

# GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

## Authorization to Hunt or Access State Park and Rec Areas

Chapters 41:01:03, 41:06:01

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

### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

#### Requirements and restrictions:

1. Upon consultation with the chairman of the commission, the secretary of the department may authorize a resident of the state to access state park and recreation areas or hunt small game without a fee.
2. Authorizations may allow the person to either access state park and recreation areas or to hunt and fish in no more than one calendar year.
3. A person receiving an authorization to hunt small game is restricted to hunting during established hunting seasons and must abide by all applicable laws and rules.

### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Under Governor Noem's Second Century Initiative, the Department is using crowdsourcing to solicit ideas to create more and better habitat. GFP is using Facebook as the platform to crowdsource habitat solutions and promote idea-driven dialogue for a period of 2-3 months. This platform is free and allows for a transparent submission process, where participants can engage and respond to proposed ideas. If constituents are not on Facebook, an email account, [habitatpays@state.sd.us](mailto:habitatpays@state.sd.us) is being provided as a secondary option for idea submission. At the end of the effort, GFP staff and 2nd Century Habitat Foundation members will review all comments and ideas and provide their recommendation for final approval to Secretary Hepler and Commission Chairman Jensen. It is anticipated that there could be multiple "winners" of free hunting privileges or free access to state parks and recreation areas.

APPROVE _____	MODIFY _____	REJECT _____	NO ACTION _____
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