



## EAST RIVER, WEST RIVER, BLACK HILLS, NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE, CUSTER STATE PARK, & MUZZLELOADER DEER DRAW

- Drawings for the East River, West River, Black Hills, National Wildlife Refuge, Custer State Park, and Muzzleloader 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choice across the combination of the 6 seasons (East River Deer, West River Deer, Black Hills Deer, National Wildlife Refuge Deer, Custer State Park Deer<sup>1</sup>, and Muzzleloader Deer). Non-Residents would have the opportunity to apply for a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choice of available non-resident licenses across the combination of West River Deer, Black Hills Deer, National Wildlife Refuge Deer, and Muzzleloader Deer only. Successful applicants would have the opportunity to pick up one license in the first draw period.
  2. **Second Draw** – Only individuals who did not receive a 1<sup>st</sup> draw license would be eligible to apply for a license in the 2<sup>nd</sup> draw period. Residents would have the opportunity to apply for a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choice across the combination of the 6 seasons (East River Deer, West River Deer, Black Hills Deer, National Wildlife Refuge Deer, Custer State Park Deer<sup>1</sup>, and Muzzleloader Deer). Non-Residents would have the opportunity to apply for a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choice of available non-resident licenses across the combination of West River Deer, Black Hills Deer, National Wildlife Refuge Deer, and Muzzleloader Deer only. Individuals who did not receive a license in the 1<sup>st</sup> draw period have the opportunity to pick up one license in the 2<sup>nd</sup> draw period.
  3. **Third Draw** – Residents (including residents successful in the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> draw periods) would have the opportunity to apply for a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choice across the combination of the 6 seasons (East River Deer, West River Deer, Black Hills Deer, National Wildlife Refuge Deer, Custer State Park Deer<sup>1</sup>, and Muzzleloader Deer<sup>2</sup>). Non-Residents (including those successful in the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> draw periods) would have the opportunity to apply for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choice of available non-resident licenses across the combination of West River Deer, Black Hills Deer, National Wildlife Refuge Deer, and Muzzleloader Deer only. Applicants can pick up 1 license in the 3<sup>rd</sup> draw period.
  4. **Fourth Draw** – Licenses remaining in the 4<sup>th</sup> draw period would be pooled and made available to both residents and non-residents across the combination of the 6 seasons

<sup>1</sup> South Dakota residents who have not received a Custer State Park Buck or Any Deer license in the preceding 9 years are eligible to apply for Any Deer or Any Whitetail license. Applicants who receive an “Any” type license from their first choice may reapply in 10 years for an “Any” license again. Those who receive a license on their second choice maintain eligibility for next year’s drawing. Residents may apply for the muzzleloader antlerless license every year.

<sup>2</sup> Residents may have up to 2 muzzleloader deer licenses, of which, only 1 can be an antlerless whitetail deer license.



(East River Deer, West River Deer, Black Hills Deer, National Wildlife Refuge Deer, Custer State Park Deer<sup>1,3</sup>, and Muzzleloader Deer<sup>2,4</sup>). Hunters would have the opportunity to pick up an additional 3 licenses.

5. **Leftovers** – After the 4<sup>th</sup> draw period remaining licenses would be issued first-come, first-served. Licenses are available to residents and non-residents<sup>3,5</sup> whether or not they already have a license. An individual may have an unlimited number of deer licenses for the 6 seasons and units or combination of the 6 seasons and units.
  - A preference point system would remain in place, and you would not lose your current points.
  - Landowner preference would remain unchanged.
  - No changes would be made to application processes for 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 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> drawing;
      - Up to 2 licenses through the 3<sup>rd</sup> drawing (any combination of East River Deer, West River Deer, Black Hills Deer, National Wildlife Refuge Deer, Custer State Park Deer<sup>1</sup>, and Muzzleloader Deer);
      - Up to 5 licenses (any combination East River Deer, West River Deer, Black Hills Deer, National Wildlife Refuge Deer, Custer State Park Deer<sup>1</sup>, and Muzzleloader Deer) through the 4<sup>th</sup> drawing;
      - Unlimited number after the 4<sup>th</sup> drawing.
      - The Special Buck license is included in this total.
      - Residents may have a maximum of 2 muzzleloader deer licenses, of which, only 1 can be an antlerless whitetail deer licenses.
    2. Non-Residents may have:
      - 1 license from the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> drawing (West River Deer, Black Hills Deer, National Wildlife Refuge Deer, and Muzzleloader Deer only);
      - Up to 2 licenses through the 3<sup>rd</sup> drawing (West River Deer, Black Hills Deer, National Wildlife Refuge Deer, and Muzzleloader Deer only);

<sup>3</sup> Non-residents are not eligible for Custer State Park Deer licenses.

<sup>4</sup> Non-resident muzzleloader deer applicants may apply for only the unlimited pool of Antlerless Deer permits. Applicants may only have one antlerless whitetail deer license.

<sup>5</sup> Leftover muzzleloader deer licenses: after the drawing, resident and non-resident licenses for type 13 (antlerless whitetail) will be open for application. There is a maximum of one license of this type per individual.



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- Up to 5 licenses (East River, West River Deer, Black Hills Deer, National Wildlife Refuge Deer, and Muzzleloader Deer only) through the 4<sup>th</sup> drawing;
- Unlimited number after the 4<sup>th</sup> drawing (East River, West River Deer, Black Hills Deer, National Wildlife Refuge Deer, and Muzzleloader Deer only).
- The Special Buck license is included in this total.
- Non-residents may have only 1 muzzleloader antlerless whitetail license.