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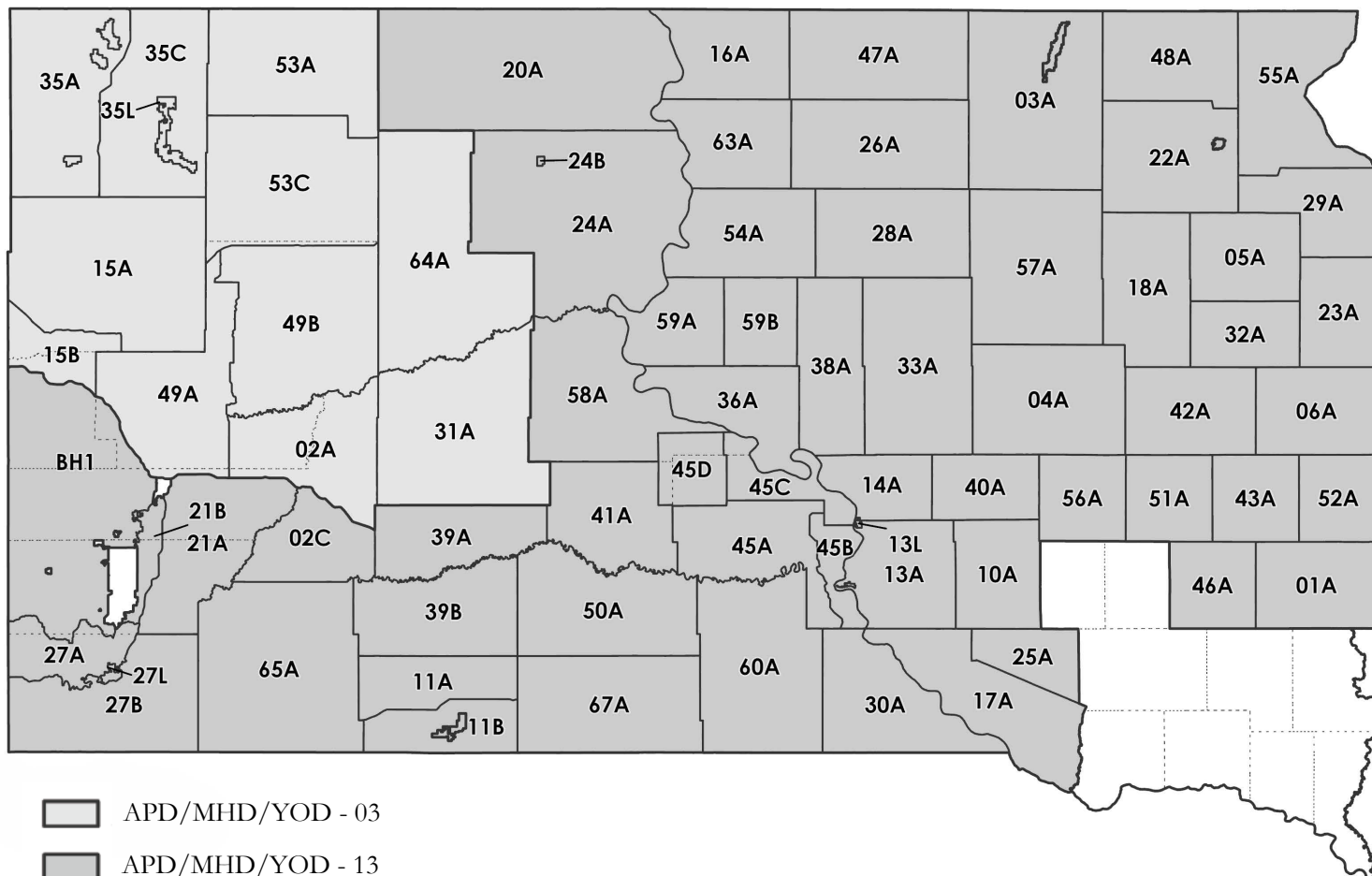
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NOTICE: Unit descriptions may change depending on Commission actions. Upon finalization, this document will be updated.

APPRENTICE, MENTOR, YOUTH DEER UNIT DESCRIPTIONS

APD-03/MHD-03/YOD-03 - License is valid in West River Deer hunting units: 02A, 15A, 15B, 31A, 35A, 35C, 35L, 49A, 49B, 53A, 53C, and 64A, except all national parks and monuments.

APD-13/MHD-13/YOD-13 - License is valid for that portion of the state not included in Unit APD-03/MHD-03/YOD-03 and excluding East River Deer Units 07A, 07B, 08A, 12A, 12B, 19A, 34A, 37A, 44A, 61A, and 62A. **CLOSED TO HUNTING:** Farm Island State Recreation Area, LaFramboise Island State Nature Area, and Custer State Park. Hunters must contact National Wildlife Refuges prior to hunting for regulations and to obtain permission.



ARCHERY DEER UNIT DESCRIPTIONS

ARD/ADN/ADNP-ST1 – Statewide.

ARD-ER1 – All counties east of the Missouri River.

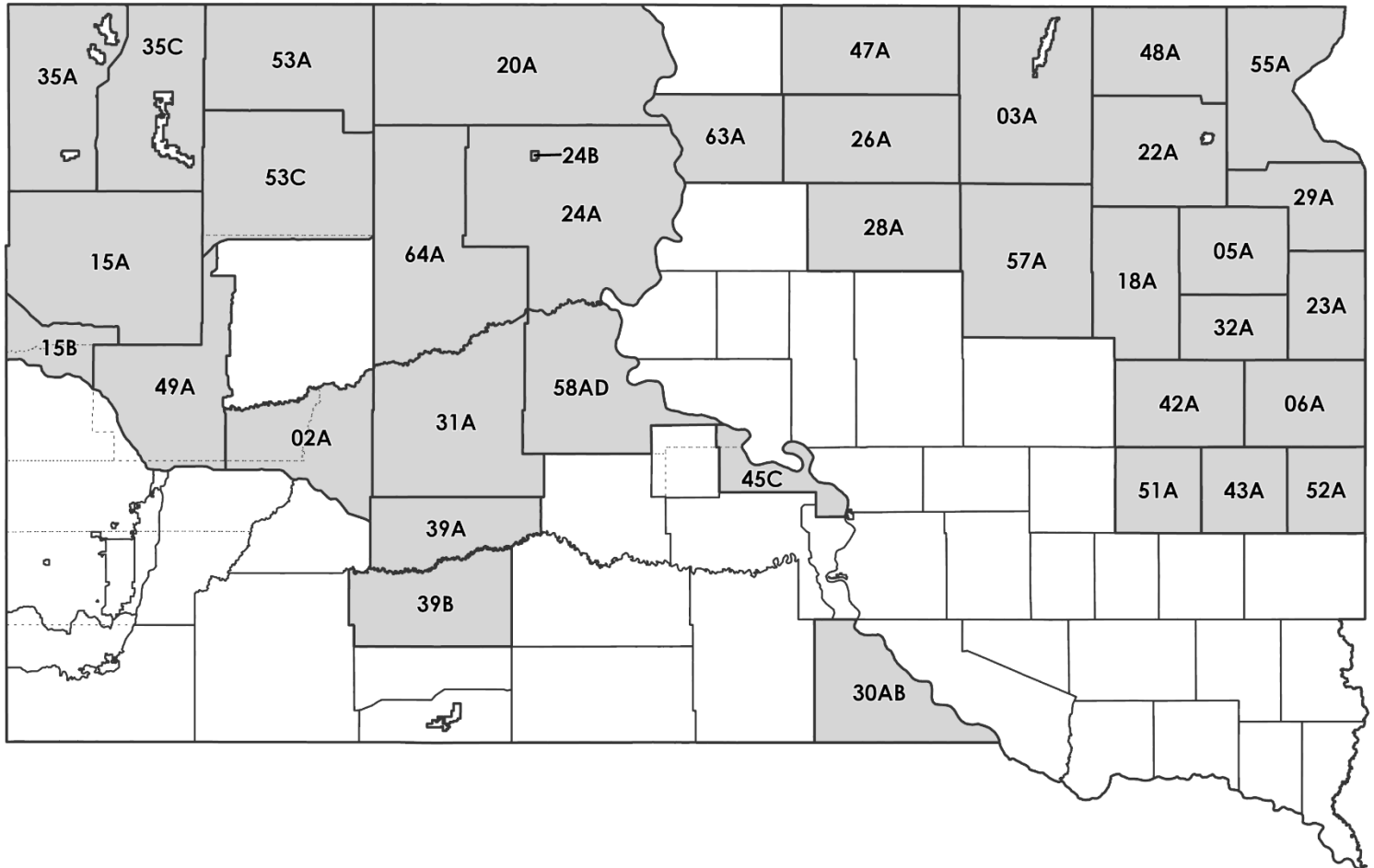
ARD-WR1 – All counties west of the Missouri River.

ARD/ADNP-LM1 – Open units listed below. Refer to the West River Deer and East River Deer season information above for specific unit descriptions.

East River Deer Units: 03A, 05A, 06A, 18A, 22A, 23A, 26A, 28A, 29A, 32A, 42A, 43A, 47A, 48A, 51A, 52A, 55A, 57A, 63A

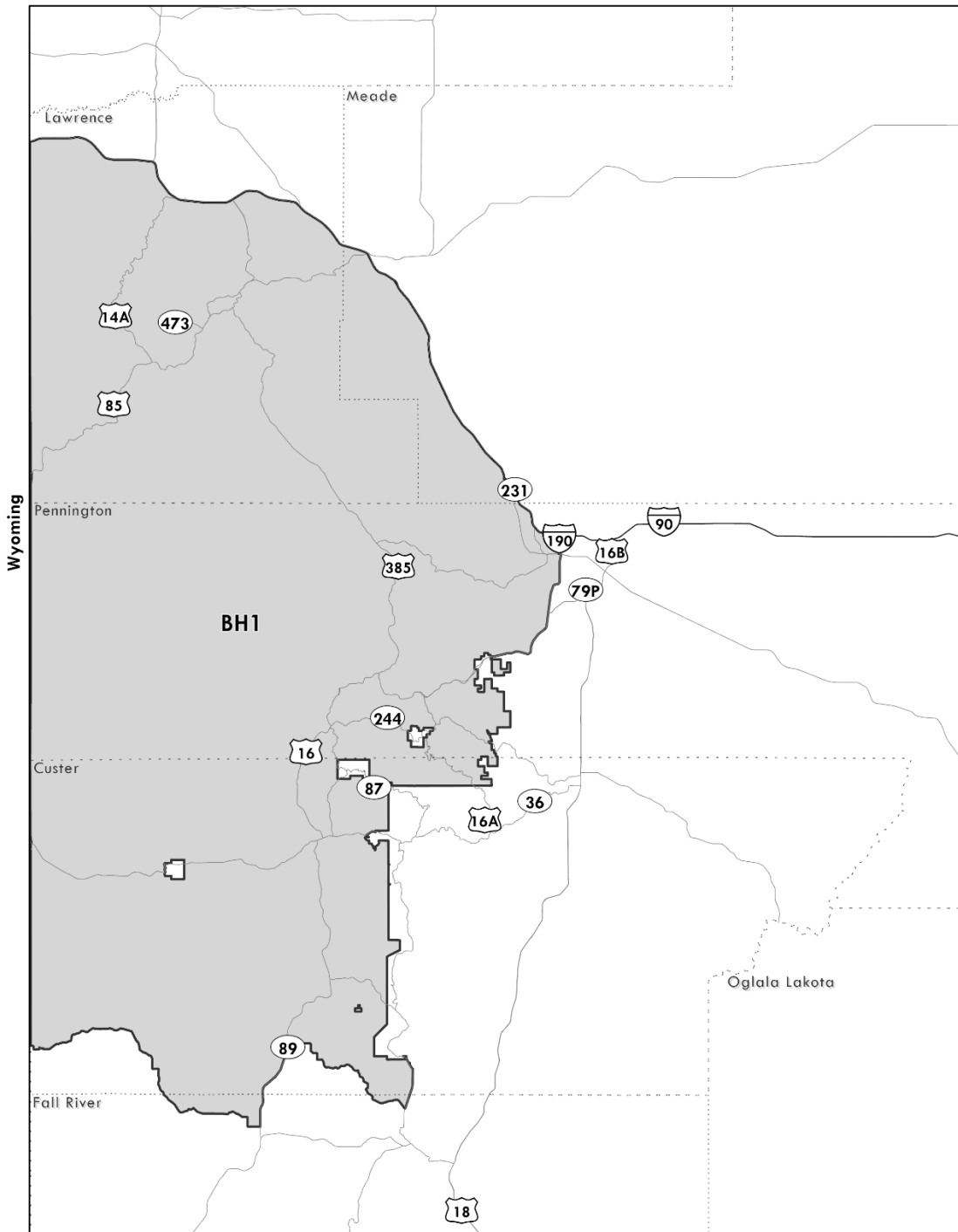
West River Deer Units: 02A, 15A, 15B, 20A, 24A, 24B, 30A, 30B, 31A, 35A, 35C, 39A, 39B, 45C, 49A, 53A, 53C, 58A, 58D, 64A

Note: Sand Lake and Waubay Refuges are open, except during the respective Refuge Deer firearm seasons.



BLACK HILLS DEER UNIT DESCRIPTIONS

BHD-BH1 - Portions of CUSTER, FALL RIVER, LAWRENCE, MEADE, and PENNINGTON counties enclosed by a line beginning at the SD-WY state line and I-90; then east and south along Interstate 90 to its junction with U.S. Highway 16 at Rapid City, then south along the eastern boundaries of the BH National Forest, Custer State Park and Wind Cave National Park to the southeast corner of Wind Cave National Park, then west along the southern boundary of Wind Cave National Park to its junction with US 385, then southwest on US 385 to its junction with Fall River Co. Rd 18 (Argyle Rd), then northwest on Fall River Co. Rd 18 and Custer Co. Rd 333 to its junction with SD 89 at Argyle, then south on SD 89 to its junction with Fall River Co. Rd 317 (Minnekahta-Dewey Rd), then west on Fall River Co. Rd 317 to its junction with Custer Co. Rd 319, then west on Custer Co. Rd 319 to its junction with Custer Co. Rd 715, then west on Custer Co. Rd 715 to its junction with Custer Co. Rd 769, then west on Custer Co. Rd 769 through Dewey to its junction with the SD-WY state line, then north along the SD-WY state line to its junction with I-90, the point of beginning. **CLOSED TO HUNTING:** Custer State Park, Wind Cave National Park, Mount Rushmore National Memorial, and Jewel Cave National Monument.



CUSTER STATE PARK DEER UNIT DESCRIPTIONS

CUD-CU1 – Custer State Park.

EAST RIVER DEER UNIT DESCRIPTIONS

ERD-01A - MINNEHAHA COUNTY. Note: A portion of this unit is restricted to hunting with shotgun (using slugs) and muzzleloader only. The area is east of I-29, south of I-90 and west of Minnehaha Co. Road 109.

ERD-03A - BROWN COUNTY, excluding Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge.

ERD-04A – BEADLE COUNTY.

ERD-05A – CODINGTON COUNTY.

ERD-06A- BROOKINGS COUNTY.

ERD-07A - YANKTON COUNTY, includes ERD-07B.

ERD-08A- DAVISON COUNTY.

ERD-10A- AURORA COUNTY.

ERD-12A- BON HOMME COUNTY, includes ERD-12B.

ERD-13A - BRULE COUNTY, except those areas in ERD-13L.

ERD-13L - BRULE COUNTY, limited to portions of the Brule Bottom Game Production Area and Corp of Engineer area lands north of 240th Street including the Pease Game Production Area in southwest Buffalo County; and the Boyer Game Production Area and Corp of Engineer area lands west of 342nd Avenue, south of 255th Street and Canyon Road, and south of a line extending from 256th Street west to the Missouri River. This unit is all public land. Landowner preference does not apply.

ERD-14A - BUFFALO COUNTY, excluding the Pease Game Production Area within Unit 13L.

ERD-16A - CAMPBELL COUNTY.

ERD-17A - CHARLES MIX COUNTY, excluding Lake Andes National Wildlife Refuge.

ERD-18A - CLARK COUNTY.

ERD-19A - CLAY COUNTY.

ERD-22A - DAY COUNTY, excluding Waubay National Wildlife Refuge.

ERD-23A - DEUEL COUNTY.

ERD-25A - DOUGLAS COUNTY.

ERD-26A - EDMUNDS COUNTY.

ERD-28A - FAULK COUNTY.

ERD-29A - GRANT COUNTY.

ERD-32A - HAMLIN COUNTY.

ERD-33A - HAND COUNTY.

ERD-34A - HANSON COUNTY.

ERD-36A - HUGHES COUNTY, excluding Farm Island Recreation Area, LaFramboise Island, and the land from the entrance to Farm Island west through the city of Pierre.

ERD-37A - HUTCHINSON COUNTY.

ERD-38A - HYDE COUNTY.

ERD-40A - JERAULD COUNTY.

ERD-42A - KINGSBURY COUNTY.

ERD-43A - LAKE COUNTY.

ERD-44A - LINCOLN COUNTY, excluding Newton Hills State Park.

ERD-46A - MCCOOK COUNTY.

ERD-47A - MCPHERSON COUNTY.

ERD-48A - MARSHALL COUNTY.

ERD-51A - MINER COUNTY.

ERD-52A - MOODY COUNTY.

ERD-54A - POTTER COUNTY.

ERD-55A - ROBERTS COUNTY.

ERD-56A - SANBORN COUNTY.

ERD-57A - SPINK COUNTY.

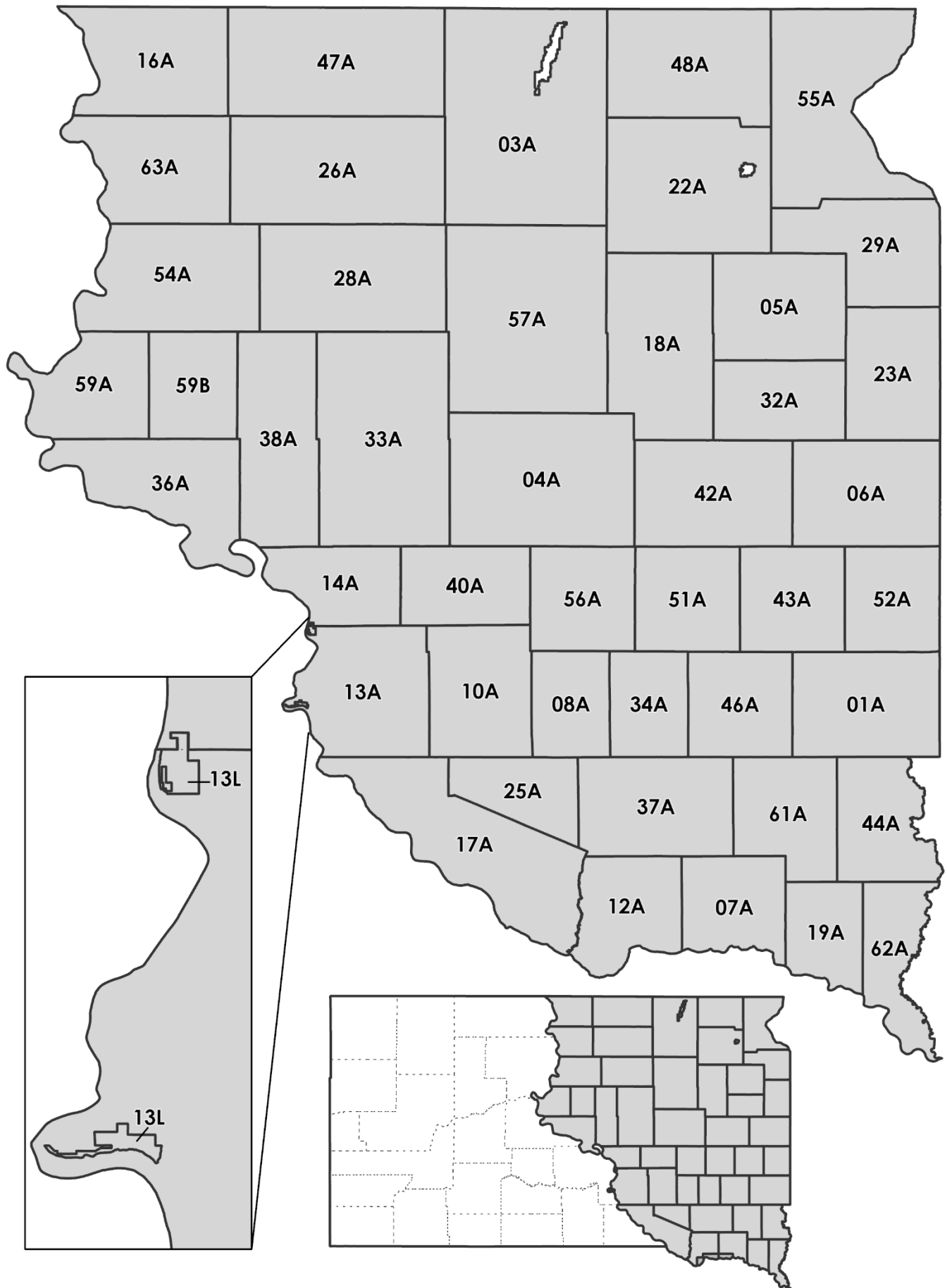
ERD-59A - SULLY COUNTY, west of US 83.

ERD-59B - SULLY COUNTY, east of US 83.

ERD-61A - TURNER COUNTY.

ERD-62A - UNION COUNTY.

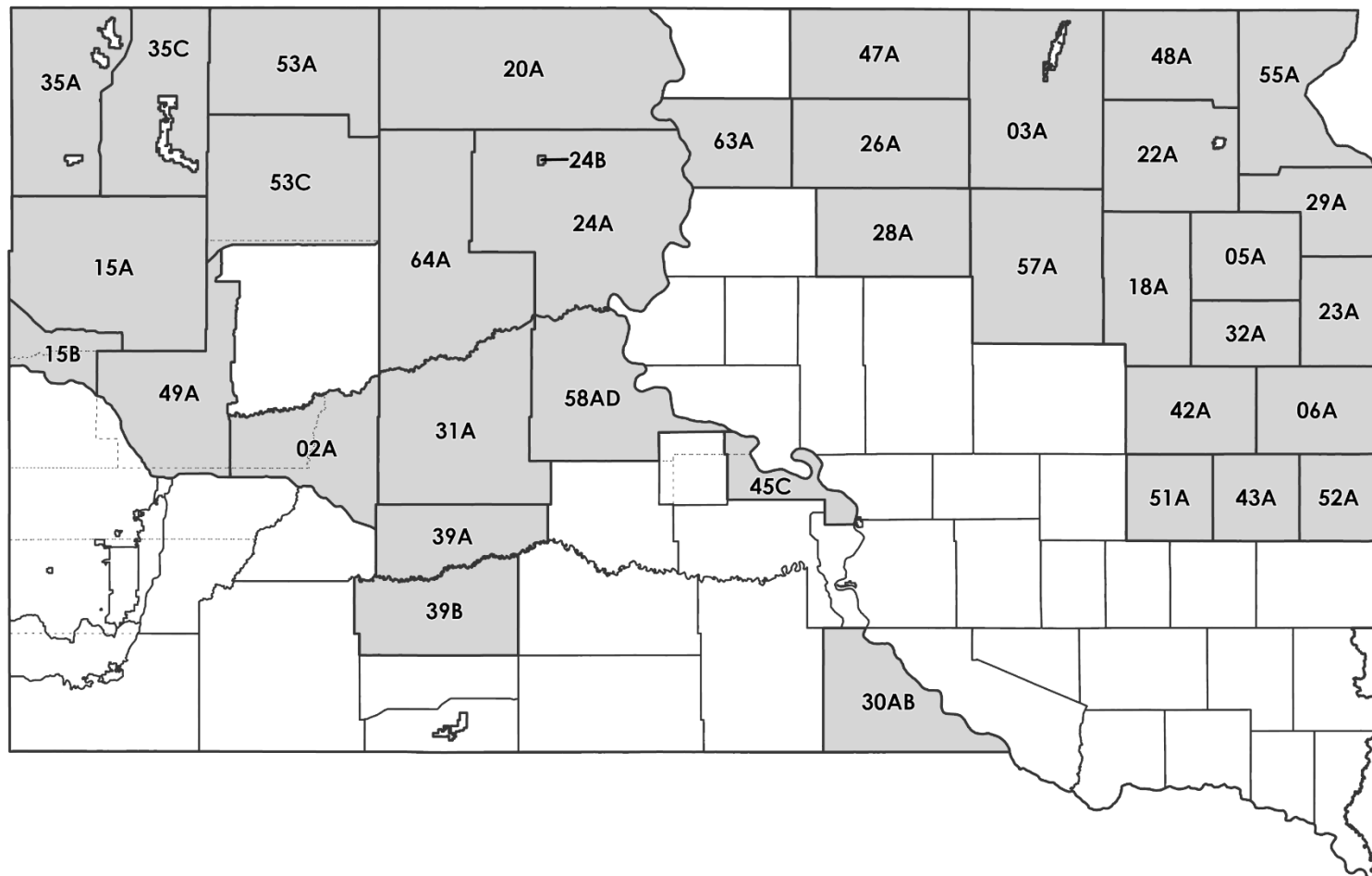
ERD-63A - WALWORTH COUNTY.



MUZZLELOADER DEER UNIT DESCRIPTIONS

MZD-ST1 – Statewide

MZD-LM1 – Open antlerless deer units. Please refer to unit LM1 map below. Specific unit descriptions can be found on the West River Deer and East River Deer sections.



REFUGE DEER UNIT DESCRIPTIONS

SAND LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE (Brown County)

RFD-SL1 - Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge, muzzleloader only, November 14-18, 2026

RFD-SL2 - Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge, November 19-23, 2026.

RFD-SL4 - Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge, muzzleloader only, November 30–December 6, 2026.

RFD-SL5 - Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge, December 7–13, 2026.

LACREEK REFUGE (Bennett County)

RFD-LC1 - Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge, muzzleloader only, October 21–27, 2026.

RFD-LC2 - Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge, muzzleloader only, November 25–December 1, 2026.

WAUBAY REFUGE (Day County)

RFD-WA1 - Waubay National Wildlife Refuge and Waubay State Game Refuge, muzzleloader only, November 14–22, 2026.

RFD-WA3 - Waubay National Wildlife Refuge and Waubay State Game Refuge, muzzleloader only Nov. 28–December 6, 2026.

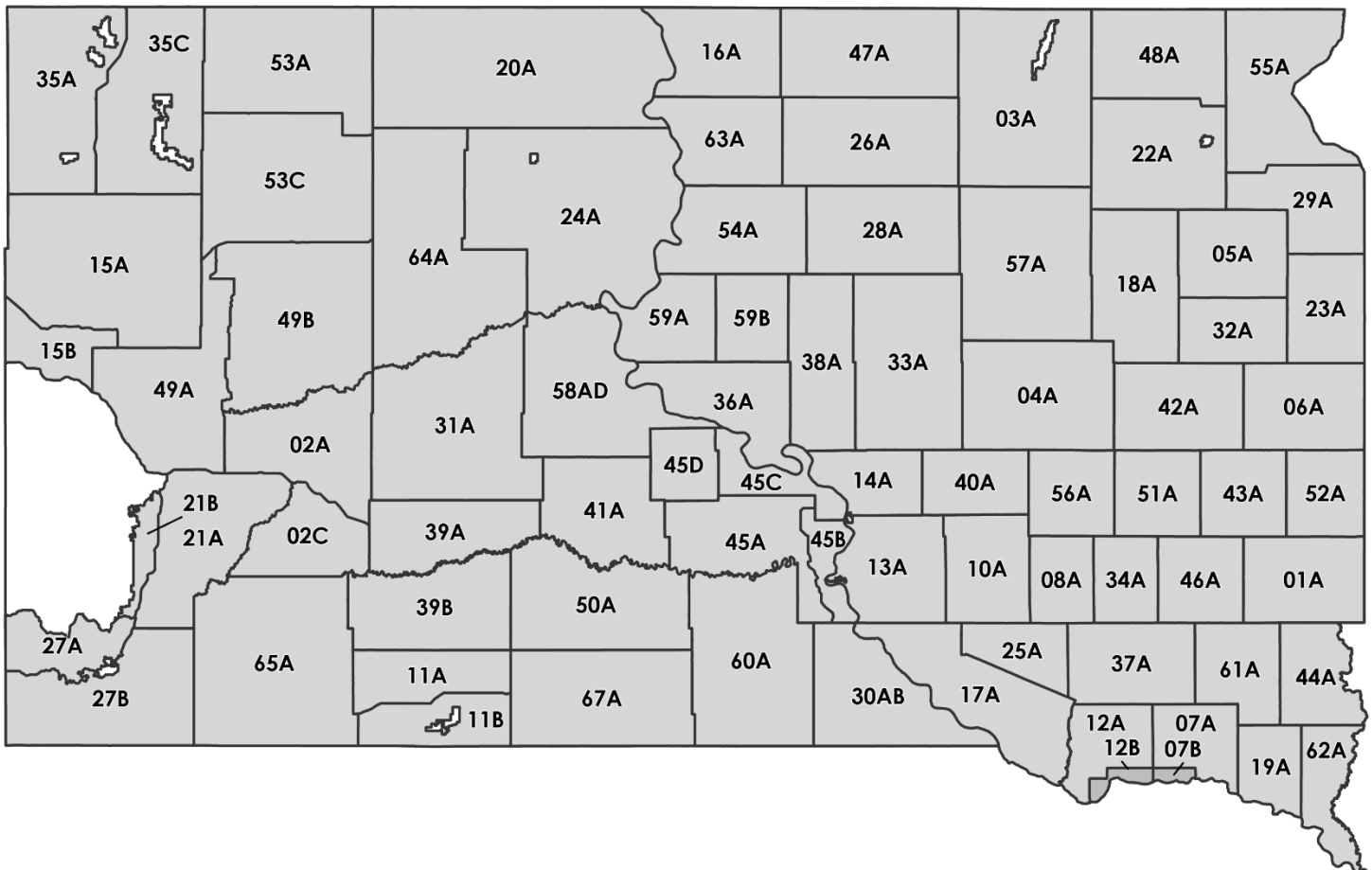
SPECIAL BUCK DEER UNIT DESCRIPTIONS

West River Special Buck

WSD-WR1 – Valid on private land not leased for public hunting access by South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (i.e., Walk-In Areas and Controlled Hunting Access Program (CHAP) areas) in any West River Deer unit. See descriptions below.

East River Special Buck

ESD-ER1 – Valid on private land not leased for public hunting access by South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (i.e., Walk-In Areas and Controlled Hunting Access Program (CHAP) areas) in any East River Deer unit. See descriptions below.



WEST RIVER DEER UNIT DESCRIPTIONS

WRD-02A - PENNINGTON and MEADE counties within a line beginning at I-90 at New Underwood, then north on New Underwood Road to the Belle Fourche River, then east on the Belle Fourche River to the Cheyenne River, then east on the Cheyenne River to the Pennington-Haakon County line, then south on the county line to I-90, then west on I-90 to New Underwood, the point of beginning.

WRD-02C - PENNINGTON COUNTY south of I-90 and east of the Cheyenne River.

WRD-11A - BENNETT COUNTY, north of US 18.

WRD-11B - BENNETT COUNTY, south of US 18, excluding Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge.

WRD-15A - BUTTE COUNTY except that portion included in 15B.

WRD-15B - BUTTE COUNTY south of US 212 and west of SD 79; and LAWRENCE COUNTY north of I-90.

WRD-20A - CORSON COUNTY.

WRD-21A - CUSTER COUNTY east of SD 79, and PENNINGTON COUNTY south of I-90 between SD 79 on the west and the Cheyenne River on the east.

WRD-21B - Portions of CUSTER and PENNINGTON counties within a line beginning at the junction of US 385 and Custer County Road 101, then east on Custer County Road 101 to the section line between section 24 and 19, township 6 south, range 7 east, then north on this section line to its junction with sections 13 and 18, township 6 south, range 7 east, then east on the section line between section 18 and 19, township 6 south, range 7 east to its junction with SD 79, then north on SD 79 to the city limits of Rapid City, then west along the city limits of Rapid City to its junction with US 16, then southwest on US 16 to its junction with the Black Hills National Forest boundary, then south along the BHNF boundary to its junction with the northeast corner of Custer State Park (CSP), then south along the eastern boundaries of CSP and Wind Cave National Park (WCNP) to the southeast corner of WCNP, then west along the southern boundary of WCNP to its junction with US 385, then south on US 385 the point of beginning.

WRD-24A - DEWEY COUNTY, excluding Little Moreau Recreation Area and Game Production Area.

WRD-24B - DEWEY COUNTY, limited to only the Little Moreau Recreation Area and Game Production Area. This unit is all public land. Landowner Preference does not apply.

WRD-27A - Portions of CUSTER and FALL RIVER counties (excluding Unit 27L) within a line beginning at the junction of the SD-WY state line and US 18, then east on US 18 to its junction with the Cheyenne River, then east along the Cheyenne River to its junction with US 18 and 385, then north on US 18 and 385 to its junction with SD 79 and continuing along SD 79 to its junction with the section line between section 19 and 18, township 6 south, range 7 east, then west on this section line to its junction with sections 13 and 24, township 6 south, range 7 east, then south on the section line between sections 19 and 24, township 6 south, range 7 east to its junction with Custer Co. Rd 101, then west on Custer Co. Rd 101 to its junction with US 385, then south on US 385 to its junction with Fall River Co. Rd 18 (Argyle Rd), then northwest on Fall River Co. Rd 18 and Custer Co. Rd 333 to its junction with SD 89, then south on SD 89 to its junction with Fall River Co. Rd 12, then west on Fall River Co. Rd 12 to its junction with Custer Co. Rd 317, then west on Custer Co. Rd 317 to its junction with Custer Co. Rd 715, then west on Custer Co. Rd 715 to its junction with Custer Co. Rd 769, then west on Custer Co. Rd 769 through Dewey to its junction with the SD-WY state line, then south along the SD-WY state line to its junction with US 18, the point of beginning.

WRD-27B - FALL RIVER COUNTY, areas not included in 27A and 27L.

WRD-27L - FALL RIVER COUNTY limited to the Hill Ranch Game Production Area; the Forest Service Lands included in and connected to the Hill Ranch GPA boundaries on the south and west sides; and the State managed Bureau of Reclamation Lands adjacent and connected to the Hill Ranch GPA/Forest Service complex north of the Cheyenne River and on the west side of Angostura Reservoir. This unit is all public land. Landowner preference does not apply.

WRD-30A - GREGORY COUNTY. Season Dates: November 7–10 and November 23–29.

WRD-30B - GREGORY COUNTY. Season Dates: November 14–29.

WRD-31A - HAAKON COUNTY.

WRD-35A - HARDING COUNTY, west of US 85 excluding those portions of the Custer National Forest within Unit 35L.

WRD-35C - HARDING COUNTY, east of US 85 excluding those portions of the Custer National Forest within Unit 35L.

WRD-35L - HARDING COUNTY, restricted to Custer National Forest Service, except for the West Short Pines and the South Dakota portion of the Long Pines. This unit is all public land. Landowner preference does not apply.

WRD-39A - JACKSON COUNTY, north of the White River.

WRD-39B - JACKSON COUNTY, south of the White River.

WRD-41A - JONES COUNTY, except for that area in Unit WRD-45D (Ft. Pierre National Grasslands area).

WRD-45A - LYMAN COUNTY, west of SD 47 and south of southern boundary of the Lower Brule Indian Reservation. This unit also excludes that portion of the county within Unit 45D (Ft. Pierre National Grasslands area).

WRD-45B - LYMAN COUNTY, east of SD 47 and south of the southern boundary of the Lower Brule Indian Reservation.

WRD-45C - LYMAN and STANLEY counties. Lower Brule Indian Reservation, excluding tribal lands and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers lands.

WRD-45D - LYMAN, STANLEY, and JONES counties all public land and private land within a line beginning at the northwest

corner of the Lower Brule Indian Reservation's exterior boundary, then west 18 miles, then south 20 miles, then east 19 miles, then north 1-1/2 miles to the southwest corner of the reservation boundary, then north along the reservation's western boundary to the northwest corner of the reservation, then point of beginning.

WRD-49A - MEADE COUNTY, east of I-90, south of US 212, and west of a line beginning at the junction of US 212 and Meade Co. Rd 23 (Old 212 Rd), then south on Meade Co. Rd 23 (Old 212 Rd) to its junction with Meade Co. Rd 28 (Sulfur Cut Off Rd), then east on Meade Co. Rd 23-28, then south on Meade Co. Rd 23 (Fairpoint Rd) to its junction with SD 34, then south on Meade Co. Rd 21 (New Underwood Rd) to its junction with the Pennington County line and PENNINGTON COUNTY west of Pennington County 160th Avenue and north of I-90.

WRD-49B - MEADE COUNTY, south of US Hwy 212, north of the Belle Fourche and Cheyenne Rivers and east of the line described for Unit 49A above.

WRD-50A - MELLETTTE COUNTY.

WRD-53A - PERKINS COUNTY, north of SD 20.

WRD-53C - PERKINS COUNTY, south of SD 20 and MEADE COUNTY, north of US 212.

WRD-58A - STANLEY COUNTY, except those areas in 45C and 45D.

WRD-58D - STANLEY COUNTY. *Limited to persons who use a wheelchair for mobility.* Licenses are valid for all of Stanley County as described in Unit 58A above. Successful applicants will be allowed to take part in a special hunt Nov. 22-23 in the state park campground area below Oahe Dam as instructed.

WRD-60A - TRIPP COUNTY.

WRD-64A - ZIEBACH COUNTY.

WRD-65A - OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY.

WRD-67A - TODD COUNTY.

