

**AGENDA**  
**Game, Fish, and Parks Commission**  
April 4-5, 2013  
Holiday Inn Express  
1360 SD Hwy 44, Winner, SD 57532

**Call to Order 1:00 PM CDT**

**Division of Administration**

Action items:

1. Approve minutes of the March meeting  
<http://gfp.sd.gov/agency/commission/docs/draft-minutes.pdf>
2. Additional Commissioner Salary Days
3. License List Requests

Information item:

4. License Sales Report

**Open Forum**

**Public Hearing at 2 PM**

**Finalizations**

5. Sheps Canyon Lodge Fee
6. CSP Non-trophy Bison Hunting Season
7. CSP Trophy Bison Hunting Season
8. CSP Elk Hunting Seasons
9. Archery Elk Hunting Season
10. Black Hills Elk Hunting Season
11. Prairie Elk Hunting Season

**Hunting Seasons Proposals**

12. Nonresident Waterfowl Licenses
13. Special Canada Goose Hunting Season
14. Tundra Swan Hunting Season

**Division of Parks and Recreation**

Action items:

15. Off-season camping rates proposal
16. Pennington County land transfer
17. Dock 44 Concession Amendment

Information items:

18. Sheps Canyon horse trails
19. Building committees

## **Division of Wildlife**

### Information items:

20. SD Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation raffle elk tag drawing
21. Animal Damage Control program adjustment
22. Bighorn sheep auction tag update
23. Big game season structure
24. Sturgis remnant highway lot property disposal
25. ANS awareness campaign
26. Bow hunter education
27. Planned educational activities
28. 2012 pheasant and grouse harvest estimates
29. Elk population survey and movement project
30. Lower Oahe goose hunting access area report
31. Mountain lion season summary
32. Spring Canada goose take permit update

## **Adjourn**

### Next meeting information:

May 2-3 at Custer State Park, Creekside Resort

Minutes of the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission  
March 7-8, 2013

Chair Susie Knippling called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM at the AmericInn Conference Center, in Fort Pierre, South Dakota. Commissioners Susie Knippling, John Cooper, Jim Spies, Barry Jensen, Gary Jensen, Cathy Peterson, and Duane Sather were present. Public, staff, and media numbered approximately fifty.

Division of Administration

Chair Susie Knippling called for any additions or corrections to the January meeting or motion for approval.

Motion by Cooper with second by Gary Jensen TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 10-11, 2013, MINUTES AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

Knippling called for any additions or corrections to the February 7, 2013, Teleconference meeting or a motion for approval.

Motion by Peterson with second by Spies TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 7, 2013, TELECONFERENCE MINUTES AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Knippling as for any additional Commissioner salary days and Cooper requested one day.

Motion by Barry Jensen second by Spies TO APPROVE THE ADDITIONAL SALARY DAY REQUESTED BY COOPER. Motion carried unanimously.

License List Request

Director Chris Petersen presented a License List Request from Scheels All Sports for a list of resident fishing license holders for a direct mailing. This would be a full fee.

Motion by Spies with second by Barry Jensen TO APPROVE THE SCHEELS LICENSE LIST REQUEST AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

License Sales Report

Director Petersen presented the February 29, 2013, License Sales Report indicating an increase in sales of 10.5% over the February 2012 Sales Report. Resident combination license sales are out pacing last year's sales, and are attributed to an email sent to 2012 license holders reminding them their license expired on January 31 and outlining the dollar savings to purchase a combination license.

2013 Legislative Update

Director Tony Leif provided the 2013 Legislative Update indicating there were four bills about the Animal Damage Control program. A bill to allow the use of dogs to retrieve wounded animals is on the Governor's desk. The public waters bill was deferred to the 41<sup>st</sup> day and will be back in some form next year. The small game hunting and

fishing party bill is on the Governor's desk and the bill was passed to classify wolves as a varmint when delisted by the Federal Government.

Director Doug Hofer stated this was the most productive and positive legislative session for Parks and Recreation he has ever known. Seven bills were introduced and six were passed. A bill defining snowmobiles for the permitting or licensing system was passed along with a bill to allow golf carts with specific equipment and to be permitted on roads within the parks. A bill to provide bond funding to finance improvements at Angostura and Cedar Shores was also approved. The special appropriation bill for Heritage Projects introduced by the Governor was passed giving one-time dollars for a Visitor's Center at the Blood Run site, a Visitor's Center in Custer State Park, and seed money for an extension to the Mickelson Trail was passed.

#### Big Game Management Review and Resolution

Governor's Office Policy Advisor Nathan Sanderson indicated four bids were received for the review of Big Game Management in the Division of Wildlife. Wildlife Management Institute (WMI) of Gardners, Pennsylvania, was selected to conduct the review with a "solid proposal" for an independent review. Sanderson provided a copy of the RFP (Appendix A) and the proposal from WMI (Appendix B) to the Commission indicating these will be posted on the GFP Website. There were two different types of proposals submitted with two proposals for each type. One type was a survey-based review and the other was an investigative or interview based review. The WMI bid was research and interview based. The RFP requires an oral and written report on "strengths and weaknesses" and ways to implement improvements to the Division of Wildlife's big game management. The contract could be signed as early as next week and work should begin next month. The review should take about six months to conduct.

Director Chris Petersen presented Resolution 13-01 requesting Commission approval for an FY13 budget adjustment of \$131,050 in contractual services for RFP #2018 to fund the big game management review by Wildlife Management Institute. Discussion ensued about the review process happening in two fiscal years. Petersen indicated an adjustment to the FY14 Budget is not needed because spending authority for contracts can be carried forward for two years. Sanderson indicated the review is for big game management, not the ADC program, and would include the processes the Division operates with. Chris Petersen indicated the dollars would come from license fees.

Motion by Barry Jensen with second by Peterson TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 13-01 AS PRESENTED (Appendix C). Motion carried unanimously.

#### Open Forum

Bill Taunten of Woonsocket, SD, shared his concerns about pheasant hunting. He opposes an increase in the daily limit of pheasants, and he would like the season be extended two more weeks. He believes we should not advertise pheasant hunting if we don't have pheasants to hunt.

He has problems with predator animals and is concerned because we lost a pilot and he would like to have one to kill and trap coyotes. The state trappers are professionals and can get the six-year old coyotes or the smart ones and do a better job with coyote harvest. He uses food plots for recreation and enjoys the open country. He

would like to see hens and roosters planted in the spring and he plans to release 150 hens and 50 roosters tomorrow. Last fall he released 600 roosters and 200 hens.

Norb Berry of Turton, SD, representing South Dakota Opportunity Group talked about the proper use of assets that GFP manages and GFP should work to the benefit of every citizen in SD. Assets should be shared fairly, including motel and food industry employees. There is a shortage of housing for people coming to SD to recreate, such as hunting, especially in Spink County.

Jim Schaefer from McCook County commented on the length of the pheasant season indicating there is a biological carrying capacity and social carrying capacity of wildlife. The social carrying capacity is a push back to get the season extended and requested the expansion for the number of days pheasants can be hunted.

The Public Hearing began at 2:01 PM and concluded at 2:23 PM. (Minutes of the Public Hearing follow the regular meeting minutes.) Chair Knippling called a recess at 2:40 PM meeting resumed at 2:56 PM.

## Finalizations

### Special Buck Licenses 41:06:20; 41:06:21

Tom Kirschenmann presented the proposed changes with no changes. Discussion included the social distribution of licenses including landowner allocations and East River and West River distribution of licenses. Public hearing comments were discussed and biological impact of licenses.

Motion by Barry Jensen with second by Sather TO AMEND WEST RIVER SPECIAL BUCK ALLOCATIONS FOR BOTH RESIDENTS AND NONRESIDENTS TO BE 5% (576) OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR'S ALLOCATION OF THE RESIDENT LICENSES WHICH INCLUDED AN "ANY DEER" TAG FOR THE WEST RIVER DEER SEASON. Roll call vote: Cooper-yes; B. Jensen-yes; G. Jensen-yes; Peterson-no; Sather-yes; Spies-no; and Knippling-no. Motion failed to receive the required five yes votes.

Motion by Peterson with second by Gary Jensen TO AMEND (2) WEST RIVER SPECIAL BUCK ALLOCATIONS FOR BOTH RESIDENTS AND NONRESIDENTS TO 4% OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR'S ALLOCATION OF THE RESIDENT LICENSE WHICH INCLUDED AN "ANY DEER" TAG OR 500 WHATEVER IS GREATER FOR THE WEST RIVER SEASON, AND AMEND (3) EAST RIVER SPECIAL BUCK RESIDENT ALLOCATIONS WILL BE 4% OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR'S ALLOCATION OF THE RESIDENT LICENSES WHICH INCLUDED AN "ANY DEER" TAG FOR THE EAST RIVER DEER SEASON OR 500 WHATEVER IS GREATER. Motion carried unanimously.

1. An individual can only possess either an East River or West River Special Buck license in any given year.
2. West River Special Buck allocations for both residents and nonresidents will be 4% of the previous year's allocation of the resident licenses which included an "any deer" tag for the West River deer season or 500 whichever is greater.

3. East River Special Buck allocations for residents will be 4% of the previous year's allocation of the resident licenses which included an "any deer" tag for the East River deer season or 500 whichever is greater.

Motion by Cooper with second by Peterson TO FINALIZE CHANGES TO 41:06:20 AND 41:06:21 SPECIAL BUCK LICENSES AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Public Water Swim/Safety Zones 41:04:02

Chief Tom Kirschenmann and Assistant Director Bob Schneider presented proposed changes with no recommended changes to the proposal. There was no public comment received on these changes.

1. Repeal the current safety zone designated on Helgeson Slough in Clark County.
2. Repeal the current safety zones designated on portions of Rock Crandall Game Production Area on Opitz Lake and East Stink Lake in Marshall County.
3. Add a new safety zone designation at Platte Creek Recreation Area as a "public swim zone."
4. Repeal two current public swimming zones on Clear Lake in Marshall County.

Motion by Sather with second by Cooper TO FINALIZE CHANGES TO PUBLIC WATERS 41:04:02 AS PROPOSED. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Waterfowl Refuges 41:05:02

Chief Tom Kirschenmann presented proposed changes with no recommended changes and indicated the public and landowners support this change.

Remove the North Shore State Waterfowl Refuge.

Motion by Gary Jensen with second by Spies TO FINALIZE CHANGES TO WATERFOWL REFUGES 41:05:02 AS PROPOSED. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Hunting Seasons Proposals

##### CSP Non-trophy Bison Hunting Season

Parks Assistant Director Bob Schneider presented recommended changes to the Non-trophy Bison Hunting Season indicating the fees have not been adjusted since the season began nine years ago and fees are lower than the sale price of live bison. The number of license applications has tripled in the past three years. Preference points and resident preferences should be offered similar to other big game hunting seasons. The Licensing Office will administer the licenses similar to other big game. The rule should specify the number of licenses to be issued each year and replace the current "not to exceed" language.

1. Modify preference so applicants accrue an additional point for each successive year they are unsuccessful in the draw. (41:06:60).
2. Allocate 15-non-trophy bull bison licenses and 10 cow bison licenses with 7 of the non-trophy bull and 5 of the cow licenses being allocated to residents in a first draw. Leftover licenses after the first draw would be available in a second draw for all applicants.

3. Increase license fee from \$1,500 to \$2,250 for a non-trophy bison bull and from \$1,000 to \$1,750 for a cow bison (41:06:02).
4. Add reference to non-trophy bison harvest as seasons in CSP available to non-residents. (41:06:07).

Motion by Gary Jensen with second by Cooper TO PROPOSE CHANGES TO THE CUSTER STATE PARK NON-TROPHY BISON HUNTING SEASON AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

#### CSP Trophy Bison Bull Hunting Season

Schneider presented changes to the Trophy Bison Hunting Season similar to the non-trophy season giving residents preference and preference points for unsuccessful applicants and allocating a specific number of licenses in rule rather than a "not to exceed" number. The licenses will be administered through the Licensing Office.

1. Modify preference so applicants accrue an additional point for each successive year they are unsuccessful in the draw. Change reference from "permit" and "permit holder" to "license" and "licensee".
2. Allocate 8 trophy bison bull licenses with 2 of the licenses allocated to residents in a first draw. Leftover licenses would be available in a second draw for all applicants.

Motion by Peterson with second by Barry Jensen TO PROPOSE CHANGES TO THE CSP TROPHY BISON HUNTING SEASON AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Chad Switzer and John Kanta presented the elk population status report prior to the elk season recommended changes.

#### CSP Elk Hunting Seasons

Kirschenmann requested the latitude to adjust license allocations for the CSP Any Elk and Special Elk Hunting Seasons at the April meeting following review of data derived from the movement of Wind Cave elk into the Custer State Park. There are no recommended changes to the CSP Archery season.

Motion by Cooper with second by Gary Jensen TO PROPOSE CHANGES TO THE CUSTER STATE PARK ANY ELK HUNTING SEASON WITH THE NUMBER OF LICENSES TO BE DETERMINED AT TIME OF FINALIZATION. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Cooper with second by Spies TO PROPOSE CHANGES TO THE EARLY CUSTER STATE PARK ARCHERY ELK HUNTING SEASON WITH NUMBER OF LICENSES TO BE DETERMINED AT TIME OF FINALIZATION. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Archery Elk Hunting Season

Kirschenmann presented an adjusted number of licenses for the Archery Elk Hunting Season.

Adjust the number of licenses available from 82 "any elk" and 15 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 97 licenses) to 77 "any elk" and 15 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 92 licenses).

Motion by Barry Jensen and second by Spies TO PROPOSE CHANGES TO ARCHERY ELK HUNTING SEASON AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Black Hills Elk Hunting Season

Chief Kirschenmann presented an adjustment of the number of licenses available for the Black Hills Elk Hunting Season.

Adjust the number of licenses available from 395 "any elk" and 175 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 570 licenses) to 380 "any elk" and 165 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 545 licenses).

Motion by Sather with second by Gary Jensen TO PROPOSE CHANGES TO THE BLACK HILLS ELK HUNTING SEASON AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Prairie Elk Hunting Season

Kirschenmann presented the recommended changes to the Prairie Elk Hunting Season indicating the adjusted season dates were discussed and coordinated with the Nebraska Game and Fish.

1. Adjust the number of licenses available from 47 "any elk" and 53 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 100 licenses) to 45 "any elk" and 51 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 96 licenses).
2. Modify Unit 30 (Gregory County) by removing that portion of Boyd County, Nebraska (see attached map).
3. Adjust the season dates for Unit 30 (Gregory County) from September 29 – October 28 and December 1-31 to September 1 – December 31.
4. Adjust the season dates for Unit 11B (Bennett County and portions of Mellette County) from September 1 to the second Sunday of October to September 1 to the Friday before the third Saturday in October.
5. Add Unit 11D (Bennett County and portions of Mellette County) with season dates of September 1 – December 31.

Motion by Peterson with second by Gary Jensen TO PROPOSE CHANGES TO PRAIRIE ELK HUNTING SEASON AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

The following seasons had no recommended changes and no action was taken: Mountain Goat Hunting Season, Grouse Hunting Season, Pheasant Hunting Seasons, Partridge Hunting Season, Quail Hunting Season, Cottontail Hunting Season, Squirrel Hunting Season, Crow and Crane Hunting Season, Snipe and Dove Hunting Season, and the 2013 Hunting Season Dates.

#### Division of Wildlife

Director Tony Leif introduced and recognized Habitat Partner of the Year Award Recipient and McCook County landowner Jim Schaeffer. Leif outlined the accomplishments Schaeffer has achieved making him eligible to receive the award. Jim

Schaefer expressed his appreciation for the award, acknowledged, and thanked family and friends for this achievement. Shaeffer was one of four Regional Habitat Partner recipients recognized by the Department and included Brady and Wendi Rinehart of Highmore, Richard Kovarik of Rapid City, and Larry Schuster of Eden.

#### Pheasant Habitat and Farm Bill

Mark Norton, Hunting Access and Farm Bill Coordinator provided a PowerPoint indicating the current Farm Bill expired on September 30, 2012, but was extended until September 30, 2013, everything was reauthorized; however, without funding for enrollment. There are programs such as shelterbelts, grass waterways, buffer, and pollinator habitat programs that landowners cannot enroll in. Most programs have no funding from the Federal government because apportionments have too many moving targets and it is hard to pin a number to the wall and commit to new contracts. South Dakota has received \$7 million to complete restoration work on WRP wetland easements and close easements that have been accepted. CRP has a general sign up from May 20-June 14 and most South Dakota counties will see an increase in rental rate as cropland cash rent has increased since 2010. Norton shared information about land use changes in the Corn Belt including grassland conversion and the effect on ducks, pheasants, nesting birds, shorebirds, and neo-tropical migrants. Tiling, drainage, and shelterbelt/farmstead removal also affects the landscape and habitat.

#### Spring Canada Goose Take Permit

Keith Fisk presented a PowerPoint indicating resident geese in South Dakota number about 270,000 and after public meetings the Department wants to manage for 80-90,000 geese. SDSU research showed the extensive damage geese can do to crops for a significant impact to crop producers. Last summer staff worked with 564 landowners and 1,000 complaints spending \$717,000 on goose depredation in eastern South Dakota by Game, Fish, and Parks. The population has not decreased and the next option is to utilize a US Fish and Wildlife permit this spring to take 7,000 geese using volunteer hunters. In April, 140 volunteer hunters will be permitted to hunt geese on private land. Each volunteer can take fifty geese and all harvested geese must be donated to charity and Sportsmen Against Hunger has eight processors in eastern SD that will accept the harvested geese.

#### Elk Population Status

A PowerPoint presentation by John Kanta and Chad Switzer provided information to support the elk recommendations and was presented prior to Commission action on elk seasons and rules. Research data and survey information, elk ages from teeth of harvested elk, and social concerns were outlined with comprehensive information to be provided prior to finalization of proposed rule changes.

The cow to calf ratio shows 50 calves per 100 cows and is good ratio compared with other western states. The calves counted were 4-5 months old and from across the Black Hills including Custer State Park. 2002-2012 harvest information was presented along with the hunter satisfaction table showing an increase last year to about 50%. Kanta indicated other western states would be thrilled with a 50% hunter success rate. Unit definitions were displayed showing the 2012 harvest information in

the different units and had a 73% success rate. Archery Elk had a 40% average success rate.

Kanta provided information about the ongoing sightability survey. The entire Black Hills is being flown with two helicopters to count elk and flying the subunits should conclude tomorrow. Kanta thanked staff for the work to accomplish this project and a will provide a comprehensive report next month.

Kanta reported the joint effort to move elk out of Wind Cave National Park north into Custer State Park and onto Forest Service land. An initial move herded 198 elk out of Wind Cave into CSP and plans are to try again to move more elk out of Wind Cave in the next week or two.

Switzer presented information specific to proposals and shared that twelve radio-collared elk went from Wind Cave National Park into Custer State Park and these elk will continue to be monitored as they are still mingling with the CSP herd.

Switzer showed the different units and the changes in specific units and seasons that will be presented in the recommended changes.

Discussion included why "any antlerless" elk tags are sold in Unit 1 and that private landowners in Unit 1 continue to have depredation problems and "any antlerless" tags assist those landowners.

Kanta indicated the prairie units have all private landowners and landowners are accommodating the hunters. The landowners are great hosts and have indicated they would like a few less hunters, that is the reason for the recommended change in Unit 9.

#### Conservation Officer Staffing Structure Changes

Emmett Keyser indicated a review was conducted to improve officer retention especially in small communities. Promotional opportunity, recruitment to remote areas, lack of housing, shopping, the placement process, current positions, salary incentives, and organizational structure were reviewed and led to creating new CO districts, improved communications, and additional positions.

#### Ice Fishing Update

Chief John Lott stated the license sales were up 15% due to good fishing and a successful program to keep access to lakes open this winter contributed to the increased sales. Lott shared about darkhouse spearfishing in the Northeast South Dakota.

#### Black Hills Fisheries Management Plan

Chief Lott shared that the current management plan was developed in the 1990's and will be updated. Trout management includes changes at the hatchery to meet angler's expectations and that regulations were adjusted to meet management goals. Access to lakes was improved with cooperation of the Forest Service. A Statewide Plan, which is being developed, will address different areas and types of waters across the state providing plenty of opportunity for different types of fishing and anglers. Streams are included in the management plan and lakes will continue to be managed individually. Black Hills lakes and streams will have their own plan and an open house is scheduled next week to gather and share information. A draft plan should be

available in June to develop changes or recommendations for the plan and inclusion in the state plan.

#### Mountain Lion Season Update

Chad Switzer indicated 49 lions have been harvested, of which 29 are females. Of the 49 lions harvested seven had collars. Custer State Park has six mini seasons and three included one week of hunters with hounds. Three lions were harvested in CSP and two with the use of hounds. There has been little snow in the southern hills, four lions have been harvested just outside CSP, and three of those lions pass in and out of the park. Three lions were collared in the prey selection survey and two of the three have been harvested including the lion identified in the elk calf predation situation last year.

#### Open House events

The open house schedule update was presented by Emmett Keyser indicating meetings are posted on the GFP Website and Commissioners were welcome to attend all meetings especially those in their area.

Chair Knippling called a recess at 4:59 PM with meeting to resume at 8 AM the next morning. The meeting resumed at 8 AM on Friday, March 8 at the same location with Commissioners Susie Knippling, John Cooper, Cathy Peterson, Barry Jensen, Gary Jensen, Jim Spies, and Duane Sather present. Approximately twenty media and staff were present.

Motion by Spies with second by Peterson TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS CONTRACTUAL MATTERS. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Executive Session

Executive session began at 8:01 AM with Commissioners Knippling, B. Jensen, Cooper, Spies, Peterson, Sather, and G. Jensen present along with Parks Director Doug Hofer, Attorney Richard Neill, Al Nedved, and Debra Ascher. The Executive Session ended at 8:43.

#### Division of Parks and Recreation

##### Sheps Canyon Lodge Fee Proposal

Parks Assistant Director of Operation Bob Schneider presented a recommended change to include the former Hill Ranch residence as a new lodge within the parks system and establish the fee to be consistent with other park lodges. Schneider provided photos of the lodge and landscape views it affords. The lodge is ADA compliant and will be available for the Memorial Day weekend.

Add Sheps Canyon to the list of areas that require a group lodging fee and establish the fee.

Motion by Spies with second by Gary Jensen TO PROPOSE CHANGES TO CAMPING PERMITS AND FEES TO INCLUDE THE SHEPS CANYON LODGE AND FEES AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Lyman County/Cedar Shore Leases

Director Doug Hofer provided history of the current Cedar Shore Resort and the changes and improvements needed for the resort. The Resort, Convention Center, marina, bike trail, and road have experienced soil erosion due to water movement on the river. The city, county, state, and business operators have been working to address these issues this past year and some grant dollars are available to fix the soil movement concerns. Financing for the improvements is another big concern, especially to prospective buyers. A Coast Guard \$1 million grant and \$3 million of bonding authority from the legislature are available for the use towards the project. Several engineers are studying the feasibility of the proposed project with the end goal to have a final design and scope of work.

Dave Sweet of US Hotel ACS Ventures, LLLP, interested buyer, shared his plans for Cedar Shore Resort. He has the ability and interest to provide facility improvements to make this a destination vacation area, which will attract visitors to the area and support the increase franchise fees to make the bond payment. Al's Oasis is included in the pending purchase by US Hotel.

Concessionaire Manager Sean Blanchette indicated three major improvements include the South Dakota Department of Transportation and the City of Oacoma utilizing grant dollars to take the lead to design and improve the road to Cedar Shore Resort and Convention Center. The City of Oacoma has secured a grant requiring matching local dollars to update the sewer system. The Game, Fish, and Parks is working with an engineering consulting firm to develop a viable, affordable, and effective plan for stabilization of the marina and the existing structures.

Sean Blanchette indicated that Lyman County has a 40-year lease to Cedar Shore Resort with 28 years remaining on the lease. Lyman County is willing to amend the lease transferred from the Corps of Engineers and relinquish to GFP the land area necessary for resort operations. Finally, Lyman County also agrees to terminate the agreement as the current marina leaseholder. These steps are necessary to allow US Hotels to exercise their purchase option which expires on April 15.

Blanchette presented draft leases with Lyman County and Resolution 13-02 requesting authorization to amend and execute agreements with Lyman County.

Motion by Spies with second by Cooper TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 13-02 AS PRESENTED (Appendix D). Motion carried unanimously.

#### Cedar Shore Resort Lease Transfer

Sean Blanchette presented a draft Restated Lease for Cedar Shore Resort with US Hotel ASC Ventures, LLLP and Resolution 13-03 requesting approval and authorization to enter into a final version of the Restated Lease upon completion of the Cedar Shore Resort sale to US Hotels. The significant modifications in the draft lease include a larger franchise fee to pay off the bonds for the bank stabilization project, and the Department would have authority to directly administer the terms and conditions of the concession lease agreement.

Motion by Peterson and second by Barry Jensen TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 13-03 AS PRESENTED (Appendix E). Motion carried unanimously.

#### Lewis and Clark Marina Concession

Director Hofer indicated the Commission approved the advertising of an RFP for the Lewis and Clark Marina Concession with a stated price by the current concessionaire at the February 7, 2013, Teleconference meeting. The sale price was increased after Commission approval and Hofer provided a breakdown of the asking price. Concerns that were raised indicating there is no longer an agreement on the asking price. Hofer suggested the Commission rescind the previous approval to advertise an RFP for Lewis and Clark Marina Concession and authorize the Department to go forward with an appraisal of Concessionaire property. Discussion ensued about the appraisal process and the need to develop an RFP to ensure the marina will be a viable business providing needed services for the public we serve.

Motion by Barry Jensen with second by Spies TO RESCIND THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE COMMISSION DURING THE FEBRUARY 7, 2013, TELECONFERENCE AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT TO ISSUE AND ADVERTISE AN RFP FOR THE LEWIS AND CLARK MARINA CONCESSION; AND TO NOW AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED WITH AN APPRAISAL OF THE CONCESSIONAIRE'S POSSESSORY INTEREST IN THE CONCESSIONAIRE FACILITIES AND OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE CONCESSIONAIRE USED IN PROVIDING THE CONCESSION SERVICES BASED UPON THE CONCESSION LEASE AND APPLICABLE RULES. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Custer State Park Mountain Pine Beetle Project

Park Superintendent Matt Snyder shared a review of the winter 2012-13 progress. Approximately 35,000 infested trees were identified and treated. The largest concentration of beetles continues to be around the Sylvan Lake area.

In the main portion of Custer State Park staff saw 75% fewer infested trees than last year indicating efforts are working; however, there is still a lot of pressure coming from outside the park boundaries, especially from Forest Service land and to the north and west of the park. Contractors have completed work to cut trees with removal to be completed by June 1. Contracted timber sales are assisting with the MPB effort by thinning 6,000 acres. It is dry in the hills and the fire danger is already high this year.

#### Campground Reservation System

Lynn Spomer indicated reservations at Custer State Park are available for one year in advance and all parks are taking reservations for the first three weekends of the camping season. Most parks seem to fill on the first day and as of yesterday \$1 million of camping fees have been collected which is 10% of camping season. Next week the Point of Sale system will be operating with improvements to customer profiles. Lawrence and Schiller are doing a wonderful job with fifty staff available on the opening day for weekend reservations and few complaints from customers. Spomer indicated the call center representatives are getting better.

Motion by Cooper with second by Barry Jensen TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.  
Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 11:16 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey R. Vonk, Department Secretary

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Public Hearing Minutes of the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission  
March 7, 2013

Public Hearing Officer Chuck Schlueter began the public hearing at 2:01 PM at the AmericInn Conference Center in Fort Pierre. Schlueter indicated items listed under Finalizations on the agenda numbered 8-10 were open for public comment with written comments read prior to oral testimony from the attending public. Individuals wishing to provide oral testimony are to approach the microphone, state their name, provide their name and city on the sign-in sheet, and keep comments to three minutes.

### Special Buck Licenses

Spencer Cordes, representing Dakota Safaris, of Wall, SD, wrote: " We run a commercial hunting organization based out of Wall, SD, bringing in added income for airport, motels, gas stations, restaurants, meat processors, taxidermists, etc., and the SD Dept. of revenue. These paid hunts boost the local landowner's pockets as well. In return, money that often gets filtered back into our communities.

A year ago we met with you at this same meeting and discussed our continuing and increasing problem of obtaining buck licenses for our hunters. At that time there was a proposal to add 200 West River resident and 200 nonresident licenses. The commission voted 7 to 1 to approve this proposal, leaving us thinking there was good support and that we had taken a step in the right direction.

Consequently, two months later this never got approved. We are going backwards, to the days before the Special Buck license even existed. Not so much because there aren't enough tags available, but because of the growing numbers of applicants and the chances of drawing a tag. I would hope, there could be added S.B. tags, or ultimately a transferrable landowner tag available in the future, to offset this problem. The Special Buck license is used mostly to hunt bucks, therefore not affecting the overall deer population as much as harvesting does. To us if you want more deer, issued less doe tags.

No one would gain an opportunity to trophy hunt on our private lands, even if we couldn't obtain a single license. Without a change to the current situation, I see everyone losing."

Tom Jensen of Harrisburg, SD, emailed: "I am writing to voice my full support of the "Special Buck Tag Change" proposal that will be voted on soon."

Richard Visker of Sioux Falls, SD, emailed: "I just wanted to take a moment to tell you I support this proposal and encourage this to pass. License numbers according to the deer population is the right route."

Thomas R. Dvorak of Mellette, SD, emailed: "I would like to see the state raise their prices for special licenses and general season licenses for deer and antelope so the SDGFP could have some additional funds to run programs in the state to promote hunting in SD."

Doug Lake of Pierre, SD: emailed: "I think the special buck licenses (east/west) numbers should be increased More happy hunters. If the idea that killing bucks hurts

less or none at all. It is a place where GFP can sell tags for a reasonable fee and the population is not hurt.”

Fred Lamphere, Butte County Sheriff emailed: “I feel that you should increase the non-resident special buck tags to the number that is applied for. That extra revenue could go to WIA funds and it would create a revenue to western South Dakota with all of the non-resident hunters. Sort of like the revenue that is created with the pheasant season.”

Mark Parr of Lennox, SD, emailed: “ Why are you decreasing the tags for residents and nonresidents West River and increase for East River, or am I looking at this wrong. I’m glad to hear about only 1 tag, very good idea.”

Mark Wilson of Watertown, SD, emailed: “Allow special buck tag holders to hunt public land also. Would like to know why a person can’t with this tag anyway.”

Ryan J. Gruber of Brandon, SD, emailed: “Just to clarify...the proposal is to raise the number of special buck tags available? If that’s the case then I should assume that even with the loss of habitat and increased hunting pressure, the GFP is clearly not concerned with the quality of bucks being harvested. I don’t want to become irate at this point until I understand the facts, I would assume that with the loss of non-resident pheasant revenue we’ll be seeing more of this trend (hopefully I’m drawing unfair conclusions).”

David Bechard of Pierre, SD, emailed: “You must have taken to selling and bartering of game animal against the law out of the hunting manual??? So why is it OK for GFP and others to sell and barter in game animals?? It couldn't involve money and greed could it??? Seems like the numbers of special buck tags just keep going up I wonder why that is??? And everyone wants us to teach our kids to hunt and fish and enjoy the great outdoors. Then the Gov. entities keep working against us in various and many ways. To me it points only one direction money grab. Just a couple of my thoughts. I would like this in your minutes as all my required info is here.”

Micah Mauney of Sioux Falls, SD, emailed: “I am writing to express my concerns regarding the recent proposal suggesting a SD resident would only be eligible for one special buck license. I am a SD resident and this is one of the biggest perks I see as a resident, that being, I am eligible to draw BOTH a west river and east river special buck license.

This proposal would mean I would have to choose between the two, and I question if this favors those that only apply for one or the other, or possibly assisting those that are only in pursuit of an east river special buck license. These statements are easily supported when reviewing the statistical draw information and seeing the lower success rate for the east river applicants. To penalize those that take advantage of hunting both sides of the state doesn’t seem right or just.

One may suggest that you can still apply for the regular draws, however, the regular draws are not guaranteed, and it is difficult to draw a license in numerous counties. By taking away the option for one to be eligible for both special buck licenses, hunting will be reduced for many hunters.”

Scott Hanisch of Sioux Falls, SD, emailed: “I was reviewing the comments on the east/west river comments and having both licenses. I don’t see where that would be a problem, when it gets to the 3<sup>rd</sup> draw and there is still left over tags – sell them.”

Bill Menne of Doland, SD, emailed: "The tag should be for both east and west river if a hunter wants to apply, and hold both tags."

Paul Varcoe of Sioux Falls, SD, emailed: "I will not be able to attend the GFP meeting in January. Concerning the special buck tags – I would like to see special buck tags made available to nonresidents for East River Deer."

Scott Jamison of Sioux Falls, SD, emailed: "... I believe I see the proposal for Special Buck is to increase the number of licenses, which is a huge improvement and I appreciate the effort to do that."

Robert Garrity of Fort Pierre, SD, emailed: "I'm not sure I have any solutions but I do see a problem since GFP started managing the deer herd to produce more trophy bucks. Prior to this effort I had little problem getting a license which usually was an any deer license. I haven't been able to get a buck license in five years either in the Black hills or the prairie seasons. At least in the Black hills I have always put in a second choice but haven't got it either even when the deer were over running the area. I currently have 5 preference points for the Black Hills without getting any license. East river is almost as bad but I have been able to get some left over antlerless tags."

Another suggestion I would make is to have a combination deer and turkey license when the two seasons are on at the same time. It would be nice to have a turkey license while hunting deer but it is very disappointing to get the turkey license and not the deer."

Russ Roberts of Saint Onge, SD, emailed: "I feel that the proposal to limit hunters to either a West River Special Buck license or East River Special Buck license but not both in the same year is a very good step in the right direction. It will help to spread opportunity out for everybody in a state that allows hunters to take way more bucks per year (up to five) - per hunter than any state around us, because of all the different seasons each hunter can get a buck license for. I would however like to see the quota of West River Special Buck licenses stay at least where it is at, 500 resident and 500 non-resident licenses. These licenses, in particular the non-resident Special Buck tags have a quota that is much lower than applicant number. Because these licenses are good only on private land and you are supposed to provide a landowners name and number that you have permission to hunt in the application process, why are we taking opportunity away from hunters that actually create good landowner/hunter relationships. If the process is working correctly that hunter has to secure permission from a landowner to hunt before applying. If that hunter does not draw a license and a hunter from the regular West River draw just shows up unannounced and expects to hunt, what kind of landowner/hunter relationships is South Dakota promoting? I don't think the answer is good for hunter or landowner."

Jerry Koster of Yankton, SD, emailed: "To satisfy residents, the number of non-resident special buck tags should be reduced, Example 1000 tags are made available, 750 residents apply non-residents get to draw for the 250 left. I live here, pay taxes here, but didn't draw a special buck tag. Some out of stater did, that's just not right!"

Roger Heupel of Aberdeen, SD, emailed: "Are you going to change the deadline of one of them so a person can apply for the second one if you don't draw the first one?"

Marvin Jobgen of Dakota Safari of Wall, SD stated he supports the information in Steve Cordes letter read earlier. The proposal currently shows West River will lose 40 licenses and his operation is an every other year hunting opportunity for interested

hunters to get a license and often times they want to come every year rather than wait a year. This makes it hard for business and he does not want to reduce licenses and wants the 500 for residents and 500 for nonresident. This issue is frustrating for him and his business and reducing tags is not the answer for him.

Russ Roberts of Western Gateway Outfitters stated in western SD and spends lots of time, miles, and dollars to get hunters to come to South Dakota benefiting local communities. He wants base number of licenses and 500 is plenty low and SD has more opportunity than any other state. Hunters are scheduled two years out to run his operation, wants a base figure of 500 licenses and would like to see it increased not decreased.

#### Public Water Swim/Safety Zones

No written or oral comments were received.

#### Waterfowl Refuges

Derek Schiefelbein of Pierre, SD, emailed: "The need and reason for all these waterfowl refuges has past. The Waterfowl commercial hunting is mostly all gone. Save the main refuges on Oahe. Okobojo. Dry Creek. Mailshack. Nystroms. None of these 4 need to be as big as they are. The rest can go away on Lake Oahe.

Lake Sharpe and Francis Case could also be looked at a little. The areas are too large.

Climate change and migration pattern change is an issue. Birds are staying north longer, this has been the pattern for the past 10-12 years. Having 300,000 ducks here (for 3 months) all in the same refuge is a disaster waiting to happen. They won't leave or move, even when they should. We don't want to have another bad die off like we did 2 years ago. 8,000 dead after getting into bad grain because they are starving and won't migrate. The birds need to keep moving."

Alan Lein and Steve Petersen of Chamberlain, SD, emailed: "We would like to submit this email in support of the proposal to remove the North Shore State Waterfowl Refuge. This will provide some additional opportunities to enjoy waterfowl hunting in this area. Most of these proposals try to limit or restrict public access, so it is a nice change to see improved access to waterfowl hunting."

No oral testimony was received.

The public hearing concluded at 2:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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**REQUEST FOR LISTS OF LICENSE HOLDERS**

Type of List Requested FUR BEARER

Number of Licenses in list EAST RIVER TRAPPERS

Name of Person, Entity, or Organization requesting list:  
JOYNSON FUR CO INC

Phone Number 320-995-6121

Address of Person, Entity, or Organization:  
8571 Highway 21 SO  
WILLMAN, MINN 56201

How would you like your list sent to you: (email or disk) EMAIL

Email Address: SFC1@mtvwireless.com

Purpose for which list will be used:  
TO CONTACT TRAPPERS & INFORM  
THEM OF OUR BUYING LOCATIONS

**This list is Names and Mailing Addresses ONLY**

The sale of lists by the Department of Game, Fish & Parks is authorized by SDCL 1-27-1 and ARSD 41:06:02:04, 05 and 06. A fee of \$100 per thousand names will be assessed for the sale of this list, or a minimum of \$100 whichever is greater.

Unless requested and approved as part of this request, the license list will not include anyone under eighteen years of age. Names are for one-time use only and are to be used only by the person, entity or organization approved per this request.

[Signature] 3/28/13  
Authorized Signature of Purchaser Date

Date of Commission Action

# License Sales Totals

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(as of April 2)

date updated: 2 April 2013

	2012	2013	% Change
Resident Predator/Varmint	905	837	-7.51%
Furbearer	2,584	2,438	-5.65%
Combination	25,290	22,426	-11.32%
Junior Combination	2,245	1,695	-24.50%
Senior Combination	3,174	3,518	10.84%
Resident Youth Small Game	594	646	8.75%
Resident Small Game	1,943	1,606	-17.34%
Resident 1-Day Fishing	685	418	-38.98%
Resident Annual Fishing	22,659	12,436	-45.12%
Senior Fishing	5,412	3,189	-41.08%
Resident Migratory Bird Certificate	12,909	13,215	2.37%
Nonresident Predator/Varmint	716	788	10.06%
Nonresident Furbearer	7	4	-42.86%
Nonresident Small Game	3,057	2,866	-6.25%
Nonresident Youth Small Game	214	191	-10.75%
Nonresident Spring Light Goose	2,735	3,425	25.23%
Nonresident Youth Spring Light Goose	106	114	7.55%
Nonresident 1-Day Fishing	1,881	1,373	-27.01%
Nonresident 3-Day Fishing	1,683	1,861	10.58%
Nonresident Annual Fishing	5,072	4,438	-12.50%
Nonresident Family Fishing	2,123	1,757	-17.24%
Nonresident Youth Annual Fishing	141	164	16.31%
Nonresident Migratory Bird Certificate	101	111	9.90%
Nonresident Annual Shooting Preserve	140	84	-40.00%
Resident 1-Day Small Game	215	147	-31.63%
Nonresident 5-day Shooting Preserve	467	483	3.43%
Nonresident 1-day Shooting Preserve	181	175	-3.31%
Resident Gamefish Spearing/Archery	1,093	1,439	31.66%
Nonresident Gamefish Spearing/Archery	83	300	261.45%
<b>TOTAL ON FILE =</b>	<b>98,415</b>	<b>82,144</b>	<b>-16.53%</b>

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FINALIZATION

5.

Camping Permits and Rules  
Camping permit fees  
Chapter 41:03:04:03

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	March 7-8, 2013	Fort Pierre
	Public Hearing	April 4-5, 2013	Winner
	Finalization	April 4-5, 2013	Winner

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Modify 41:03:04:03 Camping permit fees.

**Requirements and Restrictions:**

Requires a camper to pay a daily fee for the use of a campsite, camping cabin, or lodge in a state park, recreation area and certain lakeside use areas.

**Recommended changes:**

Add Sheps Canyon to the list of areas that require a group lodging fee and establish the fee.

**41:03:04:03. Camping permit fees.** The daily fee for the use of a campground site by one camper unit is as follows:

- (14) The group lodging fee at: Mina Lake State Recreation Area is \$160.00 and at Shadehill State Recreation Area is \$185.00 a night for the first 8 persons age 12 and over plus 17.00 for each additional person age 12 and older; Lake Thompson State Recreation Area, Palisades State Park, **Sheps Canyon State Recreation Area**, and Newton Hills State Park \$240.00 a night for the first 12 persons age 12 and over plus \$17.00 for each additional person age 12 and older;

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

**Recommended change from proposal:** None

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Group lodges are extremely popular facilities at our state park areas and receive heavy use year round. A ranch residence was included in the department's acquisition of the Hill Ranch property on the west side of Angostura Reservoir. The house, which is in close proximity to the reservoir, and the Sheps Canyon campground, boat ramp, and planned horse trail system, has been converted to a group lodge. We expect the Sheps Canyon Lodge to be equally popular due to its proximity to other recreational offerings and its picturesque setting. The \$240 nightly fee is consistent with the fee for other state park lodges of similar size.

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## GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION FINALIZATION

### Custer State Park Non-Trophy Bison Harvest, License Forms and Fees, Custer State Park Restrictions Chapter 41:06:60, Chapter 41:06:02, Chapter 41:06:07

<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>March 7-8, 2013</b>	<b>Ft. Pierre</b>
	<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>April 4, 2013</b>	<b>Winner</b>
	<b>Finalization</b>	<b>April 4-5, 2013</b>	<b>Winner</b>

#### COMMISSION PROPOSAL

**Season Dates:** October 5 – November 22, 2013

**Licenses:** No more than 30 non-trophy bull bison and 30 cow bison licenses may be issued.  
(In 2012 15 non-trophy bull and 10 cow bison licenses were issued)

**Requirements and Restrictions:**

- 1) The unit is open within the boundaries of Custer State Park for the 49-day period beginning the first Saturday in October.
- 2) Permit holder must be accompanied by an authorized CSP official.

**Recommended changes from last year:**

1. Issue 15 non-trophy bull bison and 10 cow bison licenses. (41:06:60:02).
2. Allocate 7 non-trophy bull bison licenses and 5 cow bison licenses to residents in a first draw. Leftover licenses after the first draw would be available in a second draw for all applicants.
3. Modify preference so applicants accrue an additional point for each successive year they are unsuccessful in the draw. (41:06:60).
4. Increase license fee from \$1,500 to \$2,250 for a non-trophy bison bull and from \$1,000 to \$1,750 for a cow bison (41:06:02).
5. Add reference to non-trophy bison harvest as seasons in CSP available to nonresidents. (41:06:07).

#### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

**Recommended change from proposal:**

Add a unit where no non-trophy bull bison or cow bison may be issued, but an applicant shall accrue a preference point as provided in 41:06:01:09. (41:06:60:02).

#### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Non-trophy bison hunts fees have not been adjusted from the season's inception nine years ago. Fees were originally higher than the live sale average for those class animals. The bison market has improved and current live sales significantly exceed costs for non-trophy hunts. Indications are for a relatively stable market on bison. Currently, these hunts are undervalued at \$1,000 for cows and \$1,500 for 2-year old bulls. Additionally, interest has multiplied for these hunts. Applications have more than tripled in the past three years. The current preference system provides applicants who were unsuccessful in the previous year's draw entry in the first draw, but they do not accrue additional points for successive unsuccessful years. The current single preference system should be

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modified to a lottery (accumulated points) system. Allocating 7 of the non-trophy bull bison and 10 of the cow bison permits to South Dakota residents will give residents a better chance of being drawn for this trophy hunt while still recognizing the high demand from nonresident hunters.

Change from proposal: A "preference" unit must be established to accommodate the change in the preference system and allow applicants to accrue preference points towards future season draws.

Year	CSP Auction Average Price		Applications			Licenses Issued	
	Open cows	Grade Bull	Total apps	Non-resident	Resident	Non-resident	Resident
2012	\$1,725	\$2,020	318	271	47	15	10
2011	\$1,488	\$2,073	205	170	35	20	5
2010	\$1,800	\$1,825	96	85	11	21	4

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# GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION FINALIZATION

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## Custer State Park Trophy Bison Bull Harvest Chapter 41:06:42

<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>March 7-8, 2013</b>	<b>Ft. Pierre</b>
	<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>April 4, 2013</b>	<b>Winner</b>
	<b>Finalization</b>	<b>April 4-5, 2013</b>	<b>Winner</b>

### COMMISSION PROPOSAL

**Season Dates:** November 25, 2013 – January 10, 2014

**Licenses:** No more than 10 permits may be issued.  
(In 2012 8 trophy bull licenses were issued)

**Requirements and Restrictions:**

- 1) The unit is open within the boundaries of Custer State Park for the 47-day period beginning the last Monday in November.
- 2) Licensees must be accompanied by an authorized CSP official.

**Recommended changes from last year:**

1. Issue 8 trophy bull bison licenses. (41:06:42:02).
2. Modify preference so applicants accrue an additional point for each successive year they are unsuccessful in the draw. Change reference from “permit” and “permit holder” to “license” and “licensee.”
3. Allocate 2 trophy bison licenses to residents in a first draw. Leftover licenses would be available in a second draw for all applicants.

### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

**Recommended change from proposal:**

Add a unit where no trophy bison bull license may be issued, but an applicant shall accrue a preference point as provided in 41:06:01:09. (41:06:42:02).

### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Interest in trophy bison hunts continues to grow. This is a premier trophy bison hunt and draws applicants from across North America. Applicant’s odds of drawing continue to decline with increased interest. A large number of applicants have been unsuccessful in drawing in multiple years. The current preference system provides applicants who were unsuccessful in the previous year’s draw entry in the first draw, but they do not accrue additional points for successive unsuccessful years. The current single preference system should be modified to a lottery (accumulated points) system. Allocating 2 of the permits to South Dakota residents will give residents a better chance of being drawn for this trophy hunt while still recognizing the high demand from nonresident hunters.

Change from proposal: A “preference” unit must be established to accommodate the change in the preference system and allow applicants to accrue preference points towards future season draws.

Year	Applications			Licenses Issued	
	Total App's	Non-resident	Resident	Non-resident	Resident
2012	118	113	5	7	1
2011	112	106	6	10	0
2010	90	83	7	9	1

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FINALIZATION

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**Custer State Park Elk Hunting Season (Any Elk)**  
Chapter 41:06:27

Commission Meeting Dates: Proposal March 7-8, 2013 Ft. Pierre  
Public Hearing April 4, 2013 Winner  
Finalization April 4-5, 2013 Winner

**COMMISSION PROPOSAL**

**Season Dates:** September 15 – September 30, 2013

**Licenses:** 4 resident "Any Elk" licenses

**Requirements and Restrictions:**

- 1) The unit is open within the boundaries of Custer State Park for the 16-day period beginning the third Saturday of September.
- 2) Hunters must attend a mandatory briefing.
- 3) 24 hour inspection of harvested elk.

**Proposed changes from last year:** None.

**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION**

**Recommended changes from proposal:** None.

**SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION**

Year	Licenses	Applicants	Success Rate	HRD
2006	41	11,709	95%	140
2007	41	12,768	93%	167
2008	36	12,572	97%	137
2009	36	13,063	86%	194
2010	21	13,065	80%	99
2011	11	12,060	91%	60
2012	4	11,133	100%	7

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FINALIZATION

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**Custer State Park Early Archery Elk Hunting Season**  
Chapter 41:06:28

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	March 7-8, 2013	Ft. Pierre
	Public Hearing	April 4-5, 2013	Winner
	Finalization	April 4-5, 2013	Winner

**COMMISSION PROPOSAL**

**Season Dates:** September 1-30, 2013

**Licenses:** 3 "Any Elk" licenses

**Requirements and Restrictions:**

1. Season opens the first of September and closes the last day of September.
2. Hunters must attend a mandatory briefing.
3. 24 hour inspection of harvested elk.

**Proposed changes from last year:** None.

**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION**

**Recommended changes from proposal:** None.

**SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION**

Year	Licensed Hunters	Applicants	Success Rate	Elk Harvested	Recreation Days
2008	8	3,084 (785 pref only)	25%	2 bulls	104
2009	8	3,134 (1,112 pref only)	25%	2 bulls	115
2010	5	3,031 (1,401 pref only)	0%	None	68
2011	3	2,000 (2,391 pref only)	33%	1 bull	56
2012	3	2,078 (2,255 pref only)	0%	0	43

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**GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION  
FINALIZATION**

**Archery Elk Hunting Season  
Chapter 41:06:43**

<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>March 7-8, 2013</b>	<b>Ft. Pierre</b>
	<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>April 4, 2013</b>	<b>Winner</b>
	<b>Finalization</b>	<b>April 4-5, 2013</b>	<b>Winner</b>

**COMMISSION PROPOSAL**

**Season Dates:** Black Hills Units: September 1-30, 2013  
**Open Area:** See attached map  
**Licenses:** 77 "any elk" and 15 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 92 licenses)

**Requirements and Restrictions:**

1. No person may possess more than one (1) elk license of any type in a year.
2. No more than two persons may submit applications together.
3. Except for landowner/operator preference applicants, no person who receives a license in the first drawing for this season shall be eligible to apply for an archery elk license in first drawings for the next 9 years.
4. One-half of the licenses allocated in each unit are available for landowner/operator preference application. One member of each qualifying landowner/operator household may apply every year.
5. Each elk harvested must be inspected by a Conservation Officer or designee within 24 hours after kill.
6. Each unsuccessful hunter must mail the report card to the Department of Game, Fish and Parks within 10 days after the close of the season.

**Proposed changes from last year:**

1. Adjust the number of licenses available from 82 "any elk" and 15 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 97 licenses) to 77 "any elk" and 15 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 92 licenses).

**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION**

**Recommended changes from proposal:**

1. Increase the number of "any elk" licenses in Unit 1 from 15 to 20 and increase the number of "any elk" licenses in Unit 2 from 40 to 50. Compared to 2012, this would adjust the number of licenses available from 82 "any elk" and 15 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 97 licenses) to 92 "any elk" and 15 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 107 licenses).

**SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION**

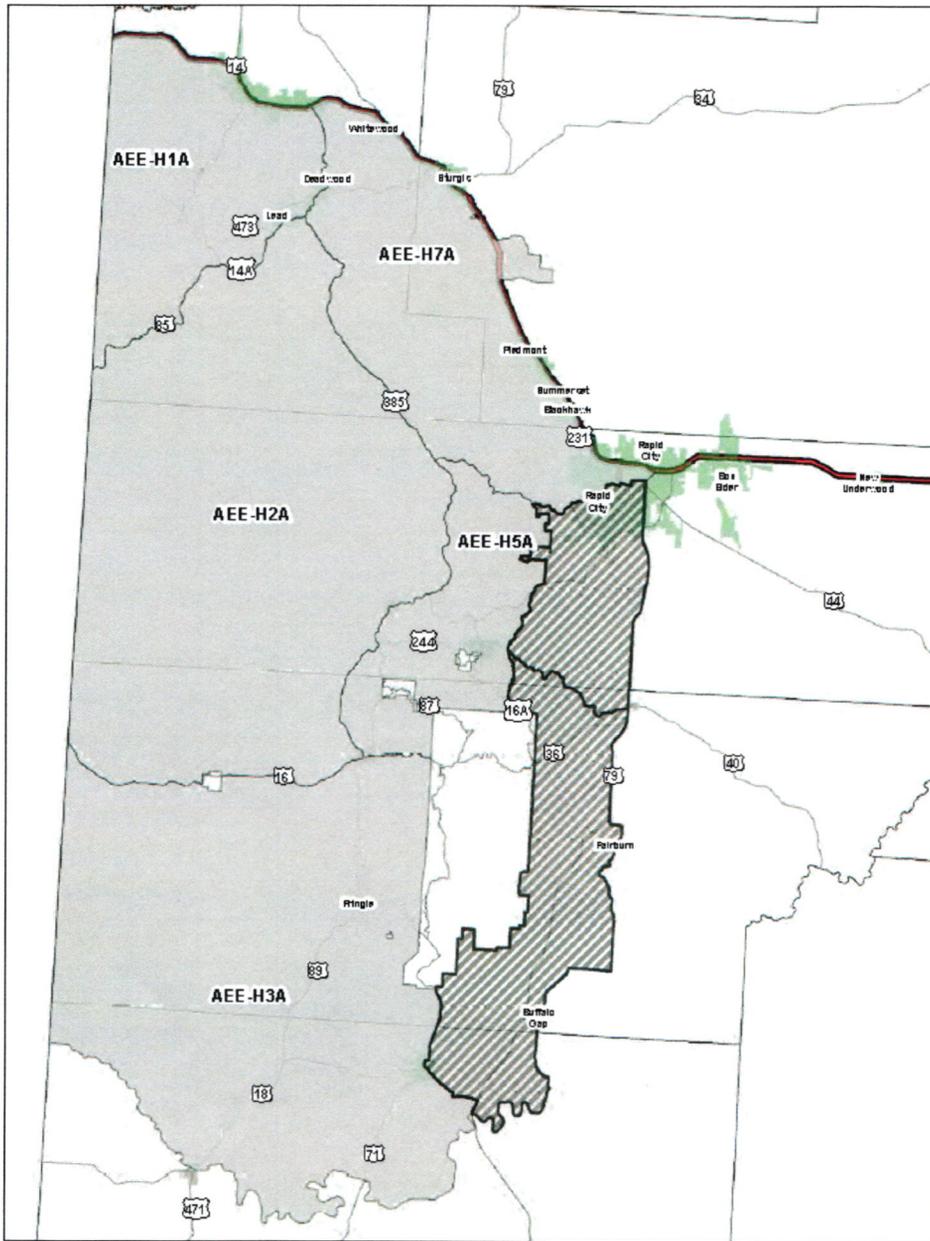
	Licensed	Hunter	Bulls	Cows
Year	Hunters	Success	Harvested	Harvested
2008	198	28%	45	7
2009	185	33%	47	7
2010	144	27%	33	5
2011	126	26%	25	8
2012	97	40%	34	4

2012	"Any Elk"					"Antlerless Elk"				
	Appl.1st Choice	Licensed Hunters	Harvest Success	Bulls Harvested	Cows Harvested	Appl.1st Choice	Licensed Hunters	Harvest Success	Bulls Harvested	Cows Harvested
H1	515	20	15%	3	0	1	5	40%	0	2
H2	2,299	40	65%	25	1	7	5	0%	0	0
H3	324	15	31%	5	0	1	5	20%	0	1
H4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
H5	21	2	50%	1	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
H7	60	5	20%	1	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
H9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

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# BLACK HILLS ARCHERY ELK UNITS

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Unit	2012			2013		
	"Any" Elk Tags	"Antlerless" Elk Tags	Total Tags	"Any" Elk Tags	"Antlerless" Elk Tags	Total Tags
H1	20	5	25	20	5	25
H2	40	5	45	50	5	55
H3	15	5	20	15	5	20
H4	0	0	0	0	0	0
H5	2	0	2	2	0	2
H7	5	0	5	5	0	5
H9	0	0	0	0	0	0
ALL	82	15	97	92	15	107

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FINALIZATION**

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**Black Hills Elk Hunting Season  
Chapter 41:06:26**

<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>March 7-8, 2013</b>	<b>Ft. Pierre</b>
	<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>April 4, 2013</b>	<b>Winner</b>
	<b>Finalization</b>	<b>April 4-5, 2013</b>	<b>Winner</b>

**COMMISSION PROPOSAL**

**Season Dates:** "Any elk" licenses October 1-31, 2013  
 "Antlerless elk" licenses October 16-31 and December 1-15, 2013

**Open Area:** See attached map

**Licenses:** 380 "any elk" and 165 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 545 licenses)

**Requirements and Restrictions:**

1. No person may possess more than one (1) elk license of any type in a year.
2. No more than two persons may submit applications together.
3. Except for landowner/operator preference applicants, no person who receives a license in the first drawing for this season shall be eligible to apply for a Black Hills elk license in first drawings for the next 9 years.
4. One-half of the licenses allocated in each unit are available for landowner/operator preference. One member of each qualifying landowner/operator household may apply every year.
5. Each elk harvested must be inspected by a Conservation Officer or designee within 24 hours after kill.

**Proposed changes from last year:**

1. Adjust the number of licenses available from 395 "any elk" and 175 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 570 licenses) to 380 "any elk" and 165 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 545 licenses).

**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION**

Recommended changes from proposal:

1. Increase the number of "any elk" licenses and "antlerless elk" licenses in Unit 1 from 60 and 30 to 75 and 40, respectively; and increase the number of "any elk" licenses in Unit 2 from 200 to 250. Compared to 2012, this would adjust the number of licenses available from 395 "any elk" and 175 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 570 licenses) to 445 "any elk" and 175 "antlerless elk" licenses (total of 620 licenses).

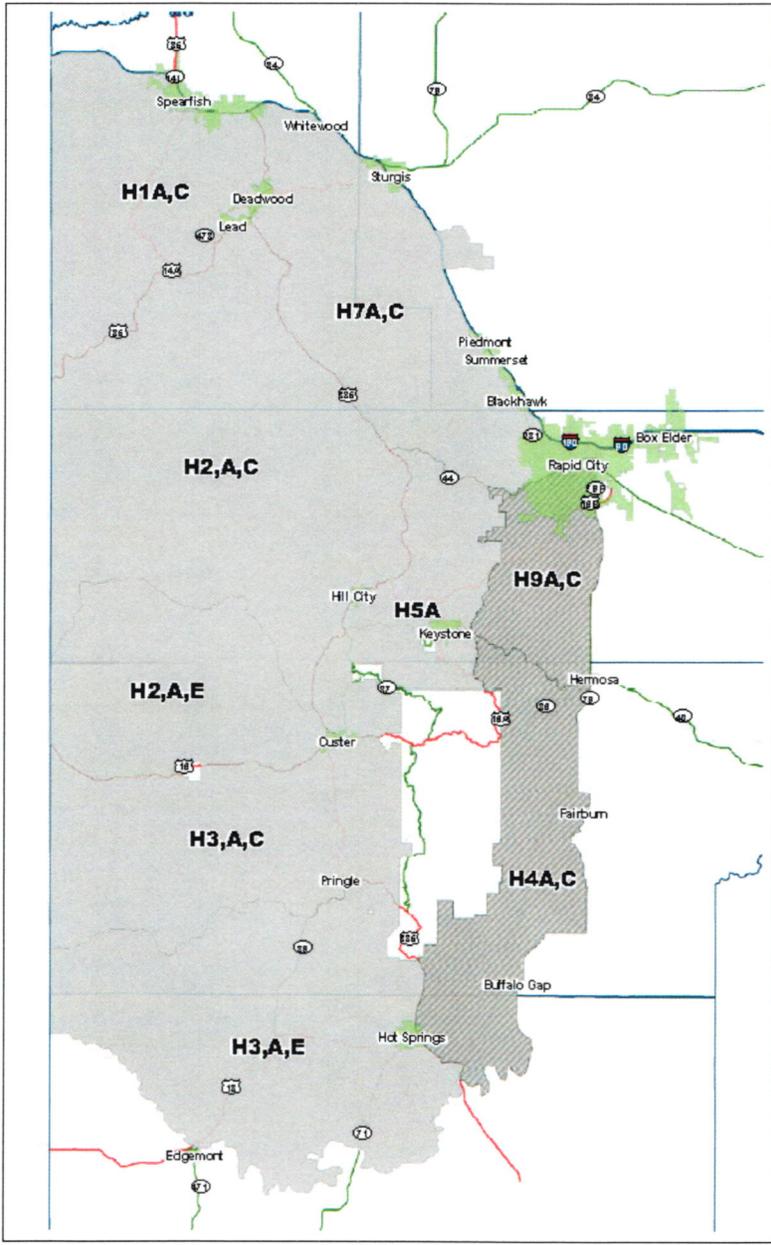
**SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION**

Year	Licensed Hunters	Hunter Success	Bulls Harvested	Cows Harvested
2008	1,675	52%	475	402
2009	1,366	58%	404	388
2010	1,059	53%	303	257
2011	866	55%	298	179
2012	570	73%	295	121

2012 Unit	"Any Elk"					"Antlerless Elk"				
	Appl. 1st Choice	Licensed Hunters	Harvest Success	Bulls Harvested	Cows Harvested	Appl. 1st Choice	Licensed Hunters	Harvest Success	Bulls Harvested	Cows Harvested
H1	1,058	76	70%	43	10	26	40	59%	5	19
H2	6,844	200	88%	162	14	99	50	82%	4	37
H3	1,196	101	74%	63	11	72	78	38%	3	27
H4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
H5	79	10	71%	7	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
H7	197	10	67%	7	0	4	5	20%	0	1
H9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

**APPROVE** \_\_\_\_\_ **MODIFY** \_\_\_\_\_ **REJECT** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO ACTION** \_\_\_\_\_

# BLACK HILLS ELK UNITS



Unit	2012			2013		
	"Any"	"Antlerless"	Total	"Any"	"Antlerless"	Total
	Elk Tags	Elk Tags	Tags	Elk Tags	Elk Tags	Tags
H1	75	40	115	75	40	115
H2	200	50	250	250	50	300
H3	100	80	180	100	80	180
H4	0	0	0	0	0	0
H5	10	0	10	10	0	10
H7	10	5	15	10	5	15
H9	0	0	0	0	0	0
ALL	395	175	570	445	175	620

**GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION  
FINALIZATION**

**Prairie Elk Hunting Season  
Chapter 41:06:59**

<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Proposal</b> <b>Public Hearing</b> <b>Finalization</b>	<b>March 7-8, 2013</b> <b>April 4, 2013</b> <b>April 4-5, 2013</b>	<b>Ft. Pierre</b> <b>Winner</b> <b>Winner</b>
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**COMMISSION PROPOSAL**

<b><u>Season Dates:</u></b>	Unit 09A Unit 11A Unit 11B Unit 11C Unit 11D Unit 15A Unit 27A Unit 30A	September 15 – October 31 and December 1-15, 2013 July 15 – August 31, 2013 September 1 – October 18, 2013 October 19 – December 31, 2013 September 1 – December 31, 2013 September 14 – October 31 and December 1-31, 2013 September 1 – October 31, 2013 September 1 – December 31, 2013
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<b><u>Open Area:</u></b>	Unit 09A Unit 11A,B,C,D Unit 15A Unit 27A Unit 30A	Portions of Butte and Lawrence County Bennett County and portions of Mellette County Portions of Butte County Portions of Fall River County Portions of Gregory County
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<b><u>Licenses:</u></b>	Unit 09A Unit 11A,B,C,D Unit 15A Unit 27A Unit 30A	8 “any elk” and 8 “antlerless elk” licenses 15 “any elk” and 20 “antlerless elk” licenses 10 “any elk” and 16 “antlerless elk” licenses 10 “any elk” and 5 “antlerless elk” licenses 2 “any elk” and 2 “antlerless elk” licenses
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**Requirements and Restrictions:**

1. No person may possess more than one (1) elk license of any type in a year.
2. No more than two persons may submit applications together.
3. Except for landowner/operator preference applicants, no person who receives a license in the first drawing for this season shall be eligible to apply for a prairie elk license in first drawings for the next 9 years.
4. One-half of the licenses allocated in each unit are available for landowner/operator preference. One member of each qualifying landowner/operator household may apply every year.
5. Each elk harvested must be inspected by a Conservation Officer or designee within 24 hours after kill.

**Proposed changes from last year:**

1. Adjust the number of licenses available from 47 “any elk” and 53 “antlerless elk” licenses (total of 100 licenses) to 45 “any elk” and 51 “antlerless elk” licenses (total of 96 licenses).
2. Modify Unit 30 (Gregory County) by removing that portion of Boyd County, Nebraska (see attached map).
3. Adjust the season dates for Unit 30 (Gregory County) from September 29 – October 28 and December 1-31 to September 1 – December 31.
4. Adjust the season dates for Unit 11B (Bennett County and portions of Mellette County) from September 1 to the second Sunday of October to September 1 to the Friday before the third Saturday in October.
5. Add Unit 11D (Bennett County and portions of Mellette County) with season dates of September 1 – December 31.

**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION**

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

<b>APPROVE</b> _____	<b>MODIFY</b> _____	<b>REJECT</b> _____	<b>NO ACTION</b> _____
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**SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION**

Year	Licensed Hunters	Hunter Success	Bulls Harvested	Cows Harvested
2008	76	48%	17	18
2009	133	39%	26	22
2010	134	41%	24	31
2011	128	28%	19	17
2012	97	46%	24	20

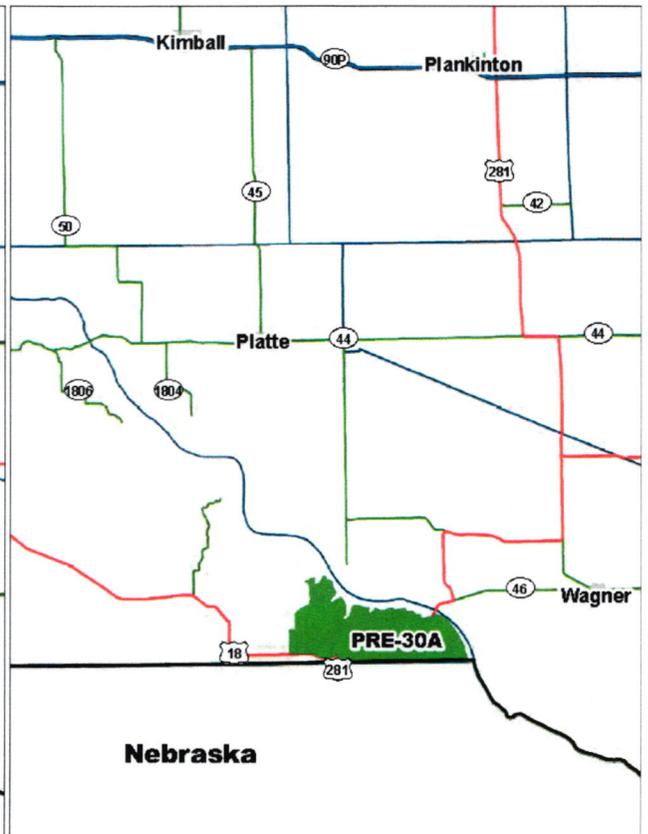
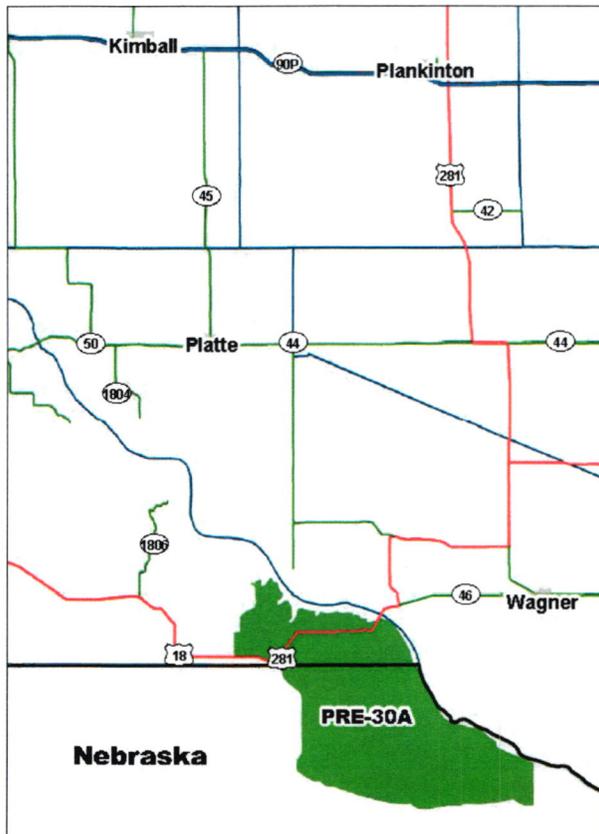
2012	"Any Elk"				"Antlerless Elk"			
Unit	Licensed Hunters	Harvest Success	Bulls Harvested	Cows Harvested	Licensed Hunters	Harvest Success	Bulls Harvested	Cows Harvested
09A	7	40%	1	1	10	22%	0	2
11A/B/C	15	73%	10	1	20	50%	1	10
15A	10	43%	3	1	16	23%	0	4
27A	10	70%	7	0	5	0%	0	0
30A	2	100%	2	0	2	50%	1	0



**Prairie Elk Unit 30A**

**Current Unit**

**Proposed Unit Change**



APPROVE     MODIFY     REJECT     NO ACTION

Elk

**2012**

Black Hills Elk			
Unit	Resident Licenses		
	Any Elk 21	Atl Elk 23	
H1A	75		
H1C		40	
H2A	200		
H2C		25	
H2E		25	
H3A	100		
H3C			
H3E		80	
H4A			
H4C			
H5A	10		
H7A	10		
H7C		5	
H9A			
H9C			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>570</b>
Unit	Any Elk 21	Atl Elk 23	

**2013**

Black Hills Elk			
Unit	Resident Licenses		
	Any Elk 21	Atl Elk 23	
H1A	75		
H1C		40	
H2A	250		
H2C		25	
H2E		25	
H3A	100		
H3C			
H3E		80	
H4A			
H4C			
H5A	10		
H7A	10		
H7C		5	
H9A			
H9C			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>620</b>
Unit	Any Elk 21	Atl Elk 23	

**2012**

Archery Elk			
Unit	Resident Licenses		
	Any Elk 21	Atl Elk 23	
H1A	20	5	
H2A	40	5	
H3A	15	5	
H4A			
H5A	2		
H7A	5		
H9A			
30A			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>97</b>
Unit	Any Elk 21	Atl Elk 23	

**2013**

Archery Elk			
Unit	Resident Licenses		
	Any Elk 21	Atl Elk 23	
H1A	20	5	
H2A	50	5	
H3A	15	5	
H4A			
H5A	2		
H7A	5		
H9A			
30A			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>107</b>
Unit	Any Elk 21	Atl Elk 23	

**2012**

Prairie Elk			
Unit	Resident Licenses		
	Any Elk 21	Atl Elk 23	
9A	10	10	
11A		10	
11B	10	5	
11C	5	5	
15A	10	16	
27A	10	5	
30A	2	2	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>100</b>
Unit	Any Elk 21	Atl Elk 23	

**2013**

Prairie Elk			
Unit	Resident Licenses		
	Any Elk 21	Atl Elk 23	
9A	8	8	
11A		10	
11B	10		
11C	5		
11D		10	
15A	10	16	
27A	10	5	
30A	2	2	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>96</b>
Unit	Any Elk 21	Atl Elk 23	

**2012**

Custer State Park			
Season	Resident Licenses		
	Any Elk 21	Atl Elk 23	
Archery	3		
Late Archery			
Rifle	4		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7</b>		<b>7</b>
Season	Any Elk 21	Atl Elk 23	

**2013**

Custer State Park			
Season	Resident Licenses		
	Any Elk 21	Atl Elk 23	
Archery	3		
Late Archery			
Rifle	4		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7</b>		<b>7</b>
Season	Any Elk 21	Atl Elk 23	

**GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION  
PROPOSAL**

**Waterfowl Hunting Seasons – Nonresident Waterfowl Licenses  
Chapter 41:06:16**

<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>April 4-5, 2013</b>	<b>Winner</b>
	<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>May 2, 2013</b>	<b>Custer State Park</b>
	<b>Finalization</b>	<b>May 2-3, 2013</b>	<b>Custer State Park</b>

**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION**

**41:06:16:11. Maximum number of nonresident waterfowl licenses -- Open units -- Dates -- License restrictions.**

The maximum number of nonresident waterfowl licenses to be issued by lottery is 4,000 special nonresident waterfowl licenses, 2,000 early fall Canada goose temporary nonresident licenses, 2,000 fall three-day temporary nonresident waterfowl licenses, and 10,000 spring snow goose temporary nonresident licenses divided for administrative purposes as follows:

- (1) Unit NRW-00A: the counties of Union, Clay, Yankton, Bon Homme, and Charles Mix. No more than 250 special nonresident waterfowl licenses may be issued;
- (2) Unit NRW-00B: all open counties not in Units NRW-00A or NRW-11A. No more than 3,725 special nonresident waterfowl licenses may be issued;
- (3) Unit NRW-00C: those counties as described in § 41:06:50:02. No more than 2,000 early fall Canada goose temporary nonresident waterfowl licenses may be issued;
- (4) Unit NRW-11A: Bennett County. No more than 25 special nonresident waterfowl licenses may be issued. The season in this unit is open for 65 consecutive days beginning on the third Saturday of October and during any period that Bennett County is open in January as described in subdivision 41:06:16:07(3);
- (5) Unit NRW-00X: the counties of Potter, Stanley, Sully, Hughes, and Lyman. No more than 1,500 fall three-day temporary nonresident waterfowl licenses may be issued. These licenses are valid only on private property as provided by SDCL 41-6-18.4;
- (6) Unit NRW-00Y: the counties of Brown, Marshall, Roberts, Day, Grant, Clark, Codington, Deuel, and Hamlin. No more than 500 three-day temporary nonresident waterfowl licenses may be issued;
- (7) Unit NRW-ST1: statewide. No more than 10,000 spring snow goose temporary nonresident licenses may be issued. These licenses are valid only during a Conservation Order.

**Recommended changes from last year:** None.

**SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION**

Unit	2011			2012		
	Licenses Available	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice Applicants	Licenses Sold	Licenses Available	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice Applicants	Licenses Sold
NRW-00A	250	349	251	250	345	249
NRW-00B	3,725	5,451	3,719	3,725	5,640	3,717
NRW-00C	2,000	379	379	2,000	526	526
NRW-11A	25	14	25	25	20	25
NRW-00X	1,500	12	500	1,500	42	628
NRW-00Y	500	825	500	500	835	498
NRW-ST1	10,000	N/A	3,773	10,000	N/A	2,844

**APPROVE** \_\_\_\_\_ **MODIFY** \_\_\_\_\_ **REJECT** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO ACTION** \_\_\_\_\_

**GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION  
PROPOSAL**

**Waterfowl Hunting Season – Special Canada Goose  
Hunting Season  
Chapter 41:06:16:08**

<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>April 4-5, 2013</b>	<b>Winner</b>
	<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>May 2, 2013</b>	<b>Custer State Park</b>
	<b>Finalization</b>	<b>May 2-3, 2013</b>	<b>Custer State Park</b>

**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION**

**Season Dates:** October 19 – December 22, 2013

**Open Area:** Bennett County

**Licenses:** 800 three-tag Canada goose licenses

**Requirements and Restrictions:**

1. In addition to the resident license allocation, 25 2-tag permits will be provided to successful nonresident waterfowl license applicants in Unit NRW-11A (Bennett County) according to separate proposal for nonresident waterfowl licenses.
2. One-half of the permits will be available to landowners.
3. Geese must be taken in accordance with regular season bag, possession limits and shooting hours.
4. After the second application period, a permit holder may purchase up to two additional permits or a person without a permit may purchase up to three permits.

**Recommended changes from last year:** None.

**SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION**

Year	Licenses Available	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice Applicants	Licenses Sold	Unique License Holders	Geese Harvested
2008	800	740	800	799	720
2009	800	665	800	764	589
2010	800	524	800	681	810
2011	800	429	800	605	952
2012	800	406	800	580	1,139

**APPROVE \_\_\_\_\_ MODIFY \_\_\_\_\_ REJECT \_\_\_\_\_ NO ACTION \_\_\_\_\_**

**GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION  
PROPOSAL**

**Waterfowl Hunting Season – Tundra Swan Hunting Season  
Chapter 41:06:16**

<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>April 4-5, 2013</b>	<b>Winner</b>
	<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>May 2, 2013</b>	<b>Custer State Park</b>
	<b>Finalization</b>	<b>May 2-3, 2013</b>	<b>Custer State Park</b>

**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION**

**Season Dates:** September 28, 2013 through the end of the light goose hunting season

**Open Area:** All counties east of the Missouri River except Charles Mix, Bon Homme, Yankton, Clay, Union, Lincoln, Turner, Hutchinson and Douglas counties.

**Licenses:** 1,100 resident and 200 nonresident single tag licenses

**Requirements and Restrictions:**

1. Each resident and nonresident hunter may apply for and receive only one permit from the respective resident and nonresident permit pools in the first drawing. Nonresident permits are issued only in conjunction with a prerequisite nonresident waterfowl license, and must be applied for at the same time.
2. For the second drawing, if permits remain unsold, only those residents and nonresidents who do not have a permit may submit one application for a permit remaining in the respective resident and nonresident pools.
3. For the third drawing, if any resident or nonresident permits remain unsold, any resident or nonresident may apply for a first or second permit but, in total, may only have up to two permits.
4. Licenses required include all licenses needed for waterfowl hunting.
5. One tag will be issued with each permit and each swan must be tagged immediately upon retrieval.
6. All licensees receiving a hunter report card will be required to complete and return the report card.
7. Preference certificates will be issued to applicants who are unsuccessful in the first drawing.

**Recommended changes from last year:** None.

**SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION**

Year	Residents			Nonresidents			Total Swans Harvested
	Licenses Available	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice Applicants	Licenses Sold	Licenses Available	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice Applicants	Licenses Sold	
2008	1,100	229	758	200	117	200	220
2009	1,100	457	1,034	200	148	208	361
2010	1,100	363	991	200	154	243	196
2011	1,100	321	978	200	109	178	261
2012	1,100	369	1,064	200	129	202	157

**APPROVE** \_\_\_\_\_ **MODIFY** \_\_\_\_\_ **REJECT** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO ACTION** \_\_\_\_\_

# GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

## Camping Permits and Rules Chapter 41:03:04

<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>April 4-5, 2013</b>	<b>Winner</b>
	<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>May 2-3, 2013</b>	<b>Custer State Park</b>
	<b>Finalization</b>	<b>May 2-3, 2013</b>	<b>Custer State Park</b>

## PARKS & RECREATION DIVISION RECOMMENDATIONS

Modify 41:03:04:03

### Requirements and Restrictions:

Requires a camper to pay a daily fee for the use of a campsite, camping cabin or lodge in a state park, recreation area and certain lakeside use area.

### Recommended changes from last year:

Eliminate the \$2.00 differential in camping fees during cold weather periods when restroom and shower facilities are closed.

## SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Currently, state park camping fees are reduced by \$2.00 during the winter when cold weather requires closure of restroom and shower facilities. Park managers try to keep these facilities open as long as possible. Even though winter campground use is limited, the department plows snow from campground roads to keep a sufficient number of campsites available and campsite electricity is available throughout the winter. Winter programming is provided in many parks (groomed ski trails, snowshoe hikes, ice fishing derbies and birding walks are a few examples). The department incurs costs to offer winter activities including camping opportunities. Camping use is minimal during the winter months. Between November 1, 2012 and March 31, 2013, only 665 camping units were recorded. This represents less than ¼ of 1% of the 270,386 camping units recorded last year. To offer 24/7, year-round reservations and avoid refunds or asking for additional payment, park managers must pre-determine comfort stations closure and opening dates. Again, our goal is to encourage managers to keep these facilities open as long as practical. This can vary dramatically from park to park and year to year. The proposed elimination of the \$2.00 winter differential will affect a minimal number of park users while helping the department recover some of the added cost of snow removal and providing winter recreation opportunities.

APPROVE _____	MODIFY _____	REJECT _____	NO ACTION _____
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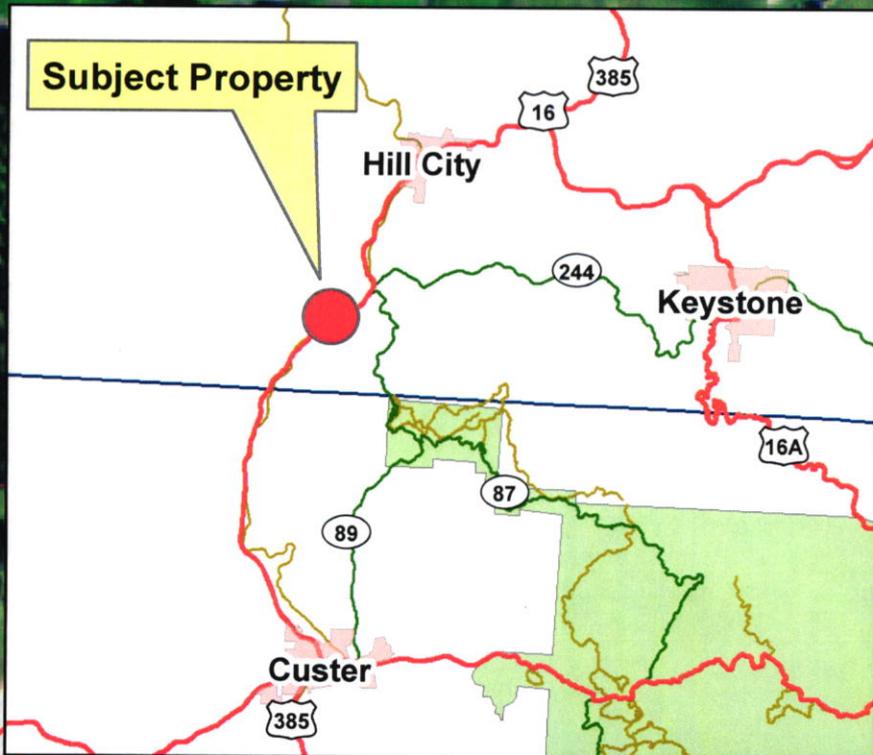
**Subject Property - 0.3 Acres**

*George S. Mickelson Trail*

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**FIRST AMENDMENT TO CONCESSION AGREEMENT  
DOCK 44 AND MARINA**

This FIRST AMENDMENT TO CONCESSION AGREEMENT between the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish, and Parks ("Department") 523 East Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota, 57501 and Linda Dahl, ("Concessionaire") 640 St. Joe, Spearfish, South Dakota, 57783.

WHEREAS, the Department entered into a concession agreement on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2008, to facilitate the private operation of Dock 44 located at Snake Creek Recreation Area, hereinafter referred to as the "Resort"; and

WHEREAS, The Concessionaire desires to provide video lottery to the existing services offered at Dock 44; and

WHEREAS, The Concession Agreement does not authorize video lottery at Dock 44; and

WHEREAS, the Department and Concessionaire desire to authorize video lottery and set forth all terms and conditions thereof.

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED that the Concession Agreement dated February 15, 2008, between Department and the Concessionaire is amended as follows:

1. To authorize video lottery within the Resort, Section 3(b) "Additional Authorized Accommodations, Facilities and Services", subsection 10 shall be added as follows:
  10. Video Lottery in Department approved locations only
2. To define and make final video lottery proceeds subject to all fee and reserve requirements of the Concession Agreement, Section 2(j) is amended as follows:
  - (j) "Gross Receipts" means all revenue received, to be received, or realized by Concessionaire from all sales for cash or credit, of services, accommodations, materials and other merchandise made pursuant to the rights granted under this Agreement, Gross Receipts of SubConcessionaires, commissions earned on leases or agreements with other persons or companies operating in the Resort, and revenue earned from sales through electronic media, mail order or otherwise. Concessionaire shall report all of its revenues to the Department without allowances, exclusions, or deductions of any kind. For purposes of calculating franchise fees and other fees and reserve amounts identified in this agreement, gasoline sales, hunting and

fishing license sales (not including agent fees), and park entrance license sales will be excluded from Gross Receipts. Gross Receipts from video lottery subject to fee and reserve amounts shall be limited to proceeds after payouts and minus Concessionaire's remittance to the South Dakota Lottery Commission.

3. Video Lottery machines must be enclosed and separated from other concession services and managed so as to not conflict or distract with the experience of other patrons to the concession or Snake Creek Recreation Area. Any building modifications required for Video Lottery shall be at the expense of the Concessionaire and are subject to Department approval. Any restoration requirements of the Concessionaire shall be determined prior to construction.
4. Except as modified by this First Amendment to Concession Lease Agreement, all other terms and conditions of the Concession Lease Agreement dated February 15, 2008, shall continue to remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this First Amendment to Concession Agreement on this \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH AND PARKS

BY: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
Douglas Hofer, Director, Division of Parks and Recreation

CONCESSIONAIRE

BY: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
Linda Dahl



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Dept. of Game, Fish & Parks  
Pierre, SD 57501

Dear Doug:

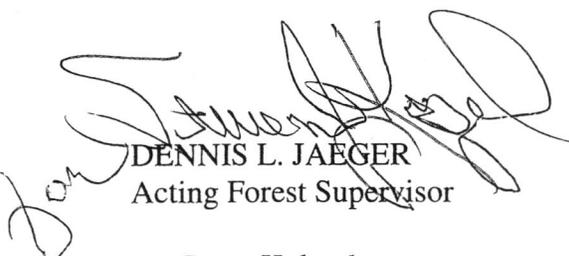
I am in receipt of the special use application for proposed horse trails near Angostura Reservoir on the Hell Canyon Ranger District. I have forwarded the application on to Lynn Kolund, Hell Canyon District Ranger, for further consideration.

District Ranger Kolund will respond to you in writing related to the application's disposition; the probable need for a cost recovery (CR) agreement and expected 3<sup>rd</sup> party NEPA component of that agreement; and a possible time line related to addressing the special use application.

Please be aware that with the priority of the Mickelson Connector Trail application, Forest staffing shortages, and possible budgetary concerns; you should expect an eight to twelve month or longer timeline for any final decision by the Forest to allow new trails in this area.

If the decision is to allow construction of new trails, the Forest Service's minimum trail design standards and construction specifications usually are such that the trails would be managed to accommodate more than just one type of non-motorized user. District Ranger Kolund will provide additional information on Forest Service trail design requirements.

Sincerely,

  
DENNIS L. JAEGER  
Acting Forest Supervisor

cc: Lynn Kolund





**DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH, AND PARKS**

Foss Building  
523 East Capitol  
Pierre, South Dakota 57501-3182

May 13, 2011

Lynn Kolund, District Ranger  
Hell Canyon Ranger District  
330 Mt. Rushmore Road  
Custer, SD 57730

Dear Lynn:

Thank you for meeting with the Department of Game, Fish and Parks on March 29 in Rapid City to discuss the acquisition of the Hill Ranch GPA on the west side of Angostura Reservoir in Fall River County. This discussion identified many opportunities for additional partnerships between the Department and U.S. Forest Service that will provide increased public use and more effective management of the areas surrounding this property.

One item we discussed was how the Hill Ranch GPA could serve as a vital link between the Cheyenne River Lakeside Use Area managed by the Division of Parks and Recreation and U.S.F.S. property that borders the Hill Ranch GPA directly to the west to facilitate a quality equestrian camping and riding destination. Enclosed is a map that shows a preliminary concept for horse camping and trails.

The Division of Parks and Recreation would like to request the U.S. Forest Service's support and cooperation in continuing with the planning and feasibility analysis of this concept. The goals of this effort would be to identify feasible trail routes and that would be the basis for a special use permit request and any subsequent environmental assessments that would be required.

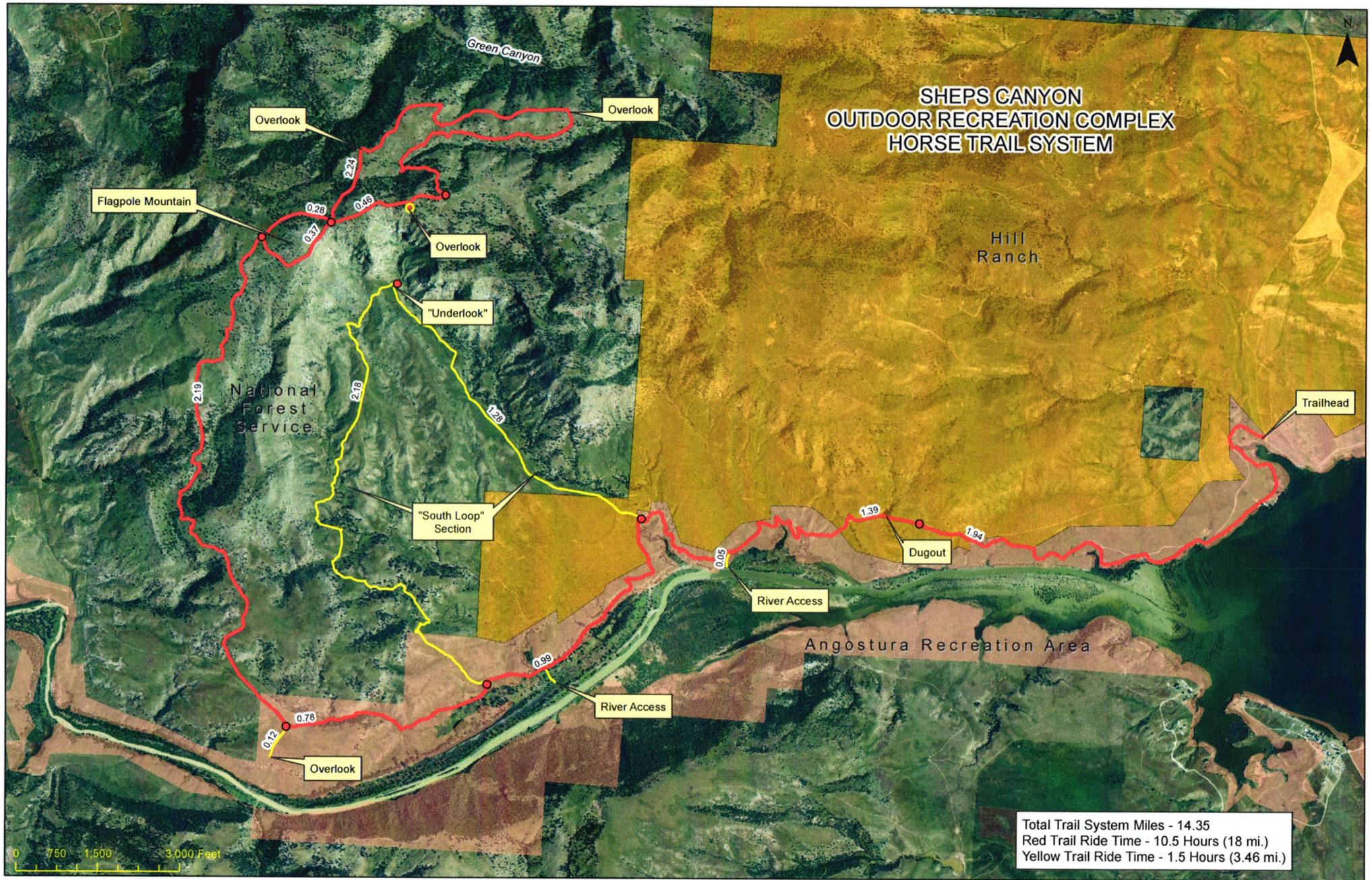
Our planning and operations staff are ready to begin this process with your team at any time. I would be happy to discuss this in further detail at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Al Nedved".

Al Nedved  
Assistant Director, Division of Parks and Recreation

Cc: Doug Hofer, Director, Division of Parks and Recreation  
Willy Collignon, District Park Supervisor, Angostura Recreation Area  
Paul Coughlin, Wildlife Program Administrator, Division of Wildlife



2013-2014 Season Table

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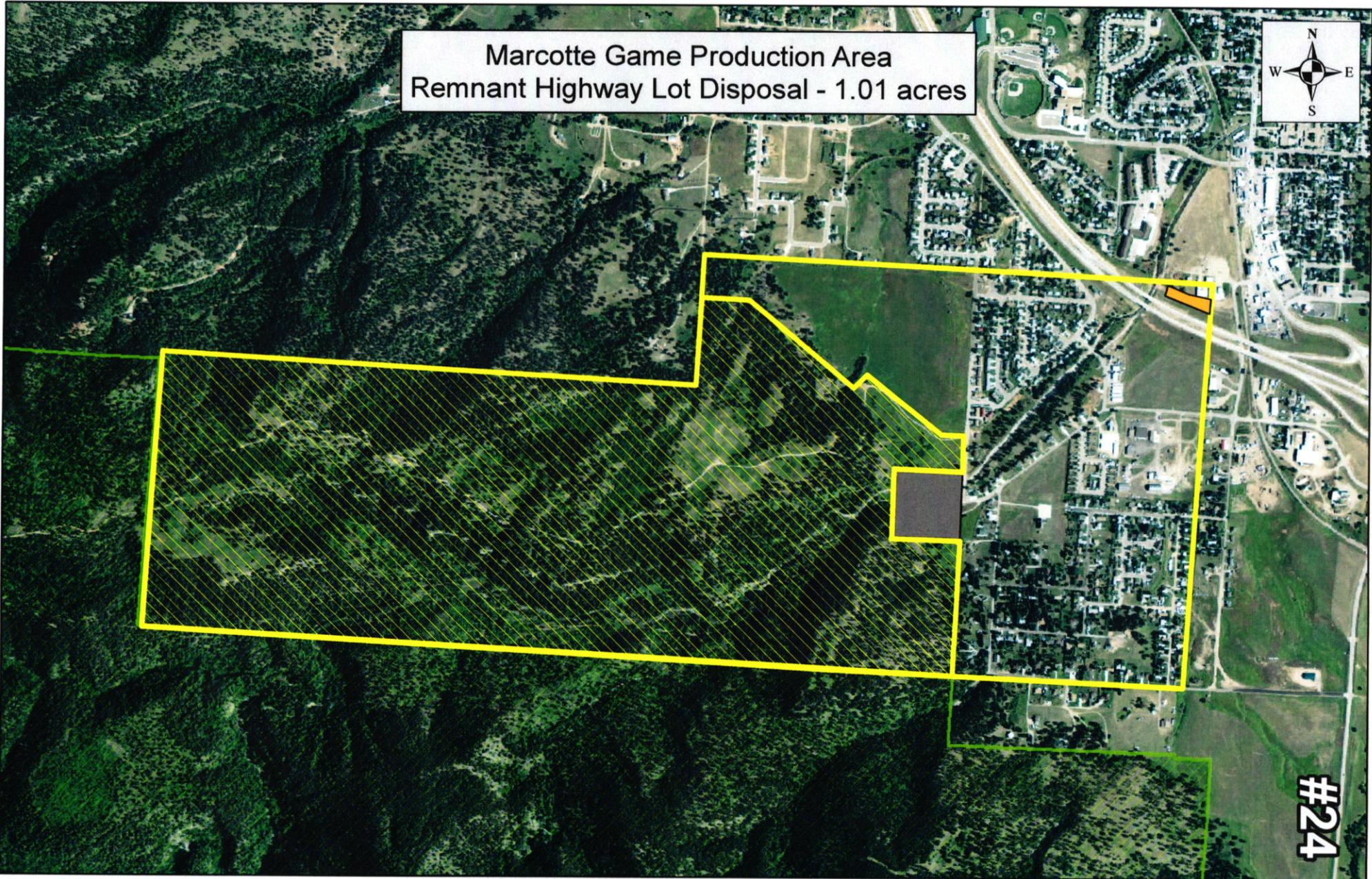
Hunting Season		September	October	November	December	January	February	Notes
Grouse			September 21 - January 5					<sup>1</sup> Special permit required
Sage Grouse			September 25 - 26					
Partridge			September 21 - January 5					<sup>2</sup> Portions of these season dates are antlerless only
Pheasant			October 19 - January 5					
Youth only			October 5 - 9					
Residents only			October 12 - 14					
Quail			October 19 - January 5					<sup>3</sup> Units in Gregory, Mellette, Ziebach, Dewey, and Corson counties have special season dates
Cottontail Rabbit		September 1 - February 28						
Tree Squirrel		September 1 - February 28						
Crow		September 1 - October 31	The crow hunting season is also open March 1 - April 30					
Common Snipe		September 1 - October 31						
Mourning Dove		September 1 - November 9						
Ducks	Youth only	Federal framework needed to establish season dates.						<sup>4</sup> Antlerless deer only
	Low Plains North							
	Low Plains Middle							
	Low Plains South							
	High Plains							
Canada Geese	Unit 1							
	Unit 2							
	Bennett Co. <sup>1</sup>							
Light Geese								
White-fronted Geese								
Sandhill Crane		September 28 - November 24						
Tundra Swan		Federal framework needed to establish season dates.						
Fall Turkey			October 1 - January 31					
Mountain Lion		TBD						
Antelope - Archery		Aug 17 - Sept 27	Oct 14-31					
Antelope - Rifle			September 28 - October 13					
Deer	Archery <sup>2</sup>	September 28 - January 15						
	Muzzleloader <sup>2</sup>				Dec 1 - Jan 15			
	Youth	September 14 - January 15						
	Black Hills		Nov 1-30					
	West River <sup>3</sup>			Nov 16-Dec 1			TBD <sup>4</sup>	
	East River		Nov 23 - Dec 8				TBD <sup>4</sup>	
Elk - Black Hills		Archery: Sept 1-30	Rifle: Oct 1-31 <sup>5</sup>		Dec 1-15 <sup>5</sup>		Antlerless only	



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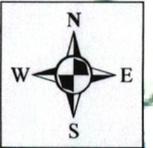


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# 2013 Step Outside Special Events

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DATE	LOCATION	EVENT	CONTACT
Apr 5-7	Rapid City Outdoor Campus	Youth & Family Services Kids Fair	TOC-West 605.394.2310
4/20	Rapid City Main Street Square	Earth Day on Main Street Square	TOC-West 605.394.2310
Apr 22-25	Spearfish	Flying WILD Festival	TOC-West 605.394.2310
May 6-9	Sioux Falls Spellerberg Park	Catch A Rainbow	TOC-East 605.362.2777
5/11	Rapid City Outdoor Campus	Family Try-It Day	TOC-West 605.394.2310
5/11	Winner	Youth Fishing Day	Matt Hill at 605.842.0894
5/18	Newton Hills Park near Canton	Step Outside Event at Lake Lakota	Nate Stukel 605.987.2271
5/18	Rapid City	Step Outside Event	GFP Office 605.394.2391
5/18	Huron	Step Outside Fishing Derby	Chris Kuntz 605.353-7146
5/18	Jones Co.	4-H Fishing Day	Chamberlain GFP 605.734.4530
5/18	Lake Louise in Hand Co.	Wall Lake Kid's Fishing Derby	Cory Flor 605.853.3644
5/19	Sioux Falls Outdoor Campus	Nature Walk with Bark Ranger	TOC-East 605.362.2777
5/25	Yankton Izaak Walton League	Step Outside Program	Sam Schelhaas 605.668.2987
5/31	Sioux Falls Family Park	Family Park Open Fishing Event	TOC-East 605.362.2777
6/1	Sioux Falls Family Park	Family Park Open Fishing Event	TOC-East 605.362.2777
6/1	Parker Sporting Fields	Step Outside Program	Brian Humphrey 605.387.5603
6/1	Murdo	Youth Outdoor Day	Chamberlain GFP 605.734.4530
6/1	Sisseton	Women on Target	Dean Shultz 605.698.3852
6/7	Sioux Falls Family Park	Family Park Open Fishing Event	TOC-East 605.362.2777
6/8	Sioux Falls Family Park	Family Park Open Fishing Event	TOC-East 605.362.2777
6/8	Lemmon	Step Outside Program	Keith Mutschler 605.374.7726
6/8	Winner	Outdoor Day	Matt Hill at 605.842.0894
6/8	Mitchell Cabelas	Step Outside Program	Andy Petersen 605.995.8148
Jun 8-9	Pierre Down's Marina	Kid's Fishing Weekend	GFP Office 605.223.7681
Jun 8-9	Huron State Fairgrounds	6th Annual S.D. Outdoor Expo	State Fair 605.353.7340
6/14	Sioux Falls Family Park	Family Park Open Fishing Event	TOC-East 605.362.2777
6/15	Sioux Falls Family Park	Family Park Open Fishing Event	TOC-East 605.362.2777
6/15	Belle Fourche	Step Outside Program	Bill Eastman 605.892.4968
6/15	Onida	Kid's Fishing Day	Andy Schmahl 605.258.2124
6/15	Huron Shooting Range	Step Outside Program	Chris Kuntz 605.353-7146
6/21	Sioux Falls Family Park	Family Park Open Fishing Event	TOC-East 605.362.2777
6/22	Sioux Falls Family Park	Family Park Open Fishing Event	TOC-East 605.362.2777
6/22	Tea	Step Outside Program	Nate Stukel 605.987.2271
6/22	Hill City	Step Outside Program	Blair Waite 605.574.4497
6/22	Flandreau	Step Outside Program	Chad Williams 605.997.2211
6/27	Hot Springs	Step Outside Program	D.J. Schroeder 605.745.6100
6/28	Sioux Falls Family Park	Family Park Open Fishing Event	TOC-East 605.362.2777
6/29	Sioux Falls Outdoor Campus	Women's Try It Day	TOC-East 605.362.2777
6/29	Gettysburg - Lake Hurley	Area Outdoor Youth Day	Brad Saltsman 605.765.9739
6/29	Centerville Gunderson Park	Step Outside Program	Brian Humphrey 605.387.5603
6/29	Rapid City Outdoor Campus	International Mud Day	TOC-West 605.394.2310
6/29	Roy Lake State Park	Outdoor Family Day	Casey Dowler 605.448.5500
7/5	Sioux Falls Family Park	Family Park Open Fishing Event	TOC-East 605.362.2777
7/6	Sioux Falls Family Park	Family Park Open Fishing Event	TOC-East 605.362.2777
7/12	Sioux Falls Family Park	Family Park Open Fishing Event	TOC-East 605.362.2777

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DATE	LOCATION	EVENT	CONTACT
7/13	Sioux Falls Family Park	Family Park Open Fishing Event	TOC-East 605.362.2777
7/13	Sturgis	Step Outside Program	Scot Hawks 605.347.8540
7/13	Jerauld Co.	Step Outside Program	Chris Kuntz 605.353-7146
7/19	Sioux Falls Family Park	Family Park Open Fishing Event	TOC-East 605.362.2777
7/20	Sioux Falls Family Park	Family Park Open Fishing Event	TOC-East 605.362.2777
7/20	Rapid City Outdoor Campus	Outdoor University	TOC-West 605.394.2310
7/20	Salem Shooting Range	Step Outside Program	Matt Talbert 605.425.2037
7/20	Rapid City Outdoor Campus	ADA Celebration Picnic & Fishing	TOC-West 605.394.2310
7/26	Sioux Falls Family Park	Family Park Open Fishing Event	TOC-East 605.362.2777
7/27	Sioux Falls Family Park	Family Park Open Fishing Event	TOC-East 605.362.2777
7/27	Custer	Step Outside Program	Jacob Ehlert 605.673.5508
7/27	Vermillion Pistol Club	Step Outside Program	Tony Stokely 605.356.9491
8/2	Sioux Falls Family Park	Family Park Open Fishing Event	TOC-East 605.362.2777
8/3	Sioux Falls Outdoor Campus	Outdoor University	TOC-East 605.362.2777
8/3	Onida	Area Youth Outdoor Day	Andy Schmahl 605.258.2124
8/8	Martin	Step Outside Program	Tom Beck 605.859.3006
8/9	Sioux Falls Family Park	Family Park Open Fishing Event	TOC-East 605.362.2777
8/10	Sioux Falls Family Park	Family Park Open Fishing Event	TOC-East 605.362.2778
8/16	Sioux Falls Family Park	Family Park Open Fishing Event	TOC-East 605.362.2779
8/17	Sioux Falls Family Park	Family Park Open Fishing Event	TOC-East 605.362.2780
8/17	Mobridge	Youth Sportfest	Mobridge GFP 605.845.7814
8/17	Armour	Youth Outdoor Expo	Jeff Martin 605.337.2488
Aug 29-Sep 2	Huron State Fairgrounds	South Dakota State Fair	State Fair 605.353.7340
9/7	Chamberlain	Kid's Having F.U.N. Day	Chamberlain GFP 605.734.4530
9/14	Roberts County	Step Outside Program	Dean Shultz 605.698.3852