

## GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

### RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	April 4-5, 2019	Rapid City
	Public Hearing	May 2, 2019	Custer State Park
	Finalization	May 2-3, 2019	Custer State Park

### RECOMMENDATION

#### 1. The Issue

- Why make the change [1], what are the change alternatives [14], how will public/stakeholder input be solicited [9], and how will the change be evaluated if implemented [17]?

#### 2. Historical Considerations

- What are the current and projected trends in resident and nonresident license sales [5], documented and/or perceived hunter densities [7] and the ramifications of these densities [6]?
- How do neighboring states address the identified issue [15]?

#### 3. Biological Considerations

- What is the current and projected status of the population [2] and habitat conditions [3] for these populations?
- What proportional contributions of habitat for the population(s) originate from non-government organizations and state vs. national programs and property [4]?

#### 4. Social Considerations

- How would the change affect resident and nonresident: current and future generations of families [8], opportunities to expand outdoor recreation participation [10] and patterns of land ownership [8].

#### 5. Financial considerations

- What are the financial implications of the change for current and future: revenue for GFP [11]; the proportional contributions of revenue from residents and nonresidents to support species and habitat management programs [4], and the ability of GFP to support species and habitat management programs [5], program income for landowners to manage habitat, sales tax collections in SD, and personal income of business owners and their employees [12].

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## SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

### SD GFP COMMISSION RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

1. What proposal is being made, by whom, and for what stated reason(s)?
2. What is the current biological status of the species, including abundance, and what is reasonably foreseeable in the future? This is the first and foundational factor.
3. Regarding habitat: (a) where is SD? (b) who owns – private or public (state, federal); (c) abundance; (d) quality; (e) management; and (f) any future changes?
4. Contributions to habitat and species by residents, nonresidents (fees, federal excise taxes, NGO's public landownership, other), government, local communities, other.
5. Current license structure and number of licenses sought/obtained by residents and nonresidents each of last 5 years? Any trend? Likely future demand?
6. If resident/nonresident conflict is an issue, what is the claimed conflict: (a) access; (b) species abundance; (c) available licenses; (d) safety; or (e) other?
7. If overcrowding is an issues: (a) what is the basis for the concern; (b) is it quantifiable – has it been, how and by whom; (c) is it practical for the Department to attempt to quantify (would results matter)? Is there objective proof?
8. Do nonresidents have connections to SD – family, business, habitat ownership?
9. What's best way to communicate with the public on this proposal; what have all stakeholders communicated?
10. Would the proposed change encourage recruitment, retention and reactivation?
11. What is the likely financial effect on the proposal of GFP budget, taking into account license revenue the last 5 years along with reasonable future projections?
12. What is the likely financial effect on: (a) local SD communities including associated businesses; (b) the state of South Dakota; (c) landowners; (d) outfitters; and other?
13. Would a change for residents also be appropriate under the current circumstances?
14. Are there alternative ways to address the concern – should they be explored?
15. Are approaches in other states pertinent, do they provide guidance?
16. What's best for the greater good – is fair and reasonable?
17. How will Commission define success; when and how will it determine if achieved?

APPROVE \_\_\_\_\_

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NO ACTION \_\_\_\_\_

# GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

## East River Deer Hunting Season

Chapter 41:06:21

<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b> <b>Proposal</b> <b>Public Hearing</b> <b>Finalization</b>	<b>April 4-5, 2019</b> <b>May 2, 2019</b> <b>May 2-3, 2019</b>	<b>Rapid City</b> <b>Custer State Park</b> <b>Custer State Park</b>
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### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

**Duration of Recommendation:** 2019 and 2020 hunting seasons

**Season Dates:** November 23 – December 8, 2019  
 December 14-22, 2019 – for antlerless deer tags only

November 21 – December 6, 2020  
 December 12-20, 2020 – for antlerless deer tags only

**Open Area:** See the attached map

**Licenses:** 24,510 one-tag and 2,800 two-tag licenses (total of 30,110 tags)

### **Requirements and Restrictions:**

1. One-half of the licenses allocated in each unit are available for landowner/operator preference.
2. In addition to these licenses, 500 "any deer" licenses are available through the "Special Buck" application.
3. Landowners not possessing a license that allows the harvest of a buck may purchase an "any deer" or a two-tag "any deer + antlerless deer" license that is valid on their property only.
4. Initially, all licenses are available only to residents. Nonresidents may apply for licenses remaining after the fourth lottery drawing.
5. A portion of southeastern Minnehaha County is closed to hunting with firearms other than muzzleloaders and shotguns using slugs.
6. Only unfilled "any antlerless deer" and "antlerless whitetail deer" tags are valid for 9 days beginning on the third Saturday after Thanksgiving.

### **Recommended changes from last year:**

1. Adjust resident license numbers from no more than 21,075 one-tag and 5,250 two-tag deer licenses to no more than 24,510 one-tag and 2,800 two-tag tag deer licenses.
2. Establish Units 13P (Brule County), 33P (Hand County), 36P (Hughes County), and 38P (Hyde County). These units are for antlerless whitetail deer licenses and would be valid on private land only; all public lands are closed to license holders within these respective units, including Walk-in Areas.

Year	Buck Tags	Doe Tags	Total Tags
2017-2018	18,855	12,715	31,575
2019-2020	19,085	11,025	30,110

Buck Tags (+5%)

Doe Tags (-13%)

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## SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

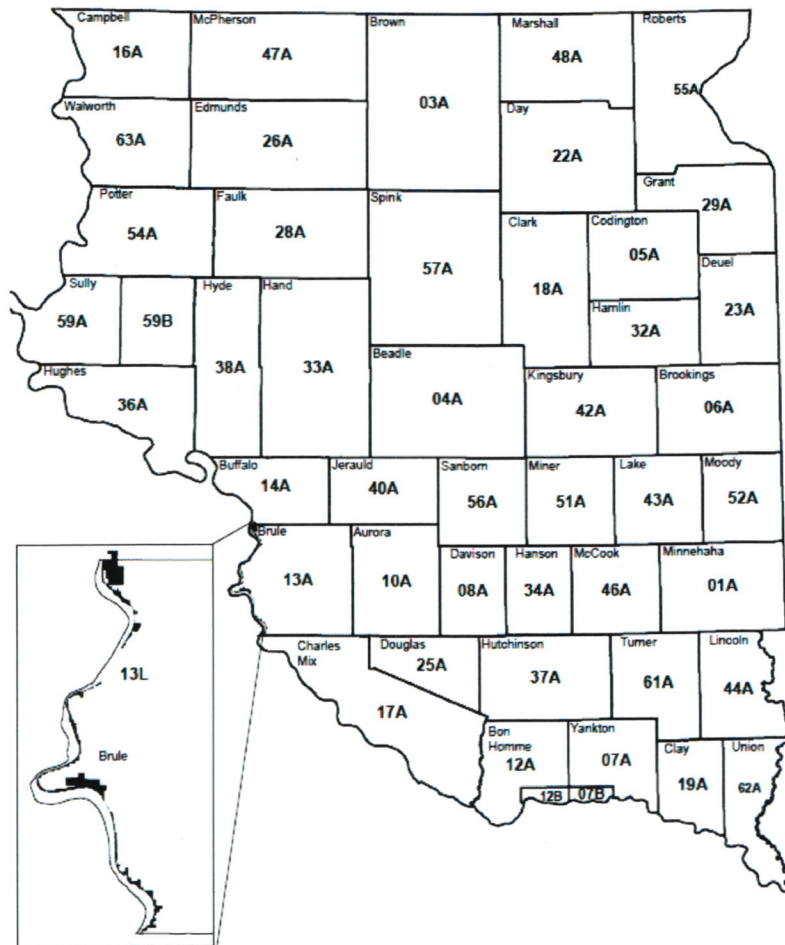
The recommendation to establish private land-only units is a management tool that is being considered to meet deer management population objectives and focus the harvest of antlerless whitetail deer on private land.

Year	Licenses	WT Bucks	WT Does	MD Bucks	MD Does	All Deer	Tag Success
	Sold	Harvested	Harvested	Harvested	Harvested	Harvested	
2014	25,171	9,679	5,864	254	48	15,845	55%
2015	26,752	10,041	6,413	246	59	16,759	53%
2016	25,479	8,755	7,207	287	69	16,319	44%
2017	25,406	9,143	5,485	194	57	14,879	48%
2018	26,375	9,087	5,470	238	57	14,853	48%

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# EAST RIVER DEER UNITS



**2019-2020 – License and Tag Numbers by Unit**

Unit	Licenses	Tags	Unit	Licenses	Tags	Unit	Licenses	Tags
01A	650	650	18A	700	700	43A	400	400
03A	2,000	2,000	19A	300	300	44A	300	300
04A	700	700	22A	700	700	46A	550	550
05A	350	350	23A	500	500	47A	1,000	1,000
06A	550	550	25A	350	350	48A	600	600
07A	300	300	26A	1,300	1,300	51A	750	750
07B	75	75	28A	1,200	1,200	52A	550	550
08A	200	200	29A	300	300	54A	1,050	1,550
10A	500	500	32A	700	700	55A	600	600
12A	250	250	33A	870	1,720	56A	550	550
12B	50	50	34A	200	200	57A	1,300	1,300
13A	1,000	1,800	36A	525	525	59A	350	350
13L	20	20	37A	150	150	59B	370	370
14A	350	600	38A	720	1,420	61A	100	100
16A	580	580	40A	600	700	62A	400	400
17A	400	400	42A	600	600	63A	750	750

EAST RIVER DEER  
2017-18 vs. 2019-20  
Comparison

Unit #	Unit Name	2017-18 Resident Licenses	2019-20 Resident Licenses	# Change	% Change	2017-18 Resident Tags	2019-20 Resident Tags	# Change	% Change
01A	Minnehaha	550	650	100	18%	550	650	100	18%
03A	Brown	2,400	2,000	-400	-17%	2,400	2,000	-400	-17%
04A	Beadle	600	700	100	17%	600	700	100	17%
05A	Codington	250	350	100	40%	250	350	100	40%
06A	Brookings	550	550	0	0%	550	550	0	0%
07A	Yankton	250	300	50	20%	250	300	50	20%
07B	Yankton	75	75	0	0%	75	75	0	0%
08A	Davison	200	200	0	0%	200	200	0	0%
10A	Aurora	550	500	-50	-9%	550	500	-50	-9%
12A	Bon Homme	150	250	100	67%	150	250	100	67%
12B	Bon Homme	50	50	0	0%	50	50	0	0%
13A	Brule	900	1,000	100	11%	1,100	1,800	700	64%
13L	Brule	20	20	0	0%	20	20	0	0%
14A	Buffalo	350	350	0	0%	600	600	0	0%
16A	Campbell	720	580	-140	-19%	720	580	-140	-19%
17A	Charles Mix	250	400	150	60%	250	400	150	60%
18A	Clark	600	700	100	17%	600	700	100	17%
19A	Clay	200	300	100	50%	200	300	100	50%
22A	Day	600	700	100	17%	600	700	100	17%
23A	Deuel	400	500	100	25%	400	500	100	25%
25A	Douglas	150	350	200	133%	150	350	200	133%
26A	Edmunds	1,300	1,300	0	0%	2,600	1,300	-1,300	-50%
28A	Faulk	1,400	1,200	-200	-14%	2,800	1,200	-1,600	-57%
29A	Grant	300	300	0	0%	300	300	0	0%
32A	Hamlin	600	700	100	17%	600	700	100	17%
33A	Hand	870	870	0	0%	870	1,420	550	63%
34A	Hanson	200	200	0	0%	200	200	0	0%
36A	Hughes	600	525	-75	-13%	600	525	-75	-13%
37A	Hutchinson	100	150	50	50%	100	150	50	50%
38A	Hyde	720	720	0	0%	1,420	1,320	-100	-7%
40A	Jerauld	550	600	50	9%	550	700	150	27%
42A	Kingsbury	600	600	0	0%	600	600	0	0%
43A	Lake	400	400	0	0%	400	400	0	0%
44A	Lincoln	250	300	50	20%	250	300	50	20%
46A	McCook	450	550	100	22%	450	550	100	22%
47A	McPherson	1,000	1,000	0	0%	1,500	1,000	-500	-33%
48A	Marshall	500	600	100	20%	500	600	100	20%
51A	Miner	750	750	0	0%	750	750	0	0%
52A	Moody	450	550	100	22%	450	550	100	22%
54A	Potter	1,050	1,050	0	0%	1,950	1,550	-400	-21%
55A	Roberts	500	600	100	20%	500	600	100	20%
56A	Sanborn	550	550	0	0%	550	550	0	0%
57A	Spink	1,300	1,300	0	0%	1,300	1,300	0	0%
59A	Sully	450	350	-100	-22%	450	350	-100	-22%
59B	Sully	470	370	-100	-21%	470	370	-100	-21%
61A	Turner	100	100	0	0%	100	100	0	0%
62A	Union	300	400	100	33%	300	400	100	33%
63A	Walworth	750	750	0	0%	750	750	0	0%
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26,325</b>	<b>27,310</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>31,575</b>	<b>30,110</b>	<b>-1,465</b>	<b>-5%</b>

# GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

## West River Deer Hunting Season

Chapter 41:06:20

<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>April 4-5, 2019</b>	<b>Rapid City</b>
	<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>May 2, 2019</b>	<b>Custer State Park</b>
	<b>Finalization</b>	<b>May 2-3, 2019</b>	<b>Custer State Park</b>

### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

**Duration of Recommendation:** 2019 and 2020 hunting seasons

**Season Dates:** All units excluding Gregory County: November 16 – December 1, 2019  
 Gregory County (Unit 30A): Nov. 9-12 and Nov. 25 – Dec. 1, 2019  
 Gregory County (Unit 30B): November 16 – December 1, 2019  
 Antlerless deer tags only: December 14-22, 2019

All units excluding Gregory County: November 14-29, 2020  
 Gregory County (Unit 30A): Nov. 7-10 and Nov. 23-29, 2020  
 Gregory County (Unit 30B): November 14-29, 2020  
 Antlerless deer tags only: December 12-20, 2020

**Open Area:** See the attached map

**Licenses:** Residents: 12,308 one-tag, 5,220 two-tag, and 400 three-tag licenses  
 Nonresidents: 989 one-tag, 418 two-tag, and 32 three-tag licenses

**Requirements and Restrictions:**

1. 500 resident and 500 nonresident "any deer" licenses are available through the "Special Buck" application.
2. One-half of the licenses allocated in each unit are available for landowner/operator preference applicants.
3. Landowners may also purchase an "any deer" or "any deer + any antlerless deer" license that is valid only on their property as long they do not hold a regular West River deer license that allows the harvest of a buck.
4. Only persons using a wheelchair may apply for the licenses in Stanley County (Unit 58D) designated as a special "Hunters with Disabilities Unit."

**Recommended changes from last year:**

1. Adjust resident license numbers from no more than 15,340 one-tag and 3,320 two-tag deer licenses to 12,308 one-tag, 5,220 two-tag deer licenses and 400 three-tag deer licenses.
2. Establish Units 15P (includes that portion valid within Unit 15A of Butte County), 27P (includes that portion valid within Unit 27B of Fall River County), and 45P (includes that portion valid within Unit 45B of Lyman County). These units are for antlerless whitetail deer licenses and would be private land only; all public lands are closed to license holders within these respective units, including Walk-in Areas.

Year	Buck Tags	Doe Tags	Total Tags
2017-2018	16,175	5,805	21,980
2019-2020	15,895	8,053	23,948

Buck Tags (-2%)  
 Doe Tags (+39%)

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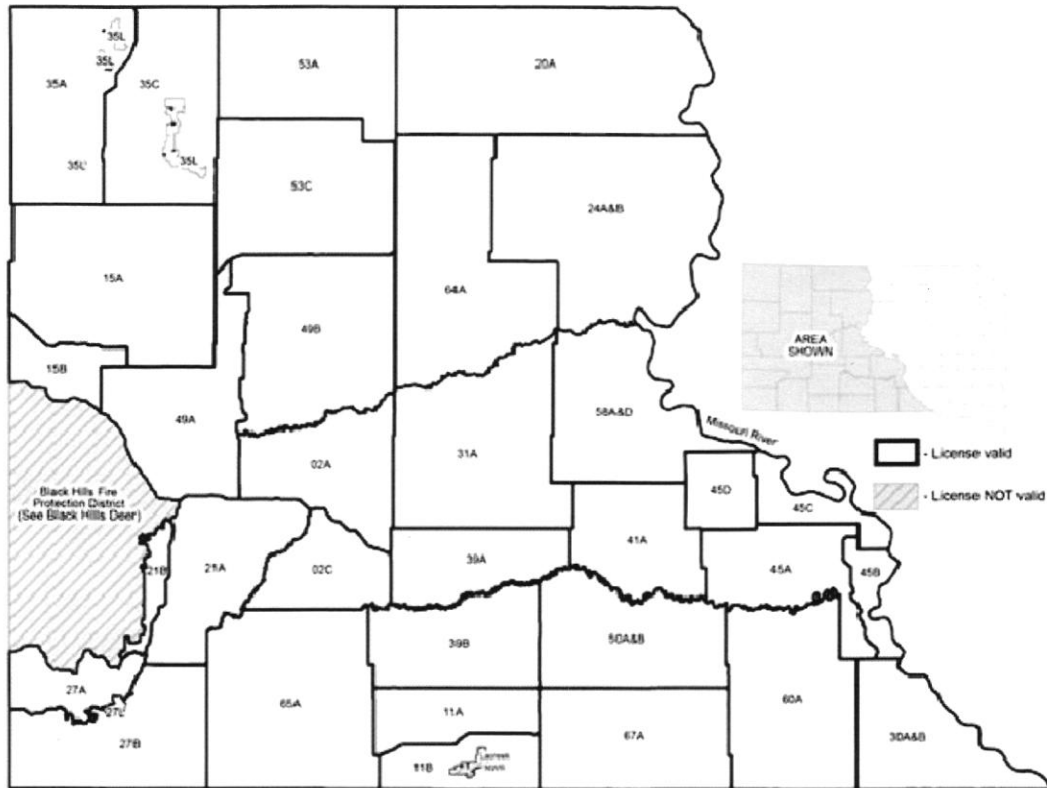
## SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

The recommendation to establish private land-only units is a management tool that is being considered to meet deer management population objectives and focus the harvest of antlerless whitetail deer on private land.

Year	Licenses Sold	WT Bucks Harvested	WT Does Harvested	MD Bucks Harvested	MD Does Harvested	All Deer Harvested	Tag Success
2014	19,828	6,641	2,244	2,448	274	11,607	59%
2015	19,565	7,739	2,367	2,804	182	13,091	61%
2016	21,237	7,600	3,557	2,869	257	14,283	53%
2017	20,142	6,896	2,799	3,373	213	13,280	56%
2018	20,163	6,696	2,916	3,320	250	13,182	56%

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# WEST RIVER DEER UNITS



2019 and 2020 - West River Deer License & Tag Numbers

Unit	Resident		Nonresident		Unit	Resident		Nonresident	
	Licenses	Tags	Licenses	Tags		Licenses	Tags	Licenses	Tags
02A	600	800	48	64	35L	100	100	8	8
02C	150	150	12	12	39A	250	250	20	20
11A	250	250	20	20	39B	375	375	30	30
11B	200	200	16	16	41A	450	450	36	36
15A	1,125	2,275	90	182	45A	650	750	52	60
15B	800	1,600	64	128	45B	200	300	16	24
20A	450	450	36	36	45C	50	70	5	7
21A	325	325	26	26	45D	60	60	6	6
21B	200	200	16	16	49A	1,150	1,600	92	128
24A	450	450	36	36	49B	1,300	1,500	104	120
24B	20	20	2	2	50A	850	850	68	68
27A	125	125	10	10	53A	700	1,200	56	96
27B	550	550	44	44	53C	1,000	1,600	80	128
27L	15	15	2	2	58A	200	200	16	16
30A	625	725	50	58	58D	8	8	2	2
30B	625	725	50	58	60A	1,300	2,200	104	176
31A	800	800	64	64	64A	500	500	40	40
35A	700	1,100	56	88	65A	75	75	6	6
35C	550	950	44	76	67A	150	150	12	12

WEST RIVER DEER  
2017-18 vs. 2019-20 Comparison

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Unit #	Unit Name	2017-2018 Resident Licenses	2019-2020 Resident Licenses	# Change	% Change	2017-2018 Resident Tags	2019-2020 Resident Tags	# Change	% Change
02A	Pennington	600	600	0	0%	800	800	0	0%
02C	Pennington	150	150	0	0%	150	150	0	0%
11A	Bennett	250	250	0	0%	250	250	0	0%
11B	Bennett	225	200	-25	-11%	225	200	-25	-11%
15A	Butte	1,100	1,125	25	2%	2,000	2,275	275	14%
15B	Butte	800	800	0	0%	1,450	1,600	150	10%
20A	Corson	400	450	50	13%	400	450	50	13%
21A	Custer	300	325	25	8%	300	325	25	8%
21B	Custer	200	200	0	0%	200	200	0	0%
24A	Dewey	450	450	0	0%	450	450	0	0%
24B	Little Moreau	20	20	0	0%	20	20	0	0%
27A	Fall River	100	125	25	25%	100	125	25	25%
27B	Fall River	500	550	50	10%	500	550	50	10%
27L	Fall River	20	15	-5	-25%	20	15	-5	-25%
30A	Gregory	625	625	0	0%	725	725	0	0%
30B	Gregory	625	625	0	0%	725	725	0	0%
31A	Haakon	850	800	-50	-6%	850	800	-50	-6%
35A	Harding	850	700	-150	-18%	850	1,100	250	29%
35C	Harding	650	550	-100	-15%	650	950	300	46%
35L	Harding	125	100	-25	-20%	125	100	-25	-20%
39A	Jackson	250	250	0	0%	250	250	0	0%
39B	Jackson	400	375	-25	-6%	400	375	-25	-6%
41A	Jones	450	450	0	0%	450	450	0	0%
45A	Lyman	650	650	0	0%	750	750	0	0%
45B	Lyman	250	200	-50	-20%	250	300	50	20%
45C	Lyman	50	50	0	0%	70	70	0	0%
45D	Lyman	60	60	0	0%	60	60	0	0%
49A	Meade	1,100	1,150	50	5%	1,100	1,600	500	45%
49B	Meade	1,400	1,300	-100	-7%	1,400	1,500	100	7%
50A	Mellette	850	850	0	0%	850	850	0	0%
53A	Perkins	850	700	-150	-18%	1,400	1,200	-200	-14%
53C	Perkins	1,200	1,000	-200	-17%	1,900	1,600	-300	-16%
58A	Stanley	200	200	0	0%	200	200	0	0%
58D	Stanley	10	8	-2	-20%	10	8	-2	-20%
60A	Tripp	1,350	1,300	-50	-4%	1,350	2,200	850	63%
64A	Ziebach	500	500	0	0%	500	500	0	0%
65A	Oglala Lakota	100	75	-25	-25%	100	75	-25	-25%
67A	Todd	150	150	0	0%	150	150	0	0%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>18,660</b>	<b>17,928</b>	<b>-732</b>	<b>-4%</b>	<b>21,980</b>	<b>23,948</b>	<b>1,968</b>	<b>9%</b>

Note: An additional 8% of the number of licenses will be available to nonresidents.



# GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

## Black Hills Deer Hunting Season

Chapter 41:06:19

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	April 4-5, 2019	Rapid City
	Public Hearing	May 2, 2019	Custer State Park
	Finalization	May 2-3, 2019	Custer State Park

### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

**Duration of Recommendation:** 2019 and 2020 hunting seasons

**Season Dates:** November 1-30

**Open Area:** Black Hills

**Licenses:** 200 resident and 16 nonresident "Any" deer licenses  
3,500 resident and 280 nonresident "Any Whitetail" deer licenses  
1,100 resident and 88 nonresident "Antlerless Whitetail" deer licenses

### **Requirements and Restrictions:**

1. One-half of the resident licenses allocated for each unit are available for landowner preference.

### **Recommended changes from last year:**

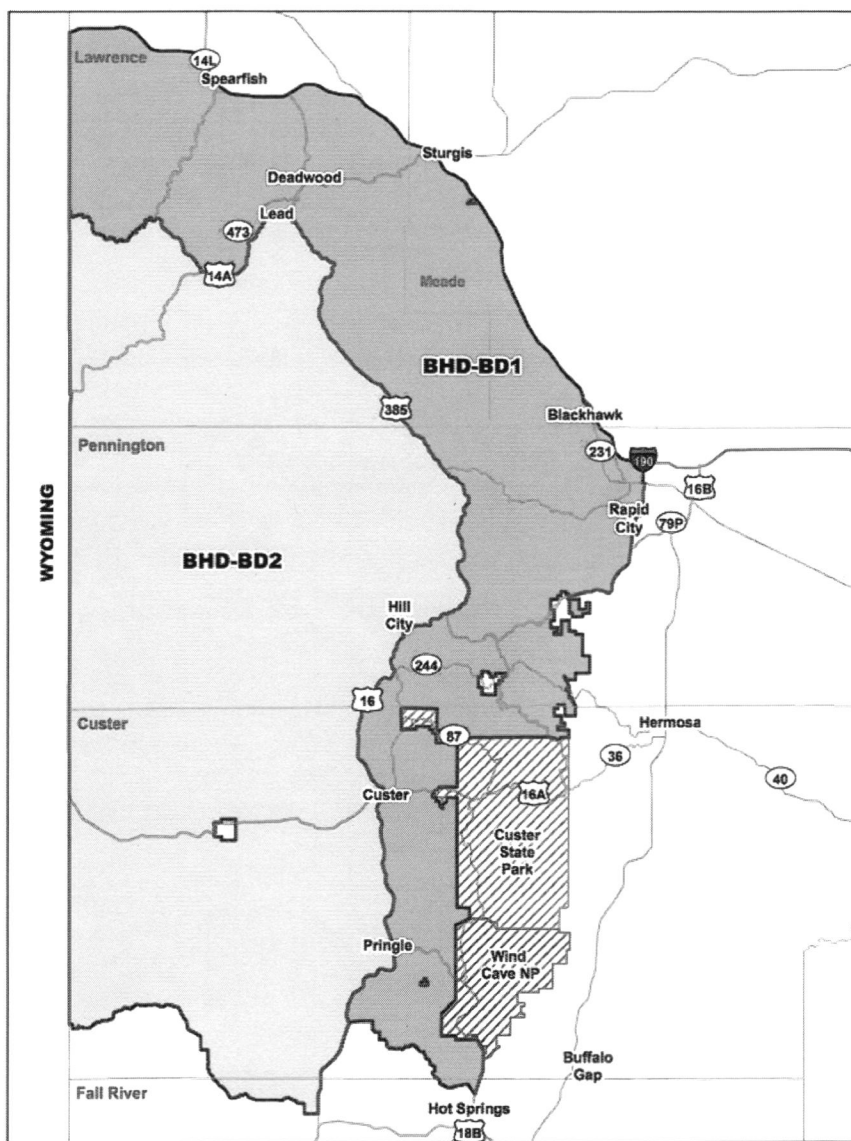
1. Adjust the number of resident licenses from no more than 4,300 one-tag deer licenses to no more than 4,800 one-tag deer licenses.

### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Year	Resident Licenses	Nonresident Licenses	WT Bucks Harvested	WT Does Harvested	MD Bucks Harvested	MD Does Harvested	All Deer Harvested	Hunter Success
2014	3,242	256	2,076	275	59	0	2,410	69%
2015	3,741	294	2,533	307	74	2	2,917	72%
2016	4,120	325	2,604	505	86	2	3,198	72%
2017	4,319	343	2,616	630	79	0	3,325	71%
2018	4,366	342	2,260	643	86	12	3,001	64%

APPROVE \_\_\_\_\_ MODIFY \_\_\_\_\_ REJECT \_\_\_\_\_ NO ACTION \_\_\_\_\_

# BLACK HILLS DEER UNITS



**BH1 – All of the area in BD1 and BD2**

## Black Hills Deer Licenses – 2019 and 2020

Unit	Resident Licenses			Nonresident Licenses		
	Any Deer	Any Whitetail	Antlerless Whitetail	Any Deer	Any Whitetail	Antlerless Whitetail
BH1	200	3,500	0	16	200	0
BD1	0	0	1,000	0	0	80
BD2	0	0	100	0	0	8



BLACK HILLS DEER  
2017-2018 vs. 2019-2020 Comparison

Unit	Resident Licenses											
	Any Deer				Any Whitetail				Antlerless Whitetail			
	Year		Change		Year		Change		Year		Change	
	2017-2018	2019-2020	#	%	2017-2018	2019-2020	#	%	2017-2018	2019-2020	#	%
BD1									500	1000	500	100%
BD2									100	100	0	0%
BH1	200	200	0	0%	3,500	3,500	0	0%				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>83%</b>

Note: An additional 8% of the number of licenses will be available to nonresidents.

# GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

## National Wildlife Refuge Deer Hunting Season

Chapter 41:06:36 & 41:06:22

<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>April 4-5, 2019</b>	<b>Rapid City</b>
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	<b>Finalization</b>	<b>May 2-3, 2019</b>	<b>Custer State Park</b>

### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

**Duration of Recommendation:** 2019 and 2020 hunting seasons

**2019 Season Dates:** Sand Lake NWR November 9-13, November 14-18, November 19-24, November 25 – December 1, December 2-8, and December 9-17 (unfilled antlerless licenses only).  
 Lacreek NWR October 16-22 and November 27 – December 3.  
 Waubay NWR\* November 16-24 and November 30 – December 8.  
 \* includes Waubay State Game Refuge

**2020 Season Dates:** Sand Lake NWR November 14-18, November 19-23, November 24-29, November 30 – December 6, December 7-13, and December 14-22 (unfilled antlerless licenses only).  
 Lacreek NWR October 21-27 and November 25 – December 1.  
 Waubay NWR\* November 14-22 and November 28 – December 6.  
 \* includes Waubay State Game Refuge

**Licenses:** Sand Lake NWR Resident: 80 "any deer" and 25 "any antlerless deer" licenses  
 Nonresident: 8 "any deer" and 2 "any antlerless deer" licenses  
 Lacreek NWR Residents: 20 "any deer" licenses  
 Nonresidents: 2 "any deer" licenses  
 Waubay NWR Residents: 20 "any deer" licenses  
 Nonresidents: 2 "any deer" licenses

### **Requirements and Restrictions:**

1. The first season on Sand Lake NWR, all seasons on Lacreek NWR and Waubay NWR are restricted to muzzleloaders.
2. Applicants may apply for only one refuge unit (season) in the first application period.
3. Licenses remaining after the first application period may be purchased by any resident or nonresident on a first-come, first serve basis.

### **Recommended changes from last year:**

1. For Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge, adjust the number of resident licenses from no more than 25 one-tag deer licenses to no more than 20 one-tag licenses.
2. For Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge, adjust the number of resident licenses from no more than 150 one-tag deer licenses to no more than 105 one-tag licenses.
3. For Waubay National Wildlife Refuge, modify the season dates as follows: WA1 would open for ~~8~~ 9 consecutive days beginning seven days before the beginning of the East River deer season; WA2 would open for ~~8~~ 5 consecutive days beginning on day following the end of WA1; and WA3 would open for ~~7~~ 9 consecutive days beginning on the day following the end of WA2.
4. Make an allowance for antlerless archery deer licenses to be valid for the Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge.
5. For unfilled antlerless deer licenses for the Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge, change current rule from "nine consecutive days beginning on the Saturday following December 25" to "nine consecutive days beginning on the day following the end of the Unit RFD-SL5 season".

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## SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Waubay National Wildlife Refuge currently has 2 of 3 seasons open. The recommended changes to the respective season dates would allow for the current open seasons to run for 9 consecutive days and include two full weekends for licensed hunters.

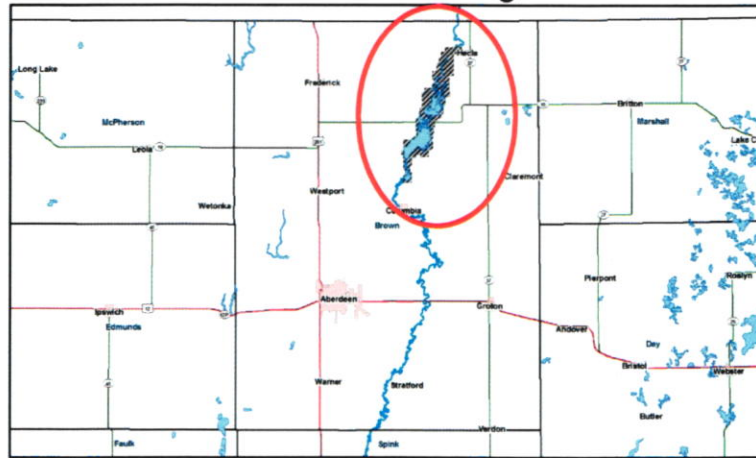
Table includes harvest data from Sand Lake, Lacreek and Waubay National Wildlife Refuges.

Year	Licenses	Bucks Harvested	Does Harvested	Total Harvest	Hunter Success
2014	200	60	6	66	33%
2015	212	59	6	65	31%
2016	200	40	11	51	26%
2017	215	57	19	76	35%
2018	195	60	21	81	42%

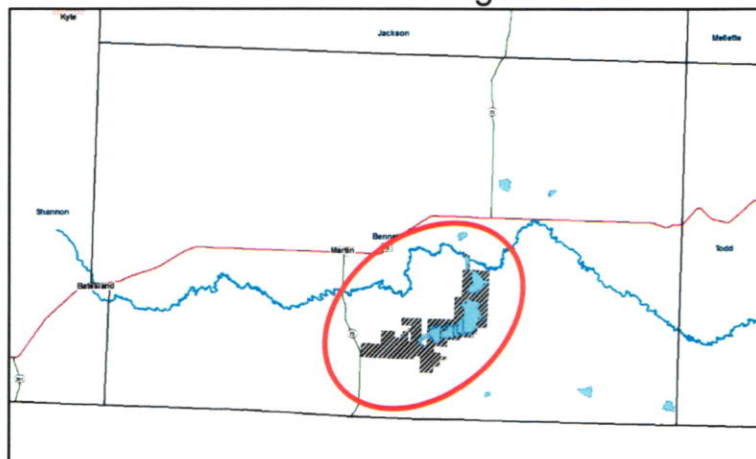
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# REFUGE DEER UNITS

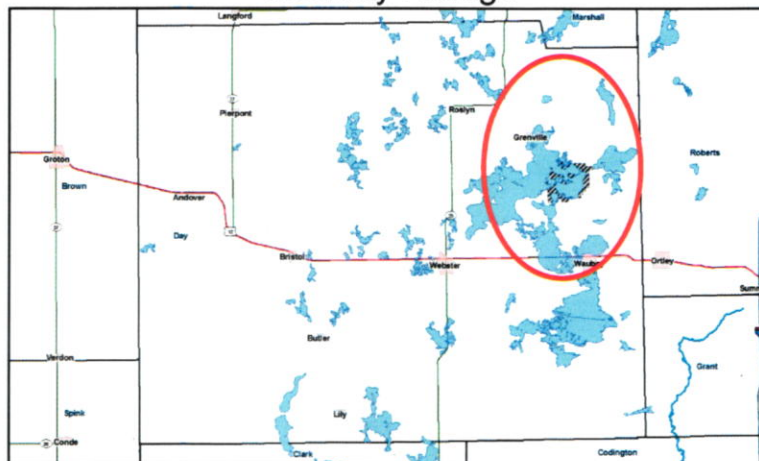
## Sand Lake Refuge



## Lacreek Refuge



## Waubay Refuge



REFUGE DEER  
2017-18 vs. 2019-20  
Comparison

Refuge Unit	Resident Licenses							
	Any Deer				Antlerless Deer			
	Year		Change		Year		Change	
	2017-18	2019-20	#	%	2017-18	2019-20	#	%
Lacreek Refuge								
RFD-LC1	15	10	-5	-33%				
RFD-LC2	10	10	0	0%				
Sand Lake Refuge								
RFD-SL1	20	20	0	0%	10	0	-10	-100%
RFD-SL2	20	20	0	0%	10	0	-10	-100%
RFD-SL3	20	20	0	0%	10	0	-10	-100%
RFD-SL4	20	0	-20	-100%	10	25	15	150%
RFD-SL5	20	20	0	0%	10	0	-10	-100%
Waubay Refuge								
RFD-WA1	10	10	0	0%				
RFD-WA2	0	0	0	0%				
RFD-WA3	10	10	0	0%				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>-25</b>	<b>-17%</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>-25</b>	<b>-50%</b>

Note: An additional 8% of the number of licenses will be available to nonresidents.

# GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

24-16

## Custer State Park Deer Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:41

<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Proposal</b> April 4-5, 2019 <b>Public Hearing</b> May 2, 2019 <b>Finalization</b> May 2-3, 2019	<b>Rapid City</b> <b>Custer State Park</b> <b>Custer State Park</b>
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### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

**Duration of Recommendation:** 2019 and 2020 hunting seasons

**Unit Dates:** CUD-1: November 1-30 (only archery equipment allowed from November 1-15)  
 CUD-2: December 1-15

**Licenses:** 5 "Any Deer" licenses  
 33 "Any Whitetail Deer" licenses  
 50 "Antlerless Whitetail Deer" licenses

### **Requirements and Restrictions:**

1. Applicants successful in drawing an "any" tag type are ineligible for the license again for 10 years.
2. "Any Deer" and "Any Whitetail Deer" licenses are valid November 1-30, with only archery equipment allowed from November 1-15.

### **Recommended changes from last year:**

1. Increase the total number of one-tag licenses from no more than 64 to no more than 88.
2. For Unit CUD-2, change from muzzleloader only to any weapon.

### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Year	License Type	Applicants	WT Bucks Harvested	WT Does Harvested	MD Bucks Harvested	MD Does Harvested	All Deer Harvested	Success
2014	Any WT	1,755*	8				8	80%
	Antlerless WT			13			13	65%
2015	Any WT	1,755*	8				8	80%
	Antlerless WT			15			15	79%
2016	Any WT	2,088*	10				10	100%
	Antlerless WT			19			19	63%
2017	Any Deer	2,391*	3		1		4	80%
	Any WT		27				27	92%
	Antlerless WT			12			12	38%
2018	Any Deer	2,503*	3				4	60%
	Any WT		22	1			23	79%
	Antlerless WT			9			9	32%

\*Number of applicants is for all seasons combined.

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# **GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL**

**Archery Deer Hunting Season 41:06:22**

<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>April 4-5, 2019</b>	<b>Rapid City</b>
	<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>May 2, 2019</b>	<b>Custer State Park</b>
	<b>Finalization</b>	<b>May 2-3, 2019</b>	<b>Custer State Park</b>

## **DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION**

**Duration of Recommendation:** 2019 and 2020 hunting seasons

**Season Dates:** September 1, 2019 – January 1, 2020  
September 1, 2020 – January 1, 2021

**Open Area:** "Any Deer" Licenses: Statewide, East River, West River  
"Antlerless Whitetail Deer" Licenses: Unit ARD-LM1

**Licenses:** Unlimited "any deer" licenses  
Unlimited single tag "antlerless whitetail deer" licenses

## **Requirements and Restrictions:**

1. Resident and nonresident hunters may purchase one (1) statewide "any deer" license or one (1) East River "any deer" license and one (1) West River "any deer" license.
2. Residents and nonresidents may purchase one (1) "antlerless whitetail deer" license.
3. Individuals may purchase one "antlerless whitetail deer" license for Unit ARD-LM1 (see map).
4. Shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.
5. Sand Lake NWR is open October 19, 2019 – January 1, 2020 and October 17, 2020 – January 1, 2021, except during the refuge firearm deer seasons.
6. Waubay Lake State Game Refuge and Waubay National Wildlife Refuge in Day County are open through January 1, except during refuge firearm deer seasons.
7. Lacreek NWR is open through January 1, except during the refuge firearm deer seasons.
8. Licensees must obtain an access permit from the Department issued by lottery drawing before hunting Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve and Good Earth State Park.

## **Recommended changes from last year:**

1. For Unit ARD-LM1, close unit 59A and open units 05A, 11A, 11B, 17A, 18A, 22A, 23A, 25A, 32A, 39B, 45B, 48A, 50A, 55A.
2. For Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve, increase the number of access permits for antlerless whitetail deer from 25 to 30.

2019-2020

Designated Area	Number of Access Permits		
	Any Deer	Antlerless Whitetail Deer	Total
Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve	5	30	35
Good Earth State Park	5	0	5

## **SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION**

Year	Resident Licenses	Nonresident Licenses	"Any Deer" Licenses	"Antlerless Whitetail" Licenses	Hunter Success	WT Bucks Harvested	WT Does Harvested	MD Bucks Harvested	MD Does Harvested	Deer Harvested
2014	21,647	2,840	21,634	2,853	25%	3,948	1,459	562	83	6,052
2015	23,507	3,180	23,636	3,051	28%	5,042	1,593	632	73	7,340
2016	24,531	3,474	24,111	3,894	27%	4,780	1,987	824	89	7,680
2017	25,512	3,800	25,137	4,175	26%	4,750	1,775	961	136	7,622
2018	26,660	4,449	26,774	4,335	27%	5,079	1,950	1,166	151	8,346

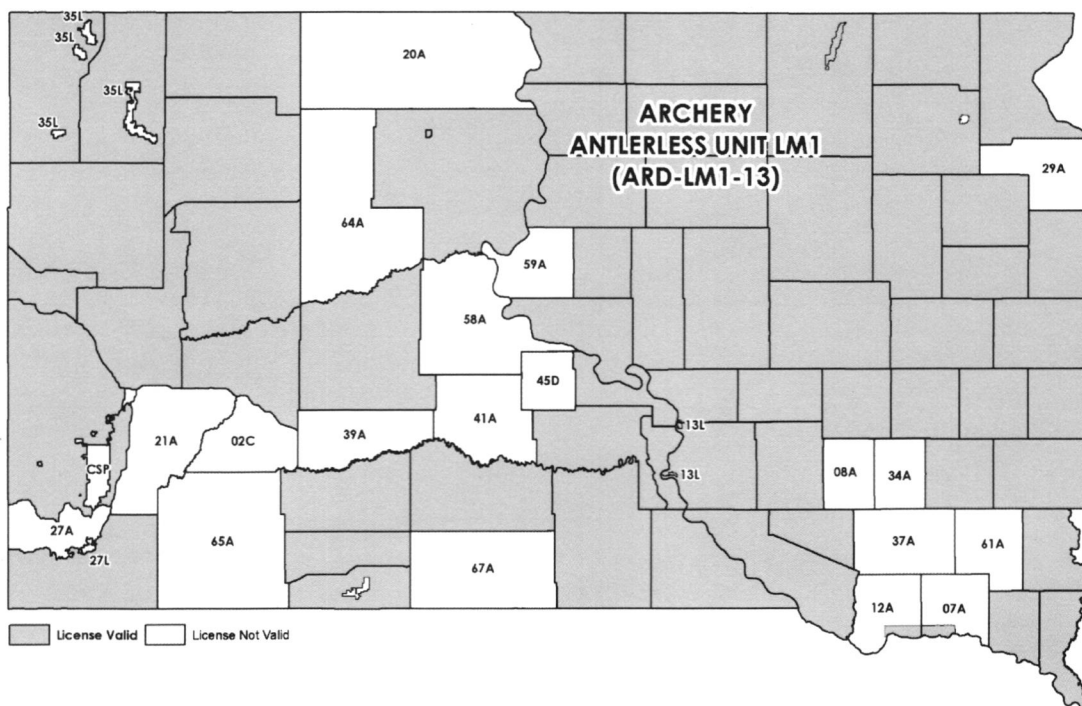
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## Archery Deer Hunting Season 2019-2020 “Antlerless License” Restrictions

1. The Unit ARD-LM1 single-tag “antlerless whitetail deer” license is valid in only the gray shaded areas.

## Archery Antlerless Whitetail Deer

## Unit ARD-LM1





# GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

## General Muzzleloading Deer Hunting Season

Chapter 41:06:45

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	April 4-5, 2019	Rapid City
	Public Hearing	May 2, 2019	Custer State Park
	Finalization	May 2-3, 2019	Custer State Park

### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

**Duration of Recommendation:** 2019 and 2020 hunting seasons

**Season Dates:** December 1, 2019 – January 1, 2020  
December 1, 2020 – January 1, 2021

**Open Area:** "Any Deer" Licenses: Statewide  
"Antlerless Whitetail Deer" Licenses: Unit MZD-LM1

**Licenses:** 1,000 "any deer" licenses  
Unlimited single tag "antlerless whitetail deer" licenses

### Requirements and Restrictions:

- Only residents are eligible to apply for "any deer" tags. Residents and nonresidents may purchase "antlerless whitetail deer" licenses.
- Individuals may purchase one "antlerless whitetail deer" license for Unit MZD-LM1 (see map).
- Shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.
- 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, and the Fort Meade Bureau of Land Management South unit and the signed portion of the North unit are closed to general muzzleloading deer hunting.

### Recommended changes from last year:

- For Unit MZD-LM1, close unit 59A and open units 05A, 11A, 11B, 17A, 18A, 22A, 23A, 25A, 32A, 39B, 45B, 48A, 50A, 55A.

### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Year	1st Choice Applications	"Any Deer" Licenses	"Antlerless Deer" Licenses	Hunter Success	WT Bucks Harvested	WT Does Harvested	MD Bucks Harvested	MD Does Harvested	Deer Harvested
2014	6,823	1,000	3,155	26%	241	507	77	1	835
2015	6,892	1,013	2,433	27%	313	529	77	16	935
2016	7,931	961	2,806	37%	313	703	88	6	1,132
2017	7,845	1,009	2,423	36%	263	865	117	4	1,251
2018	8,191	1,030	2,353	36%	261	826	113	15	1,216

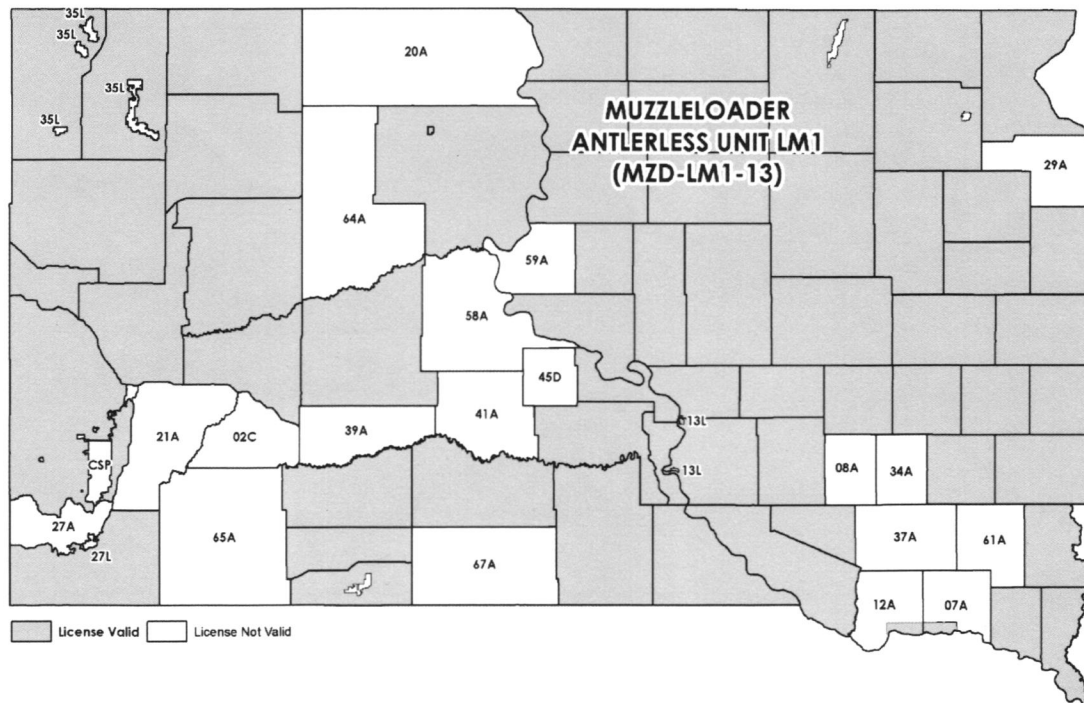
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## Muzzleloader Deer Hunting Season 2019-2020 “Antlerless License” Restrictions

1. The Unit MZD-LM1 single-tag “antlerless whitetail deer” license is valid in only the gray shaded areas.

## Muzzleloader Antlerless Whitetail Deer

## Unit MZD-LM1



# GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

## Apprentice Hunter Deer Season

Chapter 41:06:44

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	April 4-5, 2019	Rapid City
	Public Hearing	May 2, 2019	Custer State Park
	Finalization	May 2-3, 2019	Custer State Park

### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

**Duration of Recommendation:** 2019 and 2020 hunting seasons

**Season Dates:** September 14, 2019 – January 1, 2020  
September 12, 2020 – January 1, 2021

**Open Area:** Statewide

**Licenses:** Single tag "any antlerless deer" license

### **Requirements and Restrictions:**

1. Both residents and nonresidents that have not reached the age of 18 years old on June 30 may purchase an apprentice hunter deer license. In addition, any resident hunter who has not previously held a license to hunt deer during the previous 10 years in South Dakota may purchase an apprentice hunter deer license.
2. Each hunter must be accompanied by an adult while hunting.
3. Shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.
4. Receipt of a license does not affect eligibility for other seasons.
5. Hunters may purchase up to one (1) apprentice hunter deer license valid statewide.
6. Waubay State Game Refuge and the Fort Meade Bureau of Land Management South unit and the signed portion of the North unit are closed to those with an apprentice hunter deer license.

**Recommended change from last year:** None.

### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Of the 4,845 apprentice hunter deer licenses issued for the 2018 deer hunting season, 531 licenses (11%) were issued to residents that were 18 years of age or older.

APPROVE \_\_\_\_\_ MODIFY \_\_\_\_\_ REJECT \_\_\_\_\_ NO ACTION \_\_\_\_\_

**Apprentice Hunter Deer Season  
2019-2020 "Antlerless License" Restrictions**

1. The Unit APD-ST3 single-tag "any antlerless deer" license is valid statewide.
  2. Apprentice deer hunters may purchase one (1) deer license.
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