

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

West River Deer Season- Special Buck

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Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	February 28-March 1, 2019	Pierre
	Public Hearing	April 4, 2019	Rapid City
	Finalization	April 4-5, 2019	Rapid City

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes:

Beginning with the 2020 West River Deer season

1. Establish Resident special Any Whitetail Deer license and fee of \$169.
2. Establish Nonresident special Any Whitetail Deer license and fee of \$554.
3. Special Any Whitetail Deer licenses to be allocated at the greater of 4% of the total resident West River deer licenses that include a "Any Whitetail Deer" tag from the previous year OR 500 for each for residents and nonresident hunters.
4. If a person successfully draws a special Any Whitetail Deer license the licensee will not be able to apply for a West River deer license in the initial and second drawings.
5. If a person successfully draws a West River deer license they may not apply for a leftover special Any Whitetail Deer license.
6. Applicant must have permission from an owner or lessee of private land before applying.
7. Applicant for special Any Whitetail Buck must also include the name and telephone number of the owner or lessee providing permission.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Per discussions with representatives of The Landowner and Outfitter Alliance, it was requested the department bring forward a recommendation of providing additional hunting licenses under the special buck structure to assure there would be available licenses as experienced in previous years by hunters drawing desired licenses and their ability to pick up leftover licenses. Acknowledging concerns expressed about more licenses available to harvest mule deer, it was agreed upon to bring forward whitetail only licenses for both residents and nonresidents.

APPROVE _____ MODIFY _____ REJECT _____ NO ACTION _____