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:

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Describe Change:
(39) Nonresident deer or antelope one-tag license, $286; to (39) Nonresident deer or antelope one-tag license, $435. Stipulate that all big game applicants MUST first purchase a small game license prior to application. (29) Nonresident small game license: (a) Sixteen years of age and older, $115. (65) Any unit, other than elk, bighorn sheep, or mountain goat, for which no licenses have been allocated for the purpose of acquiring a preference point or any unit where a preference point is awarded for an unsuccessful application for license: (b) Nonresident, $10. change to $25

Reason for Change:
REASON: A schedule fee increase is warranted when you compare SD to other states across the board for all NR permits. South Dakota has become a very popular destination with Non-Resident hunters with progressively more hunters coming each year. The increased number of non-residents has caused significant pressure, overcrowding and a negative overall impact to resident sportsmen who directly compete for access. Big Game Draw comparison: Spreadsheet You will also note the disparity in comparable states that require a preference point fee and SD. Many states also require a general license prior to applying. Creating that requirement in SD for all hunters would be a great way to generate funding to increase accessible land and habitat. Pittman Robertson funding to SD would significantly increase and the Big Game fee increase would still only bring us to the middle of the road to comparable states.