

# Public Comments

## CWD Regulations

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**David Archibald**

**Lodgepole SD**

**Position:** oppose

**Comment:**

Carcass disposal in a garbage container, or registered landfill, will require a fair amount of rural people traveling a significant distance, is incineration or local burial an option?  
If container/landfill statewide carcasses disposal is implemented commission should include transportation requirements for packaging for transportation to disposal site.

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**Scott Wittrock**

**Hartford SD**

**Position:** support

**Comment:**

I think this proposal makes some sense. The deer carcass should either be left in the field where it fell, doing your meat/head harvest in the field, or disposed of in a trash container. Hunters will need to take a little extra care and possibly learn new skills like quartering in the field. We need to do what we can to slow/stop the spread of CWD.

Scott Wittrock  
Hartford, SD

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**Duane Weber**

**Custer SD**

**Position:** support

**Comment:**

With the significant detected spread of CWD across our state any carcass disposal rules that may help stem the tide of the spread of CWD, are welcome AND supported.

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**Jamie Johnson**

**Sioux Falls SD**

**Position:** oppose

**Comment:**

I think it is pretty easy to understand why hunting, the activity I enjoy as much as breathing itself, is a dying past time. The combination of getting tough to get on private land without paying high fees, in many cases over hunting public land and now increased CWD rules make many hunters throw up their arms and say I quit. Sadly, it just isn't worth the hassle anymore. I hope these efforts to control CWD are positive and that some hunters hang in and keep hunting. Personally, it just puts me one step closer to being glad I'm getting old and will soon be lucky enough to be dead.

# Deer Seasons

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**Scott Wittrock**

**Hartford SD**

**Position:** oppose

**Comment:**

Although it would be nice to increase the number of tags available to up my chances of drawing a tag, last year we did not see near the numbers of deer we have seen in the past. I think the hunter success numbers shown in the documentation support that over the last 3 years the % successful has declined from over 71% to around 64%. I believe we should hold steady on the number of licenses available for 2021. Make sure this is about the deer population and health, not about money.

Respectfully,

Scott Wittrock  
Hartford, SD

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**Troy Kruse**

**Sturgis SD**

**Position:** oppose

**Comment:**

I do not see the need to decrease hills whitetail tags. In the past 15 years the areas I hunt tend to be nemo area and north to hwy 85...I have never had a problem filling an any whitetail tag with on a decent whitetail buck. These areas to me seem to have a very healthy population of whitetail deer

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**Reid Holiday**

**Sioux Falls SD**

**Position:** oppose

**Comment:**

I think there should not be unlimited licenses for youth, mentored, and apprentice hunters unless these individuals are hunting with at archery equipment.

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**Jeffery Sorensen**

**Viborg SD**

**Position:** oppose

**Comment:**

I oppose excluding the Black's Hills are from the Muzzleloader antlerless whitetail season. This would take revenue away from retailers across the State via hunters spending monies for travel, lodging and meals. Thank you.

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**Tim Bjork**

**Rapid City SD**

**Position:** oppose

**Comment:**

It is my understanding that the proposed changes to the muzzleloader regulations for "any whitetail deer" licenses would eliminate significant areas of public land which had previously been open to hunting. If this the case, I am opposed to the change because it reduces recreation/hunting opportunities for those that enjoy low pressure late season hunting on open public areas. Plus, in listening to the commission meeting minutes, I didn't hear any biological or statistical reason for making the changes. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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**B Dinger**

**Kirley SD**

**Position:** oppose

**Comment:**

Fifth generation rancher in Stanley County and have abundant mule deer numbers on my place. Each year I have about 10 kids from town and the surrounding area harvest mule deer does to help manage the deer herd. Don't take these tags away as it leave me no way to manage the mule deer on my land and takes away a great opportunity for local kids. Let the landowners manage the mule deer on their land that they raise.

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**Bryan Luke**

**Marion SD**

**Position:** other

**Comment:**

I am commenting to ask you to consider adding Turner County(Unit 61) to the list of counties that "antlerless muzzleloader tags" are valid. I believe that the deer population has increased enough in the last several years to support this decision.

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**Cory Lacina**

**Elk Point SD**

**Position:** oppose

**Comment:**

I would like to see west river deer tags for residents increased, NOT for nonresidents. I believe residents should get a preference when it comes to tags. Some times it takes a residents 2 or 3 years to draw a tag depending on a which county they are applying for. Increased tag numbers would shorten that wait time.

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**Mark Miller**

**Black Hawk SD**

**Position:** other

**Comment:**

I feel that there should not be any mule deer does shot for any season for at least 2 years and see what the heard look like then and make the archery hunters put in for unites just like everybody else

## Other

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**Dennis Dekraai**

**Arlington SD**

**Position:** oppose

**Comment:**

I am against extending the pheasant season past January first. I believe it is killing lots of birds by flushing them out of heavy cover during winter storms. Sometimes the cover they are being flushed from is the only cover in the area.

## Youth Proposals

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**Jay Spaans**

**Armour SD**

**Position:** other

**Comment:**

For the Mentored, Youth, and Apprentice deer seasons it would be nice if they went to the 8th of Jan for 2022 and 2023. That gives the kids one more week when they are home from school anyhow. Just a thought.  
Thanks

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**Scott Wittrock**

**Hartford SD**

**Position:** support

**Comment:**

We need to make changes to increase the size of the mule deer heard and this one makes some sense.

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**Adam Golay**

**Sioux Falls SD**

**Position:** support

**Comment:**

I commented before on this but the reality is the whole state should be included in the area that does not allow youth hunters to shoot antlerless mule deer. It's a good start but antlerless mule deer should be protected throughout the entire state not just the gray counties where they are the most populated.

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**Aric Craven**

**Winner SD**

**Position:** oppose

**Comment:**

If you are going to change the youth season why don't you make it where they could take only Whitetail doe in the one unit or Mule deer Doe in the other unit but still just have them have one tag for those that hunt both areas with their youth as I do I do not know where we will be taking our doe from one unit or the other so it would be nice to have the option to be able to hunt both units in only take one deer either muley or white tail depending on which unit that we are hunting in.

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**Scott Gamo**

**Cheyenne WY**

**Position:** support

**Comment:**

Providing simpler and more opportunities for youth hunting, whether resident or non-resident, is a positive forward thinking move. Hunter and angler recruitment has been an ongoing issue for many years and enabling our youth to pursue these activities can only help ensure future hunter and fisherman will exist to help with conservation. thank you