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LANDOWNER PERMISSION REQUIRED

Permission is required to hunt private land in South Dakota. Every year Game, Fish and Parks receives comments from hunters who drew a license but couldn't obtain permission to hunt private land once the season opened. Do not apply for a license until you have permission to hunt. You may not be able to obtain it during the season.

APPLY ONLINE: gfp.sd.gov

Visit gfp.sd.gov, click "Licenses," and then "Purchase License." From there, the system walks you through step by step. If you do not already have an account, you will be required to create one. You will begin by selecting a season to apply for and your first-choice hunting unit. Please note that you are required to provide a credit or debit card number to finish the transaction. Upon completion and submission of your application, you are then placed directly into the drawing for the unit you selected. Preference points are automatically included if you had any from previous years.

NOTE: All applications must be submitted [online](#).

CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE

Elk hunters in the Black Hills and Custer State Park are encouraged to submit tissue samples for estimating chronic wasting disease (CWD) prevalence in elk and evaluating new methods to test for CWD. Game, Fish and Parks will be facilitating voluntary sample submission by providing CWD collection stations throughout the Black Hills. Hunters unable to drop off samples at collection stations will have the option to sample harvested elk at any GFP Regional Office during business hours or by self-submitting samples for testing. Additional information will be shared with successful elk applicants prior to the start of the elk hunting seasons.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Drawing Statistics: Applicants may access last year's drawing results online at gfp.sd.gov. Past drawing information will be available from the 2023 seasons and 2024 information will be available once the drawing is complete.

Elk Drawing Sequence: The first drawing will be for all eligible applicants. See "License Eligibility" under each season section in the following application instructions. Only one choice may be made per season in the first drawing. You can apply for a second choice in the second drawing. If you draw your first choice in the first drawing, you will lose eligibility for the specified duration in future years. All applications are online only. If you do not have internet access, you can still apply by calling 605.223.7660 or visiting any GFP Wildlife Division office.

First Elk Drawing Rules:

1. Applicants may submit one choice for each of the five elk seasons that they are eligible for. There are no second choices in the first drawing.
2. A nonrefundable \$10 application fee is charged for each season applied for. For example, if you apply for four different elk seasons, your credit/debit card will be charged \$40.
3. The elk drawings will be conducted in the following order: Custer State Park Firearms Elk, Custer State Park Early Archery Elk, Black Hills Firearms Elk, Prairie Firearms Elk, and Black Hills Archery Elk.
4. Once an applicant has drawn a license, they are not eligible for subsequent drawings. However, the individual will continue to

receive additional preference points for subsequent drawings as an unsuccessful applicant. Only one elk license is allowed per individual per year.

5. Applicants will be notified by email if they were successful in the drawing. If successful, the applicant's credit/debit card will have the full license fee charged.
6. Successful applicants will lose all preference points for that particular season and eligibility for future drawings.

Second Elk Drawing Rules (if needed):

1. Anyone who does not have a 2024 elk license is eligible for the second drawing, including those individuals that were not eligible for the first drawing.
2. Applicants have the option of using accumulated preference points during the second draw. **Those applicants who choose to use their preference points in the second draw and are successful in the draw will lose any accumulated preference points and eligibility to apply for that season for nine years.**
3. Applicants will be charged the \$10 nonrefundable application fee to their credit/debit card, and if successful the full license fee will be charged.
4. The drawing sequence will follow the same sequence as first elk drawing.

Third Elk Drawing Rules (if needed):

1. Anyone who does not have a 2024 elk license is eligible for the third drawing.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Residency

To apply for a resident license, a person must:

- Have a domicile (person's established, fixed, and permanent home to which the person, whenever absent, has the present intention of returning) within South Dakota for at least 90 consecutive days immediately preceding the date of application for purchasing, or attempting to purchase any hunting, fishing, or trapping license/permit;
- Make no claim of residency in any other state or foreign country for any purpose;
- Claim no resident hunting, fishing, or trapping privileges in any other state or foreign country;
- Prior to any application for any license, transfer to South Dakota the person's driver's license and motor vehicle registrations.

EXCEPTION: The following persons are eligible for resident licenses:

- Any person who previously had a domicile in South Dakota who is absent due to business of the United States or South Dakota, or is serving in the armed forces of the US or the spouse of an active duty military person;
- Any person who previously had a domicile in this state who is absent due to the person's regular attendance at a post-high school institution as a full time student or in a medical or dental residency program;
- Any person in the active military of the U.S. or that person's spouse who is continuously stationed in South Dakota;
- Any patient in any war veterans' hospital within South Dakota;
- Any employee of the veterans' administration or any veterans' hospital in South Dakota;
- Any person residing on restricted military reservations in South Dakota;
- Any person attending regularly a post-high school institution in South Dakota as a full-time student for 30 days or more immediately preceding the application;
- Any foreign exchange student over 16 years of age attending a public or private high school who has resided in the state for 30 days or more preceding the application;
- Any foreign exchange student who is between the ages of 12 and 16 who has completed GFP's course of instruction in the safe handling of firearms and has been issued a certificate of competency upon completion of instruction and who has resided in South Dakota for 30 days or more preceding application for a license;
- Any person who is a minor dependent of a resident of South Dakota.

Termination of Residency

A person (*other than a person who fits into one of the previous EXCEPTIONS*) is deemed to have terminated their South Dakota resident hunting, fishing, and trapping status if the person does any of the following:

- Applies for, purchases, or accepts a resident hunting, fishing, or trapping license issued by another state or foreign country;
- Registers to vote in another state or foreign country;
- Accepts a driver's license issued by another state or foreign country;
- Moves to any other state or foreign country and makes it the person's domicile or makes any claim of residency for any purpose in the other state or foreign country.

However, a person who has lawfully acquired a resident hunting, fishing, or trapping license and who leaves the state after acquiring the license to take up residency elsewhere may continue to exercise all the privileges granted by the license until the license expires if the person's respective privileges are not revoked or suspended.

Social Security Number

The last four digits of your Social Security Number are required. The Social Security Number information is required from all U.S. residents

before this application will be processed [SDCL 25-7A-56.2]. This information will be kept confidential. The information is required to be in compliance with state law on collection of delinquent child support payments.

South Dakota law prohibits the issuance or renewal of any hunting or fishing license if an individual owes \$1,000 or more in past-due child support unless the individual enters into a repayment agreement with the Dept. of Social Services for payment of the delinquent child support [SDCL 25-7A-56; 25-7A-1(28)]. There is a requirement to enter into a repayment agreement with the Department of Social Services even if the individual is presently making child support payments, or if child support is being withheld from wages or income. To enter into the required repayment agreement, individuals must contact the Dept. of Social Services - Office of Child Support Enforcement, 700 Governor's Drive - Kneip Building, Pierre SD 57501, or call 605.773.6456.

Age Eligibility

- Applicants must be 12 years old by Dec. 31, 2024 to hunt.
- Applicants under age 16 must successfully complete a HuntSAFE course.
- Applicants who have not completed the HuntSAFE course at the time of application must leave their HuntSAFE number blank within their profile, but they can still apply. If successful in the draw, their license will be held until the GFP License Office is notified of the HuntSAFE card number once the course has been successfully completed.

Application Rules

- Individuals may submit only one application per season for the first drawing and receive no more than one license. See "Application Deadlines" for rules allowing additional licenses.
- Licenses may not be transferred to another person.

Group Applications

- Applications with matching choices, submitted in the same group, will be treated as a group application. All applicants will either be successful or unsuccessful in the drawings.
- Applicants with preference points should be aware when applying with applicants with fewer preference points, the lowest preference point balance is then represented within the entire group.
- No more than two applications may be submitted in the same group for any elk seasons.

Fees

See the elk drawing sequence on the front page for rules specific to the elk seasons. Payment must be made with a valid credit/debit card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express). A \$10 nonrefundable application fee will be charged at the time of application. Your credit/debit card will not be charged the full fee until, and only if you are successful in the drawing. Nonpayment in the form of a cancelled credit/debit card will result in your license being withheld and the blocking of any future license purchases until the unpaid fee, along with any penalties, is paid in full.

Submitting Applications

Applications must be submitted online. If you do not have internet access, you can apply by calling 605.223.7660 or visiting any GFP Wildlife Division office.

Successful Applicants

Successful applicants for limited licenses are selected at random by computer lottery.

Unsuccessful Applicants

Online applicants using a credit/debit card will be charged the \$10 nonrefundable application fee only.

Preference Points

Elk seasons have a preference point system for applicants who are unsuccessful on their first choice in the first draw. One preference point is earned each year the applicant is unsuccessful. Preference points are valid on first choices in the first drawing and may be used in the second drawing. Preference points are automatically credited to an application by the computer system. Preference points are maintained by the computer system even if you do not apply the following year. Preference points cannot be transferred to another person. If you have any questions about your preference points, please contact GFP's License Office at 605.223.7660

Resident Only Elk Landowner/Operator Preference

- Landowners or operators applying for landowner/operator preference can only apply during the Landowner Preference Elk application period (February 1 - March 4, 2024).
- These requirements and restrictions apply to Black Hills Elk, Archery Elk, and the Prairie Elk hunting seasons:
- Landowner-operator preference only applies to the first draw.
- Fifty percent of the licenses in each hunting unit are available to persons who qualify for landowner-operator preference. A minimum of 240 acres of land within an elk unit which has had at least 500 days of elk use since the last day of the previous application period is required to qualify. An elk use day is any day an elk feeds or waters on private land. For purposes of elk preference eligibility, members of the qualifying landowner-operator's family including grandparents, parents, spouse, children, children's spouse, or grandchildren who live on the ranch or in the closest community and have an active role in the ranch operation also qualify. Only one qualifying applicant per

ranch unit per year may apply for a landowner-operator preference elk license in all elk seasons. A ranch unit is described as all private property owned and leased for agricultural purposes by written agreement by an individual qualifying landowner or a qualifying corporation, limited liability company, partnership or trust in the state. Only one shareholder, member, partner, or trust beneficiary of a qualifying corporation, limited liability company, partnership or trust may apply under landowner-operator preference for each elk hunting season. A ranch unit may not be subdivided for the purpose of qualifying for more than one landowner-operator preference in a specific elk season.

- A landowner or operator, but not both, may claim landowner-operator preference for the same qualifying property. Employment on a farm or ranch alone does not qualify an individual for landowner-operator preference.
- Restrictions on landowner-operator preference for legal entities. Shareholders of a corporation, members of a limited liability company holding a membership interest in the company, partners in a partnership, and beneficiaries of a trust entitled to the current income and assets held in trust; all organized and in good standing under the laws of the State of South Dakota are eligible for landowner operator preference if:
 - (1) The entity holds title to no less than the minimum number of acres of private land located within the hunting unit applied for as established in rule;
 - (2) The shareholder, member, partner, or trust beneficiary applying for landowner-operator preference is a resident; and
 - (3) The shareholder, member, partner, or trust beneficiary is responsible for making the day-to-day management decisions for agricultural purposes on the farm or ranch.

SEASON APPLICATION INFORMATION

A person 18 years of age or older is required to purchase a Habitat Stamp (\$10 for residents) when applying for or purchasing any hunting, fishing, or trapping license. A person is not required to purchase more than one Habitat Stamp within a license year.

License fees for all elk seasons include a \$6 surcharge established by the South Dakota Legislature. Surcharge monies are divided between

programs for wildlife damage management and public hunting land access, programs that benefit both landowners/operators and hunters.

INDIAN TRUST LANDS. State licenses are valid on private, deeded lands within the exterior boundaries of Indian reservations. Persons planning to hunt on tribal lands should contact the appropriate tribal office concerning tribal hunting licenses.

BLACK HILLS FIREARMS ELK

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Individual License Quota: You may apply for any and all elk seasons for which you are eligible. However, you are only entitled to hold one elk license per year, and the elk drawing sequence will limit you to drawing only one elk license.

Application and License Fees: Applicants will be charged the \$10 nonrefundable fee to their credit/debit card. If successful the full license fee will be automatically applied to the card.

Full license fees are: (*excludes \$10 nonrefundable application fee*)

Any Elk = \$175; Antlerless Elk = \$116

Maximum Group Size: 2 maximum.

Special Requirements: Successful hunters must have their elk checked by a GFP representative within 24 hours of the kill.

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

First Deadline - Apply online by 8 a.m. CDT May 20. Eligible applicants may submit one application for this season. Results available online by June 4.

Second Deadline - (leftover licenses) Apply online by 8 a.m. CDT June 18. Residents without a 2024 license may submit one application for this

season. Results available online by June 28. Applicants have the option of using accumulated preference points during the second draw. **Those applicants who choose to use their preference points in the second draw and are successful in the draw will lose any accumulated preference points and eligibility to apply for that season for nine years.**

SEASON - UNIT - TYPE CHOICES:

BHE-H1A- Season Dates: Oct.1-31, 2024. 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. (See Figure 1)

21: Any Elk - 60 licenses.

BHE-H1B- Season Dates: Oct. 15-31 and Dec. 1-16, 2024. Same area as BHE-H1A. (See Figure 2)

23: Antlerless Elk - 65 licenses.

BHE-H2A- Season Dates: Oct.1-31, 2024. LAWRENCE, PENNINGTON and CUSTER counties within a line beginning at the SD-WY state line and U.S. Hwy 85 junction, then northeast on U.S. Hwy 85 to U.S. Hwy 385, then south on U.S. Hwy 385 to U.S. Hwy 16 at Custer, then west on U.S. 16 to the SD-WY state line, then north on the state line to the point of beginning. (See Figure 1)

21: Any Elk -300 licenses.

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BHE-H2B- Season Dates: Oct. 15-31, 2024. 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. (See Figure 2)

23: Antlerless Elk - 50 licenses.

BHE-H2C- Season Dates: Dec. 1-16, 2024. Same area as BHE-H2B. (See Figure 2.)

23: Antlerless Elk - 50 licenses.

BHE-H2E- Season Dates: Oct. 15-31, 2024. 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. (See Figure 2.)

23: Antlerless Elk - 40 licenses.

BHE-H2F- Season Dates: Dec. 1-16, 2024. Same area as BHE-H2E. (See Figure 2)

23: Antlerless Elk - 40 licenses.

BHE-H2G- Season Dates: Dec. 17-31, 2024. Same area as BHE-H2E. (See Figure 2)

23: Antlerless Elk - 40 licenses.

BHE-H2H- Season Dates: Oct. 15-31, 2024. 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. (See Figure 2)

23: Antlerless Elk - 10 licenses.

BHE-H2I- Season Dates: Dec.1-16, 2024. Same area as BHE-H2H. (See Figure 2)

23: Antlerless Elk - 10 licenses.

BHE-H2J- Season Dates: Dec. 17-31, 2024. Same area as BHE-H2H. (See Figure 2)

23: Antlerless Elk - 10 licenses.

BHE-H3A- Season Dates: Oct.1-31, 2024. CUSTER and FALL RIVER 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 the Custer State Park western boundary, then south along the Custer State Park western boundary and the Wind Cave National Park western boundary to U.S. Hwy 385, then south along U.S. Hwy 385 to SD Hwy 79, then south along State Highway 79 to the Cheyenne River, then west along the Cheyenne River to the SD-WY state line, then north along the SD-WY state line to the point of beginning. (See Figure 1) *Note: There are Elk Hunter Access areas available in this unit. Please visit gfp.sd.gov to learn more.*

21: Any Elk -120 licenses.

BHE-H3B- Season Dates: Oct. 15-31, 2024. CUSTER county 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 the Custer State Park western boundary, then south along the Custer State Park western boundary and the Wind Cave National Park western boundary to U.S. Hwy 385, then north and west along U.S. Hwy 385 to its junction with SD Hwy 89 at Pringle, then south along SD Hwy 89 to its junction with 18 Mile Road (Forest Service 316), then west along 18 Mile Road to its junction with Pleasant Valley Road (Forest Service 715), then west along Pleasant Valley Road to Dewey Road (Forest Service 769), then west along Dewey Road to the SD-WY state line, then north along the SD-WY state line to the point of beginning. (See Figure 2) *Note: There are Elk Hunter Access areas available in this unit, please visit gfp.sd.gov to learn more.*

23: Antlerless Elk - 45 licenses.

BHE-H3C- Season Dates: Dec.1-16, 2024. Same area as BHE-H3B. (See Figure 2) *Note: There are Elk Hunter Access areas available in this unit, please visit gfp.sd.gov to learn more.*

23: Antlerless Elk - 45 licenses.

BHE-H3D- Season Dates: Dec. 17-31, 2024. Same area as BHE-H3B. (See Figure 2) *Note: There are Elk Hunter Access areas available in this unit, please visit gfp.sd.gov to learn more.*

23: Antlerless Elk - 45 licenses.

BHE-H3E- Season Dates: Oct. 15-31, 2024. FALL RIVER and CUSTER counties within a line beginning at the junction of the Wind Cave National Park western boundary and U.S. Hwy 385, then south along U.S. Hwy 385 to SD Hwy 79, then south along SD Hwy 79 to the Cheyenne River, then west along the Cheyenne River to the SD-WY state line, then north along the SD-WY state line to its junction with Dewey Road (Forest Service 769), then east along Dewey Road to its junction with Pleasant Valley Road (Forest Service 715), then east along Pleasant Valley Road to its junction with 18 Mile Road (Forest Service 316), then east along 18 Mile Road to its junction with SD Hwy 89, then north along SD Hwy 89 to its junction with U.S. Hwy 385, then south and east along U.S. Hwy 385 to the point of beginning. (See Figure 2) *Note: There are Elk Hunter Access areas available in this unit. Please visit gfp.sd.gov to learn more.*

23: Antlerless Elk - 60 licenses.

BHE-H3F- Season Dates: Dec.1-16, 2024. Same area as BHE-H3E. (See Figure 2) *Note: There are Elk Hunter Access areas available in this unit. Please visit gfp.sd.gov to learn more.*

23: Antlerless Elk - 60 licenses.

BHE-H3G- Season Dates: Dec. 17-31, 2024. Same area as BHE-H3E. (See Figure 2) *Note: There are Elk Hunter Access areas available in this unit. Please visit gfp.sd.gov to learn more.*

23: Antlerless Elk - 60 licenses.

BHE-H4A- Season Dates: Oct. 1-31, 2024. CUSTER, FALL RIVER, and PENNINGTON Counties within a line beginning at the junction of U.S. Hwy 385 and the south boundary of Wind Cave National Park, then south along U.S. Hwy 385 through Hot Springs and Maverick Junction to the Cheyenne River, then northeast along the Cheyenne River to Fall River County Road 6291 (South Buffalo Gap Road), then north along Fall River County Road 6291 to Custer County Road 101, then north along Custer County Road 101 to Custer County Road 656 (River Side Road) at Buffalo Gap, then east along Custer County Road 656 to Custer County Road 17 (Beaver Valley Road), then northeast along Custer County Road 17 to Custer County Road 719 (South Fairburn Road), then north along Custer County Road 719 to Custer County Road 18 at Fairburn, then north along Custer County Road 18 to State Highway 79, then north along State Highway 79 to State Highway 40, then northwest along State Highway 40 to Pennington

ARCHERY ELK

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21: Any Elk - 30 licenses.

23: Antlerless Elk - 10 licenses.

AEE-H2A- Season Dates: Sept. 1-30, 2024. 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 on U.S. Hwy 85 to U.S. Hwy 385, then south on U.S. Hwy 385 to U.S. Hwy 16 at Custer, then west on U.S. Hwy 16 to the SD-WY state line, then north on the SD-WY state line to the point of beginning. (See Figure 3)

21: Any Elk - 100 licenses.

23: Antlerless Elk - 40 licenses.

AEE-H3A- Season Dates: Sept. 1-30, 2024. CUSTER and FALL RIVER counties within a line beginning at the junction of the SD-WY state line and U.S. Hwy 16, then east on U.S. Hwy 16 to the Custer State Park western boundary, then south on the Custer State Park western boundary and the Wind Cave National Park western boundary to U.S. Hwy 385, then south on U.S. Hwy 385 to SD Hwy 79, then south on SD Hwy 79 to the Cheyenne River, then west on the Cheyenne River to the SD-WY state line, then north on the SD-WY state line to the point of beginning. (See Figure 3) *Note: There are Elk Hunter Access areas available in this unit. Please visit gfp.sd.gov to learn more.*

21: Any Elk - 40 licenses.

23: Antlerless Elk - 30 licenses.

AEE-H4A- Season Dates: Sept. 1-30, 2024. CUSTER, FALL RIVER, and PENNINGTON Counties within a line beginning at the junction of U.S. Hwy 385 and the south boundary of Wind Cave National Park, then south along U.S. Hwy 385 through Hot Springs and Maverick Junction to the Cheyenne River, then northeast along the Cheyenne River to Fall River County Road 6291 (South Buffalo Gap Road), then north along Fall River County Road 6291 to Custer County Road 101, then north along Custer County Road 101 to Custer County Road 656 (River Side Road) at Buffalo Gap, then east along Custer County Road 656 to Custer County Road 17 (Beaver Valley Road), then northeast along Custer County Road 17 to Custer County Road 719 (South Fairburn Road), then north along Custer County Road 719 to Custer County Road 18 at Fairburn, then north along Custer County Road 18 to State Highway 79, then north along State Highway 79 to State Highway 40, then northwest along State Highway 40 to Pennington County Road 330 (Playhouse Road), then south along Pennington County Road 330 to U.S. Hwy 16A, then south along U.S. Hwy 16 to the Custer State Park northern boundary, then east along the Custer State Park northern boundary to the northeast corner of Custer State Park, then south along the Custer State Park eastern boundary and Wind Cave National Park eastern boundary to the southeast corner of Wind Cave National Park, then west along the south boundary of Wind Cave National Park to its junction with U.S. Hwy 385, the point of beginning. (See Figure 3) *Note: There are Elk Hunter Access areas available in this unit. Please visit gfp.sd.gov to learn more.*

21: Any Elk - 10 licenses.

23: Antlerless Elk - 10 licenses.

AEE-H5A- Season Dates: Sept. 1-30, 2024. CUSTER and PENNINGTON counties within a line beginning at U.S. Hwy 16A and the Custer State Park western boundary, then west on U.S. Hwy 16A to U.S. Hwy 385, then north to SD Hwy 44, then east on SD Hwy 44 to the Black Hills National Forest (BHNF) boundary, then south along the BHNF boundary to U.S. Hwy 16, then west on U.S. Hwy 16 to South Rockerville Road, then south on South Rockerville Road to SD Hwy 40, then east on SD Hwy 40 to Playhouse Road, then south on Playhouse Road to U.S. Hwy 16A, then southeast on U.S. Hwy 16A to Custer State Park northern boundary, then west and south along Custer State Park boundary to its junction with U.S. Hwy 16A, the point of beginning. (See Figure 3). *Note: This unit is mostly a wilderness area. Be prepared to walk extensively. In most areas motor vehicles, including ATVs, are not allowed. The elk population in this unit is lower than any other Black Hills unit.*

21: Any Elk - 2 licenses.

AEE-H7A- Season Dates: Sept. 1-30, 2024. LAWRENCE, MEADE and PENNINGTON counties within a line beginning at the junction of U.S. Hwy 85 and I-90 at Exit 17, then south along U.S. Hwy 85 to U.S. Hwy 385 at Pluma, then south along U.S. Hwy 385 to SD Hwy 44 near Pactola, then east along SD Hwy 44 to SD Hwy 79 (Sturgis Road) in Rapid City, then north along SD Hwy 79 to I-90 at Black Hawk, then north along I-90 to U.S. Hwy 85 at Exit 17, the point of beginning. (See Figure 3)

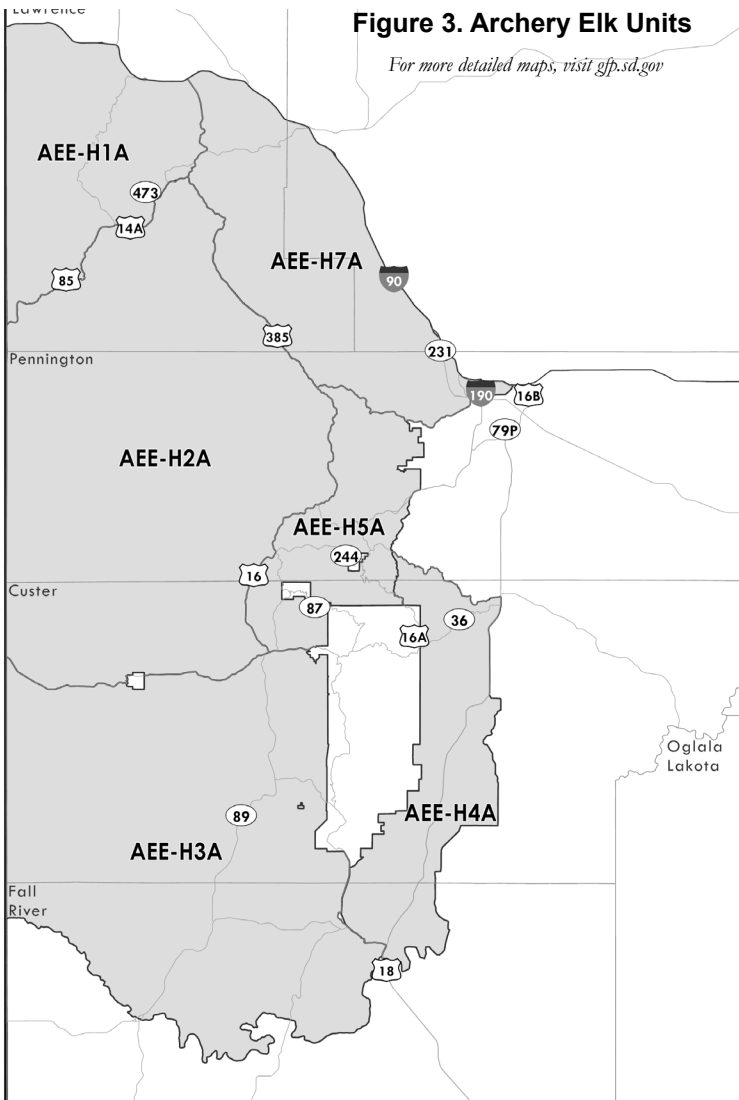
21: Any Elk - 10 licenses.

Preference points: People can purchase preference points from September 15 – December 15, 2024 through GFP's online licensing system at license.gooutdoorsouthdakota.com.

ARCHERY ELK (continued)

Figure 3. Archery Elk Units

For more detailed maps, visit gfp.sd.gov



PRAIRIE ELK

License Eligibility: South Dakota residents who received any license for this season from 2015-2023 are NOT eligible - except those who received a second choice (without using preference points) or leftover license - to apply in the first drawing. All South Dakota residents without a 2024 elk license are eligible to apply in leftover drawings.

Individual License Quota: You may apply for any/all elk seasons for which you are eligible. However, you are only entitled to hold one elk license per year, and the drawing sequence limits you to drawing only one elk license.

Application and License Fees: Applicants will be charged the \$10 nonrefundable fee to their credit/debit card, and if successful the full license fee will be automatically applied to the card.

Full license fees are: (excluding \$10 nonrefundable application fee)

Any Elk = \$175; Antlerless Elk = \$116

Maximum Group Size: 2 maximum.

Special Requirements: Successful hunters must have their elk checked by a GFP representative within 24 hours of the kill.

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

First Deadline - Apply online by 8 a.m. CDT May 20. Eligible applicants may submit one application for this season. Results available online by June 4.

Second Deadline - (leftover licenses) Apply online by 8 a.m. CDT June 18. Residents without a 2024 license may submit one application for this season. Results available online by June 28. Applicants have the option of using accumulated preference points during the second draw. **Those applicants who choose to use their preference points in the second draw and are successful in the draw will lose any accumulated preference points and eligibility to apply for that season for nine years.**

SEASON - UNIT - TYPE CHOICES:

PRE-09A- Season Dates: Sept. 15-Oct. 31 and Dec. 1-31, 2024.

LAWRENCE and BUTTE counties within a line beginning at the intersection of U.S. Highways 85 and 212, then east on Highway 212 to Whitewood Valley Road, then south on Whitewood Valley Road to Interstate 90, then west on Interstate 90 to U.S. Highway 85, then north on U.S. Highway 85 to point of beginning. (See Figure 4) *Note: Elk exist in low densities and most land in this unit with elk activity is privately owned. It is recommended that you secure permission to hunt before applying.*

21: Any Elk - 8 licenses.

23: Antlerless Elk - 10 licenses.

PRE-11B- Season Dates: Sept. 1-Oct. 15, 2024. BENNETT COUNTY, that portion of JACKSON COUNTY south of State Highway 44 and Bureau of Indian Affairs Highway 2, that portion of MELLETTTE COUNTY south of State Highway 44 and west of U.S. Hwy 83. (See Figure 4). *Note: There are Elk Hunter Access areas available in this unit. Please visit gfp.sd.gov to learn more. This license is not valid on tribal lands within Bennett County.*

21: Any Elk – 16 licenses.

PRE-11C- Season Dates: Oct. 16-Nov. 30, 2024. Same area as PRE-11B. (See Figure 4) *Note: There are Elk Hunter Access areas available in this unit. Please visit gfp.sd.gov to learn more. This license is not valid on tribal lands within Bennett County.*

21: Any Elk – 16 licenses.

PRE-11D- Season Dates: Sept. 1-Oct 31, 2024. Same area as PRE-11B. (See Figure 4) *Note: There are Elk Hunter Access Areas available in this unit. Please visit gfp.sd.gov to learn more. This license is not valid on tribal lands within Bennett County.*

23: Antlerless Elk – 30 licenses.

PRE-11E- Season Dates: Nov. 1-Dec. 31, 2024. Same area as PRE-11B. (See Figure 4) *Note: There are Elk Hunter Access Areas available in this unit. Please visit gfp.sd.gov to learn more. This license is not valid on tribal lands within Bennett County.*

23: Antlerless Elk – 10 licenses.

PRE-15A- Season Dates: Sept. 1-Dec. 31, 2024. BUTTE and LAWRENCE counties within a line beginning at the junction of the South Dakota-Wyoming border, east on Sourdough Road to U.S. Highway 85, then south on U.S. Highway 85 to Interstate 90, then west on Interstate 90 to the South Dakota-Wyoming border, then north to the point of beginning. (See Figure 4) *Note: Elk exist in low densities and most land in this unit with elk activity is privately owned. It is recommended that you secure permission to hunt before applying.*

21: Any Elk - 8 licenses.

23: Antlerless Elk - 5 licenses.

PRE-27A- Season Dates: Oct. 1-31, and Dec. 1-31, 2024. All of FALL RIVER COUNTY not included in BHE-H3 or BHE-H4. (See Figure 4) *Note: There are Elk Hunter Access Areas available in this unit. Please visit gfp.sd.gov to learn more.*

21: Any Elk - 30 licenses.

23: Antlerless Elk - 30 licenses.

PRE-35A- Season Dates: Sept. 15 - Dec. 31, 2024. That portion of HARDING COUNTY west of US Hwy 85. (See Figure 4) *Note: There are Elk Hunter Access Areas available in this unit. Please visit gfp.sd.gov to learn more.*

21: Any Elk - 10 licenses.

23: Antlerless Elk - 30 licenses.

PRE-35B- Season Dates: Sept. 15 - Dec. 31, 2024. That portion of HARDING COUNTY east of US Hwy 85. (See Figure 4) *Note: There are Elk Hunter Access Areas available in this unit. Please visit gfp.sd.gov to learn more.*

21: Any Elk - 8 licenses.

23: Antlerless Elk - 40 licenses.

PRE-49A- Season Dates: Sept. 15-Oct. 31, and Dec. 1-31, 2024. That portion of MEADE County within a line beginning at the junction of Interstate 90 and Elk Creek Road, then east on Elk Creek Road to Ricard Road, then north on Ricard Road to Tilford Road, then east on Tilford Road to Middle Alkalai Road, then north on Middle Alkalai Road to Alkalai Road, then west on Alkalai Road 133rd Avenue, then south on 133rd Avenue to 206th Street, then west on 206th Street to Lazelle Street to Interstate 90 then south on Interstate 90 to the point of beginning. (See Figure 4) *Note: Elk exist in low densities and most land in this unit with elk activity is privately owned. It is recommended that you secure permission to hunt before applying.*

21: Any Elk - 10 licenses.

23: Antlerless Elk - 15 licenses.

PRE-WRA- Season Dates: Sept. 1 - Dec. 31, 2024. That portion of South Dakota west of the Missouri River not associated with Black Hills elk units or another prairie elk unit, excluding Corson, Dewey, Oglala Lakota, Todd and Ziebach counties and the boundary of the Lower Brule Indian Reservation. (See Figure 4) *Note: Elk exist in extremely low densities and most land in this unit with elk activity is privately owned. There are Elk Hunter Access Areas available in this unit. Please visit gfp.sd.gov to learn more.*

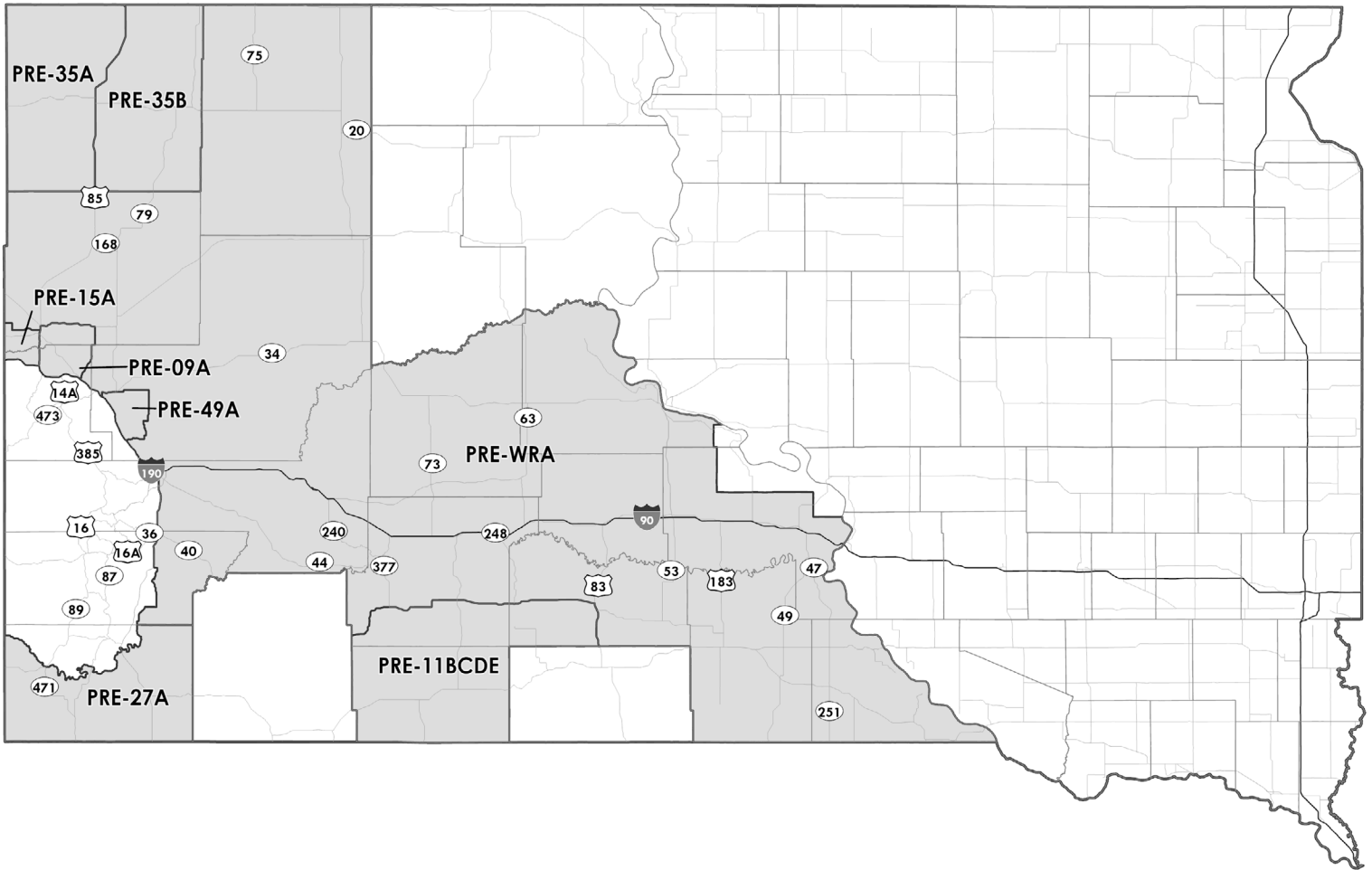
21: Any Elk - 20 licenses.

23: Antlerless Elk - 40 licenses.

Preference Points: - People can purchase preference points from September 15 – December 15, 2024, through GFP's online licensing system at license.gooutdoorsouthdakota.com.

PRAIRIE ELK (continued)

Figure 4. Prairie Elk Units For more detailed maps, visit gfp.sd.gov.



CUSTER STATE PARK FIREARMS ELK

Season Dates: Oct. 1 - 31, 2024

License Eligibility: South Dakota residents who have never received a license for this season are eligible to apply.

Individual License Quota: You may apply for any/all elk seasons for which you are eligible. However, you are only entitled to hold one elk license per year, and the elk drawing sequence limits you to drawing only one elk license.

Application and License Fees: Applicants will be charged a \$10 nonrefundable fee to their credit/debit card. If successful, the full license fee will be automatically applied to the credit/debit card. Full license fee is \$306 (excludes \$10 nonrefundable application fee).

Maximum Group Size: 2 maximum.

Special Requirements: Successful elk hunters must have their elk checked by a GFP representative within 24 hours of kill.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Apply online by 8 a.m. CDT May 20. Eligible applicants may submit one application for this season. Results available online by June 4.

SEASON - UNIT - TYPE CHOICES:

CUE-CU1- Custer State Park.

21: Any Elk - 15 licenses.

Preference Points: - People can purchase preference points from September 15 – December 15, 2024, through GFP's online licensing system at license.gooutdoors.southdakota.com.

CUSTER STATE PARK EARLY ARCHERY ELK

Season Dates: Sept. 1-30, 2024

License Eligibility: South Dakota residents who have never received a license for this season are eligible to apply.

Individual License Quota: You may apply for any and all elk seasons that you are eligible for. However, you are only entitled to hold one elk license per year, and the elk drawing sequence will limit you to drawing only one elk license.

Application and License Fees: Applicants will be charged a \$10 nonrefundable fee to their credit/debit card, and if successful the full license fee will be automatically applied to the credit/debit card. Full license fee is \$306 (excludes \$10 nonrefundable application fee).

Maximum Group Size: 2 maximum.

Special Requirements: Successful elk hunters must have their elk checked by a GFP representative within 24 hours of kill.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Apply online by 8 a.m. CDT May 20. Eligible applicants may submit one application for this season. Results available online by June 4.

SEASON - UNIT - TYPE CHOICES:

CEE-CU1- Custer State Park.

21: Any Elk - 5 licenses.

Preference Points: - People can purchase preference points from September 15 – December 15, 2024, through GFP's online licensing system at license.gooutdoors.southdakota.com.

CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a fatal disease of the central nervous system found in both captive and free-ranging deer and elk. The South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) has been conducting surveillance for CWD since 1997 to determine disease presence and prevalence across the state. CWD has been confirmed in Bennett, Buffalo, Butte, Corson, Custer, Fall River, Haakon, Harding, Jackson, Lawrence, Lyman, Meade, Mellette, Pennington, Perkins, Stanley, Sully, Tripp, Union, and Ziebach counties in central and western South Dakota.

Carcass transportation and disposal regulations apply for any harvested deer or elk that will be transported from the county of harvest or from another state back into South Dakota and include the following:

- Hunters are recommended to leave as much of the unusable carcass as possible at the location of the harvest in a discrete location. Make arrangements with landowner on property where permission has been granted.
- Regulations do not prohibit a hunter from transporting a deer or elk carcass from the harvest location to anywhere in the state.
- If any portion of the carcass is transported from the county of harvest, regulations require the hunter to dispose of all carcass remains with a waste management provider, if an allowable trash item, or with a permitted landfill.
- If you are not moving a deer or elk carcass from the county of harvest, the regulations do not apply unless the carcass is delivered to

a game processor or taxidermist. Returning carcass remains to public lands and using road ditches to dispose of carcass remains is illegal. Make sure permission is granted if disposing on private land.

- Deer or elk carcasses from another state brought back into South Dakota must be disposed of with a waste management provider or landfill that accepts carcass parts.
- Game processors and taxidermists, regardless of the location of harvest, are required to dispose of all carcass remains with a waste management provider, if an allowable trash item, or with a permitted landfill.

The goal of surveillance strategies in South Dakota is to determine the likely spread of CWD to new units where the disease has not been detected in wild, free-ranging deer and elk. Hunters who would like to get their deer or elk tested for CWD can voluntarily submit a sample for testing. As a voluntary submission, hunters will be responsible for the cost of shipping and any professional sample collection costs unless the hunter delivers a sample to a GFP Office or sample collection area. GFP will pay for the testing cost of the sample at South Dakota State University Animal Disease and Research Diagnostics Lab (SDSU ADRDL). Results will be sent to both the hunter and GFP. These results will supplement GFP's surveillance effort across the state. The process for collecting samples from a harvested elk or deer (same process) and how to properly submit to SDSU ADRDL can be found at gfp.sd.gov/cwd-testing.



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