

# GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

## Apprentice Hunter Deer Season

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<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>March 9-10, 2023</b>	<b>Pierre</b>
	<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>May 4, 2023</b>	<b>Custer State Park</b>
	<b>Finalization</b>	<b>May 4-5, 2023</b>	<b>Custer State Park</b>

**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION**

**Duration of Recommendation:** 2023 and 2024 hunting seasons

**Season Dates:** September 9, 2023 – January 1, 2024  
September 14, 2024 – January 1, 2025

**Open Areas:** Unit APD-03: West River Units 02A, 15A, 15B, 31A, 35A, 35C, 35L, 49A, 49B, 53A, 53C and 64A (See map for open area)  
Unit APD-13: That portion of the state not included in Unit APD-03 (See map for open area)

**Licenses:** Unit APD-03: Single tag “any antlerless deer” license  
Unit APD-13: Single tag “antlerless whitetail deer” license

**Requirements and Restrictions:**

1. Any resident hunter who has not held a license to hunt deer during the previous 10 years may purchase an Apprentice Hunter Deer License. Receipt of an Apprentice Hunter Deer License does not affect eligibility for a license in any other season.
2. Shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.
3. Hunters may purchase one (1) Apprentice Hunter Deer License valid for either Unit APD-03 or Unit APD-13.
4. Custer State Park is closed to those with Apprentice Hunter Deer License and National Wildlife Refuges are closed unless specified by the refuge.

**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION**

**Recommended change:** Remove closed area specifications to Fort Meade Bureau of Land Management property.

**SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION**

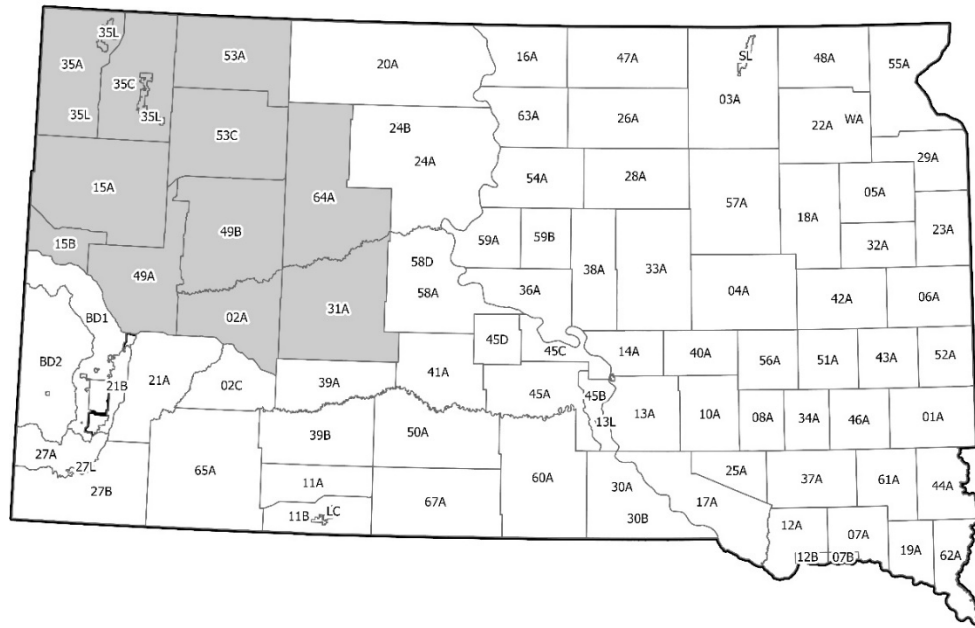
Fort Meade Bureau of Land Management property in West River deer hunting unit 49A is already limited to archery only equipment and additional hunting opportunity can be provided for hunters because of the limited success based on the weapon restriction.

Year	Licenses Sold	WT Bucks Harvested	WT Does Harvested	MD Bucks Harvested	MD Does Harvested	All Deer Harvested	Tag Success
2021	641	21	323	0	18	362	57%
2022	527	27	212	4	22	263	50%

Apprentice Deer Unit Map

**APPROVE** \_\_\_\_\_ **MODIFY** \_\_\_\_\_ **REJECT** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO ACTION** \_\_\_\_\_

Unit APD-03
  Unit APD-13



**DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES**

41:06:44:02.01. Closed areas. The youth deer season is closed and licenses are not valid in the following areas:

- (1) Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge in Brown County, unless otherwise allowed by the refuge;
- (2) Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge in Bennett County, unless otherwise allowed by the refuge;
- (3) Lake Andes National Wildlife Refuge in Charles Mix County, unless otherwise allowed by the refuge;
- (4) Waubay National Wildlife Refuge and Waubay State Game Bird Refuge in Day County, unless otherwise allowed by the refuge; and
- ~~(5) Fort Mead Bureau of Land Management south unit and the signed portion of the north unit in Meade County.~~

**RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA**

1. The Issue – Not applicable
2. Historical Considerations – Not applicable
3. Biological Considerations – Not applicable
4. Social Considerations – Not applicable
5. Financial considerations – Not applicable

**RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA**

1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? No.
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? Yes, youth would be able to hunt additional areas with archery equipment.
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? Yes, see response to #2.
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? Yes, see response to #2.

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**FISCAL IMPACT**

No fiscal impact to the Department.

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