



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

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### **2016 Elk Contingency Licenses as Approved by the GFP Commission**

#### **Background**

Earlier this year, the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) Commission established a pool of stand-by contingency antlerless elk licenses that could be issued if range conditions in the Black Hills dictated a need for them. At the August 4-5, 2016, GFP Commission meeting, members passed a resolution directing the Department to issue 50 antlerless elk licenses in the northern Black Hills. These licenses are in addition to all other tags previously allocated to elk hunters through the first and second elk drawings already completed.

#### **Where are the tags being issued?**

The 50 additional antlerless licenses will be spread across ten units in the northern Black Hills; five per unit. The majority will be used in Unit 2 which has the highest number of elk and in an area currently being managed to slightly reduce elk numbers. Map is available on page 2 of this information sheet.

#### **Why is this happening now?**

As described in the state's elk management plan, the GFP Commission may issue more licenses when reduced habitat conditions warrant it; such as the drought conditions currently experienced in the northern Black Hills. The GFP Commission voted on the additional contingency licenses in an effort to continue to work with landowners and permit holders during these challenging conditions.

#### **Who can apply for these licenses?**

Anyone who does not have a 2016 elk hunting license is eligible for this drawing; including those individuals that were not eligible for the first drawing. Elk hunting preference points do not count toward this drawing.

#### **What is the cost?**

Applicants will be charged a \$10 nonrefundable fee to their credit/debit card. If successful, the full license fee of \$116 will also be charged to the credit/debit card.

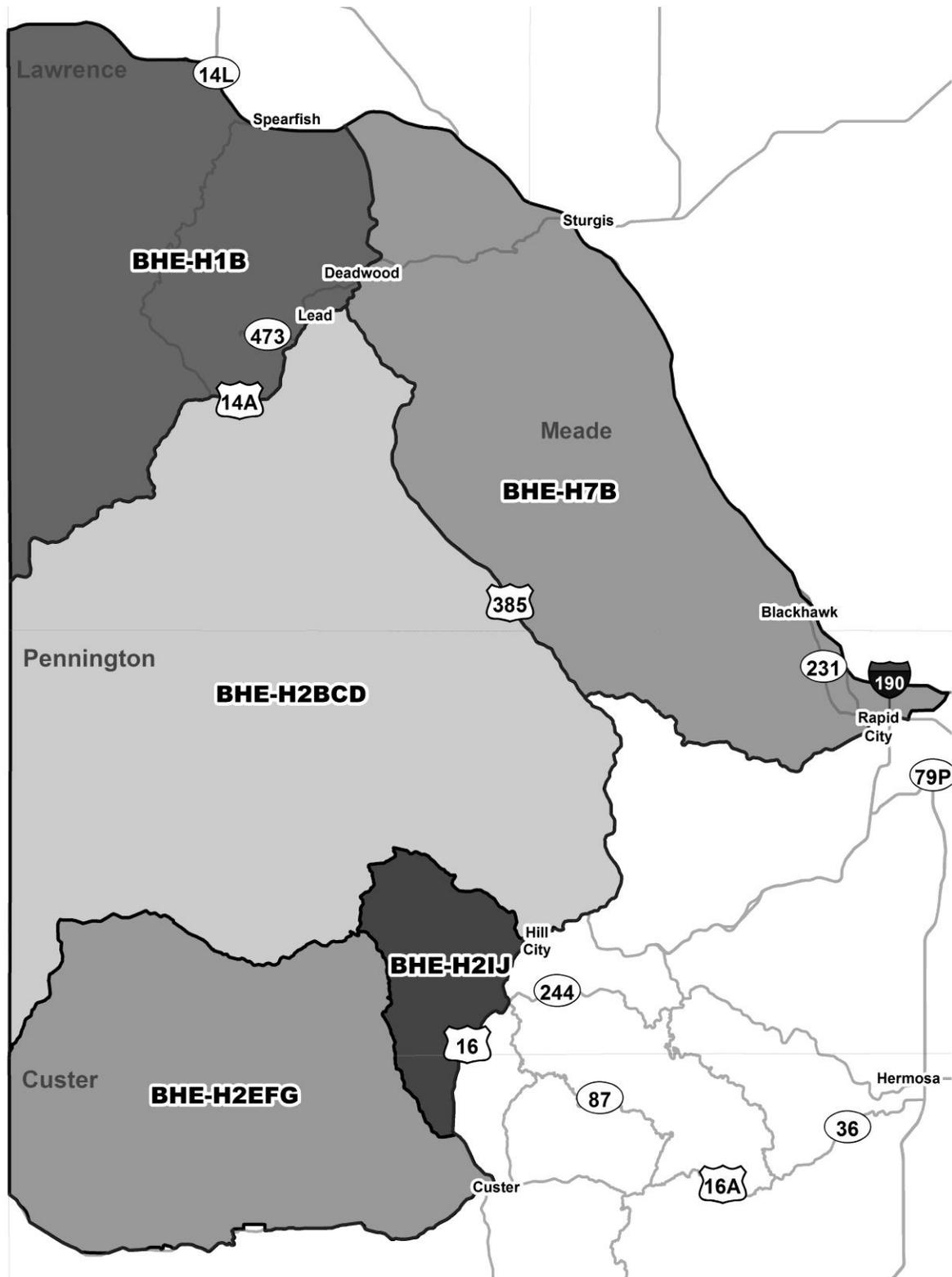
#### **When can I apply?**

The online-only application period will open Wednesday, Aug. 17 and close Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2016 at 8 a.m. CST.

#### **When can I hunt if I am one of the 50 successful applicants?**

Season dates run from Oct. 17-31 and Dec. 1-16, 2016 in Units 1 and 7. For Unit 2, hunters are limited to Oct. 17-31, Dec. 1-16, or Dec. 17-31; pending the timeframe in which they successfully draw.

# MAP :: 2016 Elk Contingency Licenses



## UNIT DESCRIPTIONS :: 2016 Elk Contingency Licenses

**BHE-H1B – 5 antlerless elk licenses available. Season Dates: Oct. 17-31 and Dec. 1-16, 2016.** LAWRENCE county within a line beginning at the SD-WY state line and I-90 junction; east on I-90 to the U.S. Hwy 85 and I-90 junction at exit 17; south and southwest on U.S. Hwy 85 to its SD-WY state line junction; then north on the SD-WY state line to I-90, the point of beginning.

**BHE-H2B – 5 antlerless elk licenses available. Season Dates: Oct. 17-31.** LAWRENCE, PENNINGTON and CUSTER counties within a line beginning at the junction of the SD-WY state line and U.S. Hwy 85, then northeast along U.S. Hwy 85 to its junction with U.S. Hwy 385 at Deadwood, then south along U.S. Hwy 385 to its junction with Deerfield Road, then northwest on Deerfield Road to its junction with East Slate Road, the south on East Slate Road to its junction with Six Mile Road, then west along the Six Mile Road to its junction with the Boles Canyon Road at Moon, then south along the Boles Canyon Road to its junction with the Summit Ridge Road, then southwest along the Summit Ridge Road to the SD-WY state line, then north along the SD-WY border to its junction with U.S. Hwy 85, the point of beginning.

**BHE-H2C - 5 antlerless elk licenses available. Season Dates: Dec. 1-16.** Same area as BHE-H2B.

**BHE-H2D - 5 antlerless elk licenses available. Season Dates: Dec. 17-31.** Same area as BHE-H2B.

**BHE-H2E - 5 antlerless elk licenses available. Season Dates: Oct. 17-31.** PENNINGTON and CUSTER counties within a line beginning at the junction of the SD-WY state line and U.S. Hwy 16, then east along U.S. Hwy 16 to its junction with U.S. Hwy 385 at Custer, then north along U.S. Hwy 385 to its junction with Medicine Mountain Road, then north along Medicine Mountain Road to its junction with Six Mile Road, then west along Six Mile Road to its junction with Boles Canyon Road at Moon, then south along Boles Canyon Road to its junction with the Summit Ridge Road, then southwest along Summit Ridge Road to the SD-WY state line, then south along the SD-WY state line to its junction with U.S. Hwy 16, the point of beginning.

**BHE-H2F - 5 antlerless elk licenses available. Season Dates: Dec. 1-16.** Same area as BHE-H2E.

**BHE-H2G - 5 antlerless elk licenses available. Season Dates: Dec. 17-31.** Same area as BHE-H2E.

**BHE-H2I - 5 antlerless elk licenses available. Season Dates: Dec. 1-16.** PENNINGTON and CUSTER counties within a line beginning at the junction of U.S. Hwy 385 and Deerfield Road, then northwest on Deerfield Road to its junction with East Slate Road, then south on East Slate Road to its junction with Medicine Mountain Road, then southeast on Medicine Mountain Road to its junction with U.S. Hwy 385, then northeast on U.S. Hwy 385 to its junction with Deerfield Road, the point of beginning.

**BHE-H2J - 5 antlerless elk licenses available. Season Dates: Dec. 17-31.** Same area as BHE-H2I.

**BHE-H7B - 5 antlerless elk licenses available. Season Dates: Oct. 17-31 and Dec. 1-16, 2016.** LAWRENCE, MEADE and PENNINGTON counties within a line beginning at the U.S. Hwy 85 and Interstate 90 junction at Exit 17, then south on U.S. Hwy 85 to its U.S. Hwy 385 junction at Pluma, then south on U.S. Hwy 385 to SD Hwy 44 near Pactola, then east on SD Hwy 44 to SD Hwy 79 (Sturgis Road) in Rapid City, then north on SD Hwy 79 to I-90 at Black Hawk, then north on I-90 to U.S. Hwy 85 at Exit 17, the point of beginning.