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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 14, 2012 1:51 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** Antelope season

In regards to Amendment ARSD 41:06:23. I am very much opposed to closing antelope hunting to non-residents. If there are tags available to residents, there should be at least 1 or 2 % available to non-residents and this should still meet your hunting opportunity objectives. Thank you for your consideration.

John Haffley  
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Dassel, MN 55325

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**From:** CO-Sioux Falls, Kelly Hourscht [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Friday, June 22, 2012 4:25 PM

**To:** GFP Wild Info

**Subject:** Opposed to eliminating non-resident antelope licenses

I would like to state my opposition to the proposal to eliminate non-resident antelope licenses. I realize the antelope population is low right now but I don't think eliminating non-resident licenses is the answer. Instead, keep the proposed number of licenses the same, offer some non-resident tags like in the past, and reduce the resident licenses accordingly. More money comes from the sale of non-resident tags. Also, because they are not here to scout I would have to assume that the success rate for non-residents is lower than for residents.

Each year we have been bringing non-resident youth antelope hunters into our camp. It is a great way to expose them to their first western big game hunt. I would hate to lose the opportunity to expose them to hunting in South Dakota.

Thank you,

Mr. Kelly Hourscht  
2905 E 14<sup>th</sup> Street  
Sioux Falls, SD

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**From:** Robert Fox [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Saturday, June 16, 2012 2:29 PM

**To:** GFP Wild Info

**Subject:** Non Resident Antelope license

Dear Sirs:

I would like to comment on the proposal before the board in regards to not opening the 2012 antelope season to non resident hunters.

My first comment is in regards to the figures presented to the commission in regards to success rates from the 2010 and 2011 seasons. I have been coming to South Dakota for the past two years to hunt antelope with a resident party of three or four hunters. In both of the previous years our party has been successful in filling our double tags with the exception of two doe / fawns in 2010. These same hunters have had similar success rates in the several years before 2010 as well. The point I want to make here is that at no time since 2008 has your department contacted any of these hunters regarding their harvest of antelope. How can there be any reliability in the success rates that you were quoted when there is no requirement on reporting kills?

My second comment is one of total amazement! Why would your commission completely cut off all of the out of state revenue you get from licenses, not to mention all of the other revenue that non residents bring to your state, when there is a less drastic means of easing the hunting pressure? Why not issue a reasonable number of both resident and non resident "single animal" tags in proportion to the populations in each area? You could actually drop the license price for a single tag so it wouldn't look like you were "gouging" the hunters, and still realize half or more of your previous revenue, (plus it would help local merchants, and thus taxes as well).

Lastly, you should consider the loss of future revenues and the related management problems when many of the non resident hunters that you force to alternative states decide they are as well off there, and don't come back to South Dakota when the antelope population comes back.

I appreciate your time in considering my comments, and am looking forward to a reasonable decision on this matter that does not affect the hunting for the future in an adverse manner.

Sincerely Yours,

Robert Fox  
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Ph. 567-674-2023

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**From:** Barc B Smith [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 06, 2012 12:42 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** East river rifle deer season.

I would like to see the east river rifle deer season later in November as the mature deer are very vulnerable (in rut) during the earlier season. As you know, mature deer are very important in passing the best genetics on to future generations of deer and deer hunters.

Thanks for your consideration in this matter.

Barc Smith

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**From:** Mike Bakken [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 06, 2012 11:19 AM

**To:** GFP Wild Info

**Subject:** Deer Season

Due to the reduced population of Whitetail deer in the eastern part of South Dakota I feel the East River Rifle season should be moved back to the weekend after Thanksgiving as it was years ago.

Mike Bakken, Watertown SD

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**From:** Justin Broughton  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 28, 2012 11:39 AM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** 2012 East River Deer Proposal

I'd like to comment on the East River deer proposal for 2012. I feel it is unnecessary to continue with the January antlerless season extension. This season puts unnecessary stress on the herd during harsh winters and increases buck harvest after they have shed their antlers. Antlerless deer numbers are at targeted levels in most east river counties or slightly below. The antlerless extension was a good season when deer numbers were high however now that management goals have been met in reducing herd size it is time to eliminate this season. Thank you for your consideration.

Justin Broughton, Sioux Falls

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**From:** Tony Leonard [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 19, 2012 12:21 PM

**To:** GFP Wild Info

**Subject:** Goose Season

I support the idea of increasing the Canada goose limit from 8 to 10.

What about increasing the limit from 3 to 4 in the later part of the season?

Tony Leonard

Hefty Seed Company

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From: Steve Adkins [REDACTED]  
Date: Fri, Jun 15, 2012 at 9:38 PM  
Subject: Elk License Raffle  
To: [beatis@aol.com](mailto:beatis@aol.com)

To All Commission Members : The proposal Black Hills Elk Season / Chapter 41:06:26 would be unfair to those that hold non-Custer State Park Elk License Raffle Tag. Unless the G.F.P Commission made it fare for an Any Elk License Tag holder to hunt inside the Custer State Park due the declining numbers of Elk on outside of the park also. And on that note with declining numbers and the reduction of tag when will someone like my self ever see a rifle tag. I have 12 preference points for out side the park Elk tags, maybe I'll move to another state and Mr Cooper just give me a tag I'm beginning to see how this works.

Sincerely Steven R. Adkins – Sioux Falls, SD.

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Steve called Deb Ascher asking if received the letter and stated he is totally against the elk license raffle. He has 12 years of preference and have not been able to get a tag and his nephew worked for the department and received a tag the first year he tried. He is not happy that Cooper is on Commission after giving a nonresident an cow-elk tag a few years ago. Public hearings need to be when people can voice their opinion especially weekends. He thinks we should do away with trail cameras this is not fair chase and other states are outlawing them and SD should also.

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**From:** Byr6g [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 21, 2012 12:48 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** Sheps Canyon Cove

To whom it may concern: I do have a trailer spot at Shep's canyon. We have all the amenities we need without the help of the state. Please take us off the list of this proposed change.

Georgia Byram

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Hello,

I am a SD native from Yankton and would like to express my support for this and encourage you to approve the acquisition.

Jeff Young

District Sales Manager

Bobcat Company

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