

2026 WEST RIVER DEER



Draw	Application Opens	Application Closes	Results Available
First	05/27/2026	06/23/2026, 08:00 AM CDT	07/02/2026
Second	07/08/2026	07/22/2026, 08:00 AM CDT	07/27/2026
Third	07/29/2026	08/12/2026, 08:00 AM CDT	08/14/2026
Fourth	08/18/2026	09/01/2026, 08:00 AM CDT	09/04/2026
Leftovers	09/09/2026	11/29/2026, 12:00 AM CDT	

LICENSE AVAILABILITY

See pages 2-3 for complete list of available licenses.

SEASON DATES

November 14-29, 2026

Exceptions:

30A, 1st Interval: November 7-10, 2026

30A, 2nd Interval: November 23-29, 2026

58D: November 21-22, 2026

Antlerless only season: Only those tags specifically designated as "antlerless" are valid from December 12-20. Any Deer, Any Buck, or Any Whitetail tags do not convert for this antlerless only season.

IMPORTANT SEASON INFORMATION

Eligibility: Residents and nonresidents are eligible for all units, with some exceptions.

REMINDER: This season is a part of the combined deer draw in which individuals are restricted to the number of applications contingent on other applications and licenses held. Find detailed information at <https://gfp.sd.gov/hunt-fish-license/>.

Group Number Maximum: Six (6) applicants

Tribal lands: State licenses are valid on private, deeded lands within the exterior boundaries of an Indian reservation. Persons applying to hunt on Tribal lands should contact the appropriate tribal office concerning tribal lands.

GENERAL APPLICATION INFORMATION

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[Unit Descriptions and Map](#)

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FEE SCHEDULE

License Types	Resident	Nonresident
01 - one any deer	\$45	\$375
02 - one any buck deer	\$45	\$375
03 - one any antlerless deer	\$24	\$100
03P - one any antlerless deer	\$24	\$100
08 - one any deer and one any antlerless deer	\$60	\$425
09P - two any antlerless deer	\$36	\$150
11 - one any whitetail deer	\$45	\$375
13 - one antlerless whitetail deer	\$24	\$100
13P - one antlerless whitetail deer	\$24	\$100
18 - one any whitetail deer and one antlerless whitetail deer	\$60	\$425
19 - two antlerless whitetail deer	\$36	\$150
19P - two antlerless whitetail deer	\$36	\$150

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RETURN POLICY (NEW FOR 2026)

Return Deadline: August 1, 2026

Return Fee: \$10 - Residents | \$30 - Nonresidents

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LICENSE AVAILABILITY

Unit	General Area	Type	Resident	Nonresident
02A	East Pennington / Southeast Meade	01	400	32
		13P	50	4
		18	200	16
02C	Southeast Pennington	02	100	8
		11	25	2
11A	North Bennett	02	125	10
		11	50	4
11B	South Bennett	02	25	2
		11	50	4
15A	Butte	01	200	16
		18	600	48
		19P	500	40
15B	Southwest Butte / Northeast Lawrence	01	150	12
		18	400	32
		19P	200	16
20A	Corson	01	200	16
		03	50	4
		11	350	28
21A	East Custer / Central Pennington	02	100	8
		11	200	16
		13P	50	4
21B	Central Custer / South Central Pennington	01	50	4
		11	50	4
24A	Dewey	01	100	8
		11	250	20
		13	100	8
24B	Dewey, Little Moreau Recreation Area and GPA	11	10	1
		13	10	1
27A	North Fall River	02	100	8
		11	50	4
		13P	25	2
27B	South and West Fall River	02	200	16
		11	100	8
		13P	50	4

Unit	General Area	Type	Resident	Nonresident
27L	Fall River, Hill Ranch complex	02	5	1
		11	10	1
30A	Gregory (November 7-10 and 23-29)	11	450	36
		13P	100	8
30B	Gregory (November 14-29)	11	450	36
		13P	100	8
31A	Haakon	01	600	48
		03P	100	8
		08	75	6
		18	100	8
35A	West Harding	19	150	12
		01	275	22
		11	75	6
35C	East Harding	18	50	4
		01	200	16
		11	75	6
35L	Harding, Custer Gallatin NF (exc. West Short Pines and Long Pines)	03P	50	4
		01	75	6
		11	25	2
39A	North Jackson	18	50	4
		01	175	14
		11	50	4
39B	South Jackson	13P	50	4
		01	275	22
		11	50	4
41A	Jones	13	50	4
		01	200	16
		11	200	16
45A	South and Central Lyman	01	100	8
		11	350	28
45B	Southeast Lyman	01	50	4
		11	175	14

LICENSE AVAILABILITY, CONT'D

Unit	General Area	Type	Resident		Nonresident	
45C	Northeast Lyman	01	30	—	3	—
		13	20	—	2	—
45D	Fort Pierre National Grasslands area	01	30	—	3	—
		11	50	—	4	—
49A	Western Meade	01	500	—	40	—
		11	250	◆	20	◆
		13	150	—	12	—
49B	North and Central Meade	02	600	◆	48	◆
50A	Mellette	01	150	—	12	—
		11	400	—	32	—
53A	North Perkins	01	400	—	32	—
		09P	100	—	8	—
		18	250	—	20	—
		19P	100	—	8	—
53C	South Perkins	01	500	—	40	—
		09P	100	—	8	—
		11	250	◆	20	◆
		13P	100	◆	8	◆
58A	Stanley	01	150	—	12	—
		18	150	—	12	—
58D	Stanley, Wheelchair for mobility users only (Nov 21-22)	01	5	—	1	—
		13	3	—	1	—
60A	Tripp	01	50	—	4	—
		11	600	—	48	—
64A	Ziebach	01	250	—	20	—
		11	75	—	6	—
		19P	50	—	4	—
65A	Oglala Lakota	02	75	—	6	—
67A	Todd	01	75	—	6	—
		11	75	—	6	—

LICENSE CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR

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SEASON DATES

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RETURN POLICY (NEW FOR 2026)

Return Deadline: August 1, 2026

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NONRESIDENTS

All license numbers listed are for Residents only. No licenses are available to nonresidents until the leftover period. These are first-come, first-served.

LICENSE AVAILABILITY

Unit	General Area	Type	Resident
01A	Minnehaha (restrictions; see unit desc.)	01	300 ▼
03A	Brown (exc. Sand Lake NWR)	01	600 —
		13	300 —
04A	Beadle	11	450 —
05A	Codington	01	400 —
		13	200 —
06A	Brookings	01	400 —
		13	100 —
07A	Yankton	02	50 ▼
08A	Davison	02	50 ▼
10A	Aurora	11	200 —
12A	Bon Homme	02	50 ▼

LICENSE AVAILABILITY, CONT'D

Unit	General Area	Type	Resident	
13A	Brule (exc. 13L)	01	50	—
		11	500	—
13L	Brule, public lands around Brule Bottom and Pease GPAs	01	20	—
14A	Buffalo (exc. Pease GPA)	01	50	—
		11	150	—
16A	Campbell	01	30	—
		11	350	—
17A	Charles Mix (exc. Lake Andes NWR)	11	200	—
18A	Clark	01	600	—
		13	200	—
19A	Clay	02	50	▼
22A	Day (exc. Waubay NWR)	01	600	—
		13	300	—
23A	Deuel	01	500	—
		13	100	—
25A	Douglas	11	150	—
26A	Edmunds	01	500	—
		13	200	—
28A	Faulk	01	600	—
		13	400	—
29A	Grant	01	400	—
		13	100	—
32A	Hamlin	01	600	—
		13	100	—
33A	Hand	01	10	—
		11	300	—
34A	Hanson	02	100	▼
36A	Hughes (exc. areas around Pierre)	01	150	—
		11	250	—
37A	Hutchinson	02	50	▼
38A	Hyde	01	10	—
		11	300	—
40A	Jerauld	11	200	—

Unit	General Area	Type	Resident	
42A	Kingsbury	01	500	—
		13	200	—
43A	Lake	01	300	—
		13	100	—
44A	Lincoln (exc. Newton Hills SP)	02	50	▼
46A	McCook	01	200	▼
47A	McPherson	01	500	—
		13	400	—
48A	Marshall	01	500	—
		13	50	—
51A	Miner	01	400	—
		13	350	—
52A	Moody	01	300	—
		13	100	—
54A	Potter	01	50	—
		11	400	—
55A	Roberts	01	500	—
		13	50	—
56A	Sanborn	11	150	▼
57A	Spink	01	700	—
		13	200	—
59A	Sully, west of US 83	01	100	—
		11	75	—
59B	Sully, east of US 83	01	20	—
		11	75	—
61A	Turner	02	50	▼
62A	Union	02	50	▼
63A	Walworth	01	50	—
		11	400	—
		13	100	—

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2026 BLACK HILLS & CSP DEER



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First	05/27/2026	06/23/2026, 08:00 AM CDT	07/02/2026
Second	07/08/2026	07/22/2026, 08:00 AM CDT	07/27/2026
Third	07/29/2026	08/12/2026, 08:00 AM CDT	08/14/2026
Fourth	08/18/2026	09/01/2026, 08:00 AM CDT	09/04/2026
Leftovers	09/09/2026	11/30/2026, 12:00 AM CDT	

BLACK HILLS DEER (BHD)

IMPORTANT SEASON INFORMATION

Eligibility: Residents and nonresidents are eligible.
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LICENSE AVAILABILITY

Unit	General Area	Type	Resident	Nonresident
BH1	Black Hills	02	200	16
		12	2750	220

CUSTER STATE PARK DEER (CUD)

IMPORTANT SEASON INFORMATION

Eligibility: South Dakota residents who have received a license in CSP that allows the harvest of a buck in the preceding nine years are NOT eligible to apply. Residents may apply for the antlerless whitetail deer season license every year.

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LICENSE AVAILABILITY

Unit	General Area	Type	Resident
CU1	Custer State Park	11	25

FEE SCHEDULE

License Types	Resident	Nonresident
02 - one any buck deer	\$45	\$375
11 - one any whitetail deer	\$156	
CSP Deer only		
12 - one buck whitetail deer	\$45	\$375

RETURN POLICY (NEW FOR 2026)

Return Deadline: August 1, 2026

Return Fee: \$10 - Residents | \$30 - Nonresidents

A fee will be assessed if a customer returns their license. They will also be ineligible for any subsequent draws that year for that respective season.

SEASON DATES

November 1-30, 2026

GENERAL APPLICATION INFORMATION

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2026 MUZZLELOADER DEER



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ST1-02	05/27/2026	06/23/2026, 08:00 AM CDT	07/02/2026

Over the Counter	Purchases Open	Purchases Close
LM1-13	09/03/2026	01/01/2027, 12:00 AM CDT

LICENSE AVAILABILITY

Unit	General Area	Type	Resident	Nonresident
ST1	Statewide	02	1000	
LM1	Open antlerless units	13	Unlimited	Unlimited

Open Antlerless Deer Units LM1-13

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

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

IMPORTANT SEASON INFORMATION

Eligibility: Residents and nonresidents are eligible.

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"Antlerless whitetail" muzzleloader licenses, restricted to one per individual, are not included in the combined deer draw, and can be purchased first-come, first-served.

Closures: Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge, Lake Andes National Wildlife Refuge, Waubay National Wildlife Refuge, Waubay State Game Refuge, Farm Island State Recreation Area, LaFramboise Island Nature Area, Custer State Park.

Group Number Maximum: Six (6) applicants

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

- Telescopic sights prohibited.
- Muzzleloader rifles must shoot a .44 caliber or larger bullet and muzzleloader pistols must shoot a .50 caliber or larger bullet.

FEE SCHEDULE

License Types	Resident	Nonresident
02 - one any buck deer	\$45	
13 - one antlerless whitetail deer	\$24	\$100

RETURN POLICY (NEW FOR 2026)

Return Deadline: August 1, 2026

Return Fee: \$10 - Residents | \$30 - Nonresidents

A fee will be assessed if a customer returns their license. They will also be ineligible for any subsequent draws that year for that respective season.

SEASON DATES

December 1, 2026 - January 1, 2027

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2026 NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE DEER



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First	05/27/2026	06/23/2026, 08:00 AM CDT	07/02/2026
Second	07/08/2026	07/22/2026, 08:00 AM CDT	07/27/2026
Third	07/29/2026	08/12/2026, 08:00 AM CDT	08/14/2026
Fourth	08/18/2026	09/01/2026, 08:00 AM CDT	09/04/2026
Leftovers	09/09/2026	12/13/2026, 12:00 AM CDT	

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License Types	Resident	Nonresident
01 - one any deer	\$45	\$375

RETURN POLICY *(NEW FOR 2026)*

Return Deadline: August 1, 2026

Return Fee: \$10 - Residents | \$30 - Nonresidents

A fee will be assessed if a customer returns their license. They will also be ineligible for any subsequent draws that year for that respective season.

LICENSE AVAILABILITY and SEASON DATES

Unit <i>General Area</i>	Type	Resident		Nonresident	
LC1 LaCreek NWR - muzzleloader only - (October 21-27, 2026)	01	10	—	1	—
LC2 LaCreek NWR - muzzleloader only - (November 25 - December 1, 2026)	01	10	—	1	—
SL1 Sand Lake NWR - muzzleloader only - (November 14-18, 2026)	01	20	—	2	—
SL2 Sand Lake NWR (November 19-23, 2026)	01	20	—	2	—
SL4 Sand Lake NWR - muzzleloader only - (November 30 - December 6, 2026)	01	20	—	2	—
SL5 Sand Lake NWR (December 7-13, 2026)	01	20	—	2	—
WA1 Waubay NWR/SWR - muzzleloader only - (November 14-22, 2026)	01	10	—	1	—
WA3 Waubay NWR/SWR - muzzleloader only - (November 28 - December 6, 2026)	01	10	—	1	—

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