

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH AND PARKS**

A Public Hearing will be held at the Spearfish Holiday Inn Express, 305 North 27th Street, Spearfish, South Dakota, on October 3, 2013, at 2:00 o'clock P.M. (MDT), to consider adoption, amendment and repeal of Rules pertaining to:

1. ARSD 41:06:61 – Mountain Lion Hunting Season.

Effect: The proposed amendments would decrease the total mountain lion harvest limit from 100 to 75 lions and the female harvest limit from 70 to 50 lions within the Black Hills Fire Protection District; and in Custer State Park increase the number of hunting intervals when dog hunting is allowed from 3 to 4 and decrease the number of hunting intervals when no dog hunting is allowed from 5 to 4. No changes were proposed to the number of access permits to be issued for each hunting interval (4 permits per interval when dogs are allowed and 30 permits when dogs are not allowed) from the 2013 mountain lion season. As a result, the proposed structure within Custer State Park would increase the total number of access permits issued from 12 last season to 16 for the up-coming season where the use of dogs is allowed; and the total number of access permits issued to hunters not allowed to use hounds would be decreased from last year's season of 150 to 120 for this year..

Reason: Provide hunting opportunity consistent with wildlife management objectives.

The above rule proposals may be modified or amended following receipt of public comment at the hearing to include or exclude matters that are described in this Notice of Hearing. The hearing may be continued from time to time until its business has been completed and may be rescheduled.

Interested persons will be given reasonable opportunity to submit data, opinions, arguments, and their views, either orally or in writing (or both) at the hearing. Persons unable to attend the hearing may mail data, opinions, arguments, and their views to the

office of the Secretary of the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks, Foss Building, 523 East Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota 57501, or transmit by email to Wildinfo@state.sd.us. All persons who desire to submit written data, opinions, arguments, and their views by mail or email are encouraged to mail or transmit the same in sufficient time so that it is received by and in the office of the Secretary of the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks on or before 12:00 o'clock P.M. three (3) days prior to the date of Hearing. Interested persons will be given reasonable opportunity to submit data, opinions, arguments, and their views, either orally or in writing (or both) to the Commission for their consideration. All written and email comments must include the name, home town/city, and state of the person submitting the comments.

Copies of the proposed rules may be requested from the office of the Secretary of the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks, Foss Building, 523 East Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota 57501. Handicapped persons may contact the undersigned for assistance.

Dated this 3rd day of September, 2013.



Jeffrey R. Monk, Secretary

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