

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH AND PARKS

523 EAST CAPITOL AVENUE | PIERRE, SD 57501

EAST RIVER, WEST RIVER, BLACK HILLS DEER DRAW

- Drawings for the East River, West River, and Black Hills deer seasons would be at the same time.
- There would be 4 draws:
 - 1. **First Draw** Residents would have the opportunity to apply for a 1st and 2nd choice across the combination of the 3 seasons (East River Deer, West River Deer, and Black Hills Deer). Non-Residents would have the opportunity to apply for a 1st and 2nd choice of available non-resident licenses across the combination of West River Deer and Black Hills Deer only. Successful applicants would have the opportunity to pick up one license in the first draw period.
 - 2. Second Draw Individuals who did not receive a 1st draw license would be eligible to apply for a license in the 2nd draw period. Residents would have the opportunity to apply for a 1st and 2nd choice across the combination of the three seasons (East River Deer, West River Deer, and Black Hills Deer). Non-Residents would have the opportunity to apply for a 1st and 2nd choice of available non-resident licenses across the combination of West River and Black Hills Deer only. Individuals who did not receive a license in the 1st draw period have the opportunity to pick up one license in the 2nd draw period.
 - 3. **Third Draw** Residents (including residents successful in the 1st or 2nd draw periods) would have the opportunity to apply for a 1st and 2nd choice across the combination of the 3 seasons (East River Deer, West River Deer, and Black Hills Deer). Non-Residents (including those successful in the 1st or 2nd draw periods) would have the opportunity to apply for 1st and 2nd choice of available non-resident licenses across the combination of West River and Black Hills Deer only. Applicants can pick up 1 license in the 3rd draw period.
 - 4. **Fourth Draw** Licenses remaining in the 4th draw period would be pooled and made available to both residents and non-residents across the combination of the 3 seasons (East River Deer, West River Deer, and Black Hills Deer). Hunters would have the opportunity to pick up an additional 3 licenses.
 - 5. **Leftovers** After the 4th draw period remaining licenses would be issued first-come, first-served. Licenses are available to residents and non-residents whether or not they already have a license. An individual may have an unlimited number of deer licenses for the 3 seasons and units or combination of the 3 seasons and units.
- A preference point system would remain in place, and you would not lose your current points.
- Landowner preference would remain unchanged.











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- No changes would be made to the application processes for Custer State Park Deer, National Wildlife Refuge Deer, Muzzleloader Deer, Archery Deer, or Youth Deer.
- Individuals who received a Special Buck license are not eligible to apply until the third draw period.
- Individual License Quota:
 - 1. Residents may have:
 - 1 license from the 1st or 2nd drawing;
 - Up to 2 licenses through the 3rd drawing (any combination of East River Deer, West River Deer, and/or Black Hills Deer);
 - Up to 5 licenses (any combination of East River, West River and/or Black Hills) through the 4th drawing;
 - Unlimited number after the 4th drawing.
 - The Special Buck license is included in this total.
 - 2. Non-Residents may have:
 - 1 license from the 1st or 2nd drawing (West River Deer and Black Hills Deer only);
 - Up to 2 licenses through the 3rd drawing ((West River Deer and Black Hills Deer only);
 - Up to 5 licenses (any combination of East River Deer, West River Deer, and/or Black Hills Deer) through the 4th drawing;
 - Unlimited number after the 4th drawing.
 - The Special Buck license is included in this total.







