in the spring and fall. Migrating birds such as Common Loons and grebes, both of which feed at deep water lakes such as Deerfield Lake during migration, prefer calm waters. Additionally, there are two-known occupied Osprey nests in the area of the lake and a Bald Eagle nest located very near the shoreline. Both of these species feed on fish and could be disturbed in their fishing efforts by boats moving at a faster rate of speed or causing a wake.

If the speed becomes 25 mph, I can image water skiers pressuring the G&P to allow water skiing on the lake. To do that, skiers would need a speed of 35 mph and "Barefoot" skiers a speed of 45 mph. Once increased speeds are allowed, no end will be in sight. Next will be Jet Skis. Please keep the "No wake" and 5 mph policy in place - we need a serene place in the hills and a place that provides ideal nesting conditions for two raptors.

Lucy Ganje

Hill City SD

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Comment:

My family and I utilize Deerfield Lake because we appreciate the no wake restriction currently in place. We feel it provides a quiet and safe environment for canoeing, kayaking and swimming--especially for youth activities. We DO NOT want the wake limit changed. There are many other lakes in the Black Hills where motorized water vehicles have access. But few, if any, like Deerfield Lake where so many of us go because of the current wake restriction. Thank you.

Barbara Wilson
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Comment:

I am a full time resident and live 1 mile from Deerfield Lake. We fish on our pontoon boat and ice fish here. I love the peacefulness of this lake. It would be so disturbing to change the no wake limit for one person (Edel) so he can travel on his fishing boat faster to get to better fishing across the lake, how silly. There would be no peacefulness present at the Lake in the future, if this no wake limit would change. It would be a shame to let speed boats, jet skis pollute our good fishing, kayak, canoe and swimming lake. Deerfield Lake is NOT big enough to allow the speed to change. It would be a nightmare and a hazzard to each person on the lake not to mention the noise the new speed would bring to our now peaceful lake. Please keep our Deerfield Lake at the 5 mph no wake limit. Preserve our peaceful lake, it just makes good sense for all.

Jon Wilson
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Comment:

Thankyou for the opportunity to share my thoughts on this proposal. Being a resident of Deerfield for the last 18 years it has been an absolute joy. Especially using the lake for fishing both in the winter and summer. One of the many enjoyable aspects of the lake is the manner in which it is used during the summer. Floaters for fly fishing, paddle boarders, and kyackers. We use our Pontoon boat to "float" the lake to enjoy an afternoon or evening, while fishing for the great Trout that call Deerfield Lake home. The current "No Wake " restriction poses no constraints to or ability to use the lake how it was intended. Fishing by it's nature is not a speed sport unless of course you are on the Pro Fishing Circuit. We also enjoy the Eagle population that calls Deerfield lake home. And in fact, you will remember a few years ago the DNR came out and created a restricted zone as to not disturb the nesting eagles with even a 5 MPH restriction. There are few enough lakes in the Black Hills and fewer still where we can enjoy the serenity, Eagles and the wild life on shore without, being disturbed by engines being cranked up to enable a bit more speed for the sake of speeding up the catch. I totally oppose the proposal and would encourage the Commission to stay the course regarding keeping Deerfield Lake a "No Wake Lake."

Dan Mahoney
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Comment:

We camp and fish up there a lot. It is a small lake and increasing the boat speed on it would not only make it dangerous, but ruin the quiet surrounding.

Scott Harris
Black Hawk SD
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Comment:

This is a beautiful quiet lake. We don't need jet skis and jet boats on every lake. Please leave it as a no wake zone

James And Carol Cummings

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Comment:

Deerfield is now a pristine fishing lake and we would like to keep it that way. We support the no wake lake as it is now. it is so peaceful and quiet up there it is wonderful. plus we think it is too small for the speed boats etc. please don't take our lake away from us. thank you.

Roberta Nowlan

Hot Springs SD

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Comment:

This the lake my mom taught all her grandkids to fish on with out worries of wakes and speed boats. I have wonderful memories of my elderly mother Kiyaking on in peace.

Todd Tobin

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Comment:

Please Deerfield Lake a "no wake lake", free from walleye and northern pike, and keep it as a trout lake as it was from its beginning.

1. Please keep the tradition of a "no-wake-lake" in place on Deerfield Reservoir.
2. The Black Hills original lake and stream fishing history is rooted in trout, NOT walleye or northern pike. Please keep the Deerfield Lake experience for the past fifty-five (55) years intact.
3. Rainbow trout are naturally reproducing in Deerfield Lake from the Ditch Creek and Castle Creek tributaries, why would the State of South Dakota willingly destroy this cycle of life created through the introduction of walleye and northern pike?
4. Deerfield Lake has become a refuge for non-motorized lake goers, why would the State of South Dakota want to take that away from those taxpayers and outdoor enthusiasts?
5. As a long-time firefighter and emergency responder to Pactola Reservoir, the number of 911 response calls to that water recreation area is predominately based from watercraft that can exceed twenty-five (25) miles per hour. The location of Deerfield Lake is more than thirty (30) minutes away from the nearest fire department and ambulance service (Hill City). Emergency Medical Services (EMS) agencies train to reach incident call(s) location(s) within twenty (20) minutes from the time they are paged to the arrival time on-scene.
6. If larger, faster boats are allowed on Deerfield Reservoir, that lake will experience an increased 911 incident call volume as experienced at Pactola and Sheridan Lakes currently do; with a substantially longer EMS response time the public safety concerns will be an unwelcomed consequence from the States actions.

Jerome Harvey

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Comment:

To:
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Secretary GAME FISH & PARKS

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Ref:

South Dakota Game Fish and Parks Petition # 70 to change 41:04:02:51. Pennington County public water safety zones are as follows:

? From: (1) All waters of Deerfield Reservoir are a "no wake zone";

? To: all waters on Deerfield Reservoir be modified to 25-mph.

On Thursday, June 6, 2019, the South Dakota Game Fish and Parks Commission will be holding a hearing to raise the speed limit on Deerfield Lake from no wake to 25mph.

I'm born and raised in South Dakota and a very frequent user of and visitor to Deerfield Lake since I can remember and I'm opposed to this petition.

- Deerfield Reservoir is the largest lake in the Black Hills where people can enjoy recreational opportunities, without fear of boat wakes and without the noise of loud boat motors and subsequent pollution. There are plenty of other lakes in the region, Pactola Reservoir, Sheridan Lake, Angostura Reservoir, Stockade Lake, and Orman Dam, that are large enough for motorized water sports enthusiasts and fast boat fisherman to enjoy their recreational opportunities.

- Comparing winter activities with spring, summer and fall activities are like comparing apples to oranges, their simply is no comparison and therefore is not a valid argument.

- Increasing the speed, creates a lake wide wake zone, on a lake where this has never been allowed. The Father, Son/Daughter opportunities with a low budget, low speed fishing boat will forever be lost as it will simple, no longer be safe to go on to the lake, unless one has at a minimum, a high dollar, fast going, bass style fishing boat. An entire generation of youth being introduced to low cost sporting and outdoor pursuits on the lake will be lost.

- Fast boat fishing opportunities currently exist for the petitioner Mr Edel at both Sheridan Lake, 39 minutes from his residence and Pactola, 37 minutes from his residence.

- The current no wake regulation is more than just a "nice gesture", it's very practical and needed for safe recreating applications on the lake. Currently the only fully qualified and equipped Dive and Water Rescue team is based at the Rapid City Fire Department, Station 3, 102 Federal AV in Rapid City SD. This service is currently 30 minutes from Pactola, 39 minutes from Sheridan Lake and a 1 hour, 11 minute drive under perfect condition's to Deerfield Lake, these time frames do not include additional delays caused by zero cellular phone coverage at Deerfield, and the time to notify assembly and scramble a team. With the introduction of fast boat fishing and similar activities competing with the paddle boaters (Canoes, Kayaks et-al) and low speed, low budget fishing boats will inevitably lead to accidents, drownings and other calamities requiring the response of these emergency resources.

- Changing Deerfield to an "all wake lake" will increase cost to the South Dakota Game Fish and Parks Department as there will be a need to install and maintain appropriate signage, increase patrols, dedication of a Game Wardens Time to patrol, monitor and enforce applicable rules and regulations. This will include additionally fleet acquisitions and maintenance for vehicles, communications equipment, training, a boat and all the ancillary equipment. As this equipment is currently dedicated for like purposes on the current "wake lakes". These are expenses that are not needed and a waste of resources.

- Petition #70, references old "data" from 2016, contrary to the petitioners opinion of Deerfield Lake being "underutilized" It is ok and acceptable for Deerfield to remain as is, a no wake lake and not join the other lakes and fisheries to be over used and over fished.

- All wake lakes suffer from increased damage to shore line, habitat, and sedimentation. All undesirable effects.

I ask you to please oppose petition number #70 on June, 6th, 2019

Tanya Westbrook

Rapid City SD

Comment:

I oppose increasing the wake restriction on Deerfield Lake. It should remain 5 mph. There are plenty of other lakes in the hills with a higher mph limit. Deerfield is treasured for its peace and tranquility for fishing as well as increased safety for kayaking and paddle boarding.

Rich Detry

Albuquerque NM

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Comment:

I visit the Black Hills every summer. Deerfield is one of my favorite places to spend time. I love the peace and quiet. If the boat speed maximum is increased I will stop visiting Deerfield and the Black Hills. I visit the Hills to get away from noise and activity.

Genevieve Newell

Rapid City SD

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Comment:

Please keep Deerfield Lake wake free. There are so few quiet places, and this is one valued by so many. It's great for shore fishing, kayaks, canoes, paddle boards and row boats. Please keep it wake free.

Halley Legge

Rapid City SD

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Comment:

Take into consideration the major amounts of erosion on the shorelines of Sheridan Lake. "Surf boats" or boats that hold water in order to create a large wake in their path, have ruined Sheridan Lake's exterior infrastructure. Walk-in area trails have moved up the shoreline considerably. Alternatively, Pactola has enough rock on its exterior that it has not been affected like Sheridan has by these boats. As a fisherwoman, I enjoy a place of solitude. Deerfield serves that need no matter the time of year. If this proposal goes through, there is no way to enforce a 25 mph speed. Budgets are already low and law enforcement officers are not equipped with Radar guns to enforce such measures. Your officers are there to protect the resource and the habitat. Please continue to protect Deerfield, its peaceful demeanor, and our valuable resource.

Joseph Loe
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Comment:

Enjoy the solitude and absence of noise while fishing. If it takes awhile to get to your spot, at least you can count on no boat wake interrupting once you get there.

Jerry Duba
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Comment:

I think canoes and kayaks should be entitled to one lake to enjoy without fear of being run over or swamped by motor boats.

William Chamberlain
Custer SD
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Comment:

there are plenty of other lakes for boating please leave one calm piece of solitude in the black hills thank you

Susan Goodman
Custer SD
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Comment:

please leave deerfield as is, there are plenty of other lakes that people can ride wave runners and motor boats. this change will certainly ruin the peacefulness, serenity, and beauty of this lake.

Curtis Groote
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Comment:

We have camped for 39 years near Deerfield Lake.
With the invasion of ATV's the forest is no longer one of solitude and quiet, along with their off-trail erosion. (We would rather see ATV's banned).
To remove the no-wake provision would be a travesty. Please keep it the way it is.
Thanks.

Steve Pischke

Custer SD

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Comment:

With this proposal, has anyone taken into consideration the pair of Bald Eagles that nest adjacent to the lake on the west side? How would instituting a 25 MPH speed limit affect them.? I was on Angostura reservoir last week and heading into shore I asked my fishing buddy to crank the speed up in his walleye boat to 25 MPH and we do not need this on Deerfield Lake. Let's keep it the "family friendly" lake that is it. Thank you.

Lynn Kading

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Comment:

I oppose increasing the speed limit on Deerfield Lake. This is the only lake in the Black Hills where fishing and slow water sports can be enjoyed without competing with water craft that create wakes. Keep this lake available for this segment to enjoy. There are plenty of lakes available for water craft that need to go faster.

Mark Gibbes

Rapid City SD

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Comment:

Strongly oppose removing the no-wake/5 mph restriction on Deerfield Reservoir. I very much enjoy taking my grandchildren fishing in my canoe and Deerfield is the lone spot in the Black Hills where I can do so without danger of being capsized by the wakes of speeding boats; furthermore, the peace and quiet we enjoy at Deerfield is not available on other Black Hills lakes. Thank you.

Bobbi Cramer

Rapid City SD

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Comment:

This a beautiful lake, I enjoy the serenity and beauty and most of all the quietness of the lake just hearing nature. I love kayaking there and it's so nice no worrying g if a boat or jet ski is going to run me over. Pactola is out of control I don't what this to happen to one of the Black Hills gem's.

Julia Davis

Rapid City SD

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Comment:

Deerfield needs to stay a no-wake zone. Most of us that use it on the water are kayaks, canoes, small fishing boats with just a troll motor, and fishing tubes. There is a lot of walking access to fish off shore and those in the boats listed are respectful to those fishermen. We have plenty of other lakes for other boating activities. Deerfield experience fishing is priceless, leave it alone and continue sustaining it as a true fishing jewel. Keep a lake for the tranquil experience, for the on shore fisherman, for kayaks and canoes.

Allen Puetz

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Comment:

No comment text provided.

Cindee Bittner

Black Hawk SD

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Comment:

No comment text provided.

Jeanne Foss

Custer SD

Comment:

No comment text provided.

Clifford Meyer

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Comment:

please keep Deerfield lake a no wake lake. it is the only lake where you can use a boat to fish without skiers

Judith Meyer

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Comment:

please keep Deerfield lake a no wake lake

Robert Roush

Sturgis SD

Comment:

please keep Deerfield lake a no wake lake

Sharon Roush

Sturgis SD

Comment:

please keep it a no wake lake

Delbert Meyer

Sturgis SD

Comment:

keep it a no wake lake

Lisa Meyer

Sturgis SD

Comment:

keep it a no wake lake

Edward Hofkamp
Rapid City SD
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Comment:

Do not allow the change for boaters to violate the no wake rule at Deerfield Lake. Boaters have many other lakes in the area for recreational activities. Leave Deerfield for shore fisherman with families.

Donald Askew
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Comment:

My wife and I live within 5 miles of Deerfield Lake. We use the lake for camping, hiking, fishing, swimming and boating. We enjoy the quietness of the lake and adhere to the no wake rules on the lake. We feel that an increase in speed on the lake will damage its peaceful and serene qualities and infringe on the fishing, canoeing and swimming. There are many other lakes that can be used for skiing, power boating and the next thing we'll see are the jet skis. Please listen to the neighborhoods, campers, visitors to the Black Hills and keep this lake the way it is.

Mark Johnson
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Comment:

Please leave the only large lake we have a no wake peacefull place

Stanley Blaylock
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Comment:

If the no-wake restriction is removed from Deer Field Reservoir it will ruin lake for people like me. I am a Grandfather who loves to take my Grandsons to Deerfield to camp, kayak, bank fish, and swim. It would no longer be a safe haven for people like me wanting to escape the perils of jet skis, boat skiing and party boats. Please don't allow this to happen.

Charlotte Stender

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Comment:

Do not remove the no wake restrictions or increase the speed limit at Deerfield Reservoir! This is one of the few serene, peaceful lakes we have left to enjoy kayaking, canoeing, and fishing without the constant drone of powerful boats and all the pollution and trash that those type of recreationalists bring with them. If the no wake restriction is removed and the speed limit is raised, the serenity that Deerfield is known for will be destroyed. Boaters that wish to go faster already have Lake Sheridan, Lake Pactola, Orman Dam, Angostura, and several other options to rip around on. Leave Deerfield as is!!

Kinsley Groote

Rapid City SD

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Comment:

I oppose the Deerfield lake speed limit increase on the lake. please keep the solitude of the lake. I wouldn't mind a speed increased to maybe something like 10 mph but 25 mph is way too high.

Sarah Nelson

Sturgis SD

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Comment:

I oppose changing the no wake restriction. Deerfield Lake is the only lake where muscle powered boats like kayaks and canoes don't have to worry about fast boats and jet-ski traffic.

Karen A Moore

Sturgis SD

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Comment:

Deerfield Lake deserves to remain as peaceful, quiet, restful, beautiful, tranquil and lovely as the conditions of weather and considerate human use can allow it to be. If it were up to me, I'd change regulations to allow ONLY muscle-powered water craft and swimming. Fishing, too, of course. Fishing can inspire patience and discovery of wonder, if given half a chance.

Joseph Harrison

Rapid City SD

Comment:

No wake on Deerfield Lake please

Ranelle Clow
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Comment:

I am an older woman who enjoys kayaking and camping. I am able to do both at Deerfield because of the No Wake. Please keep it that way. There are many lakes where boats can speed. Please, please keep Deerfield No Wake. Thank you.

David Bass
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Comment:

Please don't destroy the treasure of solitude and quiet.

Ron Bunnell
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Comment:

Please Consider Deerfield Very Carefully

The three most beautiful lakes in South Dakota are undoubtedly Canyon Lake in western Rapid City, Sylvan Lake in Custer State Park where we go each year for our wedding anniversary and Deerfield Lake where we go just to get away for a few days.

These lakes are the sole reason for ever buying an annual fishing license. The fishing poles only come out for our annual visits and down-time at one of these beautiful places.

These lakes have two things in common. They are peaceful and quiet. At Deerfield and Sylvan, the peace and quiet is amplified because there is no reliable cellular service. People can go there and be with their others without distractions. You do a little fishing, take a nice walk, sit by the fire or just watch the wildlife.

The only beneficiaries from having these lakes open to speed boats is the person speeding along on a wave runner or perched behind the steering wheel of the boat racing back and forth on the lake with no interest in the peace and quiet that made the place beautiful and attractive in the first place.

Finally, if the decision is made to move ahead with allowing higher powered boats onto Deerfield Lake, at the very least, the Game, Fish and Parks Commission should ease into this by allowing boats on the lake only for a select few holidays during the next, let's say, five years. Then do a really good job of gathering feedback on how that works for everyone involved. How much new infrastructure is required such as boat ramps and trailer parking, etc. Five year time period is mainly due to weather considerations which can be very different than other parts of the Hills.

Thank you Ron and Donna Bunnell
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Cell 605-415-8239

Scott Hettinger
Rapid City SD

Comment:

The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) maintains an interest in proposed changes at Deerfield Dam and Reservoir that is part of the Rapid Valley Project. Reclamation opposes the public petition to remove the no wake zone at Deerfield Reservoir and replace it with a 25 miles per hour restriction. Reclamation is the Federal agency with jurisdiction for the operation and maintenance of Deerfield Dam and Reservoir. Deerfield Dam and Reservoir are located on Castle Creek, an upstream tributary to Rapid Creek. Deerfield Dam and Reservoir's authorized purpose is to provide supplemental municipal water for the Rapid Valley Water Conservancy District. As Reclamation's managing partner, the City of Rapid City operates and maintains Deerfield Dam and associated features. Deerfield Reservoir also provides recreation, and fish and wildlife benefits. Reclamation and the United States Forest Service (Forest Service) operate under agreements outlining administration and recreation responsibilities for Deerfield Reservoir. In a 1964 Memorandum of Understanding between Reclamation and the Forest Service, it specifies that "motor boats on the Reservoir area shall be limited to and not exceed a no-wake boat speed which is defined as normal docking or trolling speed." Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the subject proposal for Deerfield Reservoir. Reclamation recommends that the current "No Wake Zone" restriction at Deerfield Reservoir remain in place. If you have any questions related to this comment, please contact Cindy Larom directly at 605-519-5459.

Ranelle Clow
Rapid City SD

Comment:

This note is in regards to the Deerfield Lake proposal. I am an older woman who has discovered kayaking. And Deerfield Lake is where my friends and I can gather to enjoy calm water and kayak the whole lake. Please do not increase the speed on Deerfield, there are enough other lakes for motorized water craft. Vote No no speed increase is needed. Keep Deerfield at 5 MPH.

Gary Ladner
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Comment:

I am writing to voice my opposition to change the Deerfield Lake No-Wake restriction by increasing the speed for water craft from 5 to 25 MPH. Whether one is fishing, canoeing, kayaking, paddle boarding, swimming, hiking or just enjoying nature, Deerfield Lake is one of nature's treasures, not destroying them. Please keep Deerfield lake a No-Wake lake by maintaining the 5 MPH restriction.

Robert Paul
Hot Springs SD

Comment:

I am tendering these comments in regard to proposal regulation changes concerning boating on Deerfield Lake in the Western Black Hills. Deerfield lake, by virtue of it's location, is a unique gem for the State of South Dakota. It is in a very secluded, pristine area of the Hills and is the only large lake in the Black Hills where tourists and residents alike can experience the solitude without the noise, congestion, and interference with increased boating pressure. Allowing increased speed limits at Deerfield lake will also increase the risk of accidents injuries, and complaints in an area of very poor phone reception. Be able to contact emergency personnel will be very difficult for most people. I would strongly urge the commission to deny the proposed change. I feel the change would lead to more problems than any we currently may have. There are adequate locations already exist with better access, communication and availability now.

James Grebner
Rapid City SD

Comment:

I've enjoyed fishing in the Black Hills for nearly 60 years. My friends and I have always loved the peace & serenity to be found at Deerfield Lake. It's the only place we can get away from the noise, rough water & congestion cause by speeding boaters. Please don't ruin this last piece of paradise. Keep the no wake rule in effect.

Clayton Renner
Deadwood SD

Comment:

Eliminating the no wake zone on Deerfield lake is a very bad idea. Deerfield is the only large body of water where people can get away from high, noisy activity. Why spoil a wonderful, quiet area just so someone can speed to his favorite spot a few minutes faster. Also, if the wake ban is lifted, there will be tubers, wake boarders, and yes Skiers!

Lyndon Smith
Rapid City SD

Comment:

Could you please include this letter in your public record, to be considered by Game, Fish, & Parks commission. My son in law takes me up to ice fish at Deerfield lake each winter. This is all I have to look forward to in the winter. We both marvel at the peace and beauty of it. The fish are plentyfull and taste so pure it is amazing. Huge eagles land and come with in ten food of our fish shack. We can no let this spot of beauty be soiled with hydro-planes and jet skies with nitro. One lake in all of South Dakota, come on One! Left for us that are not enamored in high horsepower. Please don't make this into a cesspool like so many of the other lakes. Please leave Deerfield alone, so I can enjoy it in my last few years.

Jerome Harvey

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Comment:

On Thursday, June 6th, 2019, the South Dakota Game Fish and Parks Commission will be holding a hearing to raise the speed limit on Deerfield Lake from no wake to 25 MPH. I'm Born and raised in South Dakota and a very frequent user of and visitor to Deerfield Lake since I can remember and I'm opposed to this petition. Deerfield Reservoir is the largest lake in the Black Hills where people can enjoy recreational opportunities, without fear of boat wakes and without the noise of loud boat motors and subsequent pollution. There are plenty of other lakes in the region, Pactola Reservoir, Sheridan Lake, and Orman Dam, that are large enough for motorized water sports enthusiasts and fast boat fisherman to enjoy their recreational opportunities. Comparing winter activities with spring, summer and fall activities are like comparing apples to oranges, their simply is no comparison and therefore is not a valid argument. Increasing the speed, creates a lake wide wake zone, on a lake where this has never been allowed. The father, son/daughter opportunities with a low budget, low speed fishing boat will forever be lost as it will simple, no longer be safe to go on the lake, unless one has at a minimum a high dollar, fast going, bass style fishing boat. An entire generation of young being introduced to lost cost sporting and outdoor pursuits on the lake will be lost. Fast boat fishing opportunities currently exist for the petitioner Mr Edel at both Sheridan Lake, 39 minutes form his resident and Pactola, 37 minutes from his residence. The current no wake regulation is more than just a "nice gesture", it's very practical and needed for safe recreating applications on the lake. Currently the only fully qualified and equipped Dive and Water Rescue team is based at the Rapid City Fire Department, Station 3, 102 Federal Av in Rapid City, SD. This service is currently 30 minutes from Pactola, 39 minutes from Sheridan Lake and a 1 hour, 11 minute drive under perfect condition's to Deerfield Lake, these time frames do not include additional delays caused by zero cellular phone coverage at Deerfield, and the time to notify assembly and scramble a team. with the introduction of fast boat fishing and similar activities competing with the paddle boaters (canoes, kayaks et-al) and low speed, low budget fishing boats will inevitably lead to accidents, drownings and other calamities requiring the respond of the emergency resources. Changing Deerfield to an "all wake lake" will increase cost to the South Dakota Game Fish and Parks Department as there will be a need to install and maintain appropriate signage, increase patrols, dedication of a Game Wardens time to patrol monitor and enforce applicable rules and regulations. This will include additionally fleet acquisitions and maintenance for vehicles, communications equipment, training, a boat and all the ancillary lakes" These are expenses that are not needed and a wast of resources. Petition #70, references old "data" from 2016, contrary to the petitioners opinion of Deerfield Lake being "underutilized" it is OK to acceptable for Deerfield to remain as is, a no wake lake and not join the other lakes and fisheries to be over used and over fished. All wake lakes suffer from increase damage to shore line, habitat, and sedimentation. All undesirable effects. I ask you to please oppose petition number #70 on June,6th, 2019.

Genine Mace

Belle Fourche SD

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Comment:

Please leave Deerfield lake alone. If boaters want to go faster they can go to Pactola, Sheridan, Angostura, or Orman Damn. Deerfield should be left for the casual fishermen, people in float tubes, small boats and shore fishermen. Deerfield is a family friendly environment where the people can fish in the above mentioned ways safely. If the boats are allowed to create wakes these activities will not longer be safe at Deerfield. Please leave Deerfield lake alone.

James Good
Rapid City SD
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Comment:

I have lived in South Dakota for 20 years and have continually enjoyed camping and visiting at the Forest Service campground at Deerfield Lake almost every summer/fall. My wife and I enjoy the tranquility of the area, particularly the Lake, with its speed limit on boat use. The limited speed and resulting noise control of the boats on the Lake add to the enjoyment of this beautiful area.

I am a retired Refuge Manager with the US Fish & Wildlife Service(USFWS) having served for 30 years on refuges in most western states. I was the Refuge Mgr. at Havasu Refuge(CA-AZ), along the Colorado River from 1984-1996. One of my primary tasks was the management of the Topock Gorge Unit of the Refuge which goes for 15 miles from the north end of Lake Havasu to the Interstate Highway 40 Bridge. During summer, early fall months, the refuge receives some of the heaviest recreational boat use in the US. Our Refuge Officers, including myself, patrolled the Colorado River enforcing refuge regulations, particularly dealing with boating and jet skis. We had constant dealings with excessive speeds and disturbances to visitors, swimmers and operators of boats in backwaters off the main river channel which was under the jurisdiction of the USFWS. I battled constantly, over 10 years, with fishermen, recreational boat and jet ski operators violating no-wake zone regulations. Many citations were issued for these violations. Finally at the end of this period the Refuge got regulations in place to have no-wake regulations put in place for the back waters off the main Colorado River channel which is a navigable waterway under the jurisdiction of the US Coast Guard.

The no wake speed limit was very well accepted where established on the refuge and is still in place. Boating speed control regulations are needed in most areas where there is public use.

I am against the proposal to increase the boat speed limit at Deerfield Lake to 25 mph and encourage the Commission not to put this regulation change in place. We do not need to have the increase boat speed with associated increased noise in the beautiful and tranquil Deerfield Lake setting. I see no reason to allow this so fishermen can go faster. There is already enough of this type of disturbance on other lakes in the Black Hills.

Thank you for your time.

Jan Vandarwarka
Custer SD
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Comment:

Let those of us who love the peace, quiet, and calm of this no wake lake have one major Hills lake to safely navigate with our float tubes, canoes and kayaks. Protect this beautiful place. There is enough speed and noise on the rest of our lakes!

Rhea Kontos
Sioux Falls SD
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Comment:

In the age of speed, we need to slow it down and it has been a privilege to enjoy any lake that has a no wake or slow speed so those with paddle crafts and beach goers can enjoy the pleasures of a cleaner and quieter lake. I imagine the wildlife appreciated it as well. Seems like plenty of lakes in the surrounding area are available for boaters that need to accelerate.

Patricia Braun
Rapid City SD
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Comment:

please do NOT change boating speeds at Deerfield. Please continue with this pristine, beautiful spot that is a rare treasure. The fisherman who stated he wanted to 'get to his favorite fishing spot' faster needs to take a deep breath and understand he is there not because he NEEDS to catch a fish for survival, he is there because he is a privileged human with a boat and equipment for the FUN of it. thank you.

Patrick Britton
Rapid City SD
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Comment:

I oppose raising the boat speed limit on Deerfield Lake. It is a peaceful lake used by several people for fishing, kayaking, canoeing and paddle boarding. The people in favor of raising the speed limit should slow down, enjoy the beauty of the lake, or go to a different lake. Thank you!

Gary Ladner
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Comment:

Deerfield Lake remains one of nature's pristine treasures where one can enjoy solitude as nature intended. Please do remove the No-Wake restrictions, instead work to set aside more natural resources. Tranquility can not be found in noise and restlessness.

John Rehorst
Rapid City SD
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Comment:

I am opposed to changing Deerfield from 5mph to 25 mph for boats. There are many larger lakes allowing faster, noisy boats. Deerfield is the only larger lake that has maintained its quiet, serene atmosphere. Increasing the speed might adversely impact the safety of the non-motorized users of the lake. Please do not change this as it is increasingly difficult to find and enjoy tranquil areas in the hills. We need to preserve this lake's unique peacefulness. Thank you.

Jenny Rehorst

Rapid City SD

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Comment:

I am opposed to changing Deerfield Lake from 5mph to 25 mph boat speed. I have spent time with my family camping and fishing at Deerfield lake throughout the past 40 years. It has been possible for us to enjoy fly fishing from float tubes, as well as canoeing and kayaking, without having to worry about speeding boats going by. There are already many larger lakes in the area which allow for 25 mph boat speeds. Increasing the speed at Deerfield will increase the boat traffic, decrease the safety for non-motorized users, and take away from the wonderful and unique peace and quiet that this area provides. Please do not change Deerfield Lake. Thank you!

Janice Weisser

Hot Springs SD

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Comment:

Please, please don't change Deerfield Lake. We love it the way is it, we need more solitude for everyone but mostly for the older citizens who have been going there for years and years. Our young people also need to learn about the quiet part of life. thank you for your consideration.

Robert Weisser

Hot Springs SD

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Comment:

DON'T change Deer Field Dam. I have been going there for 80 years and love the quiet life.

Thanks

Dolores Nelson

Rapid City SD

Comment:

Please leave the no-wake restriction in place so we can all enjoy the peace and quiet of this wonderful place and not have to listen to power boats and jet skis

Kenneth Nelson

Rapid City SD

Comment:

This is one of the few no-wake lakes left in the Black Hills and it should stay that way. It is nice to be able to shore fish and not have power boats roaring by.

Susan Hey
Rapid City SD
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Comment:

The no wake designation and 5 mph speed limit is appropriate for Deerfield Lake. The citizens need to have a lake where kayakers and canoeists can enjoy no wake water. We all need a lake of quiet and peace in the Black Hills .

David Thom
Custer SD
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Comment:

I do not support lifting the "no-wake" restriction for boat traffic on Deerfield Reservoir for the following reasons:

- This is the only large reservoir/lake in the Black Hills that has a no-wake restriction to retain the quiet solitude for those recreationist seeking such settings. Sheridan, Pactola and Angustora all have unlimited motor/boat size that provide those types of experiences. Speed, waves and nosie is expected and anticipated on those lakes so those seeking a quieter experience can go to Deerfield Reservoir.
- Deerfield Reservoir has nesting bald eagles near the shore that should have some degree of quiet for reproduction and growth.
- Campers in the campgrounds adjacent to the lake enjoy the quiet the current setting allows.

Please retain the peace and quiet of this beautiful high elevation lake by voting against this proposal to increase boat speed.
Thank you. Dave Thom, Custer, SD

Anton Schwarz
Hill City SD
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Comment:

Deerfield Lake is the only lake a person can float tube , kayak, or canoe witjout be swamped by jet skis or boats. Fishing while float tubing etc. would be hazardous. It wasn't so long ago that a young man drowned while kayaking on Deerfield. Could you imagine if one had to deal with speed boats and jet skis? We have no problem with getting across the lake while maintaining a maximum 5 mph!
Thank you!

Mylee Puetz
Black Hawk SD
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Comment:

There are three boat ramps around Deerfield Lake. If fishermen are in a hurry to get to a particular fishing hole, they can put it closer to it. To my knowledge there aren't bass tournaments on Deerfield Lake so why the rush to get around. We have been camping at this lake for several years specifically because it's peaceful and there is no concern of getting run over by a speeding boat while out kayaking. Please let us keep some peace, calm and quiet in this crazy, fast-paced world we all live in.

Tyler Nachtweih
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Comment:

No comment text provided.

Robert Kayl
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Comment:

Re: Deerfield Lake No-Wake Restriction

As an owner of property near Deerfield Lake and a concerned citizen, I strongly oppose the lifting of the no-wake restriction currently being considered by the GF&P Commission. My opposition is due to three key factors; 1) disturbing the existing tranquility of the lake, 2) public safety, and 3) the presence of other boating alternatives in the Black Hills region.

My wife and I recently purchased a property near Deerfield Lake. The lake, with its current no-wake restrictions and tranquil beauty, was a key factor in choosing the Black Hills. The lake is a quiet treasure in the Black Hills and should continue as it stands today. We are visiting the Hills this week and plan to hike around the lake. We are expecting to enjoy the quiet, peacefulness of the lake, without the disturbance of high speed boating. We also hope to kayak or canoe on the lake; two activities that could be jeopardized in the future, if the no-wake restriction is removed.

There is also a public safety concern with lifting the no-wake restriction. Currently, there is very limited, if any, cellular reception at or near Deerfield Lake. If an accident would occur, which may be more likely due to boats speeding across the lake, emergency response time is extended. The presence of more boats, traveling at faster speeds, greatly increase the chance of an accident occurring. Having to travel several miles to get cellular reception or hoping that the Mt. Meadow store is open to use their telephone is a risk that supports keeping the no-wake restriction on Deerfield Lake intact.

Finally, there are several other boating opportunities in the Black Hills region. Pactola Reservoir, Sheridan Lake and Angostura Reservoir all offer alternatives to boaters without a wake restriction. Keeping the Deerfield Lake no-wake restriction is really the only practical option for kayakers, canoers or others, who want a relaxing, wake-free environment in Black Hills.

As a South Dakota native, landowner and part-time resident, I appreciate the traditions of the state. The tradition of Deerfield Lake, as it stands today, with the no-wake restriction, should be honored and celebrated. I strongly oppose lifting the no-wake ban of Deerfield Lake and urge the Commission to keep the lake as our parents and grandparents intended.

Thank you.
Robert Kayl
Anne Kayl

Sylvia Lambert

Interior SD

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Comment:

It seems that people, who know the importance of quiet places for physical and emotional health, get discriminated against by the dominant culture of speed. Though they may be a minority of the population, they deserve their right to have a place for their way of being.

Please let Deerfield Lake continue to be the one Black Hills lake for the people who want solitude.

Thank you.

Patrice Lynch

Rapid City SD

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Comment:

We are Totally against this petition!!!My family has tried to canoe on lakes that allow high speed vehicles. Several times, many boats purposely try to capsize a canoe with no concern for kids under 10 in the boat. I have rarely observed SDGFP out regulating the speed and drinking on these lakes. It is difficult to determine a speed of boat and Deerfield is too remote for administration/law enforcement. No wake is much simpler to administer. No wake should continue on Deerfield Reservoir to provide recreation users a more serene experience. Increasing wake will erode the shores. Thus will impact the rare Lake Chub. There have been no studies that have determined the reasons why this fish population is in decline. It is the only lake in the Black Hills with two bald eagle nests. There are many shorebirds, including loons. The SDGFP is responsible for maintaining habitat and populations for ALL species. Not just for the species that can be hunted, trapped, or fished. They also need to be good neighbors to land management agencies and do more to accomodate their management objectives, not make this stupid petition from some guy that doesn't like to take 30 min. across the lake. What's his hurry???He should go fish and dodge speed boats on lakes that are managed actively to provide superior angling experience. We need this lake for the serenity and peaceful experience and the ability to safely canoe with kids.. My family and friends respectfully ask the commission to not go forward on this petition. It is a waste of resources and money that their budgets cannot afford. Put your priorities on lakes that need more overcite than this one.

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Lennie Symes
Rapid City SD
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Comment:

I implore the GFP not to change the no-wake restrictions at Deerfield Lake. My family has been active in utilizing many state park areas and lakes in the Black Hills: Angostura, Pactola, Deerfield, Sheridan, Center, and Horsethief. Often Angostura, Pactola, and Sheridan become almost unusable for stand-up paddleboards (SUP) because of the wakes and traffic (and noise) generated from boats and jet skis, particularly weekends, and these are larger lakes than Deerfield. Center and Horsethief are too small, as you can cross to the other side in 5-10 minutes. The lone retreat from the boat traffic is Deerfield. The problem with Deerfield is that it is narrow, so wakes will reverberate from shore to shore long after the boats move on. If you SUP or kayak in the Jenny Gulch area of Pactola or between North Ramp/Ski Beach of Angostura on busy days (or even nearly all of Sheridan), you know exactly how disturbed the water can get in narrow areas, even after the boats move on. Currently, Deerfield lake is active, but removing the no-wake restriction is a disaster to it's greatest attribute—a peaceful retreat in the Hills. Please do not change the no-wake restrictions!

Lennie Symes

David Huizenga

Hot Springs SD

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Comment:

Please retain the current no wake status at Deerfield Lake. As a camper, kayaker, and canoeist at Deerfield I believe it should retain its status as a premier destination for users to experience the natural serenity, beauty, and solitude without the noise and wake caused by higher boat speeds. There are sufficient boating opportunities at several lakes in the area to accommodate those wishing higher speeds as well as fishing opportunities. Please leave the current restrictions in place at Deerfield to preserve its natural unspoiled legacy for many years to come. Thank You

Firarm, Crossboaws and Bow Restrictions in State Park and Rec Areas

Wayne Huebert

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Comment:

In respect to allowing crossbows as a legal weapon in State Parks. The way I read it means one does not have to be handicap. This is wrong in my opinion because not only does this take away from our deep tradition of compound and traditional archery, it is dangerous due to the speed of crossbows to people riding horse, walking or hiking. This may have been an issue when compounds started as well. Maybe we just have to adjust to it like hunters did before. Thank you for your consideration and the jobs you do.

James Elsing

Lemmon SD

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Comment:

I support the proposal to expand the period when hunting is allowed in the Shadehill Lake park and recreation areas to September 1 to May 31 from the current October 1 to April 30. If you look at the map of Shadehill Lake you will see the several park and recreation areas are intermixed with and between game production areas, and there is no apparent indication on the ground marking and identifying the many boundaries between them, such that one does not know with accuracy which area one is positioned. This affects grouse and partridge hunting in the Fall and turkey hunting in the Spring. Changing the dates as proposed to allowing hunting Shadehill Lake park and recreation areas from September 1 to May 31 would fix these problems, provide more hunting recreation, and save the expense of marking and maintaining boundary signs. Thank you. James Elsing

Other

Justin Murphy

Lyons SD

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Comment:

South Dakota should consider drawing elk licenses earlier in the year. It is difficult to properly plan for fall hunts not knowing if an individual has drawn a South Dakota elk tag. By the time results have posted most other states have already had second draws. It would also assist with getting leave requests approved with employers if an applicant is successful. Thank you for your time.

Justin Murphy
Lyons, SD

Lamoyne Darnall

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Comment:

Due to bass being very inquisitive, they are an easy target for spear fishers, therefor there are very few Bass in Pactola to repopulate the species. Please give them a chance by stopping the spearing of bass in pactola.

Cody Warren

Rapid City SD

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Comment:

As an avid angler I have seen a decrease of the bass population and an increase of spearfishing. The bass are a pretty easy target in the clear water Pactola has to offer. When people say spearfishermen cant get them all that's correct, but they have put a good dent in it.

Tass Thacker

Rapid City SD

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Comment:

This program is ridiculous. The pheasant population has declined due to the distraction of their habitat. The pheasant is an exotic species not native. Teaching children to kill animals for fun is wrong.

Rusty Schmidt
Rapid City SD
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Comment:

I am completely opposed to limiting the access permits to the Custer National Forest.

Diane Lang
Seattle WA
lang_diane@hotmail.com

Comment:

Please protect our wildlife.

Steve Toepfer
Oacoma SD
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Comment:

I was unable to leave a public comment at the assigned location as for the May 23 rd meeting so I am sending it here. I have read the proposed changes and I agree with them. I believe these are good changes.

Deborah Kitzul
Grand Blanc MI
warriorhawkwolf@yahoo.com

Comment:

We are destroying everything on the planet. Over 60% of the animals in the last 40 years. We are quickly coming to our own demise.

Beverly Alba
Winthrop MA
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Comment:

No extension past May 1. The public overwhelmingly opposes any wildlife trapping. The lands are public and belong to all in US. Trapping is inherently cruel, ethically wrong, and ecologically unsound.

C. Marie Hlushtchyk

Carteret NJ

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Comment:

Animals aren't the problem its people who are the problem. Humans are no better & no higher than animals, they need to share the land. The selfishness & greed must end & maybe the world will be a better place. If humans cant respect animals than they are just plain evil.

Virginia Derasmi

Carteret NJ

ginjon@aol.com

Comment:

Maybe if you'd stop building so much the people wouldnt be taking the animals land. Get rid of the people not the animals! The animals ask you for NOTHING - LEAVE THEM ALONE!

Cody Traweek

Olympia WA

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Comment:

I urge the commission not to extend the use of traps on public lands. The current May 1 deadline should be maintained because it enhances public safety, promotes tourism, and reduces the suffering of orphaned wildlife on public lands preventing the unethical trapping of mothers with young. Expanding archaic trapping of our public wildlife is promoting a barbaric and cruel process that needs to be stopped. There are better ways to expand pheasant populations and we should not indiscriminately kill wildlife to improve hunting odds, as this shows an ignorance for the delicate balance of local ecosystems.

James Elsing
Lemmon SD
elsing@sdplains.com

Comment:

I clicked on the link below Flying a Drone in State Parks and reviewed the resulting page, that included the following: "The following statute applies to drone use regardless of what property you are on:
• You cannot use a drone to hunt, kill, take, concentrate, drive, rally, stir up, spot, or locate game birds, or animals. SDCL 41-8-39." Your comments state the language is in fact SDCL 41-8-39. I assume nearly everyone reading this page assumes what you have stated to be true. I had my suspicions, so I checked it out. You have not stated the statute, nor have you stated an accurate summarization of the statute. You are not only misleading the public by your claim to the statute, you are destroying any credibility of the GF&P by your inaccurate claim. Of course I now wonder how many other statements from the GF&P on any subject are worth reading or believing. Had your preliminary statement read to the effect "The following is a summary interpretation of the statute cited that should be read for correct understanding." I could live with that. Or you could have printed the full statute as your introductory declaration denotes. Your inaccurate claim is definitely not the professional competence and accuracy I expect from the GF&P. I didn't see the point in further checking the prior claims on this web page referring to SDCL and ARSD. Are they too inaccurate summaries? I find it unacceptable that the GF&P can make careless and false claims of the law regarding your own affairs, but if I were to do the same I would be arrested and charged in court for failure to properly follow the law.

Vicki Honerkamp
Piedmont SD
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Comment:

Yesterday,5/12/19, we took advantage of the free fishing day and my husband took me fishing to Sheridan Lake. I am disabled and have a hard time walking even with a cane. I was so pleased with the metal walkways with rails that led on to the floating docks in the area just off the highway! I was able to get on to the dock with no assistance! It was simply a beautiful day and we had been there fishing for about an hour when a very nice young man approached us from your department and said he was taking surveys. We had only had one nibble at the time and he said he would check on us later. Another hour and a half passed and he returned. We had only had one more nibble so he decided to survey us and asked us several questions. We were happy to comply.

Well,we were there a couple of more hours and finally fish were starting to bite for several fishermen around us when my husband caught a nice sized trout! This was a pretty and fat Rainbow trout just the size for my Mother's Day supper! But it was an unusual fish as it had a unique deformity! I am sending some pictures with this email and was wondering if there is a possibility of getting them to that nice young man? I think he would get a chuckle that not only was this fish unusual but also the fact that the fish did not bite until after he left! He was a tall thin young man with dark curly hair. By the way, the fish was delicious and the spine was fused in to the unusual shape. I have no idea how it could swim!

Gary Lindner
Clear Lake SD
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Comment:

just a short comment on the live trap give away and bounty program. I have used live trap to do this for sometime around my crp with pretty good success. when this program came out I thought what a super idea, and still think it's a great idea. but since I am getting older and grumpier I have to complain about something. GFP does such a good treating land owners the way they should be treated since we do feed wild life all year,that is why in my opinion I think the the trap give away should have been given to landowners first chance. still waiting for mine. so my grades for the above would be. bounty program= A+—giving traps away free A +—treating land owners with respect A+—who received the traps to begin with D . thank you for your time for reading this.

Judith Wegner
Pierre SD
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Comment:

I'm writing to express my feelings and concerns about the Bounty Program. I am under the impression that there will be another meeting on Monday, May 6th. The Argus Leader has the first months count on how many were trapped. It was jaw dropping to see how many were killed. I'm reading an article in South Dakota Outdoors all about this. According to the article we have lost over 1/2 a million acres in the CRP Program and farming practices are cleaner too. Because of this pheasants have fewer places to nest and hide from the cold. These statements are taken from our state pheasant biologists. Also to be pointed out is the same 4 species to be trapped are the ones that keep our rodent populations down. They actually stated that these species are not the reason for a decline in pheasant numbers.

I can ask you why not put falcons,hawks, etc. on that list? Please don't. My point being any species that feeds off pheasants should be killed??? Whenever man makes a decision at this level the repercussions are felt long after. As a matter of fact your agency doesn't know how this will impact other things or species.

Yes, pheasants are important to the economy of South Dakota. That being said we have a great deal of pheasants raised in protection at Lodges and farms. Pheasants aren't native to South Dakota but all of the bounty species are. I'm asking you to reconsider this drastic decision of a bounty on these species. Mother Nature doesn't always need man to interfere.

Thank you for your time. By the way I live on 17 acres east of Pierre. I feed the pheasants. I wait for fox to have their babies so my kids can see nature and wildlife. We don't kill anything on our property.

Melody Dennis

Deadwood SD

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Comment:

I am a 30+ year resident of South Dakota. I am mortified by this ridiculous bounty program. We are teaching our children to abuse and kill innocent animals for \$10? What happened to kindness and compassion for living beings? This is disgusting. And to use children in your ads is offensive.

On one of your posts you said that if we run across a nests of babies to leave them alone. Mom will be back. No she won't. She's been senseless murdered for her tail. And her carcass thrown away to rot. There is absolutely no basis for this program. If Miss Noem is having trouble attracting pheasant hunters to her property maybe it's poorly managed. The photos you are posting are horrible. Stop it. Seriously. This program is costing money that could be used to improve wild life habitat. Game Fish and Parks is supposed to protect and defend our wild life. If any of your employees are so heartless to think this is ok, resign. You are in the wrong line of work. Don't be afraid to stand up for the wild life you are meant to protect STOP this thing Now!

Jeri Fosheim

Midland SD

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Comment:

To whom it may concern,

I have a young, petite daughter who is hunting this Spring under the new guidelines of no rifle, only shotgun. We did try to have her shoot small game loads and the try a turkey load to see if she could handle it. She hasn't shot shotgun before as we knew it would be hard for her to handle at this age and want her to have a good experience.

We were affirmed and found shooting shotgun is WAY too much for her. It is considerably unsafe due to her inability to hold the gun steady and manage that size of load. We tried different methods to support her and pad it but to no avail. It just doesn't work.

She is also going to have to be considerably closer to her game and consider all her surroundings in a shorter amount of time prior to her shooting. Which we understand that making that assessment is part of hunting but just wish she'd have the time back a rifle on a bipod affords her in a safely supported shot.

She successfully harvested a turkey two years ago under a mentor tag with a .223. It wasn't super close, she had time to put her sights on the turkey, and it's now mounted in her room as it's still one of her best memories with her dad. I truly hope this year is successful in that they see some and she'll try again.

Our hunting group includes between 3-6 pairs of dads and kids, depending on weather and schedules. These kids are in their influential years of 8-15 and all enjoy hunting. A few aren't old enough and will be starting in the next year or two. We'd like to ensure their success of being future turkey hunters and would like to ask you to reconsider allowing rifles to be used in harvesting turkeys as it was in the past.

Angie Dolan
Sioux Falls SD
adolan@q.com

Comment:

I'm writing you as someone who has always been a proud South Dakotan, but your predator program has changed that. I am ashamed to be associated with the "family hunting" program that's been devised to eliminate animals seen by some to deplete the pheasant population. Two of the dogs we've adopted have come to the door with pheasants hanging from their mouths, so perhaps dogs will soon be caged, killed and their tails chopped for the same predator bounty you're offering. Let's work on climate control and conservation programs, the real reasons we're having issues. Teaching children the thrill of trapping, watching animals killed, and having tails chopped off doesn't begin to compare to the fostering, loving, and caring for animals who need help, as we have done repeatedly. Compassion, caring, and kindness? Not with your program! Work for POSITIVE effects, and please help our state create a better image than it now has.

Shannon Caperton
Rapid City SD
shanny2920@gmail.com

Comment:

I am writing in opposition to the Nest Predator Bounty Program. I am completely opposed to teaching children that killing small animals for money is okay. What is wrong with you? I believe the majority of South Dakotans do not agree with this program and would like to see it end.

Mary Tautkus
Deadwood SD
jtct@rushmore.com

Comment:

I am a law abiding, SD business owner who is so shocked and appalled at the predator program. What are you doing to stop it?
It is inhumane and is not teaching kids the background and purpose of hunting. I have heard you did not even get notified until afterwards. I am a voter and want my voice to be heard. We are supposed to be a democracy. So many people are against it but no one is answering us. I use to be so proud to live in SD and now I am ashamed. My business is very good and I put in thousands of dollars into the state system. So why did the public not get to voice their concerns? I am seriously thinking of moving and taking my tax dollars to another state that supports the dignity and lives of our animals and what they give back by having an ecosystem that works. And what about all the babies that will die slowly and miserably from starvation. I am not anti hunting at all if done right, and for the right reasons. This is not how it should be taught.

Wolfgang Schmidt

Nemo SD

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Comment:

We strongly urge you to NOT extend the Nest Predator Bounty Program until Aug. 31. This is a cruel program that will throw our ecosystem entirely out of balance. It is orphaning many small animals after killing their mothers, not to mention the cruelty of using traps. Also, what kind of message is this sending to our children and grandchildren? That killing is good? What do children know about trapping? Not to even mention the taxpayer expense involved. The residents of South Dakota should have a voice on this issue and it should not be decided by a "panel" of few. It is a one-sided program instituted by GF&P who should be PROTECTING our animals, not mass killing them. The rodent population will skyrocket as a result of this misguided idea. In this age of mass shootings in our schools, there should be no programs that promote violence in nature in order to boost the pheasant population. This was a very bad idea from the beginning and should be stopped immediately. We urge you to absolutely not extend this program until August 31. Please do your job and care about all of the animals in our world.

Muriel Anderson

Rapid City SD

mur mama60@gamil.com

Comment:

This is during the time animals raise their young and I feel that 8 months is long enough for trapping.

Deborah Harrowa

Rapid City SD

Dharrowa@icloud.com

Comment:

Trapping through the heat of the summer can be a very cruel death for the animals caught in traps, when not consistently checked. In addition, being on public lands, someone's pet or animals not on "kill list" could easily be caught in a trap and also die in the excruciating heat! Please don't extend this season.... in fact get rid of it altogether or only kill the animals areas where there is an actual nuisance!

Devin Miller

Smithfield SD

Devinmdurga@yahoo.com

Comment:

This kind of nonsense only promotes a lack of respect for wildlife and teaches killing is fun and profitable. It's barbaric and inhumane and thousands of offspring die horrible deaths as their sole providers are killed off for kicks. This brutal activity needs to stop. In this day and age people no longer support this barbarity.... and it's time South Dakota caught up with newer science and a less ignorant world view.

Carol Haley
Sandwich MA
Haleycarol@gmail.com

Comment:

I am in sting disagreement with any plan to extend trapping season on public land. There are several other humane methods to protect chickens and other livestock which don't involve this brutality. Trapping causes immense suffering.

Catherine Efraimson
New York NY
Mmutts@yahoo.com

Comment:

Game, Fish and Wildlife need protections not eradication. Using traps is cruel, painfully and inhumane, alienate methods must be available and considered rather than allowing this barbaric practice to continue.

Michael Delgado
San Diego CA
mpdelg33@gmail.com

Comment:

I urge the Commission to end trapping on public land.

Jillian Anawaty
Rapid City SD
Herbenlegends@gmail.com

Comment:

Please do not extend the trapping season.

Doug Dobesh
Spearfish SD
caldo5691@hotmail.com

Comment:

I guess the only way to get you people to listen to us is to hit you in the only place that it hurts-your pocketbook. I am encouraging everyone that I see to not purchase hunting and fishing licenses until intelligent, common sense comes into play. Every year we read that the GF&P is wringing their hands because the number of resident hunters keeps declining. We all know that the only reason this causes concern is due to lost revenue. The GF&P is supposed to be stewards of all wildlife in this state, not just the ones that bring in revenue. You at the GF&P, the GF&P commission, and the governor should be really proud of yourselves.

Kathryn Larsen

Spearfish SD

larsengirls@rushmore.com

Comment:

Well, I guess the Governor pays you and the general public apparently doesn't because you sure bend your rules to cater to her wants !!!!

Delwyn Newman

Lemmon SD

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Comment:

I want to comment on the recent trap giveaway and bounty program. I first heard of the program by e-mail AFTER the GFP decided the response for free traps was so high that the number went from 5 to 3 free traps. When I read THAT e-mail I then learned the program was closed (where is the fairness in that?). Then I read about the \$10.00 bounty. My question then became where did the money come from and why the sudden war on skunks, racoons, red fox (I know they like eggs, they have always liked eggs). Who will benefit the most (the average hunter or a private hunting preserve?) To me this is some kind of political game being played out with my sportsman dollars. My this never be! Thank you. Delwyn Newman, Lemmon SD

Mark Moreen

Montague MI

Redwingsmark@gmail.com

Comment:

Changing the date only confuses the application process. Making changes just for the sake of change is never a good thing, the simpler you can keep a process the apt people are to try hunting in South Dakota

Palisades

Andrew Sorenson

Garretson SD

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Comment:

Leave it where it is. We want people to drive by the golf course and through the town of Garretson.

Restrict Spearing of Bass on Pactola Reservoir

Douglas Mitchell

Pierre SD

lilymitchell447@gmail.com

Comment:

I think it is a very good idea to prohibit the spearing of bass at Pactola Reservoir year round and also to take the no wake limit off of Deerfield Reservoir and enhance the use of that lake.

RESIDENT LICENSE FEES

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Fishing																
annual	\$21	\$25								\$25	\$28					\$28
senior	\$5	\$10								\$10	\$12					\$12
one-day	\$7									\$7	\$8					\$8
paddlefish tag	\$5	\$20								\$20	\$25					\$25
game fish spearing									\$5	\$5	\$5				\$5	
Combination	\$44	\$49							\$49	\$50	\$55					\$55
junior	\$23	\$25								\$25	\$27					\$27
senior									\$34	\$35	\$40					\$40
Small game																
annual	\$27	\$29							\$29	\$30	\$33					\$33
youth	\$5									\$5	\$5					\$5
one-day	\$8	\$10								\$10	\$12					\$12
Migratory bird certification	\$3	\$5								\$5	\$5					\$5
Canada goose special tags	\$10								\$10	\$11	\$15					\$15
Tundra Swan tag	\$10								\$10	\$11	\$18					\$18
Turkey																
spring one-tag	\$20								\$20	\$21	\$25					\$25
spring two-tag	\$25								\$25	\$26	\$35					\$35
fall one-tag	\$10								\$10	\$11	\$15					\$15
fall two-tag	\$15								\$15	\$16	\$20					\$20
Deer																
one-tag "any"	\$30	\$35							\$35	\$36	\$40					\$40
two-tag "any+antlerless"	\$45								\$45	\$46	\$50					\$50
one-tag antlerless	\$15								\$15	\$16	\$20					\$20
two-tag antlerless	\$25								\$25	\$26	\$30					\$30
special buck	\$155								\$155	\$156	\$175					\$175
youth	\$5															\$5
Antelope																
one-tag "any"	\$30	\$35							\$35	\$36	\$40					\$40
two-tag "any+doe-fawn"	\$45								\$45	\$46	\$50					\$50
one-tag "doe-fawn"	\$15								\$15	\$16	\$20					\$20
two-tag "doe-fawn"	\$25								\$25	\$26	\$30					\$30
Elk																
any elk	\$105	\$155							\$155	\$156	\$175					\$175
antlerless	\$105								\$105	\$106	\$116					\$116
Mountain goat	\$105	\$255							\$255	\$256	\$280					\$280
Bighorn sheep	\$505	\$255							\$255	\$256	\$280					\$280
Mountain lion		\$15				\$15	\$25		\$25	\$26	\$28					\$28
Furbearer	\$20	\$25								\$25	\$30					\$30
Predator/varmint	\$5									\$5	\$5					\$5
Application fee	\$5									\$5	\$5	\$10				\$10
elk, sheep, mt goat																
Preference Point											\$5					\$5

NONRESIDENT LICENSE FEES

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Fishing																
annual	\$59	\$60								\$60	\$67					\$67
youth									\$25	\$25	\$25					\$25
family	\$59	\$60								\$60	\$67					\$67
one-day	\$12	\$14								\$14	\$16					\$16
three-day	\$30	\$32								\$32	\$37					\$37
paddlefish tag	\$5	\$20								\$20	\$40					\$40
game fish spearing									\$5						\$5	
Small game																
ten-day	\$100	\$110							\$110	\$121						\$121
youth	\$25						\$25	\$10								\$10
Shooting preserve																
one-day		\$35							\$35	\$46						\$46
five-day		\$65							\$65	\$76						\$76
annual	\$35	\$85							\$85	\$121						\$121
Waterfowl																
ten-day or annual	\$105	\$110							\$110	\$121						\$121
three-day	\$75								\$75	\$86						\$86
spring light goose	\$45								\$45	\$46						\$50
youth spring light goose	\$25								\$25	\$26						\$26
early fall Canada goose	\$45								\$45	\$46						\$50
tundra swan tag	\$10	\$15							\$15	\$16						\$25
youth																\$10
Turkey																
spring one-tag	\$85								\$85	\$86	\$100					\$100
spring two-tag	\$100								\$100	\$101	\$125					\$125
fall one-tag	\$75								\$75	\$76	\$90					\$90
fall two-tag	\$85								\$85	\$86	\$100					\$100
Deer																
one-tag "any"	\$155	\$195				\$195	\$285	\$285	\$286							\$286
two-tag "any+antlerless"	\$205	\$245				\$245	\$335	\$335	\$336							\$336
one-tag antlerless	\$55							\$55	\$56	\$80						\$80
two-tag antlerless	\$80							\$80	\$81	\$120						\$120
special buck	\$505							\$505	\$506	\$560						\$560
youth	\$5	\$10							\$10	\$10						\$10
Antelope																
one-tag "any"	\$155	\$195				\$195	\$285	\$285	\$286							\$286
two-tag "any+doe-fawn"	\$205	\$245				\$245	\$335	\$335	\$336							\$336
one-tag "doe-fawn"	\$55							\$55	\$56	\$80						\$80
two-tag "doe-fawn"	\$80							\$80	\$81	\$120						\$120
Furbearer																
Predator/varmint	\$35				\$250				\$250	\$275						\$275
Preference Point										\$10						\$10

Resident

	<u>Small Game</u>	<u>Fishing</u>	<u>Combination</u>	<u>Waterfowl</u>	<u>Turkey</u>	<u>Deer</u>	<u>Antelope</u>
SD	\$33.00	\$28.00	\$55.00	\$38.00	\$25.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
ND	\$31.00	\$17.00	\$50.00	\$31.00	\$36.00	\$51.00	\$51.00
MT	\$25.50	\$31.00	N/A	\$24.50	\$24.50	\$34.00	\$37.00
WY	\$39.50	\$39.50	N/A	\$39.50	\$33.50	\$59.50	\$54.50
NE	\$43.00	\$38.00	\$77.00	\$53.00	\$55.00	\$69.00	\$67.50
IA	\$37.00	\$22.00	\$55.00	\$48.50	\$43.50	\$48.00	N/A
MN	\$29.50	\$25.00	\$57.00	\$29.50	\$30.00	\$34.00	N/A

Migratory bird certification (\$5) required for waterfowl.

Hunting Certificate (\$1) and Habitat Fee (\$20) included in all licenses except Fishing; Fishing Certificate (\$1) included in Fishing and Combination.

Base license (\$10) and conservation license (\$8) included on all hunting licenses.

Conservation Stamp (\$12.50) included on all hunting and fishing licenses. \$5 application fee for turkey, deer and antelope.

Habitat stamp (\$25) included on all hunting licenses. Waterfowl hunters must purchase a \$10 waterfowl stamp.

Habitat fee (\$15) included on all hunting licenses. Migratory bird certification (\$11.50) required for waterfowl.

Application fee (\$4) included for turkey. Pheasant validation (\$7.50) included in small game. Migratory bird certification (\$7.50) required for waterfowl.

Nonresident

	<u>Small Game</u>	<u>Fishing</u>	<u>Combination</u>	<u>Waterfowl</u>	<u>Turkey</u>	<u>Deer</u>	<u>Antelope</u>
SD	\$125.00	\$67.00	N/A	\$121.00	\$100.00	\$286.00	\$286.00
ND	\$122.00	\$47.00	N/A	\$172.00	\$102.00	\$277.00	N/A
MT	\$135.00	\$111.00	N/A	\$75.00	\$140.00	\$639.00	\$230.00
WY	\$86.50	\$114.50	N/A	\$86.50	\$96.50	\$396.50	\$348.50
NE	\$122.00	\$76.00	\$184.00	\$182.00	\$134.00	\$274.00	\$121.50
IA	\$144.00	\$48.00	N/A	\$155.50	\$134.00	\$363.50	N/A
MN	\$109.50	\$51.00	N/A	\$109.50	\$100.00	\$185.00	N/A

Hunting Certificate (\$2) and Habitat Fee (\$20) included in all licenses except Fishing; Fishing Certificate (\$2) included in Fishing and Combination.

Base license (\$15) and conservation license (\$10) included on all hunting licenses. Deer license includes fishing and small game.

Conservation Stamp (\$12.50) included on all hunting and fishing licenses. \$10 application fee for turkey, deer and antelope.

Habitat stamp (\$25) included on all hunting licenses. Waterfowl hunters must purchase a \$10 stamp. Antelope licenses only available to NR landowners.

Habitat fee (\$15) included on all hunting licenses. Migratory bird certification (\$11.50) required for waterfowl.

Application fee (\$4) included for turkey. Pheasant validation (\$7.50) included in small game. Migratory bird certification (\$7.50) required for waterfowl.

Park Entrance License Comparison

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	<u>Annual</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>Daily</u>	<u>Transferable</u>
SD	\$30.00	\$15.00	\$6.00	\$65.00
ND	\$35.00	N/A	\$7.00	N/A
MT	\$35.00	N/A	\$6.00	N/A
NE	\$31 Res \$46 Nres	\$16 Res \$23.50 Nres	\$6 Res \$8 Nres	N/A
IA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
MN	\$35.00	\$26.00	\$7.00	N/A
WY	\$40 Res \$70 Nres	\$ 12 Res \$21 Nres	\$6 Res \$9 Nres	N/A

Nonresident prices only. MT residents pay for park entrance when they register a vehicle.

No entrance fees in Iowa

Oct 1-April 30 Daily fee \$4 Res and \$6 Nres

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018	2019	2018
Park Entrance License														
Annual	\$23.00	\$28	----	----	----	\$30	----	----	----	----	----	----	\$30	56,150
Second Vehicle	\$11.50	\$14	----	----	----	\$15	----	----	----	----	----	----	\$15	14,586
Combo			\$42	----	----	\$45	----	----	----	----	----	----	\$45	30,140
Transferable	\$60.00	----	----	----	----	\$65	----	----	----	----	----	----	\$65	2,066
Daily	\$5.00	\$6	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	\$6	112,823
George S. Mickelson Trail Annual Pass	\$15.00	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	\$15	4,708
George S. Mickelson Trail Daily Pass	\$3.00	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	\$4	----	----	----	\$4	15,317
Motorcoach	\$2.00	----	\$3	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	\$3	31,148
CSP 7-Day/Vehicle	\$12.00	\$15	----	----	----	----	----	----	\$20	----	----	----	\$20	168,692
CSP Motorcycle Band/Motorcycle - 7-Day	\$5.00	----	\$6	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	\$10	21,638
CSP Rally Bands	\$5.00	----	\$6	\$10	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	\$10	31,224

Camping Fees														
* Prime	\$17.06	----	----	\$18.96	----	----	\$21	----	----	----	----	----	\$21	203,237
Preferred Campgrounds	\$15.17	----	----	\$17.06	----	----	\$19	----	----	----	----	----	\$19	31,745
Modern Campgrounds	\$13.27	----	----	\$15.17	----	----	\$17	----	----	----	----	----	\$17	18,632
Basic campgrounds	\$11.37	----	----	\$13.27	----	----	\$15	----	----	----	----	----	\$15	6,464
Basic Equestrian CG except CSP	\$9.48	----	----	\$11.37	----	----	\$13	----	----	----	----	----	\$13	478
Semi-modern Equestrian CG except CSP	\$15.17	----	----	\$17.06	----	----	\$19	----	----	----	----	----	\$19	1,114
CSP Modern Campgrounds	\$20.86	----	----	\$22.75	----	----	\$25	----	----	----	----	----	\$25	35,046
CSP Equestrian Campground	\$23.70	----	----	\$25.59	----	----	\$30	----	----	----	----	\$35	\$35	3,350
CSP Center Lake Campground	\$15.17	----	----	\$17.06	----	----	\$19	----	----	----	----	----	\$19	6,936
CSP French Creek Nature Area (per person)	\$3.80	----	----	\$5.69	----	----	\$7	----	----	----	----	----	\$7	176
CSP Game Lodge & Stockade Group Areas (per person)	\$3.80	----	----	\$5.69	----	----	\$7	----	----	----	----	----	\$7	134
Youth Group Camping Statewide (per person)	\$0.47	----	----	----	----	----	\$0.50	----	----	----	----	----	\$0.50	146
Camping Cabin except CSP	\$33.18	----	----	\$35.07	----	----	\$40	----	----	----	----	\$45	\$45	20,503
Modern Cabin													\$150	-
CSP Camping Cabins	\$42.65	----	----	----	----	----	\$50	----	----	----	----	\$50	\$50	7,013
Group Lodge - Mina	\$127.96	----	----	----	----	----	\$185	----	----	----	----	\$205	\$205	72
Group Lodge - Shadehill	\$127.96	----	----	----	----	----	\$185	----	----	----	----	\$205	\$280	154
Group Lodge - Lake Thompson	\$189.57	----	----	----	----	----	\$240	----	----	----	----	\$280	\$280	100
Group Lodge - Newton Hills	\$189.57	----	----	----	----	----	\$240	----	----	----	----	\$280	\$280	115
Group Lodge - Palisades	\$189.57	----	----	----	----	----	\$240	----	----	----	----	\$280	\$280	94
Group Lodge - Sheps Canyon							\$240	----	----	----	----	\$280	\$280	89
Group Meeting Lodge - Oahe Downstream	\$118.48	----	----	----	----	----	\$125	----	----	----	----	----	\$125	94

Miscellaneous														
Firewood	\$2.84	----	----	\$3.79	----	----	\$4.74	----	\$5	----	----	----	\$5	44,160
Non-Resident on-line Reservations	\$5	\$7.70	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	\$7.70	25,822
Non-Resident call center Reservations	\$5	\$7.70	----	----	----	----	----	----	\$9.70	----	----	----	\$9.70	10,591
Resident on-line Reservations														57,146
Resident call center Reservations									\$2	----	----	----	\$2	9,151

Boat License Fees														
1-year under 19 ft motorized	\$15	\$20.00	----	----	----	----	----	----	\$25	----	----	----	\$25	40,000
1-year 19 & over motorized	\$30	\$40.00	----	----	----	----	----	----	\$45	----	----	----	\$45	15,000
1-year non-motorized/electric	\$10	\$12.50	----	----	----	----	----	----	\$15	----	----	----	\$15	4,800

Most recent fee adjustment

*Qualifier for "Prime" camping fee was changed from 95% to 90% summer weekend occupancy in 2018 moving 28 modern and preferred campgrounds to Prime.

Comes, Rachel

From: info@gfp.sd.us
ent: Tuesday, June 18, 2019 7:05 PM
To: Rctwam@hotmail.com
Cc: Comes, Rachel
Subject: Petition for Rule Change Form

Categories: Commission

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: 74
Petitioner Name: Roger Twamley
Address: POSTED box 86
Oacoma, SD 57365
Email: Rctwam@hotmail.com
Phone: 605-360-4774
Rule Identification: Black powder deer optics
Describe Change: Change the 1st power scope to a 1-4x or 1-6x power scopes.
Reason for Change: I have been trying to find a 1st power scope for my new black powder rifle . I have tried all the name brands and they are all discontinued . They do not make straight 1x scope anymore.

**GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
FINALIZATION**

**Antelope Hunting Season
Chapter 41:06:23**

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	June 6-7, 2019	Pierre
	Public Hearing	July 8, 2019	Ft. Pierre
	Finalization	July 8-9, 2019	Ft. Pierre

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Duration of Proposal: 2019 and 2020 hunting seasons

Season Dates: September 28 – October 13, 2019
October 3 – October 18, 2020

Open Area: See the attached map

Licenses: Total of 5,009 licenses (West River: 4,921 licenses; East River: 88 licenses)

Residents: 4,235 one-tag licenses; 600 two-tag licenses

Nonresidents: 150 one-tag licenses; 24 two-tag licenses

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. One-half of the licenses allocated in each unit are available for landowner/operator preference.
2. Landowners not possessing a license that allows the harvest of a buck may purchase an "any antelope" or a two-tag "any antelope" + "doe/fawn antelope" license that is valid on their property only.

Proposed changes from last year:

1. Adjust the number of West River resident licenses from no more than 4,665 one-tag antelope licenses and no more than 300 two-tag antelope licenses to 4,235 one-tag antelope licenses and no more than 600 two-tag antelope licenses.
2. Adjust the number of East River resident licenses from no more than 100 one-tag antelope licenses to 85 one-tag antelope licenses.
3. Modify Unit 36A (Hughes County) by removing Hyde County.
4. Establish Unit 38A to include Buffalo, Hand and Hyde counties.
5. Modify Unit 50A (Mellette County) to include Todd County.

Resident Tags			
Year	Buck Tags	Doe Tags	Total Tags
2017-2018	3,865	1,400	5,265
2019-2020	3,535	1,900	5,435

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal:

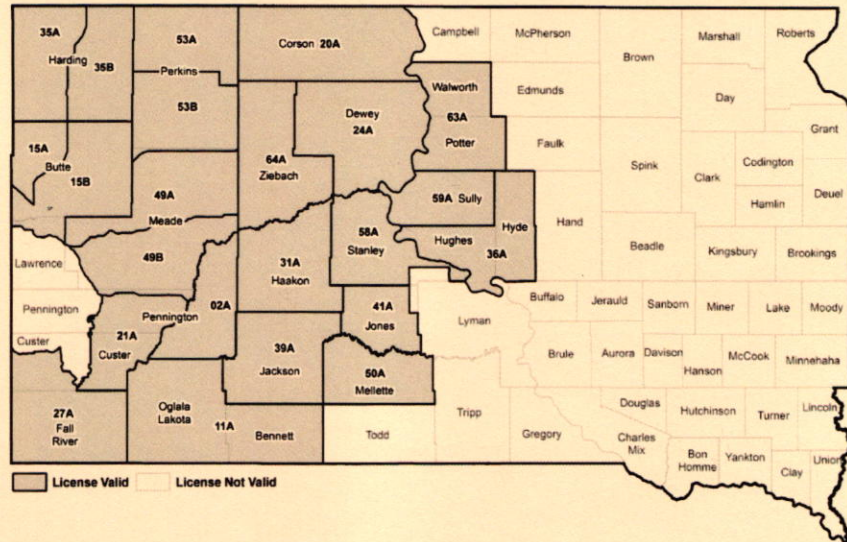
1. Adjust the number of West River resident licenses from no more than 4,665 one-tag antelope licenses and no more than 300 two-tag antelope licenses to 4,030 one-tag antelope licenses and no more than 600 two-tag antelope licenses.

APPROVE _____	MODIFY _____	REJECT _____	NO ACTION _____
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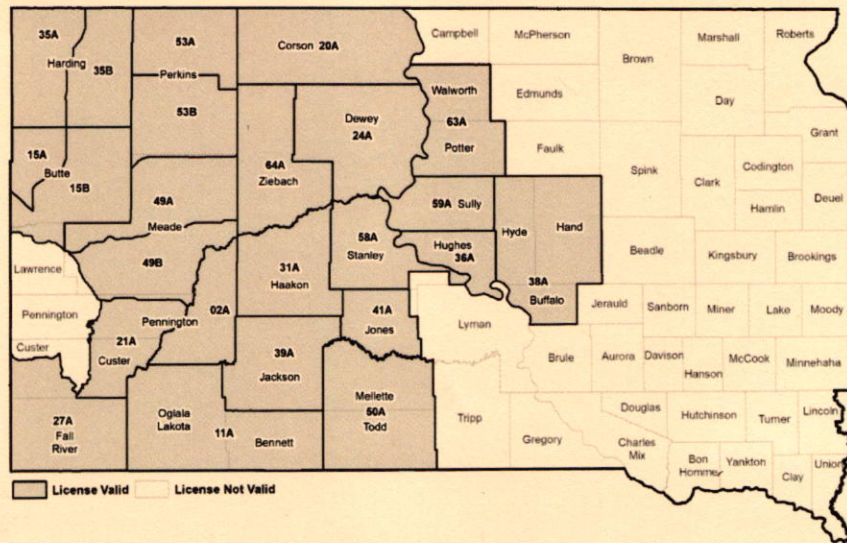
SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Year	Licenses Sold	Tags Issued	Bucks Harvested	Doe/Fawn Harvested	Total Harvested	Success
2014	3,052	3,052	1,770	314	2,083	66%
2015	3,322	3,322	1,910	314	2,224	64%
2016	3,328	3,328	2,112	350	2,461	70%
2017	5,432	5,933	2,692	1,093	3,784	64%
2018	5,539	6,078	2,845	1,000	3,845	63%

Current Unit Boundaries



Proposed Unit Boundaries



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ANTELOPE
2017-2018 vs. 2019-2020 Comparison

Unit #	Unit Name	2017-2018 Resident Licenses	2019-2020 Resident Licenses	# Change	% Change	2017-2018 Resident Tags	2019-2020 Resident Tags	# Change	% Change
02A	Pennington East	150	100	-50	-33%	150	100	-50	-33%
11A	Bennett/Shannon	50	50	0	0%	50	50	0	0%
15A	Butte NW	300	300	0	0%	600	300	-300	-50%
15B	Butte/Lawrence	600	350	-250	-42%	600	350	-250	-42%
20A	Corson	50	70	20	40%	50	70	20	40%
21A	Custer/Pennington Central	125	100	-25	-20%	125	100	-25	-20%
24A	Dewey	40	50	10	25%	40	50	10	25%
27A	Fall River/Custer Southwest	550	550	0	0%	550	550	0	0%
31A	Haakon	100	100	0	0%	100	100	0	0%
35A	Harding West	300	600	300	100%	300	1,200	900	300%
35B	Harding East	300	500	200	67%	300	500	200	67%
36A	Hughes	25	25	0	0%	25	25	0	0%
38A	Hyde/Hand/Buffalo	25	10	-15	-60%	25	10	10	-60%
39A	Jackson	50	50	0	0%	50	50	0	0%
41A	Jones	30	40	10	33%	30	40	10	33%
45A	Lyman	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
45B	Ft. Pierre National Grasslands	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
49A	Meade North	800	500	-300	-38%	800	500	-300	-38%
49B	Meade South	500	500	0	0%	500	500	0	0%
50A	Mellette/Todd	30	30	0	0%	30	30	0	0%
53A	Perkins North	150	150	0	0%	150	150	0	0%
53B	Perkins South	550	400	-150	-27%	550	400	-150	-27%
58A	Stanley	40	40	0	0%	40	40	0	0%
59A	Sully	30	30	0	0%	30	30	0	0%
60A	Tripp	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
63A	Walworth/Potter	20	20	0	0%	20	20	0	0%
64A	Ziebach	150	150	0	0%	150	150	0	0%
TOTAL		4,965	4,715	-250	-5%	5,265	5,315	50	1%

Note: An additional percentage of the number of resident licenses will be available to nonresidents based upon the following harvest strategies by management unit: Restrictive (2%), Moderate (4%), Liberal (8%)

**GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
FINALIZATION**

Archery Antelope Hunting Season

Chapter 41:06:24

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	June 6-7, 2019	Pierre
	Public Hearing	July 8, 2019	Ft. Pierre
	Finalization	July 8-9, 2019	Ft. Pierre

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Duration of Proposal: 2019 and 2020 hunting seasons

Season Dates: 2019: August 17 – October 31, except when the prairie (firearm) antelope season is open.

2020: August 15 – October 31, except when the prairie (firearm) antelope season is open.

Open Area: All areas where the prairie (firearm) antelope season is open and the portions of Custer and Pennington counties within the Black Hills Fire Protection District with limited free access permits.

Licenses: Unlimited resident "any antelope" licenses.
Unlimited nonresident "any antelope" licenses.

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. A person may have only one (1) archery antelope license.
2. Shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.
3. Five (5) free access permits will be issued via lottery drawing to those licensees who possess a valid "any antelope" resident archery license for those portions of Custer and Pennington counties within the Black Hills Fire Protection District, except Custer State Park.

Proposed change from last year:

1. Modify the geographic area open for the archery antelope hunting season (see attached map).

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Year	Resident Licenses	Nonresident Licenses	Bucks Harvested	Doe/Fawn Harvested	Total Harvest	Success
2014	1,165	354	356	28	384	25%
2015	1,372	372	411	52	463	27%
2016	1,523	400	466	42	508	26%
2017	1,569	521	529	52	581	28%
2018	1,632	570	529	56	585	27%

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

Antelope Hunting Seasons – Hunting Unit License & Access Permit Allocations

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	June 8-9, 2019	Pierre
	Public Hearing	July 8, 2019	Ft. Pierre
	Finalization	July 8-9, 2019	Ft. Pierre

LICENSE & ACCESS PERMIT ALLOCATION BY SEASONS AND UNITS

See Attached Spreadsheets

Unit	Unit Name	% NR	Resident Licenses				Nonresident Licenses				License and Tag Totals							
			AnyA 41	D/K 43	AA+D/K 48	2 D/K 49	AnyA 41	D/K 43	AA+D/K 48	2 D/K 49	RES 1-tag	RES 2-tag	RES Licenses	RES Tags	NR 1-tag	NR 2-tag	NR Licenses	NR Tags
02A	Pennington East	2%	100	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	100	0	100	100	2	0	2	2
11A	Bennett/Oglala Lakota	2%	50	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	50	0	50	50	1	0	1	1
15A	Butte NW	2%	200	100	0	0	4	2	0	0	300	0	300	300	6	0	6	6
15B	Butte/Lawrence	2%	250	100	0	0	5	2	0	0	350	0	350	350	7	0	7	7
20A	Corson	2%	70	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	70	0	70	70	2	0	2	2
21A	Custer/Pennington Central	2%	100	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	100	0	100	100	2	0	2	2
24A	Dewey	4%	50	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	50	0	50	50	2	0	2	2
27A	Fall River/Custer Southwest	2%	550	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	550	0	550	550	11	0	11	11
31A	Haakon	2%	100	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	100	0	100	100	2	0	2	2
35A	Harding West	4%	0	0	300	300	0	0	12	12	0	600	600	1,200	0	24	24	48
35B	Harding East	2%	300	200	0	0	6	4	0	0	500	0	500	500	10	0	10	10
36A	Hughes	2%	25	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	25	0	25	25	1	0	1	1
38A	Hyde/Hand/Bufalo	2%	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	10	0	10	10	1	0	1	1
39A	Jackson	2%	50	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	50	0	50	50	1	0	1	1
41A	Jones	4%	40	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	40	0	40	40	2	0	2	2
45A	Lyman																	
45B	Ft. Pierre National Grasslands																	
49A	Meade North	2%	400	100	0	0	8	2	0	0	500	0	500	500	10	0	10	10
49B	Meade South	8%	300	200	0	0	24	16	0	0	500	0	500	500	40	0	40	40
50A	Mellette/Todd	2%	30	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	30	0	30	30	1	0	1	1
53A	Perkins North	2%	150	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	150	0	150	150	3	0	3	3
53B	Perkins South	2%	250	150	0	0	5	3	0	0	400	0	400	400	8	0	8	8
58A	Stanley	2%	40	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	40	0	40	40	1	0	1	1
59A	Sully	2%	30	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	30	0	30	30	1	0	1	1
60A	Tripp																	
63A	Walworth/Potter	2%	20	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	20	0	20	20	1	0	1	1
64A	Ziebach	2%	150	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	150	0	150	150	3	0	3	3
TOTAL			3,265	850	300	300	89	29	12	12	4,115	600	4,715	5,315	118	24	142	166
Unit	Unit Name	% NR	AnyA 41	D/K 43	AA+D/K 48	2 D/K 49	AnyA 41	D/K 43	AA+D/K 48	2 D/K 49	RES 1-tag	RES 2-tag	RES Licenses	RES Tags	NR 1-tag	NR 2-tag	NR Lic	NR Tags

ARCHERY ANTELOPE ACCESS PERMITS

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2019-2020

Designated Area	Number of Access Permits
	Any Antelope
Portions of Custer and Pennington counties within the Black Hills Fire Protection District	5

2017-2018 vs. 2019-2020 Comparison

Designated Area	Number of Access Permits
	Any Antelope
2017-2018: Portions of Custer and Pennington counties within the Black Hills Fire Protection District	5
2019-2020: Portions of Custer and Pennington counties within the Black Hills Fire Protection District	5

**GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
FINALIZATION**

**Archery Deer Hunting Season
Chapter 41:06:22**

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	June 6-7, 2019	Pierre
	Public Hearing	July 8, 2019	Ft. Pierre
	Finalization	July 8-9, 2019	Ft. Pierre

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

The archery deer hunting season at Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge currently begins on the third Saturday of October.

Proposed changes from last year:

1. Remove the current delayed start date for the archery deer hunting season at Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge and align with the September 1 opening date.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

After recent discussions with staff at Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge and as part of an initiative to increase fishing and hunting opportunities on National Wildlife Refuges across the nation, the removal of this delayed opener is being recommended to increase archery deer hunting opportunities.

APPROVE _____	MODIFY _____	REJECT _____	NO ACTION _____
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GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION FINALIZATION

Public Lands Chapter 41:03:01

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	June 6-7, 2019	Pierre
	Public Hearing	July 8, 2019	Ft. Pierre
	Finalization	July 8-9, 2019	Ft. Pierre

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Proposed change from last year:

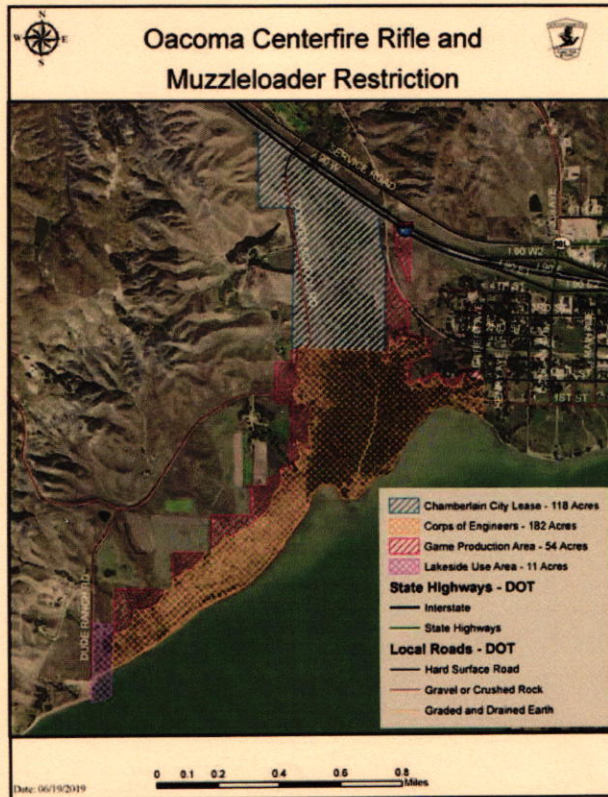
1. Eliminate the use of centerfire rifles and muzzleloaders on the American Crow Creek Public hunting area new Oacoma south of Interstate 90, east of Cooper School Road, and south to the Missouri River.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: Department recommends the GFP Commission not adopt the proposal.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Through the petition process, the GFP Commission received a request from an adjacent landowner to eliminate the use of centerfire rifle and muzzleloaders on the American Crow Creek public hunting area near the city of Oacoma. Safety concerns were the primary reason for bringing forward the request to make such a change.



APPROVE _____
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 NO ACTION _____

**GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL**

Tagging of Velvet Antlers

Chapter 41:06:03

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	July 8-9, 2019	Pierre
	Public Hearing	September 5, 2019	Spearfish
	Finalization	September 5-6, 2019	Spearfish

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Repeal 41:06:03:07:

~~**41:06:03:07. Tagging of antlers in the velvet stage.** A locking seal which will allow the sale of antlers in the velvet stage is an adhesive tag, bearing the department seal, which indicates the name and address of the original seller. Antlers in the velvet stage taken legally during a big game season may be sold or offered for sale if tagged by an authorized department representative before being sold or offered for sale. Proof of legal acquisition is a prerequisite to the tagging of velvet antlers. An authorized department representative shall sign, date, and permanently attach a locking seal to each velvet antler or part of a velvet antler that was legally taken. The locking seal is provided at no charge. The locking seal is nontransferable and must remain attached to the antler until the antler reaches its final destination and is processed.~~

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

HB 1023 (2019) repealed the state statute (41-14-13) that mandates that antlers in the velvet stage be tagged in accordance with GFP rules. This provision was in law because of the historical high demand for velvet antlers overseas (mostly in Asia) that has mostly dissolved and this regulation provided protection against the unlawful take, possession, and sale of velvet deer and elk antlers.

APPROVE _____ **MODIFY** _____ **REJECT** _____ **NO ACTION** _____

**GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL**

Possession, Processing and Transportation of Game; Taxidermists
Chapter 41:06:03; 41:09:11

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	July 8-9, 2019	Pierre
	Public Hearing	September 5, 2019	Spearfish
	Finalization	September 5-6, 2019	Spearfish

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Establish new rules related to the management of chronic wasting disease (CWD) and make effective July 1, 2020.

A cervid is defined as a mammal of the family Cervidae, which includes white-tailed deer, mule deer and elk.

1. Interstate Carcass Transportation

- **ALTERNATIVE #1 – Whole carcass restriction**

- A. Importation of whole cervid carcasses and high-risk cervid carcass parts into South Dakota is restricted from other states, regardless of CWD status of the exporting state.
- B. Only the following portions of hunter-harvested cervid carcasses may be brought into South Dakota:
 - i. cut and wrapped meat; quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached; antlers, hides or teeth; finished taxidermy mounts; or antlers attached to skull caps that are cleaned of all brain tissue.
- C. Whole cervid carcasses only traveling through South Dakota are exempt from this regulation.

- **ALTERNATIVE #2 – Whole carcass allowance**

- A. Importation of whole cervid carcasses, high-risk carcass parts and head with antlers attached into South Dakota is allowed from other states, regardless of CWD status of the exporting state, if delivered to a licensed taxidermist, game processor or to the hunters domicile.
- B. Whole cervid carcasses only traveling through South Dakota are exempt from this regulation.

2. Intrastate Carcass Transportation

- **ALTERNATIVE #1 – Whole carcass restriction**

- A. Whole cervid carcasses and high-risk cervid carcass parts shall not leave a known CWD endemic area within South Dakota.
- B. Only the following portions of cervid carcasses may leave a known CWD endemic area within South Dakota:
 - i. cut and wrapped meat; quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached; antlers, hides or teeth; finished taxidermy mounts; or antlers attached to skull caps that are cleaned of all brain tissue.

- **ALTERNATIVE #2 – Whole carcass allowance**

- A. Whole cervid carcasses and high-risk cervid carcass parts may be transported from known CWD endemic areas only if the cervid carcass is delivered to a licensed taxidermist, commercial processor, or to the hunters domicile.

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