



2025 Resident Disabled Veteran Deer Hunt

Application Deadline – Must be received by 4 PM July 31, 2025

This Resident Disabled Veteran Hunt opportunity is organized and facilitated by SD Game, Fish & Parks (GFP) and sponsored by the Mule Deer Foundation (MDF). The licenses are paid for by the Dakota Gray Ghost Chapter of MDF in appreciation of our disabled vets. GFP staff and MDF volunteers will assist with the hunts.

***Priority will be given to applicants who have not held a SD deer permit in the last 5 years.

Disabled Veteran Hunt Requirements

- Hunter must be a resident of South Dakota, **and**
- Hunter must meet one of the following 3 requirements:
 - (1) The applicant has been adjudicated by the United States Department of Veteran Affairs as 20% or more disabled due to a service-connected disability or has received the United States Department of Veteran Affairs K Award; or
 - (2) The veteran served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States or has served as a member of the armed forces reserve or national guard, and the veteran is 40 percent or more disabled for purposes of receiving social security benefits; or
 - (3) The veteran is a purple heart recipient.

Requirements

- Season Dates: September 13, 2025 – January 1, 2026
- **Must be accompanied by a GFP employee or MDF volunteer on the hunt.**
- Attend a range day to demonstrate shooting proficiency. GFP staff or MDF volunteers will assist with anything needed at the range.

Other FAQs

- We will either field dress your deer or assist with field dressing, depending on the wishes of the hunter.
- After the hunt, we will help you process your deer or drop it off at a locker if you prefer (at hunter's expense).
- Permit will be acquired at no cost to the participant prior to the hunt thanks to the sponsorship by the Mule Deer Foundation.
- All necessary gear will be provided by SD GFP.

The Hunt

License type will be for one "any deer". All the hunts will take place on private land. GFP will coordinate the hunt according to your availability. We hunt on both weekdays and weekends. Will include time at the gun range, education on safety, deer hunting tactics, how to properly care for and process a deer, and the hunt. We hunt all types of weather conditions. Be sure to dress accordingly.

Application Instructions

1. Fill out the attached Application and Questionnaire
2. Email the application to Derek Klawitter (Derek.Klawitter@state.sd.us) or return to the Region 3 Game, Fish, and Parks Office addressed as follows:

Game, Fish, and Parks
ATTN: Resident Disabled Veteran Hunt
4500 S. Oxbow Avenue
Sioux Falls, SD 57106

Region 3 Office Hours:

Monday – Friday
8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Contact us with questions:

Phone
605-362-2700



Participant Signature: _____ Date: _____