

Minutes of the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission September 6-7, 2018

Chairman Barry Jensen called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. CT at the Lewis and Clark Resort Lodge in Yankton, South Dakota. Commissioners Barry Jensen, Gary Jensen, Mary Anne Boyd, Jon Locken, Cathy Petersen, Scott Phillips, Russell Olson and Douglas Sharp and approximately 75 public, staff, and media were present.

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION

Conflict of Interest Disclosure

Chairman B Jensen called for conflicts of interest to be disclosed. None were presented.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman B Jensen called for any additions or corrections to the June 7-8, 2018 minutes or a motion for approval.

Motion by G. Jensen with second by Sharp TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 7, 2018 MEETING. Motion carried unanimously.

Additional Commissioner Salary Days

Commissioners B. Jensen, G. Jensen, Peterson and Phillips requested four additional salary days each for attending the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Association annual conference. G. Jensen and Phillips each requested another salary day for meetings with staff. And Locken requested a day for participating in the chronic wasting disease workgroup.

Motion by Olson with second by Boyd TO APPROVE THE ADDITIONAL SALARY DAYS AS REQUESTED. Motion carried unanimously.

License List Request

Chris Petersen, administration division director, presented a license list requests to the Commission from Kurt Rantapaa, Deadwood, SD for a full fee license list request for elk and deer hunters in the Black Hills. It was noted this request is for one-time to mail promotional materials for his Black Hills Hunting Lodge.

Motioned by Phillips, second by Peterson TO APPROVE THE LICENSE LIST REQUEST. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Petersen presented a license list requests from Wayne Johnson, Rapid City, SD for a free license list request for Prairie Elk any elk and antlerless elk license recipients. Johnson's request is to verify license holder tags as he permits free cow hunting and some any elk hunting on his property as well as possibly offering a guide service. Petersen explained that due to his use of the list this would be a full fee request should it be approved and the applicant still be interested.

Phillips asked about the cost and use of license fees.

C. Petersen explained the cost is \$100 for nonprofit organizations regardless of list size and for profit costs are \$100 per 1,000 names. Fees cover staff time to compile and produce the lists as requested.

Motioned by Sharp, second by G. Jensen TO APPROVE THE LICENSE LIST REQUEST. Motion carried unanimously.

Commission Meeting Schedule 2019

C. Petersen presented the 2019 Commission meeting calendar noting meeting locations are determined by considering factors such as adequate facility space and accommodation services, wireless connections, and relationship of location to agenda items.

Kelly Hepler, cabinet secretary, explained that because the meetings are livestreamed for all constituents to listen in real-time sometime that limits locations due to wireless needs.

It was noted Olson requested the December meeting be held in Madison.

Motion by G. Jensen with second by Sharp TO APPROVE THE 2019 COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE WITH ADJUSTMENT TO THE DECEMBER MEETING LOCATION. Motion carried unanimously.

Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce

Carmen Schramm, Executive Director, welcomed the Commission to Yankton. Noted good working relationship and partnerships with Lewis & Clark Rec Area such as tourism, tours, zebra mussels AIS awareness

Deer License Allocation Briefing

Kevin Robling, special projects coordinator, and Tony Leif, wildlife division director, presented a summary the justification and public involvement process for the draft deer drawing regulation changes being considered by the Commission. The process of proposing specific changes started at the GFP Commission meeting in July and since then, staff and commissioners have been very busy trying to explain the draft changes and listening to comments from the public about the proposed changes. As a result of these conversations and submitted comments, adjustments to the proposal are likely warranted should be considered now so additional comments on a refined proposal can be solicited prior the October Commission meeting.

Hepler said the number of public comments indicates how important is in our state. Unfortunately many comments were very negative and called out staff and commissioners. He explained it is important for people to engage and provide their diverse opinion. Many comments noted this is a done deal, but it is not and the department continues to mold and craft changes based on comments received. He noted many comments referred to funds and he explained that license dollars go back into the activities that users take advantage of.

B. Jensen noted this is a process.

Leif provided some background stating proposed action was adopted in July. He explained it was very general with three options. This allowed for solicited input and modification of the proposal. As part of the rule making process there will need to be a defined action sheet at the conclusion of these meeting to allow for finalization at the October meeting should the commission chose to proceed with the proposal.

Robling said it is great we have so many passionate deer hunters in this state and he has been fortunate to have the opportunity to speak with a lot of them over the last month. We want people to know that we are listening and trying to do the right thing whatever that may be.

Resident Nonresident Discussion

Scott Simpson, wildlife administration chief, provided an update on the discussion surrounding resident and nonresident license allocations. Staff met with Commissioners Jensen and Phillips on August 15 to further clarify next steps as it pertained to the list of questions posed by the Commission on residents and nonresident license allocation.

The department will provide data on some specific questions (contributions of each angler, legal definitions, etc.), but many of the questions boil down to a list of criteria for the Commission to use while making allocation decisions. In the August 15 meeting it was decided to assemble a work group to help identify which criteria should be used. While the Commission will provide final approval, we hope to generate a comprehensive list for them to consider. This working group would be comprised of individuals from tourism and sportsmen groups, retailers, landowners, and many other possible areas of interest. The group will be limited to 15-20 participants to keep it manageable, and the idea would be to pull this group together in late October for an organizational meeting and have one additional meeting in late November to finalize a list. Work group members would reach out to other organizations and individuals for input between meetings and bring those ideas to the November meeting. In addition, GFP will be conducting an online survey to identify the relationship nonresidents have with South Dakota (former resident, family, business associates, etc.)

G. Jensen asked the public to send their ideas to the commission.

Phillips said he is interested to see who the survey will identify as our nonresidents are and what percentage are friends and relatives.

Non-meandered Waters

Kevin Robling, special projects coordinator, provided the commission an update on nonmeandered waters stating to date, 2,995 acres of nonmeandered waters have been marked closed. Reetz Lake was opened on August 1 and approximately 219 anglers utilized the boat launch as of August 25th, resulting in approximately 500 angler use days. The adopt-a-lake program has been initiated and additional clean up days are being scheduled.

Preserve Operator Forum

Arden Petersen, special assistant, briefed the Commission on the Shooting Preserve Forum hosted by GFP in Pierre on July 31, 2018 with approximately 35 shooting preserve operators attending. This was the second in a series of four forums the department is hosting with different user groups (Sportsmen/Women Organizations,

Shooting Preserve Operators, Nature/Wildlife Habitat Groups and Agricultural Organizations). The department will host a Conservation Summit next winter where attendees from the four forums will be invited. Paulsen Marketing is facilitating the discussions at the forums and the summit. The Shooting Preserve Forum started out with large group discussions focusing on two key topics affecting wildlife populations and hunting:

- Sustainable Habitat - GFP, hunters, shooting preserve operators and other conservation-minded people understand that improving wildlife habitat on private and public land is critical to maintaining strong wildlife populations. By improving habitat, we can create more hunting opportunities for resident and nonresident visitors to the state.
- Hunter Engagement - The number of active hunters in South Dakota and across the United States continues to decline. Fewer hunters mean less funding and a possible decline in public support for important conservation efforts. How can South Dakota GFP, hunters, shooting preserve operators and others help the state recruit, retain and reactivate hunters to carry on our hunting heritage to future generations?

The Forum then moved on to small group discussions involving the following topics that were requested by Shooting Preserve Operators - either from a pre-event survey sent to all operators in the state or from those operators in attendance. Those topics included: sustainable habitat, hunter engagement, road hunting regulations, licensing, harvest limits on preserves, annual pheasant report, and wind farms. Those in attendance were very engaged in the discussion and were appreciative of the opportunity to get together with staff to discuss issues and concerns of theirs. Some of the ideas are things that can be addressed by GFP (Ease of Licensing), some would take legislative action (Road Hunting Changes), some rely heavily on national policy like the Farm Bill (Habitat) and others have incomplete impacts on wildlife (Wind Farms). There was an understanding that there are issues where GFP and Shooting Preserves will have differing opinions, but there are also areas where we can work closer together. The forums provide GFP with the opportunity to listen, learn and discuss topics that are important to the different user groups involved. This is important to developing strong working relationships and better understanding – even when we may be on opposite sides of an issue. By developing those relationships, we hope that we're able to work closer together on issues that are important to wildlife and our citizens.

B. Jensen inquired if preserve operators they have other formal meetings?

A. Petersen responded the only the required meeting for all new operators in regards to regulations which is held annual took place the morning before the forum.

Olson asked if we have do we breakout economic impact for license sales noting which ones are purchase through preserve operators.

A. Petersen responded that is not currently identified, but staff are working to get that information as well as the number of wild birds and other additional information. He noted we do know the number of hunters that go through preserves, but we do not track when they purchase license as they can purchase licenses over the counter and not necessarily at the preserve.

PETITIONS

Falconry Briefing

Casey Heimerl, wildlife biologist, provided a powerpoint to the commission on falconry. She detailed falconry permits in South Dakota explaining they are issued for periods of three years and are only available to residents for a \$50 fee. There are 3 classes of permits based on level of experience; Apprentice, General and Master. Individuals seeking an apprentice permit need to find a sponsor at the general or master level, pass an exam, and have their falconry facility inspected before they can apply for a permit. To trap a raptor from the wild, licensed falconers must obtain a raptor collecting permit from the department. Passage (juvenile) raptors may be taken from August 1 – March 31 and nestling may be taken from May 1 through July 31. Hunting by falconry is open to both residents and non-residents with a valid falconry permit and hunting licenses applicable to species being hunted. Heimerl said currently there are 32 licensed resident falconers in the state of South Dakota. Pheasants, grouse and waterfowl are the most commonly harvested species. During the 2017-2018 season, resident falconers harvested a total of 21 ducks, 18 pheasants and 10 grouse.

Peterson stated the information was very interesting.

Olson noted in past years a falconry demonstration was provided at the Governor's Pheasant Hunt and inquired if it would be possible to have it done again this year.

Heimerl responded she will work with the appropriate people to get that lined up. She also noted there are a lot of factors to have a successful hunt.

Establish Licenses to Hunt with Falcon

Leif presented the petition submitted by Sheldon Nicolle requesting a license be established allowing people to hunt with falcons. He explained staff worked with the petitioner as they originally wanted a license type that was not available. Noted there is not a 5 day license option but could possibly establish a 3 day or 10 day license upon approval. For upland game seasons the petition would establish a reduced fee for these licenses which would be identified in the proposal should this move forward. Options would be to turn the petition into a proposal or take action to reject the petition in which staff would work to craft a resolution for the commission's consideration on the denial.

Boyd asked what is fee for 10 day license

Leif responded \$121.00 + 6.00 surcharge

G. Jensen asked if a nonresident can purchase one of the licenses now to hunt waterfowl

Leif said yes, but the season dates would be different. He explained the North American Falconers Association is looking for assurance so if they bring their event to South Dakota. He said this would be approximately 200 licenses and the petitioner is requesting 100.

G. Jensen do nonresidents currently do this

Heimerl said currently there are some.

G. Jensen explained he is hesitant to increase any nonresident waterfowl license and asked if there is a way to look at current numbers and incorporate this somehow?

Leif said that is an alternative to set aside some of the nonresident licenses to be for falconry.

G. Jensen asked if it was possible to modify the petition.

Leif explained it is not possible to modify a petition and action must be taken to either approve or deny. If denied the Commission can then craft their own proposal.

Olson asked if it is possible to approve the petition and only allocate the license on the years they would hold their event in SD.

Leif responded probably not as we cannot set aside licenses for a specific entity.

Phillips do we have any numbers from 1975 when the event was last held in South Dakota to show us an estimation of how many people would typically attend

Billy Workman, North American Falconers Association – Rapid City, SD responded 200 – 350 people attend the event of that group 150 would be falconers.

Motioned by Phillips, second by G. Jensen TO DENY THE PETITION TO ESTABLISH A LICENSES TO HUNT WITH FALCON. Roll Call Vote: Boyd-yes; Locken – yes; G. Jensen-yes; Olson- yes; Peterson-yes; Phillips – yes; Sharp- no; B. Jensen-yes. Motion passes with 7 yes votes and 1 no vote. Motion passes.

Motioned by G. Jensen second by Olson TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 18-07 (APPENDIX A) DENYING THE PETITION. Motion passes.

Allow for the Raffle of Resident Only Any Elk License by Nonprofit Conservation Organizations

Tom Kirschenmann, wildlife deputy director, presented the petition received from William Marketon requesting a resident any elk license be available for raffle by a nonprofit organization with funds generated used for wildlife management. He explained that Marketon is with Ducks Unlimited which is looking for additional opportunities to raise money for conservation efforts throughout the state.

Kirschenmann noted concerns including the existing elk raffle licenses that is currently established which is not specific to any entity and is for elk management and habitat and research. He explained that we would not want to take away what other entity is currently doing and that this license would broaden fund use for wildlife management activities similar to what is currently in place for elk, but not exclusive to elk. This will likely pose interest from other organizations so just as the Commission approves the allocation of the tag to one entity they would also vote to approve which organization would get this tag for raffle.

Sharp stated his concerns with the way it is written as it doesn't state a specific nonprofit or minimum funds that were raised. It doesn't point out the funds that would be raised, specifics on the allocation of the funds and how that would be meaningful statewide.

Kirschenmann responded it is broad allowing any 501 c3, and that funds would be utilized statewide and does not have a dollar amount. The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) typically nets approx. \$30,000. In conversations with Duck Unlimited they have high goals and aspirations of what they can raise based on their methods. He also noted that this license cannot be reserve for Ducks Unlimited and that they must apply for the raffle license just as the RMEF does annual.

Leif when selecting the entity to receive the raffle license the commission could use a criteria such as the approximate funds raise, use of funds, etcetera to decide which entity to receive the license.

G. Jensen requested history on current elk raffle license.

Kirschenmann detailed the history of the elk raffle license noting they also match and generate funds. Funds are used for research projects and staff work with RMEF on elk captures, surveys and radio collaring allowing us to better manage elk. He noted this is only one license so it is not taking away an opportunity on a biological standpoint. Cannot guarantee a second raffle license will have the same impact.

Locken still working on CWD workgroup and it may be able to utilize money from a bull elk tag.

Kirschenmann explained that type of project would be under the scope of a project that funds would go toward.

B. Jensen noted these are approved by the commission on an annual basis.

Kirschenmann confirmed they are approved on an annual basis and only the RMEF has applied on an annual basis.

Olson stated this is not a one or the other and the commission can still give one to RMEF and if approved this new raffle tag would go to another entity for wildlife management.

Motioned by Boyd, second by G. Jensen TO APPROVE THE PETITION FOR RULE CHANGE AND CREATE A RESIDENT ANY ELK LICENSE FOR RAFFLE BY A 501C3 NONPROFIT WITH FUNDS GENERATED USED FOR WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT. Roll Call Vote: Boyd-yes; Locken – yes; G. Jensen-yes; Olson- yes; Peterson-yes; Phillips – no; Sharp- yes; B. Jensen-yes. Motion passes with 7 yes votes and 1 no vote. Motion passes.

Kirschenmann noted two other petitions were received in regards to crossbow hunting that were in statute which the commission does not have authority to modify. Petitioners were contacted and provided contact information for their legislators.

PROPOSALS

Fishing Season Methods

Geno Adams, fisheries program administrator, presented the recommended changes to the general fishing provisions and fishing seasons. The first recommended change is to modify the general provisions and fishing seasons by repealing liberalized

fishing regulations and removing definitions. Adams explained that previously when a fish kill was anticipated on a water, the department utilized liberalized fishing regulations to allow people to utilize the fish in those waters prior to the fish dying. Once liberalized regulations were instituted on these waters, fish were already dying (not susceptible to angling) and were not utilized by anglers. For this reason, liberalized regulations have not been used for some time as they have not been effective at accomplishing their goal.

The second recommended change is to modify general provisions by adding a definition of possession limits and allowing for an unlimited domicile possession limit. Adams explained possession limits do not have a biological impact on fish populations and are difficult to enforce. This change would provide additional flexibility in how and when anglers keep and store fish. He noted domicile is defined as a person's established, fixed, and permanent home to which the person, whenever absent, has the present intention of returning.

Adams presented the third recommended change to modify the South Dakota – Minnesota boundary waters by removing closed fishing seasons for game fish on SD/MN boundary waters. He explained this regulation change would reduce regulation complexity and increase recreational opportunities for SD licensed anglers on the SD/MN border waters. This change would align the SD/MN border waters fishing season with SD inland water seasons and provide additional angling opportunities in the spring.

The final recommended change is to modify the special management waters by removing stream closures in Eastern South Dakota. Adams explained closed seasons on streams are not regulating fish populations biologically. There are very few people that utilize angling opportunities in the spring in these systems. In cooperation with this regulation change, opening spearing for Northern Pike and catfish species year-round would also allow additional opportunity in these streams.

Hepler reminded the commission these recommended changes are part of the rules reductions and simplification process the department has been working through. He also noted sometimes regulations are not for biological aspect, but regulation for means of enforcement.

Sharp inquired about what happens when people have a second home.

Leif explained domicile originates from residency where you have your permanent home and license.

Motion by G. Jensen, second by Phillips TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE GENERAL FISHING PROVISIONS AND FISHING SEASONS.
Motion carried.

Fish Limits

Adams presented the recommended changes to in regards to fish limits and snagging of paddlefish. The first recommended change is to remove the daily and possession limits for White Bass and Rock Bass which are in high abundance throughout many South Dakota waters. Angler attitudes towards these species vary, but few anglers specifically target them. For those that do target and harvest these species, there is no reason we should limit their ability to harvest.

The second recommended change is to modify daily possession, and length limit restrictions on special management waters to:

- a. Eliminate the 1 trout over 14" regulation from Black Hills lakes
- b. Establish a minimum length limit of 24-inches and a daily limit of 1 for Lake Trout or Splake in the Black Hills Fish Management Area
- c. Remove the 15" minimum size restriction on Walleye for all waters that have a 4 fish Walleye daily limit except for waters with evaluations in progress (Mo River Reservoirs, Angostura, Shadehill)
- d. Remove black bass (Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass) size restrictions from all waters with the exception of Burke Lake, New Wall Lake, and Lake Yankton
- e. Add a 28-inch minimum length and a daily limit of 1 for Walleye on Horseshoe Lake (Day County)

Adams also presented the recommended change to modify snagging season in special management areas by allowing Lake Francis Case Paddlefish license holders to take a Paddlefish with snagging gear or bow and arrow. He explained there has been some desire by anglers for the ability to take Lake Francis Case Paddlefish with archery equipment. Currently the Lake Francis Case Paddlefish season only allows snagging of Paddlefish. This change would give any license holder the opportunity to take a Paddlefish with either gear.

G. Jensen said he is aware there is interest in catch and release of lake trout and asked if there has been discussions

Adams responded there have been discussions with fisherman and possibility of tags. This change would allow them to continue to fish on these bodies of water

B. Jensen asked if the plan is to build up some of the classes

Adams said yes this will allow the fish to grow past the 15 inch minimum. He also noted huge year classes are detrimental.

Motion by G. Jensen, second by Boyd TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE FISH LIMITS AND SNAGGING OF PADDLEFISH. Motion carried.

Spearing and Archery

Adams presented the recommended changes in regards to spearing of rough fish in South Dakota and Nebraska border waters. He explained this would allow additional opportunity for rough fish spearing and archery on the border waters with Nebraska.

He also presented the recommended changes to modify areas open to spearing of game fish specifically:

- a. Opening the entirety of Lake Sharpe and Lake Francis Case to gamefish spearing and archery
- b. Removing the requirement to purchase a game fish spearing and archery permit
- c. Change spearing season dates for Northern Pike and catfish on inland waters to year round
- d. Changing border water gamefish season to July 1-Dec 31 to match NE
- e. Allowing for take of gamefish below Gavins Point Dam

Adams presented the recommended change to remove the game fish spearing and archery permit from the list of licenses and permits and modify restricted areas by prohibiting spearing and archery in Angostura Marina and Lewis and Clark Lake Marina

Phillips noted a portion of Lake Sharpe was opened in the past for tournaments and wanted to know what has changed since then.

Adams said there was a time when there was a tournament below the dam that was not permitted for a couple years for them to spear game. The final year it was not approved. Due to the novelty of the tournament and to do so we had to allow for all people to spearfish. Staff monitored the weigh-ins which showed they speared very few game fish.

Phillips asked if there were other concerns.

Adams yes congestion is possibly an issue which is monitored and if it becomes a problem it would be addressed.

Motioned by G. Jensen second by Phillips TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO SPEARING REGULATIONS. Motion carried.

Aquatic Invasive Species

John Lott, fisheries chief, presented the recommended change to add Starry Stonewort to the list of aquatic invasive species which will enable law enforcement to prevent boaters with Starry Stonewort present from launching in SD waters and slow its from spread here.

Lott presented the recommended change to allow exemptions for commercial plant harvesters and lakeshore property owners from the prohibition on possessing aquatic invasive species. He explained there is no provision for commercial aquatic plant harvesters to possess and transport aquatic invasive plants as part of their harvesting operation. This rule change establishes that mechanism, if commercial operators abide by the conditions of the agreed-upon department work plan. Shoreline property owners who want to remove aquatic invasive plants from their lakeshore would be permitted to dispose of them at locations identified in their permit.

The final recommended changes to the aquatic invasive species rule presented by Lott were to allow the GFP department secretary to authorize certain boats to keep plugs in while trailered and add Lake Yankton to the list of containment waters. He explained the department secretary currently has the authority to allow anglers participating in events where transport of fish in live wells is desirable to increase survival of fish after a weigh-in event to transport fish in water from a lake, river, or stream. Allowing the secretary to authorize boat plugs to remain in place outside of boat ramp parking areas would facilitate the occurrence of off-site, live release tournaments in highly regulated situations where sufficient oversight and monitoring occurs to ensure that water will not be transferred between waterbodies. In regards to Lake Yankton he noted it now has Asian Clams and Zebra Mussels and adding it to the list of containment waters would help slow the spread of these aquatic invasive species to other waters in the state.

G. Jensen inquired if Lake Yankton was the body of water that was killed when the Commission was in Yankton a few years ago.

Lott responded yes, noting it is a boarder water that was renovated for fish populations. He is uncertain if the chemical used for that affected the Zebra Mussels. The water used to refill the lake came from water upstream in the Missouri river system.

B. Jensen asked if the James River still has carp.

Lott explained that a number of silver carp live in the James River with most of the population at the mouth of the river. Staff are planning to use some transmitters to track these fish next year.

Olson asked what is used to kill Zebra Mussels.

Lott said the same things you use for renovations for fish populations but it is very difficult to kill all of them and they will come back. The treatment is also very expensive.

Motioned by Phillips second by G. Jensen TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES REGULATIONS. Motion carried

Bobcat Management Update

Chad Lehman, senior wildlife biologist, provided the commission a powerpoint presentation on bobcat management. He detailed harvest data collection, 2017-2018 harvest data and factors for future harvest. Lehman also noted research data and future research efforts including continued capture and monitoring of adult radio-marked bobcats in the Black Hills as well as some additional radio-marking kittens to determine kitten survival.

Olson asked what the mortality rate of tagged/collared animals is.

Lehman responded there are no unusual losses and the trick is getting the collar on the cat.

Phillips why return carcasses and the lower jaw as people want these for their trophy cases?

Lehman said that is a common question. The main reason is because the lower jaw is used to determine age and gender. He noted staff can accommodate the return of the upper skull.

Olson inquired where funding come from to conduct a graduate student project.

Lehman said it is through Pittman Robinson funds.

Bobcat Hunting/Trapping Season

Lehman presented the department recommendation for the bobcat hunting and trapping season noting there are no recommended changes from the previous year.

Season Dates:

December 26, 2018 – February 15, 2019

Area:

All counties west of the Missouri River.

He explained trappers or hunters who participate in the bobcat season east river are limited to one bobcat per trapper or hunter. All bobcat harvested must be presented to a conservation officer or wildlife damage specialist for registration and tagging of the pelt within 5 days of harvest. Additionally, once the season has closed, an individual has 24 hours to notify a conservation officer or wildlife damage specialist of any untagged bobcats harvested during the season. The pelt must be removed from the carcass and the carcass must be surrendered to the conservation officer or wildlife damage specialist. After the pelt has been tagged, it shall be returned to the hunter or trapper. Upon request, the carcass may be returned to the hunter or trapper after the carcass has been inspected and the lower jaw has been removed. A person may only possess, purchase or sell raw bobcat pelts that are tagged through the eyeholes with the tag provided by the department.

Motioned by Boyd second by G. Jensen TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDED NO CHANGE TO THE BOBCAT HUNTING AND TRAPPING SEASON. Motion carried.

Deer License Allocation

Robling presented the deer license allocation proposal designed to increase the number of deer hunters who draw their preferred license. He presented the recommended changes as recommended by the commission such as removing Custer State Park, Special Buck and Refuge Deer from the combined deer drawing, only allowing nonresidents one license through the fourth draw which would include nonresident special buck and allow residents more opportunity at acquiring additional licenses in the third draw. In the third draw before licenses are pooled for both residents and nonresidents, leftover licenses would go back into their designated seasons and would no longer be pooled in a combined drawing and residents would have the opportunity to apply for any of the 4 seasons (WRD, ERD, BHD and MZD) separately if they have not already obtained a license for that season in draws one or two. Robling said deer license allocation regardless of change, will be reviewed in 2022 when the deer management is up for revisions. If the changes are approved success will be measured by the following: more people in the field on an annual basis, increase in draw probabilities, increase in applicants, and hunter satisfaction ratings.

1. Create a combined drawing for the Black Hills, East River, West River, and Muzzleloader deer hunting seasons where applicants must choose a preferred license in the first combined drawing.
 - a. Refuge Deer, Special Buck and Custer State Park would remain separate drawings from the combined deer drawing described in change #1.
2. Modify the leftover license allocation process for the seasons in the combined deer drawing:
 - a. In the second draw, an applicant may not apply for a leftover license if the applicant obtained a license for any of the Black Hills, East River, West River and Muzzleloader deer seasons in the first draw.
 - b. In the third draw, leftover licenses are no longer pooled in a combined drawing and an applicant may submit one application for each season for which they do not possess a license. Only those nonresidents without a license may apply for a license remaining in pools originally designated (8%) for nonresidents (BHD and WRD).
 - c. In the fourth draw, licenses remain segregated in their respective seasons and resident and nonresident licenses within each season are pooled. Residents may submit up to five applications and nonresidents who do not have a license may submit one application.
 - d. After the fourth draw, all licenses would be sold first-come, first-served and the number of licenses acquired by either a resident or a nonresident would remain unlimited as is currently allowed in the existing draw structure.

3. Allow applicants to use preference points for both 1st and 2nd choices in draws one through three. First draw applicants must use preference points for their first choice selection (as is currently required). An applicant who uses preference to acquire a license in a season may not purchase a preference point for that season.

Drawing	Resident	Nonresident
1 and 2	Maximum of 1 license in ERD, WRD, BHD, or MZD	Maximum of 1 license
3	Maximum of 1 license in each of the WRD, ERD BHD and MZD seasons.	
Leftover Resident and Nonresident Licenses Pooled		
4	Maximum of five additional licenses for a maximum total of nine licenses.	Maximum of 1 license, for a total of no more than one license per hunter.
5	Unlimited. First-come, First-served	Unlimited. First-come, First-served

Motion by Phillips, second by Olson TO CREATE A COMBINED DRAWING FOR THE BLACK HILLS, EAST RIVER, WEST RIVER AND MUZZLELOADER SEASON, ALLOW NONRESIDENTS ONLY ONE LICENSE THROUGH FOURTH DRAW. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Hearing began at 2:08 a.m. and concluded at 3:05 p.m. The minutes follow these Commission meeting minutes.

FINALIZATIONS

Indian Springs Boat Restrictions

Robling presented the recommended changes to the Indian Springs boating restrictions. He noted the landowner concern is waterfowl disturbance and explained it is a nonmeanded waterbody and as a result, numerous discussions regarding the continued allowance of recreational use on the waters have occurred with the surrounding landowners. This change in rule would allow recreational users the opportunity to recreate on all portions of Indian Springs the vast majority of the year and would meet the requests of the landowners. If this does not pass the landowner could potentially buoy off a section of the land for 12 months of the year per statute. Robling further explained this recommended change is rule promulgation and not nonmeandered waters legislation.

Recommended changes

- 1) Add a "no discharge of a weapon from a boat zone" on the waters west of a half mile east of 427th avenue within Indian Springs from October 10 to December 31.
- 2) Add fishing from a boat is prohibited on the waters west of a half mile east of 427th avenue within Indian Springs from October 10 to December 31.

Phillips asked if the water freezes up can someone walk out on the ice and discharge a weapon.

Robling responded the rule prohibits hunting from a boat and per statute 41-23-15 people cannot trap or hunt on frozen property.

Olson asked what happens if the recommended changes do not pass.

Robling noted it would depend on what the landowner chose to do next. He explained this change is a compromised approach and as previously stated one alternative would be to close 60 percent of the waterbody for 12 month of the year.

B. Jensen asked if this creates a refuge and if there has been contact with all the landowners.

Robling explained it would make it an area that is not prone to disturbance because the landowner says fishermen chase the waterfowl off the water. With permission from the landowners you could hunt from the shore. Robling said not all the landowners are in favor, but the group that owns 67 percent are.

Motioned by Phillips, second by Peterson TO FINALIZE THE RECOMMENDED RESTRICTIONS TO INDIAN SPRINGS 41:04:02 and 41:07:02. Motion carried.

OPEN FORUM

Chairman B. Jensen opened the floor for discussion from those in attendance on matters of importance to them that may not be on the agenda.

Billy Workman, North American Falconers Association – Rapid City, SD spoke in regards to the petition to create a limited time license for falconers to hunt waterfowl. The association cannot include South Dakota in their scheduled meets for multiple states due to the lottery. So asking for 5 day only license to hunt waterfowl in SD. Noted success rate is not very high, but economic impact will provided to local communities is substantial and will also go to schools and speak to kids and do a blood drive.

DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Concession Administration Overview

Sean Blanchette, parks and recreation concessions manager, gave a PowerPoint presentation to provide the commission with an overview of the concessions program within the South Dakota State Parks system. Included in the presentation was a summary of Administrative rule 41:13, under which the concessions program is administered; definitions of the various fees assessed; an overview of the services provided, operational history, concession lease terms and fees assessed at each location; a statewide revenue comparison; a ten year sales and prospectus history; as well as a brief explanation of a comprehensive analysis of the concession portfolio completed in 2016.

Roy Lake Prospectus

Blanchette informed the Commission that the prospectus for Roy Lake Resort which was approved by the Commission at the July meeting expired on September 4 and that no proposals were received. Blanchette presented an Addendum to Settlement Agreement which was reached between the Division of Parks and Roy Lake Resort. The presented addendum modified the sale price of the Roy Lake opportunity from the previously approved Settlement Agreement from \$795,000 to \$739,000. The price reduction was at the request of the Concessionaire. Blanchette requested approval of the Addendum as well as authorization to issue a new prospectus for Roy Lake Resort at the reduced price

indicated in the Addendum and in accordance with the same advertised lease terms that have been approved by the Commission for past prospectus issuances.

Motioned by Olson with second by Boyd TO APPROVE THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT TO ISSUE AND ADVERTISE A PROSPECTUS FOR THE SALE OF ROY LAKE RESORT CONCESSION LEASE FOR 60 DAYS BASED ON TERMS. Motion carried.

Lewis and Clark Recreation Area Overview

District Park Supervisor Shane Bertsch and Park Manager Jake Manning presented a power point overview of the Lewis & Clark District Park Operations. Key points brought out in the presentation focused on park staffing, park features and activities, visitation and camping unit information, current projects and resource challenges specifically emerald ash borer, aquatic invasive species and pine wilt disease outbreak).

Guest Rated Customer Satisfaction Online Comment Program (due to lack of time will be presented at future meeting)

Parks Revenue and Camping Reservation Report

Bob Schneider, parks and recreation assistant director, reported that year-to-date through August, statewide park generated revenue is up 1%, camping is down 1% and visitation is down 4% from last year. Given that cold weather and snow plagued the state through April, these numbers are satisfactory. Camping at Custer State Park is up 1% from last year while temporary park entrance license sales for the park are down 5% and visitation is down 2%. We expect to see Custer State Park visitation rebound next year once visitors realize that the fire damage was limited and reclamation efforts are succeeding. Commissioners were provided with a publication of fall and early winter special events planned in state parks across the state. The department is promoting these events and with cooperative weather, they will bring many people to the parks.

DIVISION OF WILDLIFE

Elk Contingency Licenses

Kirschenmann presented the department's recommendation to not issue zero (0) any elk contingency licenses for the 2018 hunting season. He explained that per the current Elk Management Plan as formalized in administrative rule, the GFP Commission can allocate a pool of "antlerless elk" contingency licenses (not to exceed 20 percent of all antlerless elk licenses allocated for the Black Hills elk hunting season) that would be issued by resolution if summer range conditions dictate an adjustment in the harvest management strategy previously adopted by the GFP Commission. He provided information including the drought monitor, tool indicating grasslands drought conditions for the Black Hills elk units, NRCS forage production prediction model, and conversations with US Forest Service range conservationists and NRCS drought tool which support not issuing any contingency licenses for this season.

Motioned by G. Jensen, second by Phillips TO NOT ISSUE ELK CONTINGENCY LICENSES FOR THE 2018 SEASON. Motion carried. (Appendix B)

GPA Management Review (due to lack of time will be presented at future meeting)

Pheasant Survey Report (due to lack of time will be presented at future meeting)

License Sales Update (due to lack of time will be presented at future meeting)

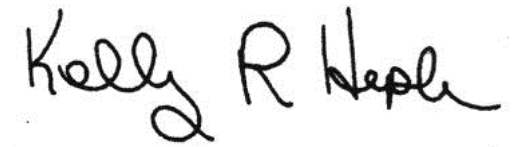
Solicitation of Agenda Items from Commissioners

No agenda items were recommended

Adjourn

Motioned by Olson, second by Boyd TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Kelly R. Hepler, Department Secretary

Appendix A

RESOLUTION 18-07

WHEREAS, Sheldon Nicolle of Tom Bean, Texas, submitted a Petition to the Game, Fish and Parks Commission (Commission) dated August 7, 2018, requesting that the Game, Fish and Parks Commission amend ARSD § 41:06:02:03 (Hunting license fees) and 41:09:06:28 (Hunting by falconry) –the petitioner proposes to create a limited pool of 100 non-resident combination waterfowl/small game license restricted to take by means of falconry for the reasons more fully set out in the petition (hereinafter referred to as “the Petition”); and

WHEREAS, all members of the Commission have been furnished with and have reviewed a copy of the Petition; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has been advised that a copy of the Petition has been served on all members of the Interim Rules Review Committee and Director of the Legislative Research Council as required by SDCL § 1-26-13; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has been advised that SDCL § 1-26-13 requires that within thirty (30) days of submission of a Petition, the Commission shall either “deny the petition in writing (stating its reasons for the denials) or shall initiate rule-making proceedings in accordance with SDCL 1-26-4.”; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has been advised and is of the opinion that a hearing on the Petition is neither statutorily required nor necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has reviewed and carefully considered the requirements and procedures set out in SDCL §1-26-13 and the contents of the Petition, including the reasons advanced by Petitioner in support of proposing to create a limited pool of 100 non-resident combination waterfowl/small game license restricted to take by means of falconry; and

WHEREAS, the requested 100 nonresident falconry licenses will have no biological impact but associated social aspects raise questions of concern, in particular due to recent discussions and controversy over the allocation of nonresident waterfowl licenses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission does hereby deny the Petition for the reasons hereinabove stated in this Resolution, which said Resolution as adopted by the Commission shall constitute the Commission’s written denial of the Petition and its reasons therefore.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Petition, a record of the Commission’s discussions concerning same, and this Resolution be made a part of the Minutes of the Commission meeting at which this Resolution is adopted, and further, that the Department be and it is hereby authorized and directed in compliance with SDCL §1-26-13 to serve a copy of an extract of that portion of the Commission minutes which pertain to the Commission’s discussion of the Petition and its adoption of this Resolution, including a copy of the Resolution, on all members of the Interim Rules Review Committee and Director of the Legislative Research Council with copies also to be provided to the Petitioner, Sheldon Nicolle of Tom Bean, Texas.

Appendix B

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

Elk Contingency Licenses 41:06:26

Commission Meeting:

September 6-7, 2018

Yankton

CONTINGENCY LICENSE ALLOCATION BY UNITS

As described in the "South Dakota Elk Management Plan, 2015-2019" and formalized in administrative rule, the GFP Commission can allocate a pool of "antlerless elk" contingency licenses (not to exceed 20 percent of all antlerless elk licenses allocated for the Black Hills elk hunting season) that would be issued by resolution if summer range conditions dictate an adjustment in the harvest management strategy previously adopted by the GFP Commission.

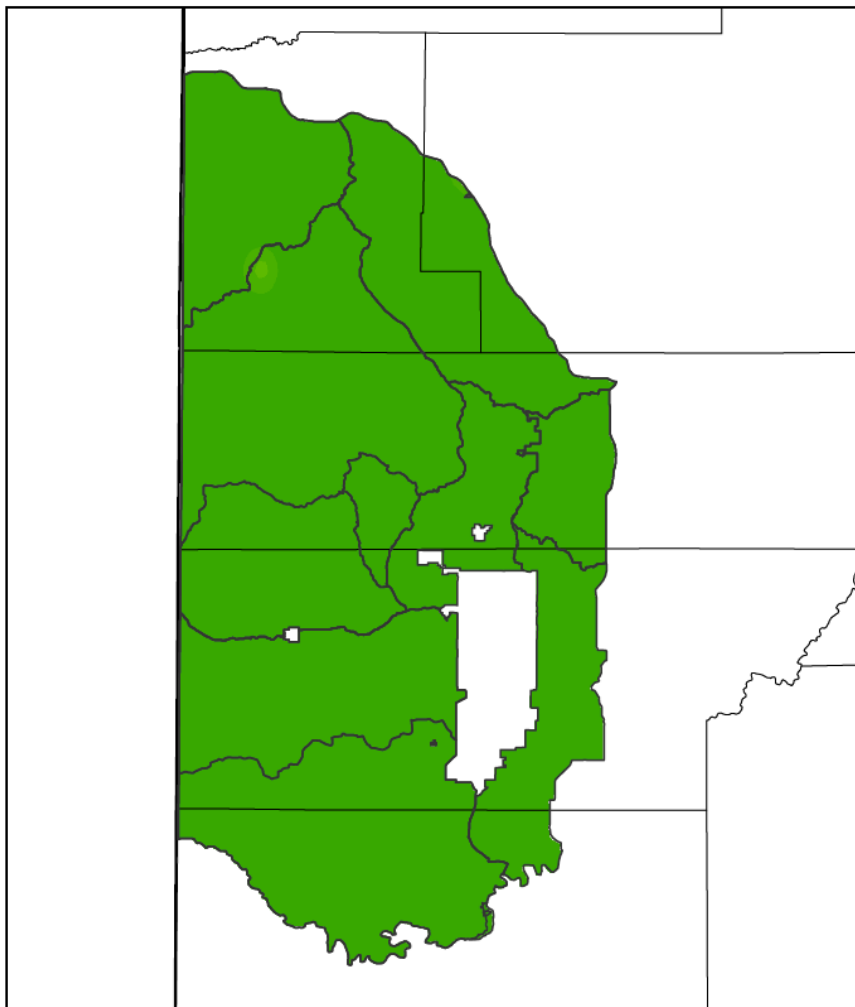
Department recommendation for 2018 Hunting Season:

Zero (0) elk contingency licenses for the 2018 hunting season

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

South Dakota Grasslands Drought Condition

Current Status - August 27, 2018



*Drought Tool - Current
Production value for Black Hills
Elk Units as of August 27, 2018*

UNITNO	Mean Value
BHE-H1B	1.09
BHE-H2BCD	1.11
BHE-H2EFG	1.18
BHE-H2HIJ	1.16
BHE-H3BCD	1.18
BHE-H3EFG	1.10
BHE-H4A	1.09
BHE-H5A	1.15
BHE-H7B	1.10
BHE-H9B	1.10

USDA
United States Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources
Conservation Service
South Dakota

Percent of Normal Forage Production
< 70% 85% 95% 100% >
Drought Drought Risk Normal



Created by:
NRCS - Rapid City FSO
August 2018

ELK UNIT CONTINGENCY LICENSE DECISION SUPPORT TABLE			
	<u>Contingency Licenses</u>		
NRCS Forage Production	<i>(% of current year unit antlerless allocation)</i>		
(% of normal/per elk unit)	Decrease Obj	Maintain Obj	Increase Obj
90 - 100%	<i>none</i>	<i>none</i>	<i>none</i>
80 - 89%	10%	5%	<i>none</i>
70 - 79%	15%	10%	5%
≤ 69%	20%	15%	10%
<i>- use forage production value calculated during the last week of August</i>			
<i>- elk tags to be calculated and distributed by a unit basis</i>			
<i>- discussions with USFS range conservationists will occur annually</i>			
<i>- impacts of fires will be considered on a case-by-case basis</i>			
<i>- will not issue less than 5</i>			

Elk Unit	Forage Production Value*	Unit Objective	2018 Antlerless lics	Contingency %	Contingency #
BHE-H1B	109%	increase	20	0%	0
BHE-H2BCD	111%	maintain	175	0%	0
BHE-H2EFG	118%	maintain	225	0%	0
BHE-H2HIJ	116%	maintain	45	0%	0
BHE-H3BCD	118%	maintain	45	0%	0
BHE-H3EFG	110%	decrease	150	0%	0
BHE-H4A	109%	increase	10	0%	0
BHE-H5A	115%	increase	0	0%	0
BHE-H7B	110%	increase	10	0%	0
BHE-H9B	110%	maintain	20	0%	0
		total	700		0
<i>* Current NRCS Drought Tool mean forage production value as of August 27, 2018</i>					

Public Hearing Minutes of the Game, Fish and Parks Commission
July 11, 2018

The Public Hearing Officer Gary Jensen began the public hearing at 2:08 p.m. at the Lewis and Clark Resort Lodge in Yankton, South Dakota. Commissioners Barry Jensen, Gary Jensen, Mary Anne Boyd, Jon Locken, Cathy Petersen, Scott Phillips, Russell Olson and Douglas Sharp were present. Chairman B Jensen indicated written comments were provided to the Commissioners prior to this time and will be reflected in the Public Hearing Minutes. G. Jensen then invited the public to come forward with oral testimony.

Deer License Allocation

Darrel Reinke - Ft. Pierre, SD, Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to give comments on the proposed change in the deer application rules. I would strongly urge you to be very careful in making such a drastic change in a system that has worked very well for many many years. It works because the current system gives everyone an equal chance to apply. It doesn't give anyone an advantage, but rather gives everyone an equal opportunity at a license. I think the key word here is "opportunity". The proposed change, if adopted, would drastically change that by limiting those who can apply. If this proposal is passed, those of us who have applied for multiple licenses will have our "opportunity" severely reduced. It would totally prevent those of us who enjoy hunting both Mule deer and Whitetail deer from doing so. The proposed change totally goes against the definition of a lottery drawing by skewing the draw success to benefit a select few. Just because some hunters are disappointed they are having difficulty in drawing a tag in highly sought after units does not warrant such a drastic change. Everyone who applies certainly recognizes that certain units have lower draw success rates. That is definitely not unique to just South Dakota. There has always been a remedy to that in our current system. I used to apply for a Mule deer tag in Perkins County and I was feeling that I would like to improve my odds of drawing a tag. I didn't ask that the system change but rather worked within the system. I researched the draw success statistics and found a different unit to apply in. In my case it was HAAKON County. I drove out from Brookings County where I lived at that time and started knocking on doors. I found a landowner that would allow us to hunt. That was 47 years ago. I have hunted on the same ranch under the same family ownership ever since. I moved to Pierre 37 years ago and found the same lower draw success for Whitetail deer to be true in Hughes County. Again I didn't ask that the system be changed to accommodate me but rather I worked within the system and found Potter County. Same story, I knocked on doors and found a landowner that would allow me to hunt. That was over 30 years ago and am still hunting on those same properties. This drastic change would require me to give up one of the relationships that I have developed and nurtured over these many years to benefit those who don't think the system works and want it changed for their own personal betterment. That is not right and once again I strongly urge you to leave the current system as is. An old adage certainly pertains to this, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." Thanks for your time and for your service.

Josh Hagemann – Mission Hill, SD, I would like to thank the Commission for the opportunity to speak. With such a short time to speak, I will dive right in. I have spoken with Kevin Robling at great length regarding this proposal. My biggest issue is the process used to move this proposal forward. This proposal is packaged as a way to improve applicant success that will increase both youth and total applicant numbers. However only 2009 to 2017 data is present. It's quite a coincidence that up until 2009 tag numbers were increasing and everything after 2009 tag numbers were decreasing. More data is

available in the Deer Management plan. This proposal states the reason for decreasing applicants is low applicant success. However, an excerpt from paragraph 2 on Page 38 of the Deer management plan reads: *Except for deer license types that are unlimited, South Dakota deer hunter participation is greatly influenced by the number of deer licenses available. If deer license a/locations decrease, the number of unique hunters also decreases. If deer license allocations increase, the number of hunters also increases.* Figure 18 on that same page shows a line graph that follows the trend from 1998 to 2015.

Regarding survey methods, I'm still not sure why a representative data set was not the priority. As Kevin has admitted, none of the data presented from the focus groups or the online surveys is representative data. Therefore, while we can't use the survey feedback as representation of public opinion we also can't use the mock application as a representation of how the public will apply under this proposal. You can't pick and choose. At one point Kevin said to me, "I wish we never would have done that survey." I'm not sure what to think of that, but it doesn't instill confidence in the data. We also don't have an evaluation process for this proposal. The GFP says they would like to have 3 years of data before judging success or failure of the proposal. However, there isn't a set plan. We have been told several times that success rates WILL increase. So I don't believe that should be the only criteria used to evaluate this. If it is meant to increase applicants, that might be a better gauge. Are youth applicants increasing? Are total applicants increasing? Another factor that should receive consideration is applicant satisfaction. A survey of all applicants should be taken to judge satisfaction. The department should hear from the people this proposal will affect.

I have been told that we can't look at the public input as a vote. Kevin asked me if we should look at the majority of public input for all management decisions. I agree that would be a bad idea for biologically driven issue. But this situation is a **purely** Human Dimensions related issue. This proposal has no biological bearing on anything. In order to manage the humans in this matter, the human opinions need to be the predominate decision-maker. I have also heard that most decisions are made by a few people like Representatives, Senators, or the Governor. I agree, but this is different. I mean no offense to the commission by this, but the Game commission seats are not elected seats. The public did not choose the commissioners to represent them. I implore the commission to use our public input to govern its decision.

I feel this proposal is being rushed to the finalization on. The GFP says there has been a lot of confusion and misinformation. If so, why isn't the Department taking more time to educate the public? The proposal is still open for change as we speak, so how is the public supposed to stay informed on the final proposal and decided whether or not they support it. Settle on a final plan. Take the proposal and educate the public for multiple months. If the Department continues to change the proposal and doesn't take the time to educate the public I don't want to hear "confusion or misinformation on" as excuses. After the public is informed, a random survey of applicants could be taken. The feedback from that survey would be representative data. I brought this up to Kevin and he said, "That's a valid point. You should bring that to the Commission." That is why I'm here now. Until there is a well-informed public. Until there is representative data. And until there is a completely transparent evaluation plan for this proposal, it should **not** be passed in **any** form. I want to thank you all again for your time.

Gerald Koster – Yankton, SD, state motto land of infinite variety for sportsmen should be land of infinite opportunity. There are opportunities to hunt if you are ambitious. Over the years, 55 years of hunting had privilege to hunt with Commissioner's family members and took opportunity to learn about the wildlife and land. If commission make changes being discussed he would have never had these opportunities as he likes to hunt in more than one county. This change will eliminate that. Here to ask commission to take a really good second look. Doesn't think we need a change as the current system is excellent.

Don Lepp – Yankton, SD retired vet that hunts around the world and in many states. Had 10 different licenses in last 12 month plus quotas and permits. South Dakota has a system that works. Recommended look at what the rest of the world does and it will prove our system works. Nobody in the room buys more nonresident license than he does and knows that we have a system that works. Noted we have opportunities in our state by getting out there and making relationships. Doesn't want to choose between West River and East River. If this goes through he will lose a relationship.

Bob Winter – Yankton, SD Bob lives right over the dam. Educator for 47 years and therefore sees things differently and appreciates what Secretary Hepler said. Quick points grew up in Gerald County learning to hunt with family and friends for fun. Found out then you need a place to hunt unless you want to pay to hunt or lease some land. Has a place to hunt in Yankton County due to family and friends. If he gets a license wonderful, but if not that is okay will just go out with family and friends. Doesn't want to see the season switch as he doesn't have an interest in hunting west river or black hills as he doesn't have a place to hunt there. Took a stats class one time saying you can skew your figures. Notes you need to be careful with statistics and you can be overwhelmed with statistics. Has gone to a lot of CORP meetings were they give you a lot of info to wear you out then ask if you have questions. Hopes that is not what GFP is doing. Appreciates the Commissioners work. Know all the Conservation Officers in the area and says they do a great job.

Brendan Gerth – Clear Lake, SD against the change doesn't understand what's broke so if not broke don't fix. I think the problem is when you cube the points to increase the chances. If you want another survey do what was done in 2010. Question from survey ask people if they would want to change the system allowing people to only get one preferred license and use that data.

Lance Gerth – Brandt, SD, everything I've been thinking about has pretty much been covered except implementing the cubing of preference points and that in itself should help. If you do the math 2 cubed is 4 cubed gives you 8 points in the basket on your second year of application and quite an advantage. All kinds of people are not getting tags for lots of seasons out there. Should let the cubing of points run the course for a while and see if it solves the problem. Says the proposals are very complicated and not set in stone.

Daniel Golay – Sioux Falls, SD, hunting big game in SD for over 50 years. Grew up in Kingsbury County on a farm. Brother left the state for job opportunity and was back in 2 years because he is a hunter. Other state was too many people and not enough land. In SD not a lot of people but a lot of land with game on it. Irritated state is using stats from 2010 department survey that has nothing to do with what we are talking about today. He gets surveys and probably filled this out not knowing it would be used for this. So people

should be careful when you fill out a survey as it may be used against you. In favor of everyone getting a tag, but it cannot happen because everyone has an equal opportunity. SD does not have a true preference system. If we had one his neighbor lady would not have drawn an elk tag in CSP with only 4 years of hunting. Why do we not have a true preference system? Under the system we have now he will not be able to hunt West River and East River. Owns land East River and if he can't hunt that then no one will be able to hunt that. Has a grandkid trying to talk out of getting into hunting and into golf instead so you don't have to worry about someone changing the rules. If I can't hunt my land ain't nobody going to hunt it period.

Daren Freenstra – Corsica, SD opposed to change. Has built rapport over the last 40 years of hunting with east and west river people. Does not own land and sees this not being an issue for landowners. Is a Huntsafe instructors and teaches kids value of building a relationship all over the state. Only going to have a chance to do it East or West River. Noted most of the coveted east river tags will be drawn after first draw. So if he puts in West River as preferred choice to increase odds of drawing doesn't have a chance to draw his county in the first draw. Agrees that cubing point will help. We do not have enough deer so we need more habitat and need to adjust this to increase the number of deer.

Dale Weber – Salem, SD, high respect for commissioners for the work that they have done. Served as administrator and teacher serving on boards. In favor of no change. Has 4 sons he has taught to hunt and now 9 grandsons all apply East and West River with strong relationships. Says it is more than just shooting a deer. Family goes together establishing memories over the years and just getting started with the grandsons. If we no longer go to places to hunt those places will be without the revenue. Thanked staff for allowing grandson to hunt from a wheelchair and it is important that he gets to go and family have a great time. This new proposal will limit that.

Wayne Lloyd – Wentworth, SD Thanked commission and Kevin for their work. Brought 1000 signatures in opposition and noted an online pole with 6,500 signatures as everyone knows the current system works. Recommends using the current system one more year and taking a poll. Noted this is not biological so it is the popular vote. This change would take away his opportunity.

Dennis Lanpher – Sioux Falls, SD, retired SD state employee. Says GFP doesn't know why they are making change. 22 years running for elk tag in Custer. Few years ago brother got him a free tag in North Dakota. Hasn't received a tag west river for 6 years due to low deer population. Hunts east river and west river public land for any deer in this county. Last year had 3 tags and sat on public land that he has hunted since 1965 and counted 30 deer that went by each time someone shot. Says you are losing your money at Sand Lake. Once were 100 tags for 6 seasons and now there are 10 tags any deer and 10 tags antlerless for 5 seasons. Bet refuges have twice as many deer. Brown County had 1000 and 1100 antlerless. Do we need a change? Do survey and go back to the old ways of 1965 that ran for 15 years. Hunted East River one year and West River the next because he couldn't hunt East River until the third draw. .

Robert Conway – Yankton, SD, likes changes that have been made. What he likes the most is getting youth engaged. Doesn't think the system we currently have is broken and thinks some simple changes can be made to improve it. Hunters are not ready for this

big of a change. You will see very few young people here to comment as they didn't know this was going on. Reads the Sioux Falls and Yankton newspapers and didn't see information on this until recently.

Indian Springs

Chris Hesla, South Dakota Wildlife Federation - Pierre, SD commended staff on the Indian Springs proposal and landowners for allowing access should the proposal be approved. Hesla noted his organizations likes when landowners and sportsmen can get together to work on something such as this proposal. He noted this is different than Reetz which he opposed last month that created two classes of people. Reetz only allows the public to fish 5 months of year with landowner permission and different limits. Indian Springs is closed for one closed for all. He noted this proposal is a very good thing and hopes there are more like this in the future.

Marty Mack, Mack Land Surveying – Watertown, SD, representing Black Claw Bait; quite a unique situation as Antelope Lake, a meandered body of water joins Indian Springs. Noted the misconception on meandered bodies of water. He stated the defined meander line is a usually irregular surveyed line following the outline of a body of water this is used to measure abutting property and is not a boundary line. Per the land surveyors manual the traverse that approximates the margin of a permanent natural body of water is the meander line. Numerous decision in the United States Supreme Court assert the principle that, in original surveys mender lines are run, not a boundaries or parcel, but for the purpose of ascertaining the quantity of land remaining after segregation of the bed of the water. The ordinary high water mark or line of mean high tide of the stream, or other body of water, and not the meander line as actually run on the ground is the actual boundary. This shows that indeed Antelope Lake is meandered body of water and the meandered line is not a boundary. Provided maps of Antelope Lake showing original boundary lines which go way beyond the meander line which is the legal boundary therefore allowing access to Indian Springs. He stated that per public trust doctrine resources such as shorelines between the high and low tine lines, regardless of private property ownership are held in public trust. He sent a letter to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to get ordinary high water mark established on Antelope Lake. Their response provides background information stating the private adjoining landowner retains the right to also use the land to the water's edge for any purpose not inconsistent with the rights of the public after the high water mark is set. A high water mark is not set on Antelope Lake yet, but they would like one.

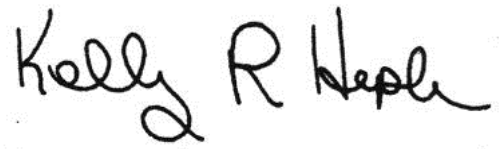
Martin Beving - Clark, SD. Landowner on Indian Springs also has a bait shop. He retired and decided to build the bait shop in 2012. Has 9+ employees and received no advice as to what to do when he will have to lay off his employees for three months per the proposal. Opposes the proposal because he wants people to continue to be able to fish.

Glen Larson – Aberdeen, SD, property owner on the lake and McClelland's Slough. Larson is against proposal. As avid waterfowl hunter the problem is we do not have decent waterfowl until one week in Mid November and that is basically it. Do have a stock of local ducks which are used to boats being on the lake so from that aspect doesn't make sense for proposed change. There are more fisherman than there are waterfowl hunters. Before big flooding there was a lot of hunters on the lake now there is no one it is fisherman. This law would only be for a few out of state hunters vs. numerous boaters and fisherman.

Additional public comments attached

The public Hearing concluded at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelly R Hepler". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first name "Kelly" is written with a large, looped 'K'. The middle initial "R" is smaller and positioned between the first and last names. The last name "Hepler" is written with a prominent 'H' and a trailing flourish.

Kelly R. Hepler, Department Secretary

Public Comments

Deer License Allocation

Dustin Mund

Lead SD

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Comment:

support support

Chet Peterson

Freeman SD

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Comment:

oppose

Nathan Scherer

Custer SD

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Comment:

I strongly support the proposal to require individuals to select their most preferred license from the six seasons in the first draw. This would give me and my family a better chance to hunt in the Black Hills where we live every year, instead of every third year the way it is now.

Thank you for approving this proposal and I hope you finalize it at your October meeting.

God bless
Nathan Scherer

Casey Ellerton

Custer SD

Cellerton@hotmail.com

Comment:

I strongly disagree with changing the deer tag draw, I believe this will create less opportunities for hunters than more. Leave it the way it is.

Nathan Gerlach

Pierre SD

Npgerlach@gmail.com

Comment:

I'd prefer that it was left as is. This is going to take away from east and west river deer hunters. I would like the option to keep getting the potential buck on both sides of the river.

Matt Kutz

Highmore SD

Comment:

This is not a good deal for anyone everyone will lose out. If your trying to ruin the hunting in sd you're going at it the right way.

Mathew Fetherhuff

Aberdeen SD

mathewfetherhuff@gmail.com

Comment:

I believe that the allocation process we have now, is plenty adequate. Being able to apply for east and west river opens up great opportunity for multiple hunts per year. I do not believe that the pressure for certain tags will decline, as you will always have people who only want to hunt one certain unit every year.

Tonisha Mund

Lead SD

Tonishaisaak@hotmail.com

Comment:

Deer license allocation process, alternative #1 support

Justin Murphy

Crooks SD

justintmurphy@outlook.com

Comment:

I strongly oppose the change to deer tag applications. Tags are a lottery. You can't please everyone. People who hunt multiple tags spend a great deal of time and money each year. Why punish someone for putting in the time to apply and pay preference points? Please reconsider your stance on this proposal and keep the deer tags alone.

Adam Holen
Brookings SD

Comment:

For people who put in multiple tags, they are still not gaurenteed a tag. Even to draw either way still takes a couple years of preference.

Tom Jensen
Harrisburg SD
tomjensen178@gmail.com

Comment:

Strongly oppose any change. Please reject proposal and leave system as is. The current system is effective and fair.

Jesse Hartman
Lennkx SD

Comment:

I don't want to have to choose between family and hunting my other spots. I am sick and tired of all these changes. People need to suck it up buy their preference points and wait that's what makes the hunt that more special and then maybe people would get out of the vehicles and actually hunt knowing it could possibly be the only time they get a tag. I don't want any changes. If there is a change what are the cost of the deer tags gonna go up to because I know the revenue the gfp used to make isn't gonna be crap if there is a change.

Tyler Aadland
Webster SD
ty_aad@hotmail.com

Comment:

Why not start with nonresidents. Put them in for a drawing for an archery tag don't allow them over the counter tags. They have to draw a tag to shoot a goose but not a deer? Doesn't make much sense! Every other state starts with reducing tag numbers for non residents why does this state have to be different. If the commissioners would have been a little smarter 10 years ago and not given every person 4 deer tags maybe we would still have deer. Maybe they should try being proactive instead of reactive and waiting for a problem to start before they try to fix it!

Kyle Kaskie

Aurora SD

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Comment:

I support the current deer tag allocation process. Through planning, I am able to draw desired tags on a yearly bases. I am able to spread my hunting time across the state with this process and believe the new purposed process would take away from these opportunities. I also enjoy having the ability to hunt multiple desired units in a single year when the stars align (every couple years). The system is called a lottery for a reason and I don't believe it is going to help a single person draw a more sought out unit on a yearly basis, like some people think the new proposal will obtain.

Daniel Feldhaus

Ipswich SD

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Comment:

Leave as is for gun tag applications. Mature buck numbers are going down need to go to a nine day rifle season and eliminate the late doe season for rifle. Deer are getting pushed around way to long right now they don't stand a chance. Also need to cut way back/cap non resident bow tags it is overrun out west to the point it's not even fun to go.

Clint Barber

Aurora SD

Comment:

I would prefer the state leaves the tag allocation the way it is currently setup. With the use of special buck tags, an individual can draw almost every year, east & west river. I think the proposal will add confusion to the drawing process, and make it more difficult to remember deadlines. Also, based on the table I saw, it showed a majority of hunters were actually opposed to changing the current system. Thank you for your consideration.

Alex Heilman

Sioux Falls SD

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Comment:

Option three was by far the popular vote. We have so many opportunities in this state and you guys choose to go with the one that limits them the most what a joke. Why have polls and surveys if they don't mean anything? Do what's right and go with option three.

Nick Hauert
Harrisburg SD
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Comment:

I really prefer the system as is. I am a multi season hunter and believe the current system works great.

Skyler Burke
Rapid City SD

Comment:

There is plenty of deer and GF&P has done a great job managing deer from year to year and me and my family enjoy hunting several different areas for bucks or does. It allows us to spend more time outdoors and see new parts of the state. I don't understand how the way it is currently hurts anyone. I don't fill half the buck tags I get each year not because I don't see deer but I'm waiting for giants which is what is happening each year. Due to trail cams and scouting I have seen the deer quality improve drastically. Thank you for your time. Keep it up!

Shauna Woodward
Tulare SD
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Comment:

I wish they would just leave it alone. Thanks

Judy Carroll
Rapid City SD
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Comment:

I feel your going to make it even harder for us residents wanting a deer tag. If you look at the numbers of people that put in for each season and unit, there's way more people than tags so their never truly will be a second or third choice drawing for those units and need to make archery tags for nonresidents a draw only. Too many mule deer being shot by archery nonresidents and the same goes for youth tags should be whitetail doe only tags to stop shooting so many mule deer does.

Zachary Knox
Spencer SD
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Comment:

Please please do not change anything. I like hunting on both sides of the river every year!

Charles Hamre

Canton SD

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Comment:

I think its crap to pool all the tags together. I put in alot of hours and days on the phone and driving east and west river to find spots, knock on doors begging farmers to hunt. Doing research on the refugees to find good spots to hunt so I can hunt more then one tag a year. Now these guys that sit at home and only hunt one spot and won't do any work to find other places to hunt sit and bitch because they can't draw any tags when they don't do the work. I draw 4 bucks tags a year and I fill them tags because I put in the time before the season and during the season. Now I might only get luck and get 2 tags or 1 tag. It's been that way for the last 18 year I have been chasing deer. Why does the gfp always have to go changing things all the time. Just leave it alone. Make the guys that want to shoot deer go out and do the work to find the deer and get permission in other spots besides there back yard.

Seth Dawson

Howard SD

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Comment:

I think changing the deer tag draw is a huge mistake and will only hurt the sportsman of South Dakota dramatically, I think the draw should be left the way it is and no change should be made. We should not have to choose between hunting West River East River or the hills for 1st choice. I and many friends I hunt with save all our vacation just for hunting and plan our trip around multiple tags a year this would greatly affect our spending across the state and we will start buying tags in others states if we can only get limited tags in South Dakota each year. I have many other reason I disagree with this change.

Aaron Willis

Mitchell SD

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Comment:

The system works great. It's a only a select few that have troubles drawing tough counties cause they won't adapt or change locations. I don't understand trying to fix a system that isn't broken. If it's a money issue it's not the right way to generate revenue.

Scott Johnson

Fort Pierre SD

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Comment:

We need to leave the deer application process the same. There is nothing wrong with the current method. If it isn't broken don't fix it.

Kelly Halverson

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Comment:

I recommend no change

Darrin Christensen

Watertown SD

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Comment:

The lottery draw is not broke!!!! Do not change it!!!

Lucas Eickholt

Brandon SD

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Comment:

If the system isn't broken don't try to fix it. I drive across the boarder into Minnesota to work every day, the main reason I remain living in south dakota is because of deer hunting and the system that we have now...if the changes are made it will basically wreck my life, the deer hunting trips with my friends will go out the window...and I will have no reason to remain living in what I thought was the greatest state in the nation...after taking away all the public water and now turning deer hunting on its ear who knows what idiocracy will follow

Zach Mccready

Chamberlain SD

Comment:

Strongly opposed. What is the value in the change?

Brody Boes

Gregory SD

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Comment:

This whole thing seems really unnecessary. I don't feel we should change the whole system just because some people don't know how to apply for tags. Educate people not to apply for any deer tags when there isn't mule deer in the area they hunt, then give out more any whitetail tags? There are leftover tags every year right? If people aren't drawing in their home county, drive a half hour to the next one and hunt there or take up archery. We should not be changing the system to make it easier for people who don't want to put in the work to hunt. It's as simple as that. I hunt Gregory county. It's my home. Every November during opening weekend I can drive to the Platte/winner bridge and I will guarantee there are 5-10 Sioux Falls/Mitchell hunters hunting that area. Those are people taking advantage of this states resources. The system to me seems too good to change. I'm open to more suggestions and info on this topic. If there are any other advantages to this change other than drawing odds, I'd love to hear them. Thanks

Adam Witte

Egan SD

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Comment:

Leave the deer tag application process the way it is. Changing how the application process currently is would have an adverse effect on the sportsmanship of the state. Personally, each year I try to enjoy a family hunt east river and a different family hunt west river. As well as I put in for Black Hills every year. For those of us hunters who try more than one season, having to choose only one would be difficult. Especially since you are not guaranteed a tag.

In closing, please leave the current application process alone.

Thank you,

Adam Witte

Matthew Kasuske

Huron SD

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Comment:

Why change something majority of resident as opposed of makes no sense east river west river is a tradition to a lot of family and friend I don't understand why you want to try to change something when the is no problem. If anything need to be done it is limited number of tag archery and rifle for non residents!!!!

Joe Henderson

Colton SD

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Comment:

Dont change something that isnt broke. This is going to Increase NR tags and take away from south dakotans. It also allows the lazy to benefit. If people put in the work and time, they can get their desired taga majority of the time every other year.

I would like to know the stats in which GFP surveyed people. Majority of people I talk to are opposed to this.

Darren Swenson

Madison SD

Comment:

No change

Reid Peterson

Brookings SD

Comment:

I think that changing the current application system is foolish. What's the point of buying preference points to draw tags. By changing to first choice for all seasons you are still going to have to accrue the same amount of preference points to hunt your desired season, also you Can t view refuge and Custer and all the other specialty tags as a first choice nobody will ever draw them on a cycle like that they are a bonus tag at the end of the day. Please don't penalize the guys like my self who buy preference points and apply for tags from one corner of the state to the other and travel to all of the small towns and bring revenue to them. because some people aren't willing to compromise and travel but For example there were buck tags into 3rd draw last year for multiple counties. I know I'm in the minority on this topic but I buy more tags and give for conservation more than the average guy who wants his one tag. I think you should keep the current system

Anthony Gibson

Watertown SD

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Comment:

I completely oppose any changes to the current deer tag allocation. A good portion of areas have left over tags each year. It seems to me that only people that don't want to travel to hunt, or only want to hunt trophy bucks in high pressure areas are the ones with the problem. I supply pretty much all of my meat each year from hunting, and 90% of the time I have to travel to do it. By limiting the number of tags I can apply for first draw, you decrease the possible number of tags I can get, and or make me have to travel further to do so. Just so that someone who only wants to hunt in their back yard in a heavily populated area can shoot a big buck and probably not even care about what happens to the meat. If you make these changes I might as well give up big game hunting in South Dakota, and just spend all of the money to go out of state and hunt one trip for an elk or a moose. On top of all of that what happens to all of my preference points that will pretty much become useless? Are you going to refund all of my money?

David Wagner
Rapid City SD
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Comment:

Need to leave the lottery system as it is. The complaint of not being able to draw tags or deer is mostly self induced due to type of tag and unit difficulty. The residents that due their homework and aren't afraid to travel shouldn't be punished by the few people that can't. Most of these residents also only apply first draw and no other. I also think the cost of non resident tags should meet the pricing of other states. There is no reason they can't pay the same prices that we do if we go to other states. If you want revenue go for it there.

Alec Boughton
Watertown SD
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Comment:

I do not support the change. The way things have been going are the way they should continue to work. The herds are getting managed properly and those who are dedicated to hunting get to go out and take part in creating those memories!
Thank you for listening.

Aaron Erickson
Watertown SD
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Comment:

I strongly oppose the changes you are planning on making to the deer license draw! Kevin stated at the meeting that you try your hardest to fix what is broke.....that is absurd in my opinion, it looks like you are trying your hardest to break something that is working just fine!!! It is a lottery system, fair to everybody, somebody wants a tag more than once every 3 or 4 years then apply for more tags, be more flexible in your hunting style! DO NOT SCREW-UP WHAT ISN'T BROKEN!!! Please leave the deer draws the current way they are!

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Paul Carroll
Rapid City SD
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Comment:

I think our tag system should be left alone! The new system if you don't draw your first choice . Then you will not draw a tag. There are no left over tags now .So that means there will not be any left over tags to even send for in the next draw. Being able to have multiple tags is a great option we have in our state . I feel changing this would be a step backwards!

Jacob Terry
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Comment:

oppose

Justin Boynton
Bath SD
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Comment:

We have a state setting that allows us the ability to hunt both white tail deer and mule deer and now you are trying to limit us to just one option. This is wrong! Change the west river tag system to be like the east river and give the state residents there power back. We are the ones who spend all the money and time to keep this state going. I happen to be a land owner and would really be disgusted with the state for even considering this as an option. The only part of the system that is broke is allowing out of state hunters to draw buck tags but turn down residents because you're setting tags aside for out of state hunters.

Barry Smith
Andover SD
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Comment:

I do not agree with this proposal

Taylor Custis
Belle Fourche SD
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Comment:

I fail to see how this fixes anything. Leave it alone!

Becki Erickson

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Comment:

If I choose to gamble, I walk into a gas station and PURCHASE a lottery ticket. I may or may not win. If I PURCHASE more than 1 ticket, I may increase my odds of winning. Fair.

Same holds true for deer license allocation If I PURCHASE (application fee) a tag, I may or may not get it. However if I PURCHASE (application fee) multiple tags for multiple units, I may increase my chance at getting to fill a tag.

This is a lottery system folks. It's fair. It's simple.

Dakota Case

Tea SD

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Comment:

The proposed changes to the state's deer drawing procedure is a disservice to both resident hunters and small town South Dakota. Hunters like myself choose to pursue deer through multiple options, which means more time afield and more money spent in places that don't normally receive much business outside of hunting season.

Restricting hunters to one option hurts everyone, and only looks bad on GF&P, which already has lost the trust of South Dakotans via the nonmeandered water fiasco. Don't shoot yourself in the foot by driving away your clientele and cutting off the almighty revenue stream.

Travis Rounds

Dell Rapids SD

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Comment:

You guys have a great licensing system already, please leave it be

Brandon Peery

Milbank SD

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Comment:

I think this is a terrible idea. All this does is benefit out of state hunters and hunters who only apply for one license. I feel the GF&P cared more about making out of staters happy than taking care of its own hunters.

Doug Brage
Watertown SD

Comment:

I'm opposed in changing any deer seasons, leave them the way they are

Jon Brozik
Winner SD
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Comment:

Why is this even an issue if 43% and 46% of the people want a change? That tells me that 57% and 54% oppose the change! I have bought preference points in multiple seasons the past several years as a donation, and also to built my points for the year we spend the holidays in the hills again. However, if there is a change, I will discontinue my practice. I typically apply for WR deer, archery deer, BH deer, elk (multiple units), Big Horn Sheep etc. In the years where I have had multiple tags, I will only harvest one deer. I have recently gotten my son into the sport and he harvested his first buck last year, so I elected to pass multiple bucks. If this proposal goes through, and there is a change, I will discontinue my multiple applications. I know there are people who are complaining because they can't draw a west River tag, etc. Those are the same people that don't have anywhere to hunt and end up 'road hunting' big game! I know that is not legal; however, I have witnessed it personally year after year. I suggest you should have to put down a landowner to apply for WR deer tags, in a similar fashion to the Any WR deer tags.

Zach Schneider
Oldham SD
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Comment:

I do not support changing the way deer licenses are allocated. The current system is far and away better than the proposed one in my opinion. It only benefits people not willing to travel and utilize the public lands this state had to offer. This state thrives off of outdoorsman and the vast majority i have spoken to do not support this change.

Dustin Rice
Rapid City SD
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Comment:

I am opposed to anything that is effecting resident draws at this time until we put a limit on the number of Non-resident archery permits that are issued. I believe this is having a big impact at least on our West River mule deer herd and the amount of people accessing our public lands.

Christopher Kessler

Brandon SD

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Comment:

We as sportsmen are blessed to have so many great deer hunting opportunities in this state. My family and I, DO NOT support or want any changes to the deer application process. We hunt every season possible from mentor, youth, to archery and muzzle loader. I am in favor of choice C, NO change. Sincerely, Chris Kessler

Michael Kroger

Bridgewater SD

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Comment:

I strongly recommend option C (no change). I apply for a good percentage of the available deer tags. I believe that it is currently a fair opportunity to all to get the tag they would like for each season. Lumping all the different seasons together for the 1st choice and 2nd choice will just make things complicated. Currently if I don't get the tag I want for that season, I have the preference purchased and move on with my life. I understand the concept of change and how it will benefit the certain hunters that only wants to hunt 1 certain season. This change will effect the avid hunter. The current system gives everyone a fair chance at a tag. If a person really wants a tag for a specific season, I feel that they would put in there time till there opportunity comes up.

Seth Vant Hof

Dell Rapids SD

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Comment:

Please leave the draw as is. I am opposed to all other options based on losing opportunity for deer hunting.

Ryan Mcnamara

Sioux Falls SD

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Comment:

The old adage rings true. If it isn't broke, don't fix it. Here is my opinion. Raise the price of out of state tags. South Dakota is the cheapest state for out of state hunters to obtain tags. Double the prices. They will still pay. People will not think twice about a couple hundred dollars in the planning of a trip.

Preston Munk

Wentworth SD

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Comment:

oppose

Jared Thomas
Harrisburg SD
jared644@gmail.com

Comment:

I believe the current system works fine. Hunters do the research they can be successful, or strategize points to have a consistent odds of drawing. Intervention is not needed in this.

Rick Wilson
Rapid City SD
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Comment:

I cannot afford to pay to hunt out of state, so having multiple opportunities in my own state allows me and my family a chance to draw one or two licences a year. I would think that limiting one deer tag per person the revenue on license fees would drop and licenses themselves would have to go up to make up the difference. I don't think we need a West and East prairie tags, but we should keep Black Hills, muzzleloader, prairie and archery all available to draw to everyone.

Kammi Doud
Rapid City SD
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Comment:

I prefer being able to apply for the various seasons that I want to hunt. I get that some may get to hunt multiple tags while I get none and vice versus but the way it works out now at least I know I should have any opportunity every other year to hunt a unit. I do think we need to add the second draw opportunities again

Victor Rapkoch
Britton SD
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Comment:

I would like to see it remain the same. I think we have a great system that does not need anything changed.

Stephen Gossman

Pierre SD

Comment:

Go to a true preference system! Lose the lottery!!!! If you want one buck per hunter then make it so. It will never happen, 5 to 15 dollars per preference point and no accountability, why change that?! Game management is not an easy task, but when finance and politics become equally important, the average sportsman loses. Public ground is shrinking and the quality of it is falling even faster. Hunting has become big business catering to land owners and probably rightfully so. The landowners have become stewards of the resource, while GFP have tried to keep their fingers as deep in the pot as possible. If every dollar spent went straight back into hunting or fishing then there could be buy backs for new QUALITY ground with restrictions on licenses. I have no problem with drawing 1 GOOD tag every or every other year. Right now, unless you have a landowner or deep pockets it's not realistic. Don't misunderstand, South Dakota is top notch for opportunity on quality for all species, but I feel it is slipping away. Keep and try to gain more public access, possibly limit tags, and make my points worth something!

Daniel Gunderson

Lake Preston SD

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Comment:

oppose Close to the dumbest thing I've heard all day

Tanner Sprague

Rapid City SD

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Comment:

Strongly oppose this change. I wish the GFP commission would stop giving into the mentality that everyone should receive a tag. It is a lottery system for a reason. I properly plan my tags accordingly so I can draw certain tags at different times. I

Zach Stricherz

Watertown SD

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Comment:

This is a bad idea. For many reasons. There are multiple more ways to manage deer. Lots of people love and enjoy deer hunting, lots of people rely on the deer they shoot to provide food for their familys. I myself do not rely on deer to feed my family, but i do enjoy the sport and I do love hunting both sides of the river. Please try to figure out another way to work this. A set tag number for each county would be great. Why give 500 tags out in one county and 100 in another. Why not give 200 out for all counties. Cut back on out of state tags.

Tyler Manning

Mitchell SD

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Comment:

oppose

Jordan Miller

Canton SD

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Comment:

STOP trying to change our current system. The South Dakota sportsman have spoke out in droves against this, yet you are still pushing your agenda. I, along with the majority strongly oppose any change to the deer liscense system.

Tanner Kohn

Watertown SD

Comment:

I think it should be left the same. If people really want to get a tag the options are out there some countys you have to patient for. I don't see how changing the system is gonna help anyone besides possibly making more out of state tags and i think that it is ridiculous to try and give out of state tags when we hardly have enough for residents!

Tom Garner

Valley Springs SD

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Comment:

oppose

Blaine Snyder

Milbank SD

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Comment:

I belive that the system in place is already fair. The people that are drawing tags on both sides of the river are fairly applying for a set number of tags. Sure it may open up more tags for the people that live in the county but some people like me live east river (Milbank) and have a place to hunt west river (Lyman county) would appreciate the opportunity to hunt both places like I can now.

Mike Vostad

Canton SD

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Comment:

support no change to applying for both east/west river deer. Have 23 years preference points for Custer Park elk, with no hope of ever drawing a tag

Quintin Biermann

Rapid City SD

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Comment:

Let's give individuals the option to enjoy all our great seasons at some point. No change is the best option with combining east river, west river, and black hills deer an alternative secon option. To combine all 6 seasons is rediculous given the small amount of tags issued for refuge, custer, and muzzleloader seasons.

Charles Bot

Brook I'm Ngs SD

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Comment:

I support option B of the proposed changes. I am in favor of people having to choose their most preferred tag.

Andrew Baier

Armour SD

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Comment:

Please keep the deer tag allocation process the way it is. The majority of the public opinion opposes any change. Send out a questionnaire rather than making the public search for a survey online or randomly selecting who gets invited to the focus group meetings. You'll get a better and more accurate response. This is a big issue to most hunters and I feel our opinion is not being considered. If option 2 is approved, then non-residents will be taking opportunities away from us residents. If someone doesn't apply for any other units besides the "hard to draw" unit they desire than that is their problem. Why limit everyone else's opportunities because a few are not willing to travel beyond that unit that is hard to draw a tag in?

Brian Benson

Watertown SD

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Comment:

oppose

Jerry Nissen

Brookings SD

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Comment:

Leave the system alone , we need family hunting to stay together. Please leave it as is

Justin Mettler

Sioux Falls SD

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Comment:

I hunt all public and apply for more than one deer tag in a given year as I enjoy spending more than one weekend pursuing deer each year. With this new proposal it will be much harder to do this and basically will side with the 1 weekend per year hunters and limiting everyone else. I'm not sure what will happen in the 3rd drawings for the remaining tags as this could possibly be flooded with NR in a few years allowing more tags to go to them even though you are saying the NR tags will remain the same, but they will be able to pick up leftover tags much easier with this process. South Dakota is one of the greatest places to hunt deer in the US and the current process has worked great for many years so lets not wreck this and look back in a few years saying what have we done. Certain people are complaining due to not drawing tags every year or even ever few years. I would like to hunt a lot of those counties as well that takes more than one years PP to draw a buck tag, but I don't for that reason alone as I enjoy hunting each year. These people that are complaining about not drawing every year will still be complaining with this new proposal as well in a few years as they still will not be able to draw tags every year in certain areas. This topic as has separated ER and WR which is very unfair due to the higher population of residences ER and the extremely less larger shreks of public land on the east side of the river making it harder for residences to hunt ER. I stronger recommend no change to the current deer tag allocation as it has worked just fine for most people for a lot of years and changing it will limit everyone who like to hunt more than opening weekend.

Brad Olson

Dell Rapids SD

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Comment:

I OPPOSE !

Michael Krein

Rapid City SD

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Comment:

Changing the draw structure does not fix the issue of it being almost impossible to draw an any deer tag in the Black hills because half the tags go to land owner preference. There should be no land owner preference in units that are made up primarily of public land. Do not change the draw system for deer.

Lonnie Kleinsasser

Watertown SD

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Comment:

I am a hunter that hunts both east and west river, and this would be a huge disappointment to my hunting seasons. I vote to leave as is!

James Nelson

Rapid City SD

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Comment:

Just because some hunters only apply for 1 license doesn't mean you have to ruin it all for us true hunters who live and breathe hunting. It is their own fault to only apply for 1 license. Those hunters are also apply for the hardest units to get (hills, harding,etc..). It is their own fault for doing so. Don't ruin SD deer hunting just because those people apply for only 1 tag.

Nathan Fossell

Sioux Falls SD

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Comment:

I do not support this. Our system is very excellent as is and should remain that way.

Justin Pliska

Hartford SD

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Comment:

This is the worst idea you can possibly think of for deer hunters revenue losses are going to be great. You don't understand what people do with 5-6 tags a year we HUNT. We manage the population we don't just take one deer for shits and giggles we feed our families. We eat our reward. We make memories we spend money in little towns, we make relations. You have \$40 resident tags already you lose 3 tags from those people what's that 120 now your gonna bump the fees up. And bang I'm heading out of state. I can atleast Hunt elk deer bear antelope wherever every year and not piss around with this stupid bitching fest.

Lance Rom
Rapid City SD
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Comment:

I've lived in SD since 1984. Since the 1990s it has become increasing harder and harder to draw licenses. I don't think this proposed change will help that at all. It could make it worse. It does not seem that deer numbers in most of the state have been much reduced over the long run. More licenses should be available for everyone. In state hunters should get priority. In addition landowner licenses should only be valid on private property owned by that particular hunter.

Rhyan Koch
Watertown SD

Comment:

I believe my kids and myself will have a lot better hunting If nothing changes if you do change it it will for sure ruin hunting for the common hunter

Jeremy Wollman
Bonesteel SD
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Comment:

Although I have taken advantage of having multiple buck tags across the state in the past, it has become increasing more difficult to draw a single buck tag in a given year. I live in a popular deer hunting county and when I have difficulty drawing a local tag it does frustrate me. Hunters from the east side of the state will oppose this measure as they can draw a local tag (private ground) and still draw tags in west counties that have numerous acres in the Walk-In Program. However, if you live in a county with Walk-In acres (good for you) it is more difficult to draw local tags because of the influx of hunters from other counties. I'm willing to give up the rare opportunity to hunt multiple bucks in a given year, to simply draw one tag of my choice.

Randy Rasmusse
Sioux Falls SD

Comment:

While I support the change to the modern rifle seasons I oppose lumping in muzzleloader and refuge seasons in this group. Or if these seasons are to be included then archery should be as well. The odds of drawing a muzzleloader or refuge tag are not that great and thus should be a special group. If someone is trying for one of these tags they are essentially giving up on drawing another buck tag for several years. Another question I had was what is going to happen to preference points that people have accumulated when all the draws get rolled in to the same draw?

Jason Lutt
Dallas SD

Comment:

The suggestion to restrict anyone from applying for two deer tags is ridiculous, I should be able to apply for West River Rifle and Muzzleloader at the same time. I can hunt Nebraska and have a rifle tag and get a Muzzleloader tag over the counter anywhere and here I need to get preference points just to Muzzleloader hunt. Now with the proposed change I need to apply for my rifle tag and wait till the leftovers are available then I can't apply for Muzzleloader because this stupid state only gives out a limited number of Muzzleloader tags so there won't be any left. Why is it a such a problem for SD to open up Muzzleloader Hunting for anyone

Dylan Wirkus
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Comment:

Why? I've seen very few people who support this. Actually, I haven't seen a single person who supports it. Quit ruining South Dakota's resources. We've already lost fishing land and now we are about to lose deer tags when there are plenty of deer to go around.

John Deneui
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Comment:

I, and a lot of other sportsman, feel this will be detrimental to the hunting experience. Leave as is. Luck of the draw, instead of catering to those who only want to hunt in their preferred area. If you want to limit your hunting, you should not receive preference on your chance of drawing a tag

Andrew Cameron
Harrisburg SD
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Comment:

Hello. I strongly oppose the new deer drawing process. Not getting your preferred deer license is a big bummer. It happens to everyone! I just don't understand all the change in a process that works because someone has gotten their feelings hurt. Look where the world has gone in the last ten years. Over-offended people over nonsense are ruining it, and now the same thing is happening to our outdoors here in SD. Fishing will never be the same because some (very few) farmers were offended. Now uncle Joe can't get his deer tag in the county he lives in every year. I don't think what has been proposed is the answer. The future of the outdoors in SD are very uncertain to me.

Kyle Manning

Pierre SD

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Comment:

Please leave the current drawing system as is. There is nothing wrong with how the drawing process works.
Thank you for your time with this !
Kyle Manning

Angela Bevers

Watertown SD

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Comment:

I am not in favor of the deer license proposal.

Trevor Davis

Sioux Falls SD

Comment:

STRONGLY OPPOSE!

This is a wolf in sheep's clothing that's real purpose is to bring in more out of state money at the expense of residents.

Also, the die hards that hunt multiple seasons spend way more money than the fair weather guys that just go opening weekend for the social aspect.

If this goes through, you're cutting out the people that spend the most money locally on their hunting and in the town's and businesses in their hunting areas.

When those guys can't get their tags anymore, they'll take their money across state lines and many of them can afford to do it....

Many of the people that hunt multiple rifle seasons stay in SD or return to SD because of their ability to hunt multiple seasons here.

As our abundant sporting opportunities continue to erode in this state, so shall the number of sportsman the reside here for those opportunities.

It's the only reason I still live here and I promise you, there are so many others that site the hunting and fishing as the reason they won't leave.

Lastly, making it so everyone can get the tag they want every year opens the door greatly to people who who don't take it seriously and conduct themselves in the field as such.

More of that type = more careless reckless hunters.

Careless hunters create disgruntled landowners.

Disgruntled land owners take away WIAs and other publicly accessible private grounds.

Haven't sportsman/landowner relations deteriorated enough in the last couple years????

A good tag is worth the wait.

Having to hunt public in a different county every other year in order to hold a tag each season isn't going to kill anyone and does are better table fare, anyway!

If you need a buck tag to justify going hunting, you're doing it for all the wrong reasons!

Vernon Tarbox

Bradley SD

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Comment:

i feel that the proposed change would not increase ones chance of drawing a particular license. in clark county where i live non landowners have at best get a license 1 out of 2 years most times less than that. if more people are forced to choose only 1 place, in counties as this one i feel more applications are going to be put in for. so i am really not in favor of the proposed change. and also your robot thing is a joke.

Kirk Phinney

Milbank SD

Comment:

I believe these proposed changes have unintended consequences in regards to properly managing the deer herd, over hunting of public lands, increasing trespass violations, and reversing the recent effort of the GF&P to increase license draw success for hunters with a large accumulation of preference points. The most active, most invested, and more than likely, most ethical hunters should not be limited on their yearly opportunities just so everyone gets a tag. This change will unfairly cause hunters to have to more frequently purchase preference points while fully knowing they will be unsuccessful in a draw. The seasons that are included are not similar to one another, as say, the first choice/second choice arrangement for east river deer hunting which does make sense. If this is about fairness then include the archery season, or perhaps scrap the entire proposal and the unsuccessful hunters can take up archery hunting.

Otto Qualm

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Comment:

oppose

Tim Melton

Salem SD

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Comment:

6 choices for deer preferences. Why should the bow hunters be left to get as many tags as they want? Bow hunters get multiple tags that could be saved for rifle seasons . That is where the problem is.

Chris Bailey
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Comment:

I believe the current system should be left as is. I currently am able to hunt west river with family and east river deer with good friends every year and hills deer every other year. I have always drawn either my first or second choices for these seasons. With this new alternative I would not be guaranteed both the east river and west river every year and likely will not get a hills tag without giving up either the east river or west river tag. I greatly enjoy the opportunity to hunt all of these seasons on a given year and hope that the current system remains.

Dylan Vogel
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Comment:

I do not agree with this proposal. As a young hunter who will focus where I live around hunting this will push me to live in North Dakota. This policy will make it where you only apply for the same zone over and over versus going to new locations and traveling the great state. If you take away this traveling small communities will be hurt. Also your focus groups show that this is not favored.

Cody Johnson
Sioux Falls SD
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Comment:

Strongly disagree changing. I send in for every tag possible and love hunting. I buy preference points for a reason and that's to wait for the tags I want. I am a die-hard and am willing to spend a lot of money traveling around South Dakota to do what I love. Why mess up a good thing that we have going? I love that my mom is staying in our state and we can continue to put our money to work. Why limit the hunters that live for this sport to only have a few tags? I may not fill every tag but it's the fact that I get to go out and enjoy God's country and do what I enjoy most in life! I think changing what has worked is wrong!!!

Eric Landis
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Comment:

A South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) Commission proposal would require deer hunters to choose among six deer hunting seasons in the first draw period for deer hunting licenses. I think the current system works quite well, and I do not want to see any changes made to the application process.

Guy Bennett
Rapid City SD
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Comment:

This is a great idea. This change will help support hunter recruitment and hunter access.

Jared Jeratowski
Parker SD
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Comment:

All the Gfp is turning into is more money and you can't even do a good job with the things that are being done with public lands already. Leave a good thing alone

David Mines
Yankton SD
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Comment:

Keep our deer draw the way it is. We can build points and different parts of the state. The proposed way will pigeon hole us into applying for the same unit year after year and punish hunters who like to hunt in different places.

Clark Baker
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Comment:

I have applied for 2-3 license's a year and enjoy deer hunting. I'm satisfied with the current system..DONT CHANGE IT If NOT Broke.....

Nathen Erickson
Marion SD
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Comment:

Don't fix something that isn't broken! Most of the guys that complain about not drawing and complaining that another guy has 6 tags, are the one that refuse to buy preference points. I buy preference points so that I can get a few tags every few years. I should be able to apply for 6+ tags a year if I want, doesn't mean I'll get them.

Bryan Linn
Fort Pierre SD
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Comment:

This proposal is absolutely ridiculous. In your research you state that in 2017, 35,140 deer hunters applied for only one firearm season: 11,561 applied for two firearm seasons, and 3,861 applied for three, and declining numbers applied for four, five, and six. Based that that information, I don't see what the problem is. There are obviously not that many people snatching up multiple tags. It sounds to me like a small number of people are complaining/whining because they didn't get their 1st choice preference tags one year and are mad because a few of their buddies happened to brag at the coffee shop one morning that they drew multiple tags that year. Unless there is some sort of benefit to deer populations (which we know there won't be because the number of tags being issued are not changing), I don't see why SDGF&P is even considering this. Why are we wasting time and money because a few people are frustrated that they didn't get their tags one year, and had to wait it out a year or two to draw. If there is some other reason behind this change, please explain. The same guys that want to change now will find something else to complain about the next time they don't draw their 1st Choice tags. With very limited amounts of public land in SD (compared to other states in the West I hunt), and the difficulty one has to access private lands across the state, don't make it even more challenging for people to go hunting. We hear over and over how the numbers of hunters in our State are declining. There is a big push nation wide to get more people involved in the sport of hunting. Lets not take a step backwards in this push by implementing a bad policy like this. For the small percentage of people who don't draw tags, there are still plenty of hunting opportunities due to left-over tags, not only in SD, but also in surrounding states.

Joshua Neuharth
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Comment:

When 57% of the people say no change then listen to the people. Also it will not fix any problems that we are having when there is a popular unit to hunt in it gets lots of applications this won't fix that. Leave it as is.

Rodney Hanson
Lead SD
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Comment:

I think it is a bad decision to change to this option, we have always looked forward to hunting the Black Hills and Prairie units and now you want us to give our hunting preferences up is just not fair. also as hard as it is to draw muzzleloader and refuge deer why would you even include them in the choices make you feel like you can't be even put in for them. Why not leave it alone it worked for several years why change seem like game fish and parks is just after more money from the hunters

James Monick
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Comment:

oppose

Karl Anderson
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Comment:

I believe the structure of making us choose our first choice is a terrible idea. It's a huge step from where we are now. Have you guys considered only combining west river, east river, and special buck. Basically only combine prairie firearm. All of the other units I consider a special draw, and it will keep serious hunters from getting the opportunity to apply for those because we won't cause the draw odds are too low.

Brett Koenecke
Pierre SD
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Comment:

The current system for allocating deer licenses is fair. Anyone can apply and anyone can get a license to go East River, West River, Black Hills or all three. It maximizes opportunities and it is fair. On the other hand, the proposal as reported seems like a solution in search of a problem. The proposal seems to be simply rearranging opportunities so that "someone else" gets a deer license. There is no increase in opportunity and in fact there's a net decrease. This isn't the way the GFP should be going in these times of net loss in hunters. We need to increase opportunities to hunt and the current system maximizes those. Anyone can apply and that is how it should be.

Laura Erickson
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Comment:

oppose

Dan Albrecht
Yankton SD
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Comment:

The system works fine the way it is , why change what works ?? I am totally against the changes proposed !!

Kevin Pribbenow

Castlewood SD

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Comment:

Please leave the deer drawing process the way it is. It's a lottery process that is fair for everyone. I know of don't draw this yr I will the following. Build preference points if that is the case, it took me 10 yrs to draw a muzzleloader tag. Plus if you really wanna shoot a buck and don't get a rifle license then get into archery hunting like I did. 10 plus yrs ago I didn't get a rifle tag and decided that archery was my way that yr to get a buck if I wanted to hunt so I bought a bow and have loved bow hunting since. Also the time spent building relationships with friends and farmers for hunting rights are earned, not given, so to take an opportunity away for those that have just so those that haven't get a tag is the wrong way to do it. I have been in a lottery for the past 15 yrs in two different states for moose, I keep applying and know someday I will get it. The state would never change for everyone that lost on a lottery scratch ticket complaining about never winning. Play to win and apply to win. Thank you

Joe Henderson

Colton SD

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Comment:

GFP went upon this completely wrong. We recently implemented the PP cubed - which I feel was a great move.

But right away lets make another change. Let the cubed system run its course for a couple years before making a completely different HUGE change....I think the cubed system will answer what people feel to be a problem.

2nd. lets see your study group and who it consists of. I think you should rethink how you are doing your study group. Check out the facebook comments, forums etc. there are not many people in favor for this 46% in favor is completely false. Think about the people of south Dakota first for once, not the NR tags.

Larry Menning

Chamberlain SD

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Comment:

I have been applying for a Custer State Park deer license for 20 years. I have 20 preference points. This proposed change forces me to choose between applying for a difficult to draw license in CSP and risk drawing no deer license at all and a likely draw in an East River unit where the farm that has been in our family for over 100 years is located. I shouldn't have to make that choice. Can GFP afford to lose this application revenue?

Anthony Bellack

Brandon SD

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Comment:

This is a all around bad idea. Many residents will lose out if this passes through.

Benjamin Brown

Pierre SD

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Comment:

I am very much opposed to the proposed deer allocation. I don't understand how the department can recommend alternative #2 when all of the numbers from the focus groups and online surveys show alternative #3 as being the favored alternative. I believe that the problem is mainly an East River issue. Don't screw up everything in an attempt to "fix" East River Deer which will never have adequate resources to meet the demand! Second, landowners get half of the tags for a unit. Give landowners free tags good only for their own land or make a rule change that landowners compete for licenses like the general public. Please do not pass this proposal and keep the deer license allocation as is.

Jeremy Kriese

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Comment:

I, as well as several other deer hunters I have talked to, very strongly oppose the change to the deer hunting application process. Many deer hunters apply for both east and west river deer tags, and the change is robbing those hunters of the opportunity to harvest a deer in both very unique hunting areas. It will also rob youth the chance to harvest a deer in both areas. One thing that needs to be considered is the fact that mule deer are only present west river. Your proposal would greatly hinder people's opportunity to pursue whitetail east river and the chance at a mule deer west river. Making hunters choose one of the different seasons is a very poor decision, and a step backward for the future of deer hunting in the state of South Dakota. I understand people are upset because they don't draw their preferred license every year, but that is what the preference point system is for, and the proposed change would make some units even harder to come by. Please, I ask you to seriously reconsider the proposed change for the future of deer hunting in this great state.

Jeff Sorensen

Viborg SD

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Comment:

Plz leave the big game license draw as it is right now. Thank you

Todd Anderson

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Comment:

I support alternative B where as you must apply for 1st choice only for the seasons listed. This will evenly distribute hunters based on their most sought after hunting district. It also decreases the ability to shoot multiple bucks which is not needed. The ability to harvest a buck with a rifle and a buck with archery equipment is fair and keeps the SD hunting tradition. Also, the priority for coveted tags should always go to residents of SD.

John Smith
Clark SD

Comment:

I do not believe they should be able to close off part of this body of water that is connected to Antelope Lake for personal use. This impacts the employees of the Black Claw that depend on that source of income. This is a selfish move for a family that does nothing for our city, county, or state, but pay reduced taxes on land in Clark County.

Derek Severson
Chancellor SD
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Comment:

I don't understand why this state has been trying to fix things that are not broken. Nothing wrong with the system we have now.

Renee Allen
Pierre SD

Comment:

I'm against any change to the current deer licenses draw system. Both fix what isn't an issue for most hunters. I only put in for one tag each year. I don't always get up that is my choice. If it was that big of an issue to get a deer tag I along with anyone else could apply in many other counties that have easier draws. The licenses are there for people that want to hunt, kids included if they are willing to travel a county or two away or hunt does. As sportswoman that only applies for one county each year I'm against the change.

Spencer Neuharth
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Comment:

I'm against changing the deer application process. By doing so, you'd be catering to the minority of hunters who favor a new system. Why would you do something even though your polling has shown that the majority of hunters are against this?

Those hunters who want change aren't trying very hard to get other tags if they're only willing to hunt their home county. Why should everyone else be punished who is willing to travel or hunt public land because the populated areas east river have tougher drawings.

Plus, changing the system would hardly change things significantly. By making hunters prioritize east versus west river in a single drawing, they'll all still pick their home county. This won't change that some areas still only give out tags to those with 1+ or 2+ points, and that those with 0 points still have hardly any chance of drawing.

This would be an overreach and oversight by the GFP and Commissioners to make this change. Why did you even collect all that polling data if you're going to throw it out the window?

Nate Johnson

Wall SD

Comment:

I'm opposed to changing the deer tag system. Seems like a way to sell more NR licenses and take opportunity away from hunters that want to hunt multiple area of the great state of SD. Anyone that wants a tag can get one right now, counties all over have hundreds of doe tag left as well as many any whitetail tags after first draw. I don't feel for the ones crying they cant get a any deer tag every year in my home county of Pennington Co. If you want to hunt the opportunities already exist. Thanks Nate from Wall

Grant Manhart

Bath SD

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Comment:

Was fishing at Richmond Lake next to young man last week. We talked about hunting and fishing. He was very angry about not getting a deer license last season, and said he simply did not have the spare \$5 to buy a preference point, and said it was just a racket to get more money for GFP. He said loudly "that's it, I'm done deer hunting...they ruined it with the stupid points, and I watched football instead." I too, did not buy a preference point even though I could easily afford it, as could my twin sons: None of us got a license for Brown county to hunt our own damn land.

Soooo You ruined deer hunting for 3 young men and one father with deer eating flowers in his hobby farm lawn with a policy of preference points which is merely a racket....and we are ethically opposed to this sort of thing when government is doing it.

My sons and I are buying Wisconsin tags and hunting my parents 300 acres west of Madison WI....hundreds of dollars each, and not bothering with our home state deer license as we see it as a scam.....this is how screwing with the process affects real people of South Dakota. Don't you guys ever listen?

BTW your "I am not a robot" "click on the picture" was needlessly complex, repetitive and a real pain.....which is what happens when govt bodies get too big....everything becomes like this...like needing a license, a stamp, a conservation card, and a preference point.....and as I type this, my verify expired, and I going to have to do this all over again.....probably going to just leave the site and you will never get this.....ridiculous...I demand that every gfp employee try this page and try to submit.

Younger Kramme

Presho SD

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Comment:

oppose

Dustin Luebke
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Comment:

Keep the deer tag lottery the same

Bruce Keppen
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Comment:

please see if hunters are happy with the change in the way preference points work before you change the whole process

Curtis Mincks
Vermillion SD

Comment:

oppose

Derek Haffner
Sioux Falls SD
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Comment:

Please do not change the current structure of Deer hunting in South Dakota.

Tylar Solomon
Vermillion SD

Comment:

This proposal is a wolf in sheep's clothing and has nothing to do with resident hunter satisfaction and everything to do with taking tags out of resident hands and putting them in non resident hands at a \$246 markup per tag as well as lining the pockets of big money outfitters with more out of state money. All this will do is drive residents to spend money in other states.

Harrison Hawley
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Comment:

oppose Changing the ability to draw tags for multiple firearms deer seasons.

Michael Barnett
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Comment:

oppose

Matt Schoppert
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Comment:

oppose

Justin Knight
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Comment:

I have been a deer hunter since I was old enough to have a license. I go east river rifle hunting and west river rifle hunting and there are years when I draw an any deer tag for both sides of the state. Changing this would take away one of these opportunities for me. It is hard to draw a tag for both sides in the same year but I take advantage of the special buck tag and then buying preference points so I can draw for the regular tag the following season. Most people are applying for a certain county and changing the structure isn't going to change what county they apply for. The same number of hunters will be still applying for the county they want to hunt and will have to wait til they have 1 or 2 preference points to draw an any deer tag. I understand the point of the change but I don't think it is fair that hunters would have to pick between going east or west river.

Tyler Hoffmann
Alexandria SD

Comment:

oppose

Ryan Sauter
Lake Preston SD

Comment:

oppose

Madison Holland
Springfield SD

Comment:

oppose

Kevin Davis
Sioux Falls SD
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Comment:

oppose

Tanner Davis
Sioux Falls SD

Comment:

I do not support the proposal of reducing tag numbers down to one and letting everyone getting their first draw pick. I am an avid hunter and I apply for multiple tags a year and spend a lot of money doing so. It's the best time of the year to enjoy both east river and west river and it's great land. Even though I draw several tags, I normally do not fill them all because I am selective. Although, the tags in hand gives me an opportunity to hunt all over the state.

Reducing tag numbers will hurt small local economies because you will not have the influx of hunters coming every year. It will also give slob hunters more opportunity that just go out for the social aspect and promote reckless non ethical hunts. The avid hunters in this state are the ones that promote fair chance and harvest and show others by example. Without allocated the chance to show those characteristics you will diminish the sportsmanship that they provide. Also, out of staters will have a better chance of drawing and many of them do not have ties with our great state. Once again, this promotes poor ethics and sportsmanship.

Many residents live here just for the privileges that we have currently. If you strip this from us, they will be forced to spend their money in other states which no one wants.

Please keep the tags the way they are.

Brendan Bares

Tabor SD

Comment:

The proposal is only limiting the hunting opportunities for resident deer hunters who enjoy being able to apply for multiple seasons with a first and second choice in each

Logan Hammer

Wilmot SD

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Comment:

Why fix something that's not broke? This is a terrible idea! The amount of opportunities for sportsman drops dramatically! Are we not supposed to encourage the public to get out and explore the great areas that our state has to offer? Also, our state will lose a large amount of income that comes from hunters traveling to areas to shoot big game. This is a sketchy idea that really needs to be thought about a little bit more..

Nathan Mortensen

Sioux Falls SD

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Comment:

I oppose this because people should equally have the right to hunt the different areas of the state. Some areas are more popular and that means less chance someone will get a tag there. Plus if archery is not considered muzzle loader should not be grouped in with the others also. I know going in at multiple places I may not always get a tag and that's fine. I don't expect to get a tag at every place I apply that's why I apply for multiple counties and areas of the state. It gives me better odds and I get the opportunity to hunt other areas. By changing the regulations it limits what chances I have and the opportunity I have to hunt other areas. I am then forced to pick one area and take my chances more. I am okay with the current system knowing I may not get a tag some years, some years get one, and others get multiple tags. It's all in the luck of the draw.

Adam Carroll

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Comment:

this only benefits the non residents, not us who like getting multiple tags even if it takes a few years

Derek Garner

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Comment:

Leave the rifle seasons the way they are !

Dalton Stack

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Comment:

From what I have read and comprehended from all of the alternatives that the state wants to impose, I think it is something that we shouldn't even be considering. What was wrong with the way its been done for the last how many years? What even got brought up to think it was a good idea to change it? The number one priority shouldn't be who and who doesn't get a tag for a certain county, it should be what is best for this county and its deer population. I know a lot of Sioux Falls people piss and moan over having to travel instead of being able to hunt in Minnehaha, but whos fault is that? For the most populous county in South Dakota, obviously the draw success rate is going to be super low. Especially when every Tom, Dick, and Harry that will only choose to hunt around home applies for it. I know hunting in the State of South Dakota is a privilege and not everybody chooses to do so, but instead of displeasing the majority of the state to accommodate 10 percent of the rifle hunting population for a certain county or two, something else must be done.

Lisa Hagemann

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Comment:

I find it quite interesting that the focus group and online surveys of 2018 did not play to the favor of wanting change yet this proposal is still being pushed through. It seems your statistics did not support your initial hypothesis. Sounds like this proposal should be shot down based on public preference.

Arlan Smedsrud

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Comment:

I would agree with applying the new draw to the 3 main west,east and Black Hills. I consider the other seasons to be a special hunt with the odds against you. I apply for two or three every year, I have considerable amount invested in this state and others.

Jim Fousek

Armour SD

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Comment:

I oppose this proposal as I feel many unspoken people have not yet voiced their opinion on this matter. I have spoken with many people and they feel the current system works great. I feel a very very few people are for this proposal.

Andrew Bottger

Jefferson SD

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Comment:

Please don't go through with these changes. The current system works fine and allows SOUTH DAKOTA hunters better access to the limited number of tags.

As a state agency you should work to make things better for SOUTH DAKOTA sportsmen rather than

James Kruse

Wessington Springs SD

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Comment:

I am an avid traditional muzzle loader hunter. I usually have to wait 5-10 years to draw my traditional muzzle-loader deer tag. So I can get in some muzzle-loader hunting I am forced to buy rifle but compete with modern rifles. This system would give the real serious "smoke-pole" hunters like myself a chance to choose that first and not against all those who just simply want "another tag" and are not as vested into black powder hunting as I am. I would be ecstatic to hunt more often in my proper season.

Philip Neuharth

Menno SD

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Comment:

I do support option two, which includes all six seasons. I am a hunter who applies for all six and this will greatly increase my chances of drawing the hard to get tags like csp, muzzleloader, and refuge. Thank you for the opportunity for input!

Jim Eidoeff

Tyndall SD

Comment:

What genius came up with this idea? Nothing is wrong with the current structure, if you don't draw, you wait a year or two and then you get it. Some states you have to wait 5 or more years before you get the tag. That's the name of the game. Please leave the draw system alone and let us continue to enjoy our deer hunting.

James Potratz

Sioux Falls SD

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Comment:

I apply for east west and black hills every year. I expect to have seasons were I do not get a license. Leave the system as it is. Do Not Change It

Shawn Rosa
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Comment:

I am okay with making a state wide preference point for rifle deer hunting licenses. But not when it includes muzzle loaders. They should have their own separate draw/preference points. Just like archery. If you are going to group rifles with muzzle loaders you should then make any deer rifle tags state wide just like you do with the muzzle loader.

Jesse Travis
Humboldt SD
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Comment:

There are many great opportunities in this great state please do not change the way things are

Cody Miles
Mitchell SD
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Comment:

oppose

Taylor Tol
Reville SD
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Comment:

oppose

Forrest Howe
Sioux Falls SD
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Comment:

As a hunter who for nearly 20 years has hunted deer in this state and has spent quite a few of those seasons applying for an east river and a west river tag this new system that is being proposed does not make me very happy. I understand that the majority of hunters only apply for 1 tag but rather than take that opportunity from those of us who are willing and happy to put in the travel time I don't feel like this is the best option for state residence. Sounds to me like this is financially motivated to appease non-residence from which you can charge a higher \$.

Brett Herman
Aberdeen SD

Comment:

I would like to take the time to join the large numbers of South Dakota hunters in opposing the proposed changes to the deer tag allocation process. The new changes will take away opportunities for sportsman to take advantage of opportunities on each side of the state. I speak for many when I ask you to not approve these changes, and for once consider what the South Dakota sportsman wants in your decision.

Michael Miller
Dell Rapids SD
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Comment:

SDGFP WHY ARE YOU RUINING EVERYTHING GREAT IN SD. FIRST ITS FISHING NOW HUNTING!? YOU MIGHT WANT TO REEXAMINE WHO PAYS YOUR SALARY AND THERE STANCE! BUT WHAT DOES IT MATTER YOU GUYS ALREADY HAVE YOUR MIND MADE UP! MONEY HUNGRY CORRUPT GOVERNMENT AGENCY IS ALL YOU ARE! THE END

Dean Ideker
Sturgis SD
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Comment:

Please do not change the way we apply for deer tags. It's not a broken system the way it is. Thank you!

Brett Kleinschmit
Yankton SD
brett_antelopecreek@live.com

Comment:

oppose

Paul Merman
Lemmon SD

Comment:

Please do not pass either proposed change to the current draw system. The system works just fine the way it is. If someone wants to hunt every year those changes already exist. Might not be your dream hunt but that's life. Please listen clearly to what the sportsman want here.

Tom Riddle
Mitchell SD
Riddleandsonsgmail.com

Comment:

Leave deer license as they were

Dennis Micko
Estelline SD
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Comment:

I strongly object to any change in the licensing process for deer. Making deer hunters choose only one license choice is totally opposed.

Scott Stroman
Sioux Falls SD
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Comment:

From English Common Law to today, wildlife is the property of the state and therefore of the residents. We residents should have significant priority over nonresidents for tags. You have ruined pheasant hunting while chasing the almighty dollar from out-of-staters. It looks like deer hunting is next.

Paul Nelson
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Comment:

I support this change as a way to help deer hunters draw their preferred license.

Tyler Edler
Lesterville SD

Comment:

oppose

Ryan Ulmer

Volin SD

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Comment:

We rely on deer meat for our food and usually hunt east and west river rifle.

Wayne Thuen

Rapid City SD

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Comment:

I support Alternate #2 strongly

Fred Carl

Rapid City SD

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Comment:

Great modification to the current process Should result in a fair outcome for all deer hunters

Shawn Pliska
Sioux Falls SD
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Comment:

First of all I strongly oppose any change to the deer allocation process system, NO Change!

How it's stated in the video is misleading that there will be more buck tags available. I am sure there will be leftover tags for areas that have limited access, but you are not increasing the number of buck tags. There will not be any more tags available for the higher requested areas, so what changed? 724 people applied for 250 any tags in Yankton unit in 2017, 125 went to land owners and 137 non-land owners that had 2 years of preference points only of which 125 received tags so 12 people did not get a tag they will have 3 years preference points for this year drawing. 123 with 1 preference point and 339 with no preference points did not get tags. So you have 474 hunter that didn't get a tag for Yankton, so how many are going to apply for next year's drawing? I would bet it you will have same number of hunters applying with or without this new system, so it will be the same as today. It will still take some people 3 years to get a tag and all you did is change system and screwed the guy that does his homework to hunt other areas. Because they find the units are less hunted, builds preference points and get permission to hunt.

Let's say you like to hunt the Yankton and the Blacks Hills. You have to pick one unit using this new system. For your first choice you have to pick just one, ok its Yankton. You will never be able to hunt the black hills unless you pick that as your first choice with this new system. Because the number of the people applying for tag today is more than the amount available for your 2nd choice. That's how I see it. If I am wrong let me know.

For the most part people that don't get a tag are hunting in units that have a higher applications rate with higher people population and or higher public access, like Yankton and the black hills. This will not change. Preference points will be useless, unless you are using it for your first choice for alternative 1 & 2 proposals.

Myself I want more opportunity to hunt Bucks, I don't care if I shoot a deer. But I want the opportunity to do so. Alternative 1 and 2 will force me to hunt other states, which sucks when I am a resident. I hunt antelope, archery deer, WR, ER, BH, & Muzzleloader deer. I don't always gets tags every year, and when I do I don't always harvest a buck, that's my choice! I am my good with what we have now for the deer allocation process system.

You have 250 loafs of bread to hand out and you have 724 that want one. How many are you going to hand out?

Socialism system is not wanted or needed here. Changing our allocation process because someone can't get a tag in a higher requested area is not the way to go. For the individuals applying for Yankton and Black Hills tags, getting a tag every 2 to 3 years is better than never. Please no change.

Kelly Koistinen
Spearfish SD
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Comment:

If 46% of the people at the focus group meetings were in favor, then that would mean that 54% are against. Similarly, the 43% of online participants (which there weren't any, unless you polled people, and I didn't get a poll questionnaire!) were in favor of change, then, that would mean that 57% were against! Why are you doctoring your statistics? This is a big lying game by the commission. I was at the focus group meeting, there was no other way to comment unless you did it online. The meeting which I was at, more were against this proposal than for. Also, I talked to others around the State who attended these focus meetings and they said the same thing. More against than for. From what I saw at the meeting, you didn't even poll people. All you did was have us fill out a fake applications to try and skew results the way the commission intended. Talk about not providing transparency! This is nothing more than an excuse for the commission to bring in more money to the department on leftover applications. There was nothing wrong with the system before. Now you are conning people into thinking this proposal is so much of a better process. What a huge lie! If you want to know the real truth, then why don't you poll all deer hunting public. You have all the addresses and names. That is the only way you will get the most truthful results. Poll everyone who hunts deer!

This is a joke. You people on this commission think what you're doing is for the better of the general hunting public, wrong. You're here only for the State's interest. It is a bad idea!!! Just to eliminate the peoples' complaints that they never get a deer license. If those people can't get a deer license in a specific location then, those folks are not in tune with the current licensing process. I'm totally against anything this Commission Proposes anymore. They are out of control changing this and that every week it seems. You don't even care about the hunting public at all, just keep on making dumb proposals. I can read between the lines. I've hunted in this state for 38 years and this commission is out of control. Let Law Enforcement enforce the laws and quit trying to make new laws! Let the Legislature decide on their own if new laws are needed, stop trying to regulate as a member of the commission!

Timothu Foerster
Aberdeen SD
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Comment:

No change!

Greg Douglas
Aberdeen SD
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Comment:

Hello, I'm am writing this comment to you to oppose the plan to limit or change the current draw system for deer tags. I want to say first to agree with the amendment to the point system With the cubing. However I am completely against changing the system in any other way. I have never had a season in 6 years where I have not draw a tag. Have also never not been able to purchase left over tags. Some years you get no buck tags some years you do. I don't think catering to small percent of hunters who have a issue With the current system is wise. I believe from people who I have talk to personally you will create a larger group of people unhappy with the dept and it actions than you will have by leaving the system in place.

Chris Tekrony
Castlewood SD

Comment:

I harvest multiple deer to feed my family. I don't want to hunt deer in other states. I only hunt private land. I have my son that is 4 yrs old hunt with me. He cannot walk long distances himself on public land. With multiple tags he gets to hunt deer with me for multiple seasons.

Randy Albright
Piedmont SD
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Comment:

Our tag system is absolutely fine the way it is. I feel the hunters who support this change do not understand statistics or refuse to apply for other units and weapons. If a hunter wants to hunt every year I feel they should expand their options in both weapon choices and areas they hunt. If a hunter complains about not drawing a tag for 7 years they need to understand the unit they apply for is highly sought after. I moved here from Minnesota 4 years ago and was amazed at the opportunities to hunt here for residents and non residents alike. People complaining about our current tag system probably have never hunted elsewhere as I feel South Dakota does a great job compared to my home state of Minnesota. I feel proposed tag changes are fueled more by emotion rather than carefully documented Science and sound management practices.

Randy Albright
Rapid City Firefighter and obsessive deer hunter

Kenny Henrichs
Custer SD
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Comment:

As a very passionate South Dakota outdoorsman I strongly oppose the tag allocation proposal. With the newly implemented cube system it needs its own period to work. On top of that here are some of the reasons I see this new proposal as a giant step in the wrong direction....

I understand the main reason behind wanting to change to a new system to try to get more deer tags into more deer applicants hands and get our deer hunter population up, but I'm afraid Alternatives 1 and 2 don't necessarily do this without more negative consequences than good outcomes, or don't do this without taking too much away from the current system.

Here are a few points that I feel support leaving the current draw system as-is:

1. Currently many leftover buck tags go into the 2nd drawings:
o There are always quality leftover firearm buck tags in the state every year so hunters that are not getting a firearm buck tag every year now are not exploring all the options that other deer hunters do when they get more than 1 firearm buck tag. If hunters from this group really wanted a firearm buck tag, they would apply for those firearm buck tags now and would likely be getting them as a 1st/2nd choice in the first drawing or leftover in the 2nd drawing; therefore, I'm not sure changing the current system would make most of the hunters from this group that much happier. There are already leftover buck tags out there that are not being taken until later drawings, so that leads me to think that this is not as big of a problem as some make it seem.

2. Not a balanced compromise:

o Changing the drawing system to Alternatives 1 or 2 would be giving the group of hunters that only apply for 1

firearm unit 100% of the tags they want (1 tag) but it would very likely be taking away 1 or 2 preferred firearm buck tags from another large group of deer applicants that currently get those tags, which would be leaving this other group with only 33% or 50% of the tags they want that they are currently getting (1 of 3 tags, or 2 of 3 tags), so it is an extreme swing and I would hope that there could be more of a compromise and balance in the middle with some give and not all take.

3. Majority of deer hunters would not benefit from change:

- o Kevin Robling said that roughly 70% of the deer applicants only apply for 1 firearm season so that is the reason the GF&P is considering this change; to accommodate these hunters. However, roughly 45% of these 70% of deer applicants are getting the 1 firearm buck tag they apply for currently, which is 32% of the total deer applicants.

- o Also, of the 30% of the remaining deer applicants that are applying for MORE than 1 tag, there is a very good chance they are getting at least 1-3 firearm buck tags.

- o So if you take 32% + 30% of successful deer firearm buck tag applicants, that is 62% of deer applicants that are getting 1 or more firearm buck tags every year, which means that these 62% should also be in favor of the current system over Alternatives 1 or 2 because these 62% would only be giving up tags or maintaining tags in Alternatives 1 or 2, not gaining tags.

- o There are very few advantages for this majority of deer tag applicants; mainly just disadvantages.

4. Small draw odds/chance increase not practically significant:

- o Kevin Robling said that after running some draw simulations, the East River and West River deer draw odds went up roughly 10-15% under either Alternatives 1 or 2, which are the 2 most popular and significant deer drawings in SD.

- o Last year in my home county of Kingsbury County, my draw odds with 1 preference point were 100%, but with 0 points were only 2%. To me, increasing my draw odds from 2% to roughly 12-17% for an East River rifle buck tag is not significant enough for me to give up 1-2 other quality and preferred firearm buck tags that would disappear in the 1st and 2nd drawings while I wait until the 3rd drawing to apply again under Alternatives 1 or 2.

- o 8 or 9 out of 10 years I would still not draw that tag with 0 preference points under Alternatives 1 or 2, so how would significantly benefit others? That is, now I can likely get 2-3 preferred firearm buck tags every year by applying for 6 different deer seasons under 6 different drawings. Under Alternative 1, I would probably still get my 1st choice tag that I am currently getting anyway, with roughly a 10-15% higher chance, but then I would likely not get the 2nd and 3rd firearm tags I am getting now. I would have to wait until the 3rd drawing to apply for my 2nd firearm buck tag and then I MIGHT get a leftover buck tag for a unit that I probably don't even currently hunt or have permission to hunt on anyway.

- o Similarly, in Pennington county last year, an applicant with 1 preference point had 100% chance at an any deer tag and only a 37% chance at an any deer tag with 0 points. Increasing this to 47-52% under Alternatives 1 or 2 would still only allow that hunter to get any deer tag about every other year, but they can still get a whitetail buck tag with 100% odds every year, under the current system or the new proposed Alternatives 1 or 2.

- o These 2 examples perfectly illustrate how the slightly increased draw odds under Alternatives 1 or 2 would not practically help hunters the majority of years in the state's 2 largest deer seasons; East River and West River deer.

5. More hunters without a place to hunt:

- o Under Alternatives 1 or 2, landowners that want to hunt other deer seasons that they do not own land in, would likely want to apply for that unit in the 1st drawing as their 1st choice. If they draw that unit, there would likely not be a buck tag in their own home season/unit left by the time the 3rd drawing comes back around when they can apply again for a 2nd tag, meaning they would be forced to buy a landowner specific tag for their own unit. With this, more non-landowners would be getting more of the buck tags for that unit than before, tags that were historically allotted to landowners, who currently get 50% of the buck tag allocation in each unit, meaning that there will be more people with buck tags that may not have a place to hunt. This increase in non-landowner hunters with tags will lower success rates of other non-landowner hunters that rely on public land for hunting access. More non-landowner hunters will flock to the already over-populated public land, especially in East River units, and it will ruin the hunting experience for the other non-landowners hunters that usually waited 1-2 years to get that particular tag that can only hunt on public land. This will undoubtedly happen in Alternatives 1 or 2.

- o Most hunters would prefer to wait 1 extra year to get a quality buck tag with less hunting pressure in their hunting area than getting that tag maybe 1-2 more times in a 10 year period with more people hunting that area every time they do draw that tag.

- o This will also mean that more buck tags will be given out in every unit because of landowners not taking as

many tags out from the quota in the regular pool, so buck tag numbers should be reduced to offset this, but then that lowers the draw odds of the non-landowner hunters, which is the group that this change is trying to tailor to by increasing tag numbers. This doesn't make sense and is contradictory of the idea of deer management. Is the goal to sell more tags or to harvest the correct amount of deer?

o More hunters without a place to hunt tends lead to more poaching and "road hunting". I know this doesn't represent most public land hunters, but this does not help it.

6. Majority of deer hunters prefer current system:

o From what I have heard from Kevin and others, a majority of deer hunters polled prefer to leave the current system as-is. With Alternatives 1 and 2 being such a major change, I would hope that it would take at least a strong majority or 2/3 of the deer hunters polls wanting the change to actually change the system.

o It seems that the GF&P already has their mind made up and proposed the least-popular option? Why didn't they listen to input from hunters after all the trouble they went to collecting this data?

I have made several points of why I don't think Alternatives 1 or 2 are the best for South Dakota deer hunters, but not to sound just like I am against any change or just want to complain about potential changes without offering suggestions, here are some ideas to consider that I think would really work, without a lot of change at once:

My suggestions of alternative options:

1. Combine some other deer seasons, but not East River/West River/Black Hills:

o I don't think the East River, West River, and Black Hills drawings should be the seasons that are combined, if any. I think they should all be separate; especially East River and West River seasons as they get almost 85% of the state's total deer applicants.

o However, if the GF&P thinks they MUST combine units into one drawing, it should maybe be seasons such as Refuge Deer, CSP Deer, and Muzzleloader Deer combined. The strong majority of SD deer hunters hunt East River and West River deer units.

o This combines some of the seasons and is a compromise of Alternatives 1/2 and Alternative 3"

o If you read any of the outdoor publications, South Dakota is being listed as a great "sleeper state" for NR deer hunting. If you look at any desired NR deer tag in other states, South Dakota's NR tag price is very low. If the GF&P is looking to increase revenue, this is one area that would help even at the 8% currently allocated. Examples are... Iowa \$551 (\$112 lic,\$13 hab,\$426tag), Illinois \$410 archery, \$435.00 gun, Wyoming \$374 and Colorado \$379

I strongly hope that this proposal is reconsidered and the current system left in place to promote the outdoor lifestyle here in South Dakota.

Thank you for your time and reading my opinion on this issue.

Derrick Lonas

Wolsey SD

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Comment:

These proposed deer changes are absolutely ridiculous if you want to help boost your numbers the first thing that should be done is stop everyone from destroying their habitat putting in drain tile everywhere to get rid of the sloughs and everyone pushing in every tree script they own to burn it off so they can plan a little bit more would be the first ways of stopping in helping boost numbers to create more habitat for the deer and pheasants. Another way to boost your numbers would be to start to implement a antler restriction will there be three or four point per side restriction would help boost numbers also some people aren't shooting every deer they see. Another way to boost numbers would be to not have the rifle season during the rut have it before or after like many other states do which is normally after. Another way that would dramatically boost your numbers it's not have the late doe season everybody gets shot late-season it's killing two to three deer per shot if you want those killed do you want to kill those have the season earlier in the year or they're not already bread after the rut. If you changes to go through what happened to all of our points that we have been applying for four years at least individual species with East River West River Refuge Muzzleloader and so on the Octopod combined into one pot or do they all just disappear in the states takes all of our money we've been putting into it

Justin Redmond

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Comment:

oppose

Dean Theisen

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Comment:

“ I strongly oppose any change to the deer allocation process system. Keep the present system the same.

Thank you for your time”

Charles Hamre

Canton SD

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Comment:

The only reason people are not getting tags. Is because the deer numbers are down in them areas. What's going to happen when the deer numbers climb back up. Are you going to change things agian. Or go out and kill a bunch of deer off in these areas. I thing you should leave the system alone and wait for the deer numbers to come back.

Ryan Rumbolz
Mitchell SD

Comment:

oppose

Derrick Rauch
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Comment:

oppose

James Rauch
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oppose

Robert Feldhaus
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Comment:

So what's going to happen to all the points people have been buying at \$10 a piece? How about we quit paying the big farmers for all the walk in land that is grazed to the dirt, while their next pasture beside it that they hunt hasn't had a cow in it all year. How about worrying about all the state and school land that is surrounded by private, maybe invest \$100 into some signs so guys can follow the easement instead of leaving it blank for disputes. You wanna make it better for the hunters, then leave the tag system alone and get us paths to all that blocked in public land.

Phillip Schroeder
Pierre SD

Comment:

I strongly oppose this proposal to change the licensing and applications for deer hunting in South Dakota.

John Mcfarlane
Sioux Falls SD

Comment:

oppose

Kim Mcfarlane
Sioux Falls SD

Comment:

oppose

Pat Malcomb
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Comment:

I believe this will hurt the deer hunting not help it. You will lose thousands of dollars in preference point money as nobody will be applying for the hard to draw tags like refuge or custer park deer. The people that are complaining only want to hunt in their backyard every year and will not travel and spend their money in the state. I say leave as is if you want to hunt deer there are plenty of opportunity as long as you get the preference points.

Dustin Heylens

Volga SD

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Comment:

I have contacted a few individuals in Pierre along with a commissioner regarding the new way a drawing in for deer tags in the state of SD. I currently live in Brookings county, my family owns and operates land in Brookings county and we have always applied with land owner preference. It is not always a 100% draw but we felt that was fair as most year we have drawn a tag. We have dedicated land to the wildlife in the form of food plots and trees, with no government assistance we leave this land for the wildlife to winter in along with the opportunity for us to hunt in the fall. I also have become close friends with a friend in Jackson county who has been very kind in inviting me to hunt his property for the last 5 years. While hunting in Brookings county I have a neighbor who lets my family and I hunt his property and an uncle who also allows us to hunt his land. From what I have been told I wish to hunt in eastern SD and Western the best option for me is to West river first then draw a land owners tag and not hunt my neighbors or my uncles ground. This process seems that i am being punished for having the opportunity to hunt on both sides of the river. I am very opposed of this new draw system and after talking with a few neighbors that are strongly against this, if this does go through and we are restricted on what tags we can apply for our land will be shut off from all other hunting to the public. Myself and my neighbors have always been opened to letting Duck, Goose and late season pheasant hunting take place on our properties but if we are controlled this way that opportunity for other hunters will end. I hope that no changes are going to be made and we can continue on. Thanks for your time.

Dustin Heylens

Scott Roth

Sioux Falls SD

Comment:

I strongly disagree with a change in the proposed changes in deer tag drawing. If you are telling me that i will draw minnehaha or gregory county every year, then we can talk, but you cant tell me that everyone will draw first choice every year, and that is how this is being spun to the public. Leave the system alone and fix the hundreds of big game road hunters instead.

Jared Kaiser

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Comment:

I strongly oppose the proposed changes to the new process for applying for deer hunting tags. This new process is completely uncalled for and not necessary. If people want a tag every year they need to learn how to hunt somewhere new within the state. Strongly oppose .

Joshua Hoven

Webster SD

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Comment:

Terrible idea, bad for SD

Andrew Sorenson

Mitchell SD

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Comment:

I was at the Mitchell focus group. I was not necessarily against it at the focus group meeting, and defended the open-minded look from both sides. Upon spending more time thinking about this topic, I really do support the proposal. The fact is, I really only need one main tag to focus on each season. There are still plenty of opportunities elsewhere, so I approve of the proposal. The only reason I did not approve from the beginning was because I did not want to have to re-think my application process and didn't have a problem with the way it was done currently, so I simply opposed change in general. The more I have considered this, the more I realize that there will always be other tag opportunity, but the planning process for ONE main tag focus actually simplifies things for me personally.

Eric Boehmer

Mitchell SD

Comment:

No comment text provided.

Harley Hansen

Stratford SD

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Comment:

I do apply for ERD as well as WRD. I don't know the specifics of the numbers you presented. How are they broken down county to county. Many of the numbers of tags applied for are applied for in the same counties due to the popularity in certain areas so I would like to see the breakdown of the number of applicants per county. I understand what you are trying to do but this proposal would really make our family outings in the outdoors more difficult to do together. I know you can't please everyone but I would oppose.

Brian Vanderbush

Brandon SD

Comment:

I think this is poor choice, if any thing I would suggest having the drawing for West River and Black Hills a month apart, this way if a applicant is unsuccessful in BH Deer they have a chance/opportunity with the West River deer. I know some people hedge their bet and apply for both, since its a once a year opportunity. Under to current system, a person has the opportunity to do the research and put in for a subsequent drawing(ie East River or muzzleloader).

Erick Okeson

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Comment:

oppose

Erick Okeson

Tea SD

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Comment:

oppose

Larry Voss

Madison SD

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Comment:

Just leave it as it is

Doug Brush

Harrisburg SD

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Comment:

For years hunters plan to hunt the seasons they like most like hunting east, west and black hills this is not a good idea it seems like you trying to discourage hunting I believe that the outfitters that are behind this want to make more licenses available to out of state hunters this is not a great plan for the tradition of hunting in South Dakota thank you

Thomas Weisensee

Sioux Falls SD

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Comment:

Every Deer hunter that I have spoken with, from East and West river, are opposed to alternatives 1 or 2. Please leave the system the way it is, no change. Very respectfully

Steven Knipfer

Lane SD

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Comment:

MY FAMILY APPLY FOR BOTH WEST RIVER AND EAST RIVER TAGS. IT IS CONSIDERED AS A FAMILY OUTING THAT WE HAVE DONE FOR A LONG TIME

Tim Brown

Watertown SD

Comment:

I do not feel there should have to be a first choice between the 6 tags. Definitely not between east and west river as they are two different geographic locations and I enjoy hunting whitetail and mule deer each year. Or the opportunity to as a resident of SD. That's why I live here. Thanks

Kristina Huber

Tea SD

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Comment:

oppose

Lawrence Gadbois

Sioux Falls SD

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Comment:

I HAVE BEEN DEER HUNTING DEER FOR 57 YEARS, HERE IN THE GREAT STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA. MY FAMILY AND I HAVE NEVER HAD A PROBLEM OBTAINING A LIC TO HUNT DEER. PLEASE LEAVE THE CURRENT DRAWING SYSTEM ALONE.
"IF IT ISN'T BROKE DON'T CHANGE IT".

Tyler Hoffmann
Alexandria SD

Comment:

oppose

Jason Schroeder
Mitchell SD

Comment:

I hunt all different deer seasons and if this change is passed I'm afraid it would be difficult to draw tags for other seasons than my first choose. I opposed this change and think our current lottery works as is.

Matt Staab
Brandon SD
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Comment:

Very strongly support the new proposal!

Aaron Hansen
Brandon SD
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Comment:

Not only will the state, counties and cities lose out on commerce from hunters, I believe this proposal drastically affects resident hunters. This is a dumb idea. 1) it takes away from the years of preference points already purchased. 2) do you really think that deer disease will be managed well this way??? I believe worst case scenario would be a minimum of 2 tags- east river and west river but feel there is no need for reductions.

Ken Schaeffer
Lesterville SD
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Comment:

I strongly oppose changing the deer application process. Every body has the same chance of drawing a tag. Why does GFP want to fix something that is not broken?

Phillip Steege

Armour SD

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Comment:

Please do not go through with this I don't understand why it is even being considered 90% of everybody's reaction that I've seen on social media has been overwhelming against changing the system, my reason personally lies with the traditions that my family and friends have hunting together that would be ruined if this goes through this is a terrible idea!!!!

Kent Siemonsma Siemonsma

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Comment:

Leave well enough alone

Benjamin Hammell

Chamberlain SD

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Comment:

Warden Dianna Langdent is out to harass anyone and everyone on the river. She does not know the laws of wakesurfing and pretends to. Apparently I can only sit on my back seats while the boat is running but not moving. Doesn't make any sense relating to carbon monoxide. There is greater carbon monoxide while the boat is at a stand still than while the boat is moving. I will be at the office to get the actual boating laws that she does not know.

Jeremie Evans

Pierre SD

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Comment:

I strongly oppose this proposal. I feel blessed to live in a state in which we are able to apply for licenses in the listed units for the first drawing and have every bit of what I feel is a fair chance as the next guy due to the point system. I would feel limited if this proposal would pass. I'm part of the 33% of applicants that apply for a license in more than just one unit for the first drawing. I do this by utilizing the tools provided by the SDGFP website (past draw statistics) I also apply for a tag in a unit that is limited in licenses and am fully aware I will not draw that tag every year. So with the system now in place it allows me to apply in a different unit for the first draw as well to better my odds of drawing a license for that year. I feel the lottery system is what it is a lottery and some will have better luck than others. Also I feel that by cubing the preference points only makes this system better. So once again please do not limit the 14 thousand plus applicants that make up the 33%. Everyone has a fair and equal chance with the system we have in place. Thanks

James Evans

Pierre SD

Comment:

oppose

Aaron Callies

Madison SD

Comment:

I think that this is not a good decision for the state or hunters like me.. I try to get tags for all seasons to create more opportunities for me and my family and friends to see more of South Dakota.. and we travel 6 to 7 hours to hunt sometimes and we keep a lot of money in gas stations and business.. I would like to keep it that way..what would they do with the 5 seasons or more I pay preference to would that change as well? I think the system you have now is the best way to keep hunters in South Dakota ..

Garth Virkula

Rapid City SD

Comment:

I do support the change in the drawing structure for deer licenses. I currently apply for three different firearm deer tags every year hoping to get one. This year I will have multiple preference points in two of the three applications. The chances of drawing just one of these deer licenses this year is still probably less than 10 percent. I'd prefer to be able to draw one deer tag every year than have two or three tags in the same year and then wait three to five years to get another tag or tags. If this change will help the hunter have a better chance on his or her preferred first choice then I support it.

Chris Larson

Vermillion SD

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Comment:

I'm opposed to the new deer license proposed rules for 2019. I feel it will give more license to non-residents. I also believe it will make relationships even worse with landowners because there will be more road hunters breaking the law with not enough wardens to handle the rule breakers. There is public land by our farm that gets walked a dozen times opening morning and then they drive around for another two hours. I live and hunt east river but have formed friendships with west river land owners and enjoy a different type of hunt. This will most likely be ruined with the current proposal. Why do we allow unlimited non-resident archery tags and let non-residents get special buck west river tags before residents. No non-resident tags of any kind should be given until residents have had a chance. There are only two reasons for this nonsense: commercial hunting and money. Please don't move forward with this proposal and let my son have a chance to hunt deer in the future.

Rick Drennen
Flandreau SD
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Comment:

Why change a system that is not broken.

Matthew Flannigan
Salix IA
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Comment:

So will the changes affect nonresident tags? Under the proposed changes, at what point are nonresidents able to apply within the lottery pool?

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Salix IA
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Comment:

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Gary Styke
Harrisburg SD
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Comment:

Initially I was very opposed to the changes that have been proposed. I am satisfied with the way the system works currently. However, I am willing to give the proposal a chance (like I have any choice). For me, I would prefer an evaluation period rather than a permanent change. One or maybe two years to see how it works and if the majority of sportsmen are as pleased after that period of time.

Bill Grocott
Humboldt SD
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Comment:

oppose

Kirk Surat
Bijou Hills SD

Comment:

I think this would be a move in the wrong direction. In my opinion this will create even more crowded public land than we already have. As many of the people that draw the leftover tags now are people who actually have some private ground lined up to

Josh James
Sioux Falls SD
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Comment:

oppose

Kyle Michel
Trent SD

Comment:

I think the change would be a horrible move on the states part. If the people complaining are not aggressive enough to go after more then one tag then that's there own problem. You don't win at the casino every time your not gonna draw your preferred tag every year. There's plenty of opportunity if your not lazy. This would be a good reason for residents like myself to start hunting out of state.

Derek Moe
Watertown SD
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Comment:

Why try to fix something that's not broken?? I am 100% against this change if any change is to be made do some changing with non residents tag amounts! Resident tag amounts and draws are fine and doesn't need to be changed!!!

Jens Holm
Arlington SD
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Comment:

I oppose this proposal unless no out of state hunters are allowed to apply until after the third draw. The way the proposed structure is worded it looks as though out of state hunters would be considered before all residents have had a chance at available licensees.

Currently I apply for East River and Black Hills deer. This normally allows me to receive one tag every year since it takes two preferences under normal circumstances to obtain either tag.

Also to make the system fair and honest the draw system should not be a form of gambling. Draws should be by true preference. If you have two preferences no one with less preferences should get a tag before you.

Jason Labrie
Rapid City SD
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Comment:

What we have currently in our state lottery is something special for our residents to enjoy. It is what sets us apart from other states where their residents constantly complain because they cannot draw a tag. Here we have the chance to draw multiple and if you apply for multiple tags in our state you should draw something. I'm an avid Hunter and always tell friends and other hunters how great of opportunities we have as sportsman to enjoy big game hunting in our State. If the data is true re:70% of applicants only apply for 1 tag then clearly they really don't care that much about putting meat in the freezer. Also, the data re:70% should be supplied to the public to verify accuracy. I think if this goes through it will be a grave mistake for our state and we will follow suit with other state's residents being dissatisfied with their GFP.

Thanks for your consideration to oppose any changes.

Jason Labrie
Rapid City SD
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Comment:

This is the first I or many Hunter friends of mine have heard of this which is unreal give the claim in the news article says info has been being gathered over the last 2yrs. How was this gained? Are their forums planned? Thank you

Richard Hartland
Winner SD
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Comment:

our hunting lottery is good as is, why ruin it like other states have. Please leave as is

James Buteyn

Sioux Falls SD

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Comment:

Please do not change this. We are catering to a small portion. There is plenty of opportunity in this state, and to make it so the preferred is drawn will only push out further eastern tags. I apply for several licenses and enjoy the difference between each area of this great state.

Chuck Molstad

Canton SD

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Comment:

As a avid hunter, I STRONGLY OPPOSE the proposed change in the deer application procedure. As hunter, each season takes a lot of planning & prep. Each year we collect preference point and work for a strategy for a great hunt. Planning involves family, vacation time, research areas of drought & foliage, summer scouting, hunting equipment and much more. Sure some years, only one tag application is appropriate for ones person factors. But in the long term effort to plan, the hunter should remain to have the chance to use what he or she as planned for. As it may finally work for that Black Hills tag that friends have been collecting preference point and yet having that one rancher say in the same year, "yup you boys are welcome this year, I've got a plenty of deer". Just remember, everyone has passions....golf, motorcycles, camping and the like. But those of MANY OF US, hunting is a year around effort of planning, getting permission, coordinating with family, sons & daughters and finally getting the "PLAN" to come together. Don't remove the valuable options fot multiple tags that are there for today and for all the hunters planning the future hunts for years in advance right now. South Dakota Residence have the opportunity for best hunting opportunities west of the Rocky's, lets keep this intact. Thank you for your considerations in this matter.

Sincerely,

Chuck Molstad

Chris Adams

Rapid City SD

Comment:

Leave the current system in place. I'm 100% against any potential increase in NR deer licenses sold in SD. Under this proposal residents could only have two licenses after the third draw. No one can possibly deny more licenses will be available under the proposed fourth draw vs. the current third draw in which both residents and NR can apply for leftover licenses. If one more NR license might be sold under the proposed change I'm against it 100%. Residents in SD continue to loose hunting opportunities every year. Enough is enough

Gene Wilts

Toronto SD

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Comment:

If less than half of the survey participants are in favor of change why change. Many hunters have spent time over the years working with landowners and friends to secure hunting opportunities for multiple seasons. Why take these opportunities away?

Steven Johnke

Garretson SD

Comment:

I strongly oppose the proposed changes to the deer seasons. Please keep the drawings as they are currently.

Terry Halvorson

Yankton SD

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Comment:

It takes long enough to get tags in my area, why make us make a choice where we want to hunt I hunt bow rifle and muzzleloader east river, west river, and black hills don't want to have to decide which one would be my choice, if this passes my first choice is going to be either Nebraska or Iowa or another state I have been deer hunting since I was 14 so right at last 36 years, in areas I apply for in my area there are only 500 tags, so 250 for public besides more get hit on the road as we hunters harvest so in closing leave it as is only fairest if you apply for 2 to 5 years you will get a tag eventually

Bill Chatwell

Sioux Falls SD

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Comment:

As a hunter that frequently applies for multiple deer hunting seasons (ERD and WRD), I oppose this proposed change. I would rather be able to apply for more than one license even if it meant slightly lower odds of receiving a tag. Also, it appears to be clear from both your focus group meetings and online surveys that the majority of hunters do not want this change.

Jeff Peterson

Sioux Falls SD

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Comment:

Please leave your current preference point system in place. If you do anything a lot more tags for the years of preference and less for those without preference.

Tyler Heiser
Aberdeen SD
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Comment:

I do not support restricting deer licenses to only one application for first draw. I am perfectly fine with some units being harder and waiting a few years to get a license. I do enjoy applying for multiple units and being able to hunt all different types of area/terrain in my own state.

Stan Mitzel
Sioux Falls SD
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Comment:

I emailed about this topic a couple months ago and no one responded to my questions. I am under the belief that this proposal only helps out of state hunters get more licenses and they pay outfitters. That is what you want. Horrible idea. Who are these people who want their preferred license? Where do they live? Ok give every resident their preferred tag without regard to license numbers. No that would increase hunting numbers. You don't even have a majority of people in favor of this.

Derek Landeen
Watertown SD
Derek Landeen

Comment:

My opinion towards draw changes...If you learn the current system you should get at minimum one tag a yr. Most of the ground I hunt is public but between west river rifle, black hills rifle, east river rifle, state wide east river(only private), state wide west river (only private),refuge deer, and muzzle loader I don't see the point in this change because you have more opportunities as it is. At minimum if u stager these out you should have some where around 3 years preference in any of the given options I listed above not including the over the counter archery tag. This will only benefit the guys not willing to try new areas bringing in minimal economic benefits to other communities. If a hunter is willing to try new areas I don't see any problem with the current system. This system has worked for what I believe is the majority of the people for many yrs. The way the new system lines up I believe it will hurt the chances of the guy who has been planning for future hunts on his drawing success. I feel if people learn the current system it'll continue to work in favor of the sportsman!

David Beintema
Mitchell SD
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Comment:

I do not support any changes to the current draw system. As an avid outdoorsmen and conservationist I do not feel that I should have to choose one type of license over another. This proposal does not benefit South Dakota's management program. There are a few hunters out there who choose to only apply for one type of license in a specific area. My chances of drawing are no different than that person. I should not be penalized because I want to help support management of deer state wide. Also I believe that preference point purchases will be down due to this proposal further reducing management dollars and effectiveness. Thank you for your time and consideration and please leave the draw system as is.

Trent Beintema

Mitchell SD

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Comment:

As a young hunter I enjoy the opportunities that South Dakota provide me in the current draw system. Under the new proposal I would not be able to experience the hunting diversity that I am currently afforded. I do not support the current proposals for change.

Phillip Campbell

Pierre SD

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Comment:

I believe the tag system should stay the same as it is as I believe the limiting of 1 2 3 4 choices will restrict my ability to draw tags in the future years to come I understand that sometimes changes are needed but I don't believe this is the area in which they are needed I think it should be more like the elk tag system of a tier type I have ten years preference for the muzzleloader deer tag so I think that is definitely a tag that would benefit from change but it would be hard to pick a primitive weapon hunt for my 1st choice hunt over say west river or east river tags just my two cents I believe it is not a perfect system and to change to something like this would cause wide spread complaints

Bob Messerli

Sioux Falls SD

Comment:

NO CHANGE! Keep the drawing as is, as it's been for YEARS!

Clay Pearson

Mitchell SD

Comment:

My stepson hunts with his dad east river and hunts west river with me this is a perfect example of why we need to keep it just how the draw is now!!i say keep it how it has been for years Luck of the draw, gives my stepson a chance to hunt with me

Curt Ericks

Rapid City SD

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Comment:

I strongly oppose this change

Mark Schweigert

Winner SD

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Comment:

It should stay the same in SD as it is. That's what makes this state so special for the residents. The ability to hunt with different means. Leave it alone!

Cole Neubauer

Aberdeen SD

Comment:

This is a bad idea! No change!

Steve Foerster

Brookings SD

Comment:

No change! Not a good idea!

Tom Foerster

Brookings SD

Comment:

please do not change! Stay the same!

Cory Foerster

Brookings SD

Comment:

No change!

Tim Brezina

Brookings SD

Comment:

oppose

Adam Golay
Sioux Falls SD
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Comment:

It looks like the hunters have spoken & 57% of the people don't want it changed & want it to stay the same so why are we still pushing to have it changed? The current system we have is designed to utilize the preference point system if you want your preferred deer license. The reason many people are not getting their preferred deer license is because they are not buying preference points. Preference points provide income for the GFP which I am all for them making a lot of money & they should since they manage it all. But with this change I will no longer buy preference points for different seasons because more than likely there will not be leftover buck licenses to be able to go west river & east river both & or black hills & be able to shoot bucks in all of those in the same year. That just wont happen anymore. Therefore it will force me to pick east river since I am a landowner & that's the only hunt I will go on. I wont need to pay the \$175 fee for west river special buck & also wont need to buy preference point for that anymore because I will never be able to get a buck tag for that since I will choose east river buck as my first choice. This system is not good in my opinion if someone enjoys trophy hunting in south Dakota for bucks in multiple seasons. You just wont be able to do it anymore. It will force guys like me to spend our extra money on Montana & Wyoming hunts rather than multiple South Dakota hunts & we wont buy preference points anymore for deer if this passes.

Martin Hesby
Brookings SD
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Comment:

Strongly oppose any changes to the existing deer season structure. Our current structure works and is fair to all applicants. Limiting hunters to only 1 season in a first draw really discriminated against resident deer hunters who travel and hunt multiple seasons. The new structure won't help those applicants in hard to fill counties anyways. Please dont change anything. This is a BAD deal for deer hunters, but a good deal for city dwellers who only care about shooting a doe in 10 minutes and calling it a season. This would punish the 30 percent who hunt multiple tags each year and contribute to the statewide economy. Respectfully, please do not screw up another area of your department!

Lincol Biermann
Roslyn SD
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Comment:

I think the current application process is great and system does not need to be changed .

Travis Wagner

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Comment:

I do not approve of the new structure for drawing tags. If I get a chance to get 2 tags in 1 year for east and west river that would make for a great year. I do not like the fact that well Ill try west river this year for first choice then next year be like maybe I should do East river for first choice. That just SUCKS. Please leave the drawing the way it is and focus on managing the deer populations. If I get to shoot 2 great bucks in 1 year that should be a chance.

Daniel Amen

Rapid City SD

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Comment:

I Fully Support the Proposed Changes to Deer Hunting Application Structure!
Good Idea!

Tom Reenhart

Viborg SD

Comment:

Please leave the draw system alone, it works just fine. There are too many unknowns moving ahead and you are asking for a big mess. Please reject this idea. Thank you.

Rob Schoeneman

Brandon SD

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Comment:

oppose

Brad Rundell

Rapid City SD

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Comment:

I personally do not want the proposed changes to the deer draws. I apply for several different licenses and do not want to be forced to pick one. Thats the beauty of hunting this state it is diverse in opportunities and this proposal changes all of that. With the amount of leftovers there are now theres no reason someone that absolutely wanted a license could not recieve one. Just because some people are whining about not drawing their number one choice every year is no reason to change something that is not broken. I hope the gfp take the publics comments seriously and not just do what the gfp wants. Thank you

Lindsey Price
Rapid City SD

Comment:

I am very opposed to the changing of deer license drawings. I apply for multiple licenses and do not want to choose between them. Leave the process alone.

Maury Forsyth
Brookings SD
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Comment:

Quit messing with the deer season draw. The reason we have a draw is that there are more hunters than licenses. By making hunters pick a time you'll just be taking more money from the hunters as we all know when the deer are huntable and when they are not. You will just be getting money from people who will never get a deer. Leave it alone. It's already almost like NASCAR. No one knows why or how anyone gets points....

Anthoni Simons
Faith SD
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Comment:

it is totally unfair to us who have paid preference points fees for the hard to draw deer tags for years and now we are having to choose between one or the other will you give our money back??? no so how about this you pay landowners 20 dollars a deer that is shot let there be earn a buck program in 49A and the rest of the irrigation program where they can put in for doe tags....unlimited doe tags for that unit and they can shoot a doe to get a buck tag for 60....wow you GFP people have depredation hunts wiping deer off of haystacks....that would not require people to have to be worried bout drawing tags cause those would be over the counter....if you make us choose I will be wanting my preference money back or instead of doing that to residents just cut down NONRESIDENT tags and put those tags into the RESIDENT drawing

Kalvin Kurtenbach
Mitchell SD
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Comment:

I strongly recommend leaving the deer applications and categories the SAME AS THEY ARE NOW!!

Julie Hamilton
Rapid City SD
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Comment:

With the dilemma of more hunters than deer. The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Commission have proposed a new draw system for hunters to get their licenses.
If this proposal does get implemented, during the drawing process, you will choose the DO NOT IMPLEMENT it!!!!

Joel Backous
Aberdeen SD
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Comment:

This proposal is ridiculous. You guys manage the deer herds and specify the # of tags available. I will decide if I want to apply for east/west/archery tag. If I get turned down, so be it. If I get all three than good for me. I'm thinking you should shift your efforts to getting back our public waters and not bending over for just the landowners. Your business owners over east will thank you for it. The reetz lake deal just started a precedent that may never stop this shit show.

Robert Naylor
Hot Springs SD

Comment:

As a blackhills deer hunter I think changing the current system is a bad idea. I love to hunt the hills but I'm also willing you travel to hunt. Why change the system for ones not willing to travel a bit to hunt? I may not be able to get a deer license in the hills every year but I can travel 20 miles and hunt every single year in a prairie unit. The system works fine, the licenses are there for everyone. Don't change the system at all please

Adam Carroll
Rapid City SD
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Comment:

From the polls taken on facebook with multiple hundreds opposed and under 30 for i hope you decision makers take into thought the public opinion. so now instead of having multiple tags opportunities we only have one shot at getting our preferred license. this is a horrible plan. for example getting a wrd tag will now be as hard as getting an elk tag. idk why we are so focused on changing the deer tags system instead of the elk or something actually broken. Im sorry to say but if you go ahead and change this you are going to make alot of hunters who have been supporting you very unhappy. I appreciate all your hard work and time put in but this is not what 80% of the hunters want.

Kevin Bruzelius

Pierre SD

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Comment:

The hunters are already applying for the season(s) they want, the Commish is trying to play God with the outcomes, and are not going to please any more people changing anything, with a possibility of making things worse. It's not broken, don't try to fix what's not broken, I've had years when I got denied, and got over it, that's what preferences are for. Kevin Bruzelius

Colin Hargens

Miller SD

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Comment:

I have been following this topic and even attended the focus group. I have heard reason from all 3 options and I do not see the need to change anything. It seems that we are more worried about people's feelings instead of the health of the deer herd. It was stated in one of the commission meetings that this was looked at from a social aspect rather than a biological aspect. That right there is where this should have stopped. We need to stop making decisions based on \$\$\$\$. \$\$\$ based decisions are going to ruin deer hunting as we know it for the average Joe. Most average Joe's that are voting on this topic are very uneducated about the situation. I know there has been many surveys about this topic. Perhaps GFP should take a look at more than just their surveys. East River hunting and fishing site on Facebook has a survey going on right now and which is made up of hunters, not politicians. Right now the vote for "No change" is at 236 votes. Allocation #1 has 10 votes and #2 has vote 6. That is an absolute upset.

I hope you take a better look at what is better for the deer, instead of, what is going to make the most money!!

Ryley Thill

Johnstown CO

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Comment:

Changing of the deer draw makes absolutely no sense at all for the general public.

1st: you just started the cubing of preference points, why would you change multiple significant things at the same time. You should at minimum give the cube points 2 years to see what the outcome is.

2nd: hunter retention is going to take a hit Bc you will only have 1 opportunity to take out a new hunter. And if you have only one chance to capitalize on deer for the year, you are not going to spend that time trying to get someone into hunting.

3rd: the guys whining about not drawing every year are applying for one specific area each year and nothing more(they don't look at a second choice or leftovers)

4th: there is not going to be enough of a change because there are too few tags.

Example: 100 tags available for hills any deer, I choose that 1st choice and my odds still suck to draw that, but now I can't even be in any other draw. And these are even worse for out of state.

Barry Betts

Oacoma SD

Comment:

I oppose any changes in the way deer hunters can apply for deer seasons. If someone wants to apply for all 6 seasons, then let him do it and let the drawing decide. That is only fair to all hunters.

Ernie Karst

Castlewood SD

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Comment:

oppose

Ryan Ulmer

Volin SD

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Comment:

I eat the meat and generally get 4-5 tags a year!

Tyler Beutow

Watertown SD

Comment:

I like the way the system is now. Because there is at least a chance for us to be able to draw any deer tags for multiple seasons for example east river deer and muzzleloader deer.

Most of the people that I have heard complain about not getting tags had no idea that they need preference points for some counties (codington) , and didn't know that they had to select "buy preference point" on line when applying. You guys fixed that issue on the new website. I just think it needs to stay the same.

Blaine Marlow

Watertown SD

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Comment:

I oppose any changes to the deer hunting structure. Leave it as is, if only 46percent of the people want change why are you having public hearings about it. Can you have public hearings anywhere else how about Watertown or Sioux Falls? These changes are unnecessary, kind of wondering where all this sudden need for a change is coming from. As usual state game and fish is out of touch with outdoors people in S.D.

Harvey Jensen

Oldham SD

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Comment:

I feel it should be left alone, apply for the season and locations you want. It's lottery not a guarantee. Run it on preference points solely.

Darby Klein

Chamberlain SD

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Comment:

oppose

Chuck Clayton

Huron SD

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Comment:

So a fairly strong majority of the respondents, that were not on the politically picked committees, told you they didn't want change. Do you folks ever listen? What is driving this change? Commercial interests? I have worked with wildlife issues for almost 45 years. The GF&P used to listen to the license paying sportsmen that fund the PR/DJ money, but you folks seem to be intent on changing things to benefit special interests. I served on the West River Deer task force. The politics were all about getting more tags for paying customers. This proposal rings of that. To make it better odds to get a tag.

James Smythe

Sioux Falls SD

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Comment:

I think its about time as I have seen several people that draw multiple tags and others cannot get any I think it would be a fair way of doing it

Dana Myhre
Aberdeen SD
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Comment:

I have spent years developing a relationship with a landowner both east river and west river so I have a place to hunt for each season. It's really disappointing that I now have to choose which license to apply for. As it stands now I only get a license east river about every other or every 2 years. I also enjoy hunting sand lake refuge when I can get a tag which is not very often any more. Now I'll have to completely forget about applying for that license. I cannot express how disappointed I am with this decision. Now I'll have to give up a hunting tradition I have enjoyed for years. Makes me want to spend my sporting dollars in another state!

Bill Hadsell
Brookings SD
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Comment:

How specifically do the proposed changes help hunter recruitment and retention? Why does limiting us to 1 first choice improve our odds of drawing a tag vs. letting us apply for several first choices? I don't see any math to support that. The only math being offered is something about % of survey respondents - supporting some kind of change. This feels like there is more at work here than trying to help us poor old deer hunters who already get to apply for several seasons and generally succeed one way or the other. Its not broken - so don't fix it!

Tad Thomchaw
Aberdeen SD

Comment:

Quit trying to spin this as it will help everyone, the fact is Game and Fish does not understand how this will truly work. Do what the majority of hunters want and have stated and leave the structure alone. The current system is just fine.

Dan Amen
Rapid City SD
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Comment:

I do fully support the change!!!!

Terry Halvorson
Yankton SD
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Comment:

I am apposed to changing the app process for applying for tags for one thing I hunt in 3 or 4 areas , east river west river , black hills , and muzzle loader and archery east river and west river along with 2 other friends we always apply for each season first choice , so 2hat happens now we have to apply for just one season first.choice , and if we get it have to wait till 3.rd.drawing to apply for other seasons, so in other words you have just eliminated 3 hunters for 3 seasons, dont see any point of even applying for next year , might have to go to Nebraska to hunt can apply and get tags first time every time , people that just apply for first draw don't really matter the older hunters like myself do have been hunting for 36 years now

Seth Dawson
Howard SD
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Comment:

I strongly appose your changes to the deer draw, leave it as is.

Garrett Cameron
Yankton SD
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Comment:

I don't like the idea at all and don't think it does anything to address the problem it is meant to address. The preference point system helps everyone to get their fair shot at getting tags in a given area. All Hunters can choose to hunt in any county or area where tags are easier to come by.

Scott Guffey
City SD
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Comment:

I support the SDGF&P proposed change. I was a participant in the Rapid City focus group and coming in to the meeting I was in favor of some sort of change. The only deer rifle tag I really desire is a Black Hills whitetail tag. For the past decade I can only draw that tag after I have received two preference points, So every third year I get to rifle hunt where I want. I feel the proposed change should dramatically increase my odds of drawing that tag in a shorter time.

At the focus group in Rapid City, there was a gentleman at the beginning of the meeting vehemently opposed to any change to the current draw system. After Kevin Robling did an excellent job explaining the various scenarios, the gentleman that was opposed at the beginning of the meeting was a convert to support a change. He realized this would increase his odds of drawing the tags he most desired. I think there is a lot of rumors floating around on social media and I see people of strongly opposed to any change, but I think if most people would take the time to study the issue and listen to the Kevin's presentation. They would realize how beneficial it will be to them and the future of deer hunting in the state.

William Albers

Rapid City SD

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Comment:

I always apply for 2 firearms Deer seasons every year. It usually takes 2 years to get a black hills deer license but I don't mind. I also apply for west river deer and I get that tag every year. Changing it so I can only apply for one does not benefit me in any way. I also am applying for a east river deer tag this year and I wouldn't be able to do that either. This is not a good idea. Making it harder to get multiple tags will just make me not be able to harvest as many animals which is not a good wildlife management plan.

Kyle Wilson

Mitchell SD

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Comment:

By the numbers, it appears that less then 50% of people support the change. In my opinion a change as drastic as this one should be put on a ballot and voted on and not just in the hands of the GFP commission, then and only then will it show what the hunting community of South Dakota wants.

Bruce Gill

Rapid City SD

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Comment:

It's already difficult to obtain a preferred tag in a preferred area...being able to only submit 1 application on the initial draw is very restrictive....if this passes my 50 years of deer hunting in South Dakota will end.

James Winkels

Rapid Cityh SD

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Comment:

IT'S NOT BROKEN, DON'T FIX IT! This proposal only works for those hunters that hunt only one rifle season. Please don't change it....

Jeremy Johnson

Milbank SD

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Comment:

I don't see why you would really change something that isn't broke. I think we need to focus more time and energy and funds to try and get our youth into hunting and the great outdoors.

Charles Abt
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Comment:

I have no issues with the current structure. I do however have issues with the lottery draw structure. I went 10 years of preference to draw a Black Hills Deer Tag. Unacceptable. That is the system that needs SDGF&P Commission attention and needs to be fixed soon. When first year applicants can draw before someone with 10-15 years of preference points... then the system is broken. Please look at adopting a similar system to Wyoming. That seems to work and the hunters know how long it takes to draw a tag and can plan accordingly. The licensing/tag application process is not broken so please don't change it.

Andrew Cameron
Harrisburg SD
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Comment:

Why are proposals being made against what the people want? None of the results you gathered from the public are majority rule in favor of change. Of course more people that apply for only one license are going to be in favor. 72% of 67% of the deer hunters in SD is not a majority. It is almost like someone or some small group of people want this so bad they are ignoring the public views. This change caters to those who hunt the least...those who want to drive a few miles....those that aren't spending money on the road, giving back to our states economy.

Scott Kuck
Aberdeen SD
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Comment:

This is a classic example of a government bureaucracy searching for and miraculously finding a solution to a problem that DOES NOT exist. There is no reason to change the way deer licenses have been issued for the past several decades in South Dakota.

Looking at the numbers and charts provided in the presentation shows that a rather significant majority of the people in both the focus groups and in the online survey OPPOSED the changes proposed. 56% wanted NO CHANGE to 44% who wanted either alternative 1 or 2. They had to combine those who chose Alternatives 1 and 2 just to get that 44% number. If you compared the alternatives individually, No Change is far and away the choice of those surveyed. Further, when asked which alternative was preferred, the vast majority of those in BOTH the focus groups and in the online survey selected Alternative 3--No Change. Alternative 2, that which is being proposed, was the LEAST favorite alternative of all those surveyed.

The Department's own numbers don't even come close to supporting the changes being recommended here.

I would strongly urge you to oppose this change. It is not needed, and the numbers simply don't support it.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Scott Kuck--Aberdeen

Dakota Case

Tea SD

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Comment:

Limiting the deer hunting opportunities for resident hunters just to make a few extra bucks off non residents is unacceptable. Also hurts the small towns across the state that benefit from the multi-season hunters.

IF you were to combine any, West River and East River should become one season, while Black Hills, CSP, Reserve and Muzzleloader deer should all be separate.

However, best thing is to not mess with things at all. We're happy with accumulating a few extra preference points if it means more hunting opportunities for deer statewide.

Thomas Wulff

Watertown SD

Comment:

Why restrict deer hunters. Just because one cranky old man east river can't get his tag doesn't mean I shouldn't be able to draw any and all tags I have the preference for. This is the United States I thought, where we have freedom to do whatever we want. I didn't know we had to share the deer tags with everyone who can't get the one tag they try to get every year.

Bradley Olson

Astoria SD

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Comment:

Leave a great system alone listen to the people for a change.

David Delsoldato

Rapid City SD

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Comment:

Noooooooooooooooooo

Travis Kaiser
Brookings SD
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Comment:

Why would you approve something less than half of the people responding support? This proposal is ridiculous and shows that the GFP is out to make a profit and that's the one and only reason. I fully oppose this new drawing structure and can't believe this is even being considered. This is a joke and is going to make me spend my money out of state instead of in state. This is a ridiculous proposal.

Laci Meisenheimer
Brandon SD
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Comment:

I don't agree with this drawing change. I feel some of the people that out in their preference pints in a specific county deserve the chance after the number of years to draw. I think the change will decrease preference points fees and in turn increase the license cost. If the proposal is to try to increase resident hunters I think it will turn away many. I myself will pay the preference points just to keep that seasons chance even if I can't go. If tag prices go up you will have hunter numbers drop.

Travis Hansen
Worthing SD
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Comment:

Raise the number of special Buck licenses and leave the draw process the same.

Pamela Winkels
Rapid City SD
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Comment:

I am 100% opposed to this proposed change. My family and I hunt more than one season and should not have to choose which season to hunt. This is no different than disallowing our right to vote on all items listed on a voting ballot.....

Megan Winkels
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Comment:

I do not support this proposal as this change is unnecessary. There is nothing wrong with the current system.

Jeffery Wilson
Box Elder SD
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Comment:

oppose

Larry Crawford
Sturgis SD
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Comment:

My 70 years hunting in the fields of South Dakota indicates that limiting applicants to one area application for the first draw is another stupid idea that will drive more people to give up hunting . I would like to hunt a mule deer in the west river area so I make at least two applications per year and then as these usually fail in the so called lottery system, I apply for my best chance for an east river deer for a supply of deer meat. I applied for an elk tag again this year as I have done for nearly 20 years , that is probably the last, I am now too old to handle that big of an animal and if you make this change It will most likely be the last for deer also. Stupid rules and making sure your special friends and important people have permits has done more than anything to drive ordinary people away from hunting in South Dakota.

Adam Seeklander
Miller SD
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Comment:

I enjoy the opportunity to apply for both West River deer and East River deer as my father in law lives West River so I can go and hunt with him then can hunt West River with my boys the following weekend. If you change the drawing so you have to choose only one season I would have to choose between going hunting West River or East River. I like it the way it is so I am able to do both.

Robert Borries
Summerset SD

Comment:

South Dakota's draw system is absolutely perfect as is. Don't change it.

Drue Schroeder

Rapid City SD

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Comment:

I really like the idea of improving everyone's odds to draw their desired deer tag each year. Hunting as a tradition and way of life is losing valuable members when people are forced to sit on the sidelines for multiple years waiting on a tag. My one concern or question would be: With the Black Hills season having the most available land to shoot a deer on public ground (state and forest service) will more people from across the state choose this as a first choice knowing they can draw less desired east river tags where the majority of the land is tied up in private ground? I know a lot of hills hunters who never travel east because of lack of ground to hunt while any east river resident can travel west and have thousands of acres of public ground to hunt. It's just a thought that came to my mind when thinking of the pros and cons of this idea. Overall I love the idea and hope it allows my family more opportunities to get out and enjoy our beautiful state pursuing deer.

Pamela Scouten

Pierre SD

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Comment:

I hunt public land both East and west river and would prefer the way I apply separately for each did not change.

Mark Kolb

Aberdeen SD

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Comment:

For the past 3 years I have not gotten a buck tag or even got a shot off at any deer for that matter, so I propose if you don't get a deer you can turn your tag into GF&P to get a better chance at a buck tag the following year. (AKA extra preference points instead of constantly having to buy points and still get denied!!)

Mike Coleman

Sioux Falls SD

Comment:

I like the proposed change and support the proposal.

Justin Brown
Freeman SD
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Comment:

Do not under any circumstances change the waybtags are draw. The system works great allowing me to both a east river and west river tag. I can say i am fully against any changes as well as everyone I have talked to. Also have Ben told the only reason for the push for changes is to get more out of state hunters a chance at a tag. Not impressed at all

Kyle Stoltenberg
Sioux Falls SD

Comment:

I usually draw my preferred county east river every other year with rifle. Considering the high number of hunters this is satisfactory. Most people expect to get an any deer tag every year but with the EHD effecting the herd this is not possible and they want a change to the draw system. A total overhaul of the system is not needed.

Dave Schlosser
Aberdeen SD
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Comment:

Dear GF&P Commission - I don't see how the change to only allowing one license in the first draw is going to make that much of a change in a person's chance of drawing an any deer tag east river. It may fee up some west river mule deer first choice tags but the individual will still have to find a place to hunt. Although not in favor of the change I can see where someone would argue you have to choose between an east river, west river, or black hills tag. However, GF&P Commission needs to leave the late season muzzleloader, refuge, and Custer State Park drawings as is. These applications/drawings should remain the same and could be called a specialty tag. Under the proposed new system I will probably never apply for a late season muzzleloader or a refuge tag because my first choice is always going to be an east river tag. I see "nothing" wrong with having multiple tags every 2-4 years especially if that second tag is what I would call a specialty tag. I would prefer the current system stay in place. Everyone may not get a buck tag each year but I believe everyone who wants to, can still get a doe tag. Thank You - Dave Schlosser

Jaron Anderson
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Comment:

oppose

William Locken

Lead SD

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Comment:

We need to do what we can to keep as many people interested in hunting as possible and this change will a long ways in doing just that.

Anthony Filholm

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Comment:

Anthony Filholm of Brookings opposes making any changes to the existing draw structure. Using your own focus group numbers, the majority do not want change. Please keep the will of the people in the forefront.

Patsy Carney

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Comment:

i strongly disagree! myself and a lot of my friends/family apply for more than one of the six seasons. I am from a very long tradition of hunters. I respect the animal that i hunt. i do not kill what i will not eat. i hunt to fill my freezer. if i am allowed only one choice and only one tag i won't be able to put supper on the table every night

Marvin Bouska

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Comment:

What has prompted this proposed change in allocating or drawing licenses for rifle deer seasons?? Why "fix" the already complex and almost incomprehensible application process?? I am strongly opposed to these changes, as they will reduce the options for those who just simply wish to draw ER,WR or BH tags for antlerless or any wt deer for the freezer. Returning to apply for leftover or other tags with a non-refundable \$5 point charge would likely be part of this scheme as well. Your current website is also very difficult to navigate, and I have yet to discover how to get a "map" with description of boundaries and season dates without choosing a unit, if even then it is possible. This used to be an option that was easier to find. I navigate complex medical insurance sites, Medicare and HIPPA websites regularly in my business and they are simpler than trying to apply for a deer license in this state! I encounter the "website is currently not working messages regularly on the GFP website."

Robert Rowles
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Comment:

I support the proposed change to the deer hunting application process. I only apply for Black Hills deer so I can hunt without driving an hour or more. The current process only gets me a Black Hills deer tag every two to three years. I would like to hunt within a few miles of my house every year.

Mike Kintigh
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Comment:

I have 1 place I want to hunt deer each year, the family ranch in Custer Co. If i dont draw that tag - i don't hunt deer. I feel the proposed changes will greatly improve my chances of hunting deer each year. Please vote in support of the proposed change!

Joshua Petersen
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Comment:

I want the drawing structure to remain the same.

Randy Zoss
Mitchell SD
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Comment:

I believe that the new system will deter dedicated hunters and not attract new hunters. It has been hard enough to draw more than 1 desired at a time with the old system.

Matt Tweet
Chester SD
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Comment:

if i understand correctly, for those of us that are east river land owners, we will not be able to get a west river tag and still be able to have our east river land owner tag.

is this true?

Marty Keegan

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Comment:

I do not think the black powder should be included in the list of the 6 seasons. it is a completely different weapon and should be treated like archery on its own.

Mark Clausen

Pierre SD

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Comment:

I support this proposal with one suggested revision. I do believe that the archery season needs to be included in the group. If a person applies for an archery license then they should not be able to apply for the first drawing of any of the rifle seasons. Understand there is no quota on the number of archery tags distributed, but I do believe this revision would affect the results for all of the rifle seasons. Archery hunters are having a huge affect on the number of bucks being taken before any rifle hunter ever has an opportunity at them.

Keenan Roth

Watertown SD

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Comment:

The current system may have a few flaws but in general it works very well. With the proposed changes we won't really gain anything except for more non resident hunters getting tags that residents should be getting. Even if you have to wait a couple years to get your desired tag there are still plenty of good tags available for opportunities to go deer hunting

Shane Stanley

Hot Springs SD

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Comment:

This is the dumbest thing ever.i have 4 people in my house that apply for every season because we rely on deer for food. taking away the opportunity to apply for different reasons is stupid.this should not be passed.

Darrel Killion

Madison SD

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Comment:

I am not convinced that this measure would retain existing hunters as well as add additional new hunters. I have hunted deer here in SD for better than 50 years and over that 50+ years I have taken the time to teach several young people how to hunt all species including deer. I hunt West River, East River, Muzzle-loader and occasionally Black Hills and refuge seasons. Over the years I have rarely failed to get a tag on the first draw across multiple seasons. Perhaps it has to do with the particular units I select as I know some units are harder to get a tag than others, but I suspect that has more to do with human populations being higher in some counties as compared to others. Most hunters are not willing to hunt in counties (units) that are distant from their home county for a number of reasons; the most significant factors being distance and unfamiliarity with distant units with regard to deer herd location and land access.

As far as new deer hunters go, most people do not learn to hunt deer on their own. Most learn because someone took the time to teach them and fewer and fewer people take the time to really teach our youth to love hunting of any kind, much less deer hunting. The current youth hunting seasons are excellent ways to accomplish this, but for it to make a difference, existing hunters have to take the time to actually involve their kids in this activity and far too many simply are not willing to take the time. Changing current seasons as proposed will not have the affect you are looking for in my opinion.

Additionally, I think it safe to say that deer hunting does not lend itself well to texting, emailing, surfing the web and playing games. The idea of getting youth to leave their cell phone home or in the pickup for a few hours is simply not something today's youth are inclined to do. Their social network is far more important to them. You cannot force them to become deer hunters... they must be willing to learn the activity and technology really complicates that willingness to learn.

In my opinion, I believe more focus needs to be put on getting existing hunters inclined to involve youth in the activity. As I said, the youth seasons are a good way to make this happen, but existing hunters need to be a major part of that process... and that is where the problem is.

Tiffany Petersen

Rapid City SD

Comment:

oppose

Keith Fortin

Sioux Falls SD

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Comment:

I have been a hunter in SD for 48years. I support the deer application process and seasons as is! Everyone I talk to says the same! Hope you are not trying to change this to get more out of state Money. Seems like it is!

Ken Steiner
Pierre SD
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Comment:

So if I read this correctly that 46% in attendance are for the change. Written was down to 43% for a change. That would have me believe that 54% and 57% would rather have it stay the same. If these are true numbers that are being used and the commission still adopts and makes a change they should ALL be dismissed. These numbers appear that the majority of us hunters want the system to stay the same. Maybe the Governor needs to look into this sooner rather than later.

Greg Schweiss
Rapid City SD
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Comment:

I am opposed to the proposed new structure. I participate in an annual family deer hunt in the west river deer season. The new structure would virtually eliminate the possibility that I could ever get a Black Hills deer license (which I currently do once every 2 or 3 years) without giving up my family hunt in the west river season. The current structure is fair for all.

Jason Meyer
Huron SD
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Comment:

The system we have now is fair for everyone, why change it to benefit the individuals that only apply for one season? It seems like those of us that hunt all across the state are losing an opportunity?

Stacey Bork
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Comment:

Less than 46% of the people you have received response from so far want ANY change, yet you are doing so anyway? Why? Who is more important than the majority? The people who apply for more than one season, it the REAL WORLD are your most loyal CUSTOMERS. You are looking at it all backwards by only looking at the single season applicants. You have been looking at ways to get those with more preference points their preferred season, which is great, but don't change ten things at once when possibly only one or two are required. You will end up not really knowing which change is effective.

Keith Christianson

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Comment:

I would rather muzzleloader deer be kept out of this new system.

Adam Glover

Elk Point SD

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Comment:

oppose

Jon Olson

Sioux Falls SD

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Comment:

I am 100% in favor of option #2.

Tim Licht

Fedora SD

Comment:

The application process is just fine the way it is....if you take someone like myself who applies for multiple tags each year , all you need to do is have different preference points for each season.....ie west river I have 6 preference....muzzleloader I have 3 ...hills deer I have 7 years...east river I have 1

And archery is guaranteed so I usually get that tag.

If I don't draw my tags for either counties I put in for first draw...I apply for a second drawing tag and hunt somewhere new usually...which is fun to hunt a new area.

Theres nothing wrong with the system we have in place...you pay for the preference points and draw when you get enough points...and if people looked at the draw odds you can scientifically analyze what tag your most likely to draw.

I do think the cubing of the big game points is a great thing...not guaranteed still but those who have applied for years get a better chance to draw than someone that has never applied before.

I think Non residents should have a lesser chance to hunt than those of us who live in our state and pay taxes and fees to help the wildlife thrive....

Plus the tag amount for non residents should be increased dramatically at least doubled in price...theres way to much of personell injuring animals with no regards to to overall health of our deer herds

The wildlife should be enjoyed by all...and I don't mind waiting the 5-8 years to draw a great tag with the opportunity to harvest a trophy animal

William Rozell

Warner SD

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Comment:

This seems like a terrible idea for the majority of hunters as it is only being proposed to satisfy the needs of the higher population areas such as Sioux Falls. The current system has been working perfectly for many years. It would be very disappointing if the system changed and punished those who are passionate about this state and the hunting tradition.

Tom Kuck

Aberdeen SD

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Comment:

Leave it as is.

Bruce Keppen

Sioux Falls SD

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Comment:

The majority of the people at the focus groups and those who commented were NOT in favor of the change. The change is proposed anyway?. Apparently opinions of the hunting public is not important. GFP has made the decision and public be dammed.

Tony Herrick

Parker SD

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Comment:

support

James Barnett Jr

Sioux Falls SD

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Comment:

My personal feelings in regards to changing the application process is that it is unnecessary and that the present system works well. I might suggest that different seasons have different deadlines as if I knew for example, that I had drawn a west river tag I would not apply for a black hills license. I have looked at the Wyoming web sight at antelope licenses and they list units that are difficult to access; perhaps the applications could include some notation as to certain units that are difficult to draw, maybe even include a statistic such as 0% chance to draw without preference. I feel like there is a lack of understanding on some peoples part about how the drawing process works. I have talked to many people who put in for a county with say 100 any deer tags first choice and for a second choice put in for another county with only 200 any deer tags. They are unlikely to draw the first choice without preference and extremely unlikely to draw in their second choice as if they had looked at past draw statistics, their 2nd choice always sells out in the first draw. I would like to see it continue as it is where a person can hunt in several of the seasons, with our first or second choice tags, as we can now.

Thank you for your consideration,
Jim Barnett, Jr

Clark Baker

Sioux Falls SD

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Comment:

I don't believe you figures on hunters who want to change the Deer Application process. Every hunter I talk to thinks this a terrible Idea!!!!!!Leave the current system alone..It is not broke..

Jamie Miller

Sturgis SD

Comment:

I received the email about the possible changes to deer tags. Even after watching the video I don't agree that any changes need to be made. Also if the majority of people surveyed want no change why are you trying to change it? Please leave it as is.

Thanks,
Jamie Miller
Sturgis

Adam Deslauriers

Aberdeen SD

Comment:

I strongly support alternative 3 no change

Adam Hansen

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Comment:

I support alternative 3

Eric Nesheim

Baltic SD

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Comment:

As a passionate deer hunter I feel like alternatives 1 and 2 take away my privileges of deer hunting and give to someone that doesn't care for hunting and the outdoors.

Nick Reiff

Renner SD

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Comment:

support Alternative 3

Clinton Deboer

Tea SD

Comment:

It could be valid to put West River and East River together. I think you will end up with more upset people, and less hunters.

Chris Duklet

Watertown SD

Comment:

Generally I'm fine the way the seasons are today. If people only want to hunt one county that is their choice.

To me if you want to spread the deer around include the bow hunters in this process. For the first draw make hunters select if they want to bow hunt or rifle. Then in the third draw allow the bow hunters to select from the remaining rifle tags and the rifle hunters to select an antlerless bow tag. Let's be honest, most good bow hunters are bucks with bow and if they draw, bucks with rifle. This will help spread the bucks around to more people.

I'd also limit the amount of tags. You run into guys who have 5+ deer tags legally. There is no need for that.

Kevin Sabers

Salem SD

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Comment:

I am very opposed to the changes. I like our current license structure and feel there is no need for change. In addition, every Hunter in my family (at least 9 of us) and every friend of mine that deer hunts, are all VERY opposed to the new changes. Please do not let this happen. It is not the hunters that want change. Furthermore, no one I spoke with was a part of any survey or research on this subject matter. Thank you.

Merle Gall

Tripp SD

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Comment:

Leave it the way it is

Adam Golay

Sioux Falls SD

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Comment:

I hope the GFP realizes that their income from preference points is going to decrease substantially. The 11000 or however many people it was that hunt 2 or more seasons more than likely spend a lot of their hard earned money on deer hunting. If I have to choose east river or west river as my first choice then for the other season I will no longer buy a preference point for it because I won't get to hunt bucks for it more than likely. GFP is going to make less money because you are replacing hunters that spend more money throughout the state & replace them with local hunters that more than likely won't but motels & travel across the state to hunt. This proposal is a bad idea. Wyoming, Montana & Iowa will love this proposal because they will get the extra hunters that you told couldn't shoot bucks in multiple seasons in the same year. They will find other states to spend their hard earned money in.

Mark Herman

Ipswich SD

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Comment:

Do not change the license structure. It is already a lottery and this approach appears to limit the hunting experience rather than enhance it. If this moves forward you may lose a great deal of decimated outdoorsman and revenue. If you want to help residents possibility of drawing a desired tag, eliminate out of hunting licenses.

Thad Nafziger

Pierre SD

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Comment:

This issue needs to be addressed at a county/unit level..whomever is clamoring for changes because they cannot draw first choice..address their particular county or unit with more allocated tags..do NOT change the whole system..in the end you will lose hunters (such as myself) & defeat your own purpose for change by limiting choice more....at least under current system if you don't draw most desired tag in a particular county on one side of the river..the odds are still pretty high of getting your first choice on the other side of the river..ridiculous proposal..gonna make everyone choose one or the other..& in the end you'll end up with more leftovers..I suppose that is your plan all along,& then start selling more out of state tags..& eventually selling out of state tags in east river counties(all at a higher price)..you people are pushing the little guy/common man out..commission is out of control..& for all you guys preach about transparency there is very damn little..I'm a life long resident license holder in this state..to include many big game tags over the years..I know of nobody that supports this proposed change..I was picked for the focus group in Pierre on this proposal..NOBODY I talked to at the meeting was in favor..nor do I know anybody who supports this change..so I truly believe your numbers are skewed as to percentage of people that want this change..I know I will quit hunting all together because of this..it's really the last straw in a very long list of unwarranted changes to MY birthright..& heritage as a hunter that continue to be implemented..very much appears the gfp..& gfp commissions unbridled power are bound & determined to make it tougher for the common man/woman/youth to continue to have a hunting heritage...& appear to have no regret in losing people like myself....completely disagree with this proposed change..if it's not broke don't fix it..please do not move forward with this proposed change..a life long CONCERNED resident hunter

Scott Kohlenberg

Mitchell SD

Comment:

oppose

David Frankenbery

Custer SD

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Comment:

oppose

Kurt Bassett

Volga SD

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Comment:

You conducted both focus group meetings and online surveys and in each case, less than half of the participants were in favor of the proposal. So you're going to go ahead with it anyway. Do you all need to go back to school? This defies simple logic. In case you haven't figured it out, all those people who only apply for one unit every year are going to be the same ones applying for those same units under the new plan. Their odds will change imperceptibly, they'll still be mad that they don't draw "their" unit every year and they'll still be complaining. Meanwhile, the majority of your constituents whose opinion you've chosen to ignore, will have lost any confidence in your department. I for one will stop sending preference point money into your coffers.

Mike London

Sioux Falls SD

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Comment:

This is not in the best interest for resident deer hunters, especially for residents who manage deer herds on private property. This seems to something that will benefit non residents hunters and outfitters the most!

Jim Barnett

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Comment:

oppose

Steve Moses

Rapid City SD

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Comment:

Leave it the way it is it works

Derek Moe

Watertown SD

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Comment:

So in reading your last email sent out with all the statistics like 35,140 residents applied for only 1 deer tag how many of those residents applied for a preference point for another tag because of draw stats???? Knowing they won't draw but still want the point and now your telling me when I want to try to apply for a limited license unit like refuge etc.... that if I don't draw I'm probably not drawing a buck tag this year??? This is not right!!!! Find others ways to make your money from the state and leave hunting and fishing alone! We already screwed up fishing for good why do the same to our hunting???????

David Strasser

Lennox SD

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Comment:

I think it is a positive for the average joe who can only do one hunt, and are competing against those that apply for MULTIPLE licenses.

BUT, you did nothing with archery. Why does archery get all the breaks as 1st to go after the good bucks, and hunt anywhere. That is a topic that needs adjustments. With the new tecnology of equipment it is not needed to give them an advantage.

Tanner Johnson

Aberdeen SD

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Comment:

I personally think this is a dumb idea. The lottery drawing is just what the name entails. It's not suppose to be set up for everyone to get a tag (win), it's a LOTTERY, it's a chance. One person might end up with 3 tags for the state and another person might end up with with none, that's the way draw could pan out and that's fine. Like I said previously, it's a game of chance. If you don't draw this year then get your preference point and better luck next year.

All that the state GFP is worried about is bringing more non-resident hunters into the state, and that is exactly what this change would do. It would eliminate the resident hunters, pissing them off, and bring in the non-residents.

I AM COMPLETELY OPPOSED TO THIS CHANGE.

Mark Smedsrud

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Comment:

I support the proposal as written. I know many people who have given up big game hunting because they only draw the tag they want every 1-3 years. In the meantime, they find another hobby that is easier to pursue. They may only have permission to hunt in a specific unit and don't have the flexibility to apply in less demanding units. The commission will be lobbied hard to vote this down. I hope they stick to their guns and do what is right and fair.

Rick Kline

Yankton SD

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Comment:

I am opposed to the changes you are recommending for deer season draws.

Skyler Niemann

Watertown SD

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Comment:

The hunting in South Dakota has always been, and always will be, unique and set apart from any other states. What makes it unique is the opportunity for residents of this great state to get multiple deer tags. With South Dakota being divided by the Missouri River, we are lucky enough to have two completely different landscapes. These two landscapes give outdoorsman the opportunity to present themselves with a challenge. Many east river residents will apply year after year to have the amazing opportunity to get into west River country to chase that giant deer they have dreamed about. Along with the opportunity to get it done west river, we also look forward to coming back east river and doing the same thing at home. I myself have been hunting both east river and west river rifle seasons the past few years, and it is an absolute blast and amazing opportunity to get to do both and explore different hunting grounds. If you were to take this option away, and make us choose 1 a year, I feel it is a poor choice. First of all, the state will lose money from the reduction in sales. Second, South Dakotans are avid outdoorsman, as most of us know. With that, we all look forward to deer season- it's like a holiday. And unfortunately as we all know, not every year we draw a tag. And when that happens it is very dissapointing knowing you'll have to wait another year. With the opportunity now to apply for several tags, the chances of drawing one is much better. But if the state were to make this change, then you would only have one chance which is not fair. Along with that, many of us have preference points built up throughout the years and with this change we would not be able to use them. I feel this change was proposed to help the non resident hunters more, which isn't fair. The residents of South Dakota should have the opportunity to hunt whatever, whenever, wherever they'd like. With that, I strongly oppose the proposal to limit the number of deer tags South Dakota residents can obtain a year. After all, it is what sets South Dakota apart from any other state, and in my opinion, makes South Dakota the greatest hunting in the nation. Thank you.

Jon Haverly
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Comment:

I like the chance to have multiple opportunities to go hunting. I am willing to accept the additional competition that the current system involves. It is my opinion that what is not broken should not be "fixed".

Mark Peterson
Aberdeen SD

Comment:

As an avid deer hunter of over 25 years of both east and west river deer I am adamantly opposed to the proposed change to the deer drawing system. The reduction of licenses due to EHD the last few years has caused a complete over reaction of a select vocal few. The system works as it is.

This also has an appearance to be a veiled attempt to open up more licenses to non-residents (especially west river) and commercialize deer hunting now that pheasant hunting has seen huge decline.

There are many east river counties that no matter the system you will not draw your preferred license every year. It's simple math when there are 4 times as many applications as there are licenses it just isn't going to happen.

Also, the act of leaving out a group of hunters that harvest 20,000 deer per season and most of the largest bucks in south dakota (archery) seems to be a huge oversight of a group that easily draws their license and has months to hunt instead of weeks.

Patrick Karst
Pierre SD
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Comment:

What is wrong with the structure we currently have?!?!?!?!?
You change, you will still have complaints!

David Potts
Toronto SD
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Comment:

DO NOT CHANGE THE DEER DRAW SYSTEM SO A FEW HUNTERS CAN GET THEIR PICK. MANY HUNTERS WILL BE FORCED TO ONLY HUNT ONE SEASON AS THERE WILL BE NO LEFTOVER TAGS AND NO REASON TO PURCHASE PREF. POINTS WHEN THERE IS NO HOPE OF DRAWING ON A SECOND DRAW.

Daniel Kuyper

Madison SD

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Comment:

PLEASE FOR GOD SAKE - PLEASE LEAVE IT ALONE, THOSE OF US THAT HUNT MOST OR ALL OF THE DEER SEASONS WANT A CHANCE AT THE 1ST PREFERENCE OF EACH DRAW - AND WE ARE THE SPORTSMEN THAT ARE SPENDING THE MOST MONEY TO SUPPORT THE GF&P AND SPEND BY FAR THE MOST MONEY ON GAS - MOTELS - EQUIPMENT - TRAVEL - ETC, WE ARE ALL FINE WITH HAVING TO WAIT EVERY OTHER YEAR TO GET AN EAST RIVER TAG - OR A WEST RIVER TAG. I HAVE BEEN HUNTING DEER IN SD FOR OVER 40 YEARS - NOT SOME FLY BY NIGHT WANNABE HUNTER THAT SIGNS ALL HIS KIDS UP FOR ELK AND DEER TAGS BECAUSE IT'S ONLY \$5 MOST OF THEM CANT SPELL DEER OR ELK!!!! LEASE LET US WHO HAVE SUPPORTED YOU FOR THE PAST 40 YEARS HAVE A SAY IN WHAT HAPPENS - THANK YOU DAN KUYPER, MADISON SD

Colin Herron

Groton SD

Comment:

I'm strongly against this proposal. I think this is completely ridiculous. You guys say you want to keep the heritage of South Dakota hunting. What about the heritage of our family hunting together in the black hills. People have been going out there for 40 plus years and now we are suppose to just give it up because we have to choose between seasons? This just doesn't make sense. Now my son will never enjoy hunting the black hills which I enjoy. I just don't understand why you wouldn't want us to get as many opportunities to enjoy hunting and the outdoors.

Jerad Poss

Brookings SD

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Comment:

Why change something that works. There are leftover tags every year. If people really wanted to hunt they would apply for other counties. Hunters willing to travel and put boots on the ground to find new areas shouldn't be punished because a few people want to hunt their prime Home Counties every year. This unwanted change seems to be all about the money.

Steve Petersen

Sioux Falls SD

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Comment:

I am in support of "No Change" or to only combine West River, East River and Black Hills Deer. Why not keep the refuge deer seasons and the muzzleloading seasons as special seasons. They are specific seasons and should be separate than the normal east and west river draws. Don't ruin a good thing.....In Minnesota, everyone can get a deer tag. And the end result is terrible hunting and ridiculous pressure. It may take a year or two to draw a rifle tag in popular counties, but when you do draw, you have a quality hunt. If people really want to deer hunt, they can get a deer tag with the current structure....it may just take a little more effort and maybe a little more scouting to areas that they aren't familiar with that have excess tags almost every year.

Philpot David

Rapid City SD

Comment:

Seem we're only looking w/ tunnel vision i.e even counting 12-18 yr Olds (parents are the ones applying For them to keep our Future going) is ridiculous...most hunters whom have hunted SD for 15-30+ years put in for multiple areas and hell I have preference of 2, which has never occurred in the 14 years I've hunted that unit...putting in multiple units is great for conservation, while putting in for one will not help. (Yeah this includes the thought of 2nd 3rd and 4th draws). In this statistical count I noticed you never mentioned military members active and deployed (which w/ orders) can pretty well get any tag they want, btw I support this However; what about those claiming resident living in Alaska or ND etc...getting that same treatment of Any tag they want with leave papers...BTW most these folks get the required residency and scam until they retire and move back to let's say NY...I TRULY BELIEVE THIS NUMBER/statistical thing isn't capturing your true problem (all the many holes in all slides) ALMOST SEEMS YOUR HURTING FOR MONEY AND YOU HAVE HALF-WITS TRYING TO CHANGE A COMPETITIVE SYSTEM....THAT'S MY 10 CENTS

Pete Fieber

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Comment:

I won't to keep everything the same me and my boys like going to west river to hunt then we get to hunt are own land in east river thanks

Aaron Holguin

Corsica SD

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Comment:

1. How is this going to increase my odds?
2. Why not get rid of out of state hunters 1st?
3. Who comes up with all the bad ideas @ GF?

Rick Kuchta
Yankton SD
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Comment:

I am writing to you about the new deer hunting proposal in SD. I am 54 years old and I have been hunting deer since I was 12 in this state. I put in for East, West, Black Hills, Custer State Park, Refuge and Muzzle Loader deer tags. You can look. I might get 2 of these tags at the most each year. Sometimes only 1. I have built up 7 years preferences for muzzle loader and 7 preferences for in the park deer. I hunt Black Hills deer with my dad and my son. I have been hunting west river Gregory county for many years and I would really like to get a muzzle loader tag any deer. With the new proposal I wouldn't get to hunt but one deer. I would HATE!!!! this new system and would HATE !!! to have to make a choice of only 1 deer tag. I would probably say the hell with it and do a out of state elk hunt in Wyoming or Colorado instead of hunting deer in SD any more. Since I have 26 years preference in the park for an elk tag. Even if you could guarantee me one of the six tags, witch you can't. I would be so upset that it might make me quit deer hunting all together. I would also discourage my son and dad from trying to get a Black Hills tag. They only apply with me to do the 3 generation get together. If this passes through I will probably never apply for a deer tag and buy a boat and start fishing with my dad and son. I don't know why you would feel this will help solve anything. It sure cant be a money maker.

Ruth Krause
Browns Valley MN
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Comment:

Please keep the Drawing Structure for Deer Hunting Licenses as it has been. The purchase of preference points allows those who really want to hunt an opportunity to be in line to hunt. No need for a change.

Larry Menning
Chamberlain SD
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Comment:

If you must change the current method of selecting applicants for a firearm deer license please leave the Custer State Park deer license application as is.

Travis Barthel

Avon SD

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Comment:

When are you people going to stop messing with the deer seasons? First you cut and then cut some more the tag numbers, then you changed the preference system, and now you are limiting the experiences we can have. West river, East river, and muzzleloader seasons are all different hunts. Now, you are telling us pick your favorite and MAYBE you will get it. At least the way it is now you had three different hunting opportunities. YOU have lots of statistics published in your favor. What is going to happen when people are now limited to one season? YOU will have more hunters than ever competing for tags. Those of us that hunt and live on the east side will stay there. Those on the west will do the same. And you might as well eliminate the muzzleloader season because that is difficult enough in December after the deer have been chased all over the country side by the unethical hunters you do nothing about. Why would I put that as my first choice? Also, what is the economic impact? Many hunters go East to West to hunt ad vice versa. There's lost revenues for hotels, convenience stores, meat processors, and restaurants, just to name a few. I don't know who you surveyed, I sure don't remember seeing one, but who knows with the dozen other surveys you send out, but most hunters I have spoken to are not in favor of you changing yet another aspect of the deer hunting system. Waiting to draw a tag can make the experience more enjoyable, when you actually draw your tag you savor the hunt. I waited 4 years for an East river tag one time. The county I hunt is a popular county. Yes, it was disheartening to not get a tag, especially since you can't even shoot does in some counties anymore, but when I did draw it I was grateful. I wasn't going to stop hunting just because I didn't get a tag. We are hunters, we are used to waiting for the right moment. Leave the seasons alone.

Ryan Sauter

Lake Preston SD

Comment:

Please keep it the way it is currently.

Raymond Ames

Belle Fourche SD

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Comment:

This is a crazy change, it is still by the luck of the draw. This will make it so I can't apply or get the license or licenses that I want. I am now less likely to get any kind of license. I prefer no change. Your focus groups were less than 50 percent in favor of change, why change it. Leave it alone.

Ray Ames, a concerned SD resident and hunter.

Melissa Liben

Sioux Falls SD

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Comment:

It is unfair to make people wait years to get a tag. I am 34 And only gotten a tag once in my life.

Garyproposed Wickre

Britton SD

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Comment:

i would like to see the licence allocation for rifle deer seasons stay the same as they are, and not have to choose between east or west river etc.

Brian Ladd

Mitchell SD

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Comment:

Please leave deer application as is! As a SD sportsman I fully enjoy all of the opportunities afforded to me in our great state. I realize I may not draw a tag every year but there are several opportunities that we are ALL afforded. We have a great state full of opportunities and all sportsman should take advantage of it!!
Thank you.

Jason Stahl

Hartford SD

Comment:

I support the proposed changes to the deer draws

Kevin Holter

Estelline SD

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Comment:

oppose

Daniel Krause

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Comment:

I enjoy the current system of deer hunting in that it allows me opportunities to hunt the entire state. The proposed structure would tend to have hunters hunt close to home. This would have an economic effect by reducing the dollars spent by hunters.

Jason Evans

Pierre SD

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Comment:

I am strongly opposed to this proposed change. Those of us who choose to apply for multiple units, do so knowing full well that it is a lottery draw and that we may not be successful drawing our preferred license.

I am disappointed that the Commission is even giving further consideration to the idea after the results of the focus groups showed that a minority of the participants and respondents wanted change. You state that a majority of those who only apply in one unit prefer change but what percent of those who apply in multiple units prefer a change?

Everybody has equal opportunity right now. Please don't restrict those of us who choose to contribute additional dollars by applying in multiple units.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,
Jason Evans

Garran Pliska

Sioux Falls SD

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Comment:

Deer application drawing system, keep it the way as it is. No change please

Lester Neugebauer

Mitchell SD

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Comment:

I think the lottery system works just fine. If you are charging for preference points that means will you have to stop charging on every season a person applies for if we have to choose our top preference?

Brandon Trapp

Milbank SD

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Comment:

I am apposed to the changes for a few reasons. #1 what you are not telling people is that all this does is open up a lot of tags to the out of staters and takes away from those of us who are tax payers in this state to harvest multiple deer. #2 As a avid hunter in south dakota i typically try to hunt Archery, Westriver Rifle, and east river rifle. i have the places to hunt that i dont pay for and believe all the out of state hunters will wreck the public hunting also. ive seen what the out of state fisherman have done to our lakes in the Northeast (Bitter and waubay) for instance. they dont care about our State and im sick of the game commission catering to the out of state money. if we recall it was the commission who screwed up the deer numbers in the first place and made it so hard to draw a preferred tag. i really hope the commission thinks a long time before they make this terrible decision. the only way i would even think about this being ok is if the out of state hunters couldnt apply until the 4RTH draw not the 3 so that a resident hunter could get a chance at a second tag.

Brian Fletcher

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Comment:

I do not support this change at all. I believe it will make it even worse to get deer tags.

Larrene Kaderabek

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Comment:

57% of the hunters said they don't want this changed so why are we still trying to pass this bad proposal? This seems like politics where the gfp wants this & the general public does not. This hurts the true sportsman who travels the state & spends their hard earned money on motel rooms west river. This will also collapse the current preference point system since we won't be able to hunt bucks in multiple seasons so we won't need to buy them anymore cuz you won't be able to use them unless you give up your main season of choice. Please reconsider this awful proposal. Keep deer hunting the same in south dakota.

Mike Swanson

Sioux Falls SD

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Comment:

The muzzle loader shouldn't be lumped into this at all, it is primitive arms like bow hunting. This one should be modified to go county to county or East River and West River not a state wide tag that you can't regulate your deer resources by? I am fine with having to choose East River vs West River Rifle also long as you can apply for left over tags which this may create.

Alberta Fink
Woonsocket SD
steveandbert@hotmail.com

Comment:

I am commenting on the proposed change in the drawing for deer licenses. I am opposed to this.

Nathan Schlimgen
Mitchell SD
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Comment:

oppose

Alex Rosburg
Rapid City SD
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Comment:

Proposed changes will be very detrimental to west river hunters while likely providing little or no improvement in popular zones near highly populated areas.

Greg Goodman
Pierre SD
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Comment:

Unfortunately you will make me choose a season. No more WRD opener and ERD opener back to back weekends. I have been hunting the same properties on both sides of the river for 20+ years. Are you going to have all the seasons run at the same time? You should to make it "fair" Also you will not only lose on revenue from my licenses purchased but also all the preference points you make me purchase. No more muzzleloader, east river special buck, east river deer and west river deer applications or preference points purchased yearly. It will be just one purchase for WR special buck because it will be the easiest to draw every year. Since it takes 10 years to draw muzzleloader and that's not my #1 choice are you going to refund me all the preference points I have purchased over the last 4 years? You think this is about more opportunity for more people? It will be, for nonresidents of SD. You will sell the tags I used to purchase to nonresidents for more money so in the end GF&P will get what they want anyway. I guess the loss of the \$30 in preference points I purchase will be made up in the \$286 nonresident east river license you will sell.

Scott Jamison

Wentworth SD

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Comment:

Hi, I commented briefly on this when it came up a few months ago. I have several comments and a few questions. My first comment is regarding how this proposed change got to be a proposal in the first place. When I read the statistics for the "focus group" and on-line respondents, it hardly appears to be a mandate for a change, regardless of how carefully the response numbers have been crafted. Basing the decision on responses from people who only apply for one license each year makes no sense. Three, possibly four, of the six seasons which would be affected are totally unlike the others. The odds of drawing a Custer State Park deer tag are fairly astronomical and will change very little with the proposal. The Refuge hunts are largely the same, considering the low number of tags. Also, Muzzleloader hunting, particularly the way it is managed in SD, is totally unlike the other seasons. I don't see any way that these seasons function as a method to recruit or retain current deer hunters.

What the proposal largely does is negatively affect ability to get Black Hills tags, which has already been reducing each year. I've hunted in the Hills for 40 years and have seen the drawing odds settle in to about once every three years. I highly doubt that those odds would greatly improve under this proposal; however I would be essentially precluded from receiving an East River tag in the process, which is where I live.

Including Special Buck licenses in this proposal doesn't make sense either, since by definition the Special Buck seasons have their own rules and obviously a much higher cost, since they were created for different reasons, ie appeasing West River landowners. They are not an inducement to recruit or retain deer hunters and shouldn't be used to justify this kind of change. Also, it isn't clear that Special Buck preference points could be purchased at the same time as ER or WR preference points; or vice versa. Can I get that question answered?

Hunting East River, where I live, and Black Hills, where I have a long hunting tradition, is at least possible each year under the current system, so don't change it.

Scott Jamison

Wentworth SD

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Comment:

Added Comment: The proposed change would essentially end Muzzleloader hunting for most people who hunt that season at all.

Also, after a few years the number of people willing to spend each year to accumulate preference points will drop drastically, since people will realize it makes no sense to buy points for a season, ie Muzzleloader or CSP or WR; when you will have to sacrifice ER or Black Hills completely in any year you would try to cash in on your preference points. That will be budget impact much larger than your sketchy age projections.

Steven Fink

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Comment:

oppose

Martin Hesby

Brookings SD

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Comment:

Recommend NO changes to GFP Deer Proposal! This is bad for hunters in South Dakota. I haven't spoken with 1 single person outside of GFP who are in favor of these proposed changes, not a single sole. My experiences over the past 30 years is that when GFP tries to "fix" something, they typically screw it up. For example, the over abundance of non resident waterfowl licenses (resident hunters spoke loud and proud on this subject for years and opposed any increases. What happened, GFP screwed the resident hunter and continually increased and moved non resident licenses against the wishes of resident hunters=bad for resident hunters). Another example, the introduction of the Mt lion to the Black Hills.. what happened, the "deer problem" went away, the elk went away, and again this was a bad move for resident hunters who want more deer and elk in the hills. Took GFP over a decade to get a handle on things. For GFP commissioners reading this, please stand by the resident deer hunter and don't buy into GFPs smoke and mirrors.. NO CHANGE is what residents want. A draw is a draw, and every single hunter under the existing system has equal chances. Keep it the same so residents can travel and hunt multiple buck tags in our great state! Respectfully!

Gabe Ellerton

Rapid City SD

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Comment:

I apply for 16 or more tags a year and know many of which I wont draw, but I have no problem waiting due to the quality of wildlife we have. one thing I look forward to is spending time with family west river. with this plan I would lose that due to choosing a tag closer to home. and no chance of getting a second choice. I know many families get together for hunts this plan B is a horrible idea, my friends from east river will not be able to get hills tags so no more visits from the either, no more muzzleloader tags for me also. the #1 reason I love South Dakota is the hunting opportunities. this will force me to go out of state and spend my \$ there. I spend hundreds of dollars hunting this state apparently you don't like my money. you want to cater to the people that spend the least amount. I support the game and fish on most everything but certainly not this. I have been hunting here for 28 years and plan to hunt another 28 or more if I can. I ask you please listen to you biggest financial supporters and best customers. you can't make everyone happy I know but right now I am and will continue to be if things don't change. I would be able to handle plan A if I had to but plan B is bad news. as it stand's there is absolutely no reason people cant draw a tag in this state as is but they want that any deer tag every year. there are plenty of tags available if your willing to sacrifice a bit, but lets screw the ones that are willing to wait and sacrifice a little to get a tag.

Dale Wilms

Chico CA

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Comment:

As a non-resident hunter I have applied for licenses for the last ten years and have found the current system to be fair and equitable.

Jacob Ehlert

Bozeman MT

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Comment:

South Dakota has a serious equity problem with deer licenses. I lived in the Black Hills for four years and had difficulty drawing a tag. It was absurd to me that people from east river could come over and vacation hunt my backyard, while I had to wait to do so over there. This change is long overdue. I'm in favor of proposal 2. Additionally, it would be great if it opened for nonresidents to muzzleloader hunt. I think there would be a lot of interest and it could be a great revenue source for the state

Clinton Peterson

Box Elder SD

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Comment:

I love being able to hunt different seasons and areas. If this passes I will get my West River tag but I will never have another Black Hills tag or Muzzleloader buck tag again as there will be none left by the third drawing. Before SDGFP starts limiting the resident deer hunting opportunity they need to first limit the out of state archery deer tags. The public land I hunt is overloaded with nonresident archery hunters killing lots of deer and taking future tags away from the residents.

Bradley Beavers

Jeffersonjefferson SD

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Comment:

I strongly oppose your proposed deer season drawing structure. I am an East and West river landowner and enjoy hunting my own ground. I also make a yearly trip to far west SD to hunt with friends on their ranch. With your proposed deer draw structure it will limit my time hunting in the great state of South Dakota. I guess I will have to travel out of state and spend my money elsewhere.

Paul Starnd

Hermosa SD

Comment:

I see no reason to change the current system. I apply for blackhills every year and usually draw about 1 out of 2 years. If I don't draw I get a doe tag on the flat ground. If I wanted to shoot a buck every year I could apply somewhere else but it isn't that big of deal to me. I don't think the change is needed. From the sounds of your numbers the majority doesn't want it anyways. What is the point of asking for input but then not listening?

Roy Oberle
Mellette SD
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Comment:

I am opposed to changing the present deer license allocation procedure. The system has worked for many years. I attended one of the work shop groups on this matter and am not convinced the proposed new system is better. If anything, it is more confusing and seems to only benefit a few more applicants. It appears South Dakota is trying to become like a lot of other states. You need to hire a licensing service or an attorney to interpret all the application processes.

Nicholas Axtell
Volga SD

Comment:

oppose

Jerrol Erlenbusch
Aberdeen SD
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Comment:

Leave it the the way it is.

Ryan Erickson
Mitchell SD

Comment:

Leave the system alone, there's nothing wrong with it.

Shauna Woodward
Tulare SD
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Comment:

I wish they'd leave the deer application & drawing well enough alone. It's worked for years just fine. The landowners that actually grow the deer should be 'given' tags every year. Because of landowners that provide food, water & shelter year round...at their own expense, the rest of the public has healthy deer to harvest. We deal with poachers & completely disrespectful individuals every year...taking away from the enjoyment of our very minimal time we do have to hunt with our families on our family land. The least that could happen is being sure those who 'grow' healthy deer are guaranteed tags to have the ability to harvest these animals!

Doug Baltzer

Mitchell SD

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Comment:

The majority of hunters do not want the change. It seems like you are catering to people that apply for only one license, I apply for 5-6 tags and i would rather take my chances in the lottery with preference points than pick one area as a first choice and then apply for more tags after that. It seems like you are trying to make it more complicated. I enjoy hunting all areas using several methods and i don't want to pick just one and then apply for what is left from the first drawing.

Logan Winckler

Scotland SD

Comment:

oppose

Adam Stofferahn

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Comment:

Please leave things the way they are

Lee Kinney

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Comment:

Leave it the way it is.

Hunter Serfoss

Aberdeen SD

Comment:

oppose

Ashley Neuharth

Menno SD

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Comment:

I strongly support proposal. Thanks

Jake Jorgenson

Watertown SD

Comment:

oppose

Derick Wenck

Harrisburg SD

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Comment:

oppose

Dalton McNutt

Doland SD

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Comment:

Leave it alone let people play lottery

Chris Christenson

Watertown SD

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Comment:

oppose

Mistelle Christenson

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Comment:

oppose

Mistelle Christenson
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Comment:

oppose

Carter Christenson
Watertown SD

Comment:

oppose

Garett Dugan
Kyle SD
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Comment:

WHY!! Leave our deer hunting alone!!

Josh Horak
Spearfish SD
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Comment:

Although it will negatively effect my opportunity for multiple buck tags I still support the proposed changes. In an effort to improve the deer herd and buck quality, I recognize some give and take on both sides needs to take place. So knowing we could have a better chance at a more quality hunt in terms of numbers and size of bucks I would give up the chance at more tags.

Josh Zimmerman
Viborg SD
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Comment:

support

Brett Lebrun
Brookings SD
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Comment:

I think the system is fine the way it is. I don't feel that we should cave to a few peoples opinion that they need to draw a tag every year in a certain county. I also feel like this will create more non resident opportunities. The deer herd and quality of deer is good right now I don't think we need to ruin that. Educate people on how to do homework on draw odds instead of just making it easier on them

Aaron Eich
Sioux Falls SD

Comment:

I would oppose this change. I feel our current structure is adequate and is working as intended. The new structure would only hurt farmer/rancher relationships as it would restrict the current benefits they have with land ownership and the game on their land.

Brennan Baune
Sioux Falls SD
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Comment:

I believe we should leave the current drawing structure in place.

Aaron Punt
Armour SD

Comment:

Strongly oppose changing deer application and allocation process. changing the application process will do no good for the hard to draw units that people are whining about not drawing in. This will just take tags out of the hands of guys that love to hunt and be in the outdoors. This will also open more tags up to nonresidents ultimately making it even worse for the residents of sd. Already too many of them bowhuntin our public lands

Philip Mccauley
Sioux Falls SD
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Comment:

I oppose the change because I feel it will create difficulty in having the chance to hunt multiple areas. The current application process allows an individual to apply for east, west, and Black Hills with the chance to get all of their first choices. If a person is willing to put in the time and research on where to hunt, the current proposal penalizes the effort. With tag counts continuing to decrease in the state the proposal seems to pander to people who are unwilling to research alternative counties.

Jared Sutton
Watertown SD
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Comment:

support

Kelsi Miles
Mitchell SD
Kelsimiles33@gmail.com

Comment:

I am not for this at all. The current system is not broken. It works fine

Monty Shorter
Pierre SD
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Comment:

I am strongly opposed to changing the deer licensing process. Why would we? Makes no sense..

Daron Peterson
Humboldt SD
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Comment:

It looks to me like The commission has already made up its mind on this And it doesn't matter how many sportsman are against this change

Phil Hudson
Howard SD
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Comment:

I oppose any changes to the current deer license draw. The system that is and has been in place works for those who are willing to put in the work and hunt new places or those who are willing to wait a year or two for their preferred tag.

Andrew Albers

Rapid City SD

Comment:

Please stop messing with our big game seasons. The survey I just completed on Turkey season was very suggestive to future changes also. We don't need to change the deer application process so that people go all in on one specific unit with still a chance of not getting a tag. Sometimes changes are necessary, but this one feels more like a way to slow down public land only hunters from getting multiple tags to feed their families. You guys already give the landowners the advantage. And by the way they sell those tags you give them for cash and there is no way to prove it. Maybe I would be more ok with the proposed changes if you scaled back the landowner tags you give out like candy at the outfitter only parade.

Larry Voss

Madison SD

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Comment:

I live and hunt in Lake county and have since 1995 and in that time my draw success for an Any Deer Rifle tag has been about one every 4 years and 1 in every 2 or 3 years for a Any Deer Muzzleloader tag that is state wide. Each year I apply for both tags and know that I only have a little better than 25% chance at drawing 1 buck tag in two different seasons and now you want to limit my options even more. This is ridiculous a hunter in South Dakota would go from having the chance at scoring a buck tag in 6 different seasons and now want to limit those opportunities down to 1 chance period. I realize that I could end up with six buck tags but I have never gotten a buck tag in two consecutive years applying for two different tags let alone six different seasons. That being said what is hoped to be gained from limiting my opportunities at a buck tag. Is it so the state has more buck tags left to offer to out of state hunters? If that's the case then you should all be fired because money is your only goal for change and you are no longer representing the hunting community or South Dakota for that matter. That being said the system in place is a lottery system it's fair and it works. If hunters from out of state or even residents want more opportunities then they should be applying for all six seasons available instead of trying to twist a system that is working to their advantage. I planned on adding a Black Hills rifle tag to my yearly hunting trip but if this nonsense is pushed through my chances would be less than they already are. I just don't see an upside to this sort of a change. No matter how you spin it a hunter would go from having 6 chances to get a buck tag down to having 1 chance period. I oppose this nonsense and hope you all come to your senses.

Jordan Miller

Sioux Falls SD

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Comment:

DO NOT CHANGE THE CURRENT ALLLICATJON AND TAG ALLOCATION SYSTEM.
NO CHANGE IS NEEDED

Anthony Bellack

Brandon SD

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Comment:

This is going to ruin a very special part of every year for me. I plan trips every year to go west and east river to hunt.

Derek Howard

Stickney SD

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Comment:

Why try to fix a system that is not broken. We already see enough participation trophies in to many things. People do their research on where to send in.I and how keep their preference points to get counties they want. The people complaining about not being able to get tags are the ones in my opinion to be the ones that don't wanna shoot anything but antlers. If they are wanting a tag so bad they can also do their research in the draws and get out and hunt. And if they are so adamant on getting a tag there is always plenty of doe tags left in many units. Why do we need to punish they people that spend their time and money and invest in what they love to do.

Steve Buchholz

Watertown SD

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Comment:

I do not like the support this proposal

Mike Molstad

Canton SD

Comment:

oppose

Kraig Kappenman

Watertown SD

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Comment:

oppose

John Moses

Rapid City SD

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Comment:

This is so stupid so instead of having 3-4 chances to draw one tag if your lucky you have one and then you still have to pay for your preference points and not even a opportunity to draw that tag leave it alone it works fine the way it is

Cory Albers

Rapid City SD

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Comment:

To whom it may concern please leave our drawing system the way it is , I oppose the changes

John Roggow

Trail City SD

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Comment:

I believe a guy should have to hunt his local ground and not go out where he does not know the ground at all leads to a lot of trespassing f problems. Granted I like to hit both sides of river ambit sometimes people do t know how to read a map. Makes me mad when someone walks up on me when sitting on my land. Plus I feel state should have all control over game in state not any federal stuff

Ronald Nehls

Claremont SD

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Comment:

I feel it wont affect the east river draws but will only benifit the west river because it will stop east river hunters from applying for west river tags in first round

Andrew Krier

Harrisburg SD

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Comment:

Keep the drawing system as is. Going with the proposal will be a slap in the face to South Dakota hunters.

Clay Duxbury
St. Lawrence SD

Comment:

oppose

Kyle Jones
Murdo SD

Comment:

I'm against the change to the deer tag draw system. My wife and I currently apply for west river and black hills every year. Why limit our opportunities to hunt both areas of the state because someone else is limiting themselves to only hunting in their backward and applying for one season. The way I see it if you changed the system we would put in for our family land area west river first choice thus IMO looking at draw stats would never have a chance to hunt the black hills because I don't see any chance there ever being buck tags left after the first draw. Leave the current system as is.

Sam Tiede
Parkston SD

Comment:

oppose

Zachary Knecht
Mount Vernon SD
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Comment:

Leave the draw methods alone. It is absolutely ridiculous what you are considering. Works just fine the way it is.

Jeremiah Schultz
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Comment:

Please make sure that u are using these public's polls to decide the outcome of this proposal. I enjoy to hunt multiple seasons in SD that's why are state is great ! Please don't take that from me and give it to a non resident. I don't know all the facts or know how this will affect me but it scares me. But I guess if you don't listen to the people that hunt this great state and you do what you want to do anywase you are the only one that will have to live with it knowing as a public servant u didn't do your job properly. Please make the right decision based on the peoples poll!

Dane Nelson

Philip SD

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Comment:

The current system is deeply flawed however the new proposed changes are a complete farce designed to appease a few cry baby whining botched. Its a lottery system lifes not always fair but limiting everyone's oppurotunities because of a few upset hunters that don't get the tag they want every year is ridiculous bullshit. You want to talk about fair, county residents should have first preference in their county as it is already difficult to find land to hunt county residents have established relationships with local landowners who are not going to let some yahoo from 300 miles away go hunting because their local guy didnt get a tag. How about farm and ranch employees getting operator tags, I work on farm/ranch operation, the only person thats going to get to go hunting there is me, if I don't draw a tag that doesnt mean some other guy that did is going to get to go hunting there. I work hard on the property and part of the biproducts of what I do produce healthy thriving game populations that will not give others opportunities just because I dont have a license. The point of this long winded rant is you can do this new tag system to help spread the tags around but that does not mean spreading those tags out is providing anyone with more opportunity its just providing them with a 45 \$ piece of paper that they very well will be dissapointed in because they dont have anywhere to hunt in the first place. You want to help the crybabies then make a seperate public land only tag.

Arnold Veen

Milbank SD

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Comment:

I was part of the Watertown focus group and I am opposed to the option #2 that you are currently voting on . My choice was and still is option #1 primarily to leave Refuge and Muzzleloader out of the choice.

Joe Carda

Tyndall SD

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Comment:

I am not sure?? Are you going to make people pick 6 licenses for Deer? If so NO! Can not find a place to hunt in the unit I know. How is this going to help?

Jarrett Perry

Rapid City SD

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Comment:

I highly recommend that you listen to your south dakota residents that say this is a horrible idea. The great part about hunting in south dakota is our opportunity. And this new draw system will take that away. Why I think we shouldnt go to this new draw system is because 1. You guys are taking tags away from people that want them. 2. Every resident should have a chance to hunt the special seasons like hills, refuge, custer, and muzzleloader. 3. You guys have not gathered enough information or looked at any other opportunities to be making this big of a decision. 4. This decision should be made by the hunters and not the commissioners. Some of those commissioners are outfitters and shouldnt have a say in this.

Why we should take more time on this is because we need to look at other options like general tags and special units. Raising tag prices on non residents, open up more land lock public land to the public, let non resident draw tags in east river to spread the non residents out, and make sure the all residents get a tag before non residents. There is so much we need to talk about before making this big decision. If you go to this system I recommend that non residents are not allowed to have any residents tags, not even in left overs. If it is a resident tag it should be for a resident.

Cameron Hinckley

Armour SD

Comment:

My opinion everyone wants that any deer tag and when they don't get it after 5 years they start getting upset, I personally did this for 10 years applied for any deer never got it, so I decided to apply for any white tail, and the next year I drew my tag. I have ground in the hills and I east river I don't want to have to choose what tag to apply for it's nice have both or either or. Thanks

Mark Peppel

Pierre SD

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Comment:

I support changing the deer draw structure. I believe that everyone should only get one first choice statewide, especially for rifle tags. Thanks.

Dustin Thill Thill

Mitchell SD

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Comment:

I am writing in opposition to the proposed change in deer drawing structure for the following reasons. First, I hunt a lot and every other hunter I have talked to does not want a change and many have not even heard this may happen. So, the GFP saying there is some kind of significant support for change seems biased in some way to a small specific group of people. I attended a forum that I was invited to by the GFP and the overwhelming attitude of the meeting was that they should leave things as they are. Also, when I quized the GFP rep on where this proposed change came from, the answer was always vague and they did not have any specific counties or types of licenses that they were basing things on. All they would say is "People aren't getting their FIRST choice often enough" . Another thing people need to be aware of is there is already a SIGNIFICANT CHANGE being implemented by cubing the preference points. So, to try to make TWO huge changes at the same time without giving the first change a couple of years to provide data for the next decision, is irresponsible at best, and Ignorant at its worst. They also try to tell us this is for the intrest of hunter retention, that I call BS on. This change seems to lean in favor of primarily people with private ground to hunt, but will affect all of us that hunt mostly public land. These people proposing the change are unwilling to hunt anything but ONE season, ONE county, and is typically East River Rifle according to the GFP. They seem to care less about hunting more often and trying to get others (especially Youth Hunters) involved in hunting and outdoor lifestyles. If they change the structure, that will make it so most of us who try to draw several seasons and hunt multiple times of the year will not do that any longer. I do this, because trying to hunt with my family and kids, and extended family and friends needs to be distributed throughout the fall so many people have to oppurtunity to enjoy and learn about hunting.

So mainly if they are doing this for "Hunter Retention" as they say I believe and many others, that it would be a mistake. We really need to see how cubing the point system affects things for several years so there is a baseline and also they need to prove to us what counties that these people are so frustrated with it taking a while to draw the Any Deer tag for. If it is a county with limited any deer tags, that number of tags available still does not increase and the same people with still all be applying for those specific counties. With that, I urge the GFP to leave the draw the way it is or at least get some more specific data before they ruin the way it is for the majority to benefit a small specific pool of people. D. T. Mitchell, SD

Steve Gates

Mitchell SD

Comment:

oppose

Daniel Rodas

Spencer SD

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Comment:

oppose

Jeff Nodsle
Corona SD

Comment:

It seems that this change to drawing structure for deer licenses would be of benefit to those hunters who only want one deer license per year. It would have a negative impact on hunters like myself who enjoy a variety of deer hunting options each year. There for in summary, it seems that this option would benefit only the group of hunters who purchase the fewest licenses each season.

Craig Hauser
Tripp SD
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Comment:

The system is fine the way it is. I don't have a problem if it takes a certain number of preference points to draw a tag for certain unit.

Benjamin Spaans
Corsica SD
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Comment:

I am opposed to this structure change for the deer hunting seasons. This would limit the chances of drawing multiple tags for outdoor enthusiasts who enjoy to hunt all over the state. The current structure is working well as there is normally always opportunity to draw multiple tags in one year in your desired counties. The only limiting factor under the current system is the individual applying. Whether they choose to do research and use the system to their benefit to ensure being able to hunt every year. The proposed changes will also affect the local economies of many small towns. I believe you will see a decrease in out of county hunters applying for tags. those are the same hunters that fill hotels, bars, restaurants and many other businesses during the fall. When forced to "Choose" between seasons it will most likely have them applying in their home county. In closing I see no benefits to the "proposed" drawing system whatsoever. Like the old saying goes, "If it's not broke, Don't fix it".

Seth Dawson
Howard SD
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Comment:

oppose

Josh Moret

Platte SD

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Comment:

Please do not make any changes to the deer season structure!!!! The proposed new changes are not needed. The vast majority of the public that I have conversed with is against making changes to the deer season draw structure. Thank you

Mark Neugebauer

Dimock SD

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Comment:

As a divorced dad my kids and I spent a lot of time together hunting! I don't even like the points system but get it with deer numbers down. I hope the points deal is only temporary as well. I would rather apply for all and get turned down than be limited to one and not draw

Chris Oneal

Stickney SD

Chriso85@live.com

Comment:

This is a terrible idea for resident hunters. Myself and my family strongly oppose these changes.

Cody Treft

Rapid City SD

Comment:

I do not support the change.

Jon Kooiman

Sioux Falls SD

Comment:

I dont support this at all. I dont see the point of this. I usually only hunt east river so it wouldnt hurt me but I dont see the point of hurting the chances for someone that hunts multiple areas. They are the ones spending the most money in the state. Why hurt the people that give the most. Why change something that isn't broke? I've gone many years without drawing a tag west river and I'm fine with that. No need to change it to make the winers happy.

William Heintz
Rapid City SD
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Comment:

I strongly oppose the proposed changes

Jeremy Van Gorp
Stickney SD

Comment:

This is a terrible idea, I believe that the seasons should stay the way they are so that you could have multiple tags in the state & hunt anywhere you want, idk who's big money is trying to sway the gfp but this is completely ludicrous, I pray to god this doesn't pass because it will RUIN the state & it's hunting program, it's starting to happen with Pheasant Hunting

Dan Griesse
Pierre SD
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Comment:

The change will not help people draw tags in units with very little tags.

Matthew Overgard
Colton SD
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Comment:

I've been diligent about applying for multiple tags and purchasing preference points each year to insure at least one or two hunts of my choice. I strongly disagree with the proposed changes! If hunters put their work in with preference purchase they too would draw a hunt of their choice. If these changes take place will I be reimbursed for at least the last 10 yrs of preference purchases? Also, if the changes are made I would be inclined to take my hunting trips and tag purchase to other states. Please just leave the application process alone!

John Carsten
Plattedee SD

Comment:

I am a land owner and I do not know where they will hunt . You are already limiting the number of hunters in certain public grounds .I am assuming that this will also allow more nonresident licences this is not right

Kristi Anderson
Hartford SD
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Comment:

This is no benefit for hunters in SD

Mikenzi Petersen
Rapid City SD
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Comment:

I want the drawing structure to remain the same.

Harry Mitchell
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Comment:

that proposel is ludicres. leave things alone that will mess up everthing.

Steve Eide
Mount Vernon SD
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Comment:

If its not broke don't fix it.

Terrance Dosch
Pierre SD
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Comment:

The proposed changes will not be helpful in drawing licenses in my preferred hunting areas. In fact the restrictions placed on placing multiple applications will impede my draw opportunity while costing more in preference points over time. If GFP wishes to encourage deer hunting opportunities for South Dakota residents, it should focus on further limiting non-resident licensing, reducing application fees, and examining policy regarding land-owner preference. Emphasis on fostering better habitat and land-conservation practices is needed to support deer populations in our state.

Lukas Weyh

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Comment:

Keep it like it has been in the past

Craig Haber

White SD

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Comment:

totally against changing license format were do you think people will hunt not on private land

Michael Norton

Rapid City SD

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Comment:

I want the drawing structure to remain the same.

Darin Oestmann

Pringle SD

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Comment:

Please stop messing around with a system that already has proven itself. All this will do is force SD residents to go to other states to hunt (Nebraska), where most of the units are "purchase on-line" "first come-first served"

Shelia Oestmann

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Comment:

The system already works

Tanah Oestmann

Pringle SD

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Comment:

Please don't change a thing...it is working fine as it is.

Kelloway Norton

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Comment:

I want the drawing structure to remain the same.

Tony Bradley

Deadwood SD

Comment:

this limitation of 1st choice deer licenses will limit the opportunities for families to continue their tradition of hunting as families and enjoying the outdoors they love. On the current system all hunters know there is a chance they won't get tags for a specific area in a certain year, but we all take our chance and hope we get one of our 1st choices and hope the next year we get the next area. The proposed change will create a needless change to the current system. The old saying "if it ain't broke, don't fix it" fits this proposal. The system isn't perfect, but it isn't broke either.

Eric Bauer

Volga SD

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Comment:

As is, I oppose. Acquiring a muzzleloader tag is already competitive enough. Given the scarcity of available tags, one has to build preference points over many years to have a realistic shot at drawing the way it is. Forcing hunters to now also choose this limited shot as their likely only deer season is unreasonable. Muzzleloader should not be included in this grouping. Hunters have leaned on the preference point system to better their chances at drawing tags in alternative years, purchasing and building points in the off-years and planning hunts accordingly. This proposal reduces the comprehensive value of preference points. It must be made clear how the "preference" of one's choices (1st, 2nd and so on), under this proposal, will be balanced against cumulative preference points. If I have 8 preference points for Black Hills deer but choose it as my 2nd choice, under this proposal would I lose out to someone who chose it as their 1st choice but only had zero, 1 or two preference points?

Emily Reid

Parker SD

Comment:

Leave the drawing system alone, it works fine right now. If you actually talk to most deer hunters, they are all OK not getting a tag every year. I waited 3 years for my county and I am OK with not hunting during those years that I don't draw. Please leave the current system alone and DO NOT change anything.

Mark Smedsrud

Sioux Falls SD

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Comment:

I strongly propose changing a system that has worked for years. I think the percentages prove most think the system works. 46% and 43% are the minority seeking change. I urge you not to change the system to cater to those minority that seek this change. I have hunted within this state for over 30 years. I have witnessed the change of decreasing opportunities for the tag I may desire the most. I don't think this new system will be earth shattering in changing those opportunities. The fact is more people hunt today than 30 years ago and Mother Nature dictates deer populations. Given those two facts, deer license opportunities will fluctuate. I think the system our GFP has matured this system over the years and is the fairest for our residents, which should be the priority. I think the tools are provided on the website for people to investigate and do their homework to provide multiple opportunities to harvest bucks in multiple years or each year.

I feel some of the percentages include landowners applying within their own county. This is another subject that may skew those percentages. The truth in the matter of landowners applying within their own county is they are provided at will landowner tags for their own property. Another fact is that half of tags all tags are a set aside for landowners decreasing opportunities for all non landowners. This decreases the amount of tags allotted to the general public. I think landowners deserve the option of a tag at will for their own property, but if they want to hunt anything outside of their own property, they should be included in the general draw. I feel at the end of the day this would help increase to a small percentage the opportunity to the general public. I hope you take my comments into consideration and thank you for the opportunity.

Mark Smedsrud

David Thill

Mitchell SD

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Comment:

After having listened to the online presentation concerning the proposed changes to the deer hunting program I've considered how either proposal #1 or #2 would effect my hunting preference and those of my family. I believe that the intention is admittedly interesting and possibly hopeful for those who only want to hunt one season and call it a year. Especially if the majority of those applicants were concentrated on trying to draw an East River license. The statistics show an inequitable number of people for the number of tags available. However the statistics also show a consensus among the focus groups and online respondents in favor of leaving the system basically as it is currently. Complicating the situation is the bouts of deer die offs through some key areas East River over the past several years. This inevitably lead to fewer licenses being available through the time frame that your statistics were compiled. Admittedly the sample size for commenting on this recent proposal is smaller than it should be, but so was the sample size pulled from the 2014 season where only 4054 respondents out 6000 invites were used to represent statistics for over 50,000 applicants for that time period. I feel for those who desire to draw a tag every year for their desired area, but I too have had to adjust to the disappointment of not being able to draw a tag for the areas I deeply desire to hunt in. Not only for deer but for Elk also. I've adjusted my expectations to concentrating on getting a West River tag annually and hopefully drawing a Hills tag every two years. My greatest pleasure comes from hunting in the Black Hills where I've invested much time and money in training each of my three children and now my grandson how to hunt ethically and effectively for deer. Since the opportunity to hunt in the Black Hills every year is a distant memory from long ago I was forced to look for other opportunities. That culminated in a relationship with a land owner West River that is now a yearly tradition. The investment I make financially for the Special Buck tag, access fees and hotel stays is significant and economically vital for the people who are trying to make a living in a small Western South Dakota community. Still, my greatest pleasure comes from hunting in the Black Hills. Under your proposal there is no winning option for me to continue to spend time hunting and teaching my family the wonderful experience of deer hunting in the Black Hills while continuing a hard fought for relationship with a generational West River rancher. Under this new proposal the likelihood that I could pull a tag in both seasons is statistically impossible. I gave up East River hunting with firearms several years ago so someone else could enjoy hunting where they felt drawn to, and now those same people are taking away my opportunity to hunt where I have a deep passion for. From an economic standpoint with the proposed changes I will most likely be spending hundreds of dollars less each year on hunting deer in South Dakota and if I'm not going hunting then there will be many fewer opportunities for my grandchildren to experience one of the most exciting hunting opportunities we have in South Dakota. If hunter retention is one of the stated goals this proposal is a losing proposition in my mind. By having the option to apply for multiple seasons, avid hunters can plan on hunting with family members and friends regularly according to each person's schedules. Please reconsider your positions and don't abandon those who desire to hunt throughout the entire season across our entire state

Delyle Kruger

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Comment:

I would like to see the big game license application process stay the same as it has been. I am content with the current process and do not like the new proposals.

Ben Spies

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Comment:

I'm firmly opposed. This proposal does not offer one ounce of incentive to the future hunters of South Dakota. Instead of creating opportunity, elevating excitement and offering more reasons for kids to continue to engage in outdoor activities, this eliminates options, forcing what's left of our future generation of hunters to lose interest, which ultimately, results in quitting hunting all together. I'd like to know exactly where the opposition is coming from. Is it residents or non-residents who oppose the status quo? Where are they from? Are these people thinking of themselves or the future of hunting in South Dakota? My occupation allows the opportunity to have daily conversations about this with many people, none of which favor a change.

By taking away opportunity, youth interest in deer hunting, and hunting all together, will continue to decline. How many kids have the patience to, "wait another year" to draw a deer tag because their first choice was unsuccessful and, if they're lucky enough to have a 2nd, that too is unavailable or too few tags are available to even give it another try. What we have accomplished is showing our future hunters, who are now, at the critical point to become motivated to deer hunt in SD, that it's not worth the time to apply for deer tags. Why give them another reason to stay inside, play video games and not participate in the treasured South Dakota hunting heritage? Our current system offers opportunity and the "chance" to draw a coveted deer tag. This is what makes South Dakota special and different from other states where their big game hunters are regularly discouraged by their deer tag draw system. Under our current system, kids have the opportunity to get involved, be active, have options, enjoy the outdoors, spend time with family and friends and build all the great memories we ALL experienced as kids in this great state. Once we lose the kids, we've ALL failed, and by passing this, the GF&P will have officially formed the snowflake, which will create the avalanche that'll eventually kill off hunting in SD. We're one BIG step closer to the end, which many of us are now starting to see. Our current system is what makes SD an encouraging platform for future outdoorsmen and women. Again, without the kids, we have nothing and this proposal will crush it. Even the newly introduced mentor big game tags will become a waste of time.

Before taking this major step, please take in consideration ALL the repercussions this will create. We don't have much more to hold on to.

Chris Moser

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Comment:

To whom it may concern,
I do not support this new proposal. I have hunted in this state since I was a little boy, I am 35 now, grew up hunting with my dad. Allowed to pretty much get any tag a person wanted every year or every other year with applying to units where I could do so. I like to hunt west river firearm, black hills firearm, archery, muzzleloader, all for deer. I apply for those every year. I like the fact that a person has the opportunity in this state to hold multiple tags to hunt every year. It shouldn't have to change just because of "SOME" people or "SOMEONE" choosing to only apply for one tag. That is their choice, if they don't draw that year well that is their choice, they should know going into it what their chances are by looking into draw statistics. We shouldn't have to change it for the rest of us who have hunted this way since the beginning. I choose to apply in places where there is a good chance at drawing a tag. I have done my research when it comes to hunting and what counties I have good opportunity with draw statistics. Why should folks like myself be held back if this were to change now. With this new proposal it pretty much means you get one chance per year at an any deer tag, not necessarily a guaranteed tag either. Well that doesn't sound too great! Everyone that I have talked to that hunts are all opposing this new idea. Let's not ruin great South Dakota hunting for it's residents by applying this ridiculous new proposal!

David Vogel
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Comment:

My opinion High demand areas are still going to need preference. I like the way it is now, because I no I can get a tag every year the new way limits this in my opinion.

Brian Korman
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Comment:

I support the proposed change to combine the six deer seasons into one draw. As a hunter who can generally only hunt one season per year due to a variety of reasons, I agree with the department's conclusion that I will be more likely to draw my preferred license; whether that be Black Hills, West River, East River, Or Muzzleloader Any Deer, all of which I have applied for in the last 5 years with moderate success in drawing my preferred tag for that year.

Rob Brooks
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Comment:

I think you should leave the deer application process the way it is. The process is fair and there are times when it is nice to be able to draw more than one tag for different seasons. Not sure you can do that with the new system.

Greg Stoebner
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Comment:

I support making all seasons one application in first draw as proposed. After watching the presentation and hearing that the idea behind this is to allow more opportunity for first choice hunt area, I think we should make it more opportunity or nothing at all. I am one of the few who do multiple seasons per year. IF we do the big three- why not all? as proposed. I did not include archery, but support limiting out of state tags numbers valid on public land.

Matt Foell
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Comment:

oppose

Indian Springs Boating Restrictions

James Seaver

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Comment:

oppose

Public Comments

Deer License Allocation

Gordon Doyle

Madison SD

Comment:

In Reference to proposed deer apps and draws. Have a separate draw date for each season. If a person draws Black Hills - probably won't send in for West River - vise versa. I would rather see archery deer go to Oct 1 opener. Is too early now for does with fawns and interfere with Hills elk bow hunters. You could put a drawing for archery tags to limit the number of bow hunters and a specific area or county that license is valid for limit number of non-resident Hills bow hunters. This would help increase the quality of the game and hunt. Hunters can then choose what area they want. Hills, West River etc once they draw a tag and not have a Hills and West River tag both.

Tracy Nelson

Aberdeen SD

Comment:

Leave the current system in place, please do not make any changes.

Matt Norton

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Comment:

I want drawing structure to remain the same .

Lance Gerth

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Comment:

Do we need even more change without giving the cubed preference point system a chance. Remember that not getting your 1st choice this year gets you 8 preference points next year. (This years point plus last years = $2 \times 2 \times 2 = 8$) This seems like a large advantage.

Even if Alternative#2 is implemented there will still be 17,053 applicants who don't get their preferred tag.

From GFP presentation, Draw Projections-Alternative #2

Projected Applicants 52,575

2017 Successful Applicants - 35,522

Applicants Without Preferred Tag = 17,053

And why aren't archery hunters included? 80% also apply for firearms buck licenses. They are also multiple tag holders. (2014 Deer Allocation Survey, Page 10)

This proposal doesn't do anything to increase the amount of tags available. It will only appease a vocal percentage of the community and they still won't get their preferred tag every year.

Thank you and feel free to contact us .

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Comment:

I am opposed to both proposed alternative A and B as changes to the current deer drawing structure. I enjoy having the opportunity to put in for multiple deer hunting seasons to engage in the different types of deer hunting afforded me by living in the state of South Dakota. As an east river resident I believe the proposed changes to the deer season drawing structures would severely limit my opportunity to engage in deer hunts in west river or the Black Hills. Under the new system I would be forced to select an east river unit as my first choice if I wanted to engage in the deer hunting near home with family members, while being forced to fight for leftover tags in the west river and black hills units. I believe I would have far less opportunity to draw the west river or black hills tags (as my second tag) in this leftover 3rd draw pool than I do in the current system of accumulating preference points and putting in for my first choice in each season each year. With this limited opportunity to draw, I am afraid I will have much less opportunity to get out and enjoy the deer hunting on the great public lands available to me in the western regions of the state. If I wanted to partake in these great western public land deer hunts I would be forced to sacrifice the opportunity to hunt near home with my family by fighting for a tag in the leftover 3rd east river draw, which is not acceptable. All in all, I feel as though these changes only serve to benefit the masses of people who apply for a single season and engage in the deer hunt on a unit near home. Meanwhile, individuals who previously enjoyed engaging in the various types of deer hunting available in the state by applying for multiple seasons and traveling across the state to engage in deer hunting will only have these opportunities further limited. While the goal of getting more people out enjoying the deer hunt is noble, the subsequent limited opportunity for those willing to travel and engage in public land hunting for multiple seasons is not something I can endorse.

Dan Ackerwold

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Comment:

I have been an avid hunter and conservationist in South Dakota for over twenty years. I believe South Dakota has one of the finest deer management, licences drawing systems in place. I find it hard to see how changing the current system will become a better benefit to wildlife or the hunte. I believe that the current system gives world class opportunities to the hunter and the game and any adjustments will only give benefit to a handful of fair weather outdoorsman and will negatively affect the hunting opportunities of everyone who plans to hunt more than four days a year. I am not a wildlife/ people management expert but I spend over 300 days a year a field prosueing wildlife and fish and have a degree in wildlife and fisheries management with over twenty years of recreational and commercial experience. If you can educate me as to how the new legislation will benefit more than 10% of the hunters or the wildlife I may support it. If not, don't fix it if it isn't broken, its world class....I believe the current changes should be dismissed.

Sincerely,
Dan Ackerwold

Clint Danforth

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Comment:

First I would like to thank you for all of the work you've put into this effort. I was not aware of the discussion groups or I would have attended. I happened to run across the meeting video on the website and I have some thoughts/concerns I'd like to share.

I apply for several tags every year. In fact, several members of my family do so as well. Our goal isn't to draw several tags however, our goal is to draw one at a minimum and we feel this is a successful draw year when we do. My concerns with the proposals are as follows, I would love to hear your responses.

1. In your data you determined the success rate for each application but not at the applicant level. As I mentioned above, to my family, drawing either an ER or WR tag is considered a success. With the current system, we typically need 1 or more preference points to draw in either area, so we typically are able to draw every year, we just alternate between ER and WR. I would assume if you looked at the success rate for folks who do as we do, you will find that a much larger percentage of applicants are successful each year, though they are only able to hunt in their preferred unit in either ER or WR. Again, I feel this is a success, and I would assume others in our position would feel the same.

With the proposed change, we will only have the opportunity to apply with our first or second choice in one or the other each year, thus cutting our projected success rate by 50%. I understand by doing so it appears as though you're taking the remaining 50% of those tags and offering them to different individuals, thus boosting the perceived overall success rate per applicant, but all you've done is lowered the success rate for one group and increased it in another group, so the net of the overall success rate is a 0% change.

2. Concerning the high demand, low tag count units such as Custer State Park, Refuge Deer and Black Hills Deer, I feel these units will be impacted beyond what you are able to predict. If Option 2 is implemented, I cannot foresee any measurable percentage of hunters using their single application opportunity to apply for one of these options. These tags to me mean a real opportunity to take a mature deer and are highly sought after by many sportsmen and women. Ultimately, I will basically be forced to forfeit the dollars I have spent on preference points for these units, as I would rather apply for a tag I have more than a 7% chance of drawing. This will also eliminate any opportunity for my children (7 and 11) from being able to experience a hunt in any of these locations. The other result is the state will lose the vast majority of the dollars spent on preference points for these units. If I'll ever only have a 7% chance of drawing, and no other option to draw that year, there is no point in purchasing the points or applying.

3. What is your prediction for the short-term impact of this change? Specifically, I am concerned that by forcing applicants to choose only one option through the first 2 draws (statistically it was mentioned in the video there will be a very low likelihood of drawing a preferred unit as a 3rd draw option) this method will disrupt the entire draw process. The applicants who would generally only hunt one unit will have a slightly higher success rate, but are the applicants in this group going to send in for a tag for the 3rd draw in a different (less desirable) unit and be compelled to travel...not likely. Where will the additional tags go? I predict these tags will be a consolation prize for the dedicated group of hunters who will be rewarded by being forced to hunt the less desirable units. The result of this will likely be a drop in the total number of hunters willing to spend time and money on the sport which in-turn impacts the entire state. I travel every year for deer hunting for both ER or WR. I spend dollars for gas, hotel and food. Again, I just don't see there being a positive impact to the economy.

4. Lastly I feel as though this change is meant to cater to applicants who are unwilling to travel in order to have an opportunity to hunt. I feel the majority of these applicants may be family members or friends of land owners who don't want to put in the effort to find land in other units to increase their odds of drawing. Or they simply may not value the opportunity to hunt enough to travel. Under the current lottery method, EVERYONE HAS THE SAME OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE THEIR ODDS OF DRAWING...PURCHASE PREFERENCE POINTS!!!! The GF&P does a great job of providing the proper number of tags based on the population of deer in the area. If someone lives in an area with a low population, it's going to be difficult for them to draw a tag so they have 2 options; 1) Look for a new unit to raise your odds or 2) Purchase your preference points and draw when your number is pulled.

I feel this change is going to have a greater impact on hunters such as myself and unfortunately my daughters by limiting our overall success rate, thus hindering my ability to keep them interested in the tradition. I understand the long term impact of this change is very difficult to predict. I fear though, it will be much more difficult to correct if a less than desirable outcome is achieved.

Please feel free to call me if you would like to discuss.

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Chris Savey
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Comment:

I am opposed to any change . I hunt east and west ever year for the last 33years . I own land in two different counties east river but not enough to qualify for land owner. I am a avid deer hunter. I feel this punishes us avid deer hunters . we are the ones spending money at conservation banquet to give back to conservation . I spend 100s of hours each year planting food plots to help increase numbers and my success in the field . i spend time helping ranchers out west where we hunt . if Im limited to one tag why would i want to continue doing these things . if you apply for the special buck and your normal county tags you should draw every other year or two. there are ways to be successful in them hard to get counties every 1 to3 years. I have run into NO ONE that is for this. Again i am opposed to punishing us avid hunters . thanks

Aaron Rogers
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Comment:

Please do not change the current draw system. If people would just learn how to use the current PP system they can get a tag or two every year. If your buying points for all the deer seasons.

Lyle Bublitz
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Comment:

I am 100% opposed to your proposed change to the manner in which deer licenses are to be drawn. Your own statistics on comments indicates to me that less than one half of the people who commented want this change. I feel it will complicate the process and personally have not discussed this with one hunter in my area that favors this change. Please leave the process exactly as it currently functions. Thank you.

Ethan Christensen
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Comment:

The current method of d tags allocation is fair and should not be changed, I strongly oppose any changes to the current model!

Andrew Krier
Harrisburg SD
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Comment:

I prefer no change, keep the system as is.

Earl Quaken
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Comment:

This proposed change is NOT needed. Please keep the current drawing system in place. Thank you

Jeffrey Peters

Pierre SD

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Comment:

I'm writing this note concerning the future of the deer application process. I understand this is a difficult task and it will be impossible to satisfy everyone. I am as passionate about deer hunting as anyone you will find and you can consider me a multiple deer applicant. I have been hunting deer since I was 12(52 yrs) and my dad and I hunted deer in the BH nearly 40 yrs in a row until we weren't able to get a license every year. I've hunted WR with family and friends as much as possible and ER with family as much as I can. I started hunting ER when I could only apply every third year. I have hunted archery deer since I graduated college so I guess you could call me a dedicated deer hunter.

I understand the effort to try and get preferred licenses to as many hunters as possible but I wonder if there are other options available. As a multiple applicant, I'm not sure the review process gave me equal consideration. Of course I know quite a few hunters that apply for more than one license and I am certain that the majority of them do not apply for "premium" licenses as first choice as they just wouldn't get a license very often.

(1) I think the hard to get licenses should be labeled "Premium" and the lottery could consider those...

(2) Treat ER and WR applicants in a way that if you get a "premium" license on those applications, then you must wait two or three years to apply for it again.

(3) I wouldn't consider the Black Hills, CSP, Refuges quite the same... as the majority of the land is public...

(4) Maybe some of the refuge hunts, CSP, etc. should be established as once in a life time hunts...they practically are anyway.

(5) I don't know if you have put a value on some of these preferred licenses but if they are premium maybe they should be priced that way.

(6) Most big game hunters in this state understand that our preference system isn't a true pref. system and that cubing won't appreciably increase the odds especially on premium licenses. I think waiting a couple of years after a successful draw is something most hunters understand in a limited draw.

I hunt mostly for bucks. You probably have projections on how many antlerless tags you will sell on the third draw but I imagine there will be leftovers...

Thank you for letting me speak my two cents.

Jeff Peters

Jack Diez

Winner SD

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Comment:

I understand what your purpose is to get tags to more people -which I appauld and support-however-I have applied numerous times for muzzleloader any deer and have drawn once-once again I understand how tough a draw this is and have no problem with this-with this proposed change I will be forced to choose between west river deer and muzzleloader any deer-not a hard decision there-in my opinion muzzleloader should not be in this mix because of the season dates and the limited tags-thanks for your time

Benjamin Kruse
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Comment:

I like having a chance at multiple tags. I usually only end up with one buck tag but I get to hunt west river where my family has been hunting on the same ranch since 1958. I like be able to choose muzzle loader buck as well as refuge deer. The systems now is easy to use if I get a west river tag I usually just apply for preference points for the other ones. I just started hunting archery again as my kids are now older and not in fall sports. The current systems lets a guy have the choice of where he wants to hunt in the state. I also feel like you guys are trying to push something no hunters want in the state by holding the meetings in low population towns. There should of been way more then 2 meetings especially on the eastern part of the state. Thanks

Dustin Degreeef
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Comment:

No comment text provided.

Josh Olson
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Comment:

We need this to happen to better the odds for everyone to get a tag. Left overs will be bought and 4th drawing non residents can draw generating more revenue for the parks.

Steve Eide
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Comment:

We may not draw exactly what we want every year, but we have numerous opportunities to draw at least one tag if we choose to do so. Leave the drawing system the way it is.

Derrick Lonas
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Comment:

If you want too boost deer numbers 1st dont have the rifle seasons in the middle of the rut move it too later in the year, 2nd add a antler restriction so guys actually have too look at what they are shooting, 3rs dont have the doe season so late in the year after the rut is over a large percentage of does have been bread every doe shot that time of year is 1-4 less deer the following year

John Duffu
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Comment:

I've tried to keep an open mind through this process and have collected as much information as I can through emails and phone calls with the GFP and others. I am still not in favor of changing to Alternative 1 or 2. Oppose Alternative 1 and 2. Support Alternative 3 (no change).

Thank you!

Richard Hanger
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Comment:

This proposal is inherently unfair. Anyone who hunts in a group and gives the group first pick will never get a chance at a desirable tag in any other unit as we all know the any deer tags will go in the first draw. Currently all hunters have the same chance at any tag. We are all South Dakota residents. This new proposal pits one group of hunters against another and reduces our chances of going afield to hunt deer. Appeasing a vocal minority with the "chance" of a tag in one season is in no way better than a chance in several seasons. GFP should be working to enhance hunter days afield, not restrict them.

Kyle Manning
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Comment:

Please listen to the MAJORITY of South Dakota hunters when we ask for NO CHANGE to the current deer licensing / drawings. It is fine the way it is.

I've yet to see or meet anyone in favor of this change, this includes many CO I've been able to speak with regarding the matter.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Shane Stewart
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Comment:

I am all for limiting first choice deer tags. I used to draw west river deer every other year if not every year, recently it has taken me 3 or 4 years

Marcus Dangel

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Comment:

Please please do not the the way the drawing works! It is just fine the way it!! Every one has a chance at the tags once you have 2 years preference! If you apply for all of the tags you will draw a tag!! This gives you the thrill of not knowing!! Draws results are out plenty early to plan your hunt!! If you change it you will be stuck doing the same hunt over and over each year!

Jason Stone

Chamberlain SD

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Comment:

Dear SD Game Fish & Parks and SD GF&P Commission,

I would like to oppose the two Options provided for the changes to the Deer License Allocation process that are being discussed. At this time, I would support NO CHANGE to the deer license allocation process. Although I understand that "statistically" speaking, the new options would potentially increase preferred tags to be drawn in a preferred unit, however based on the various small studies that have been conducted, I don't believe the statistical increase is enough to justify a complete overhaul of the deer license allocation process without further research and other options provided, also with research provided. For now, I feel the state needs to stick with the cubed preference process and let that play out, giving more time to come up with other options that may be more rounded and be able to compromise a little bit better on all of the hot topic issues this process has brought up.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jason Stone

Brian Drexler

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Comment:

I oppose a change in the Big Game hunting license drawings, They are separate uniq seasons.

Jeremy Wollman

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Comment:

I'm highly frustrated that I cannot draw a deer tag in my home county anymore. In 25 years I have only not drawn a tag 3 times. Two of three was last year and this year. I understand the proposal that is moving forward but will that be enough to ensure that locals can draw tags within their own county? There were 225 idle landowner tags just in 30B11 last year. Why can't those not be rolled over to the general public draw? What good is putting our county land into WIA if the locals can't draw a tag. Yes, I understand how the draw system works and the stats behind it, however, that does not lessen my frustration. I do hope the new proposal can help me draw a tag in the future.

Arnold Veen

Milbank SD

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Comment:

I was part of the Watertown focus group and I am opposed to the option #2 that you are currently voting on . My choice was and still is option #1 primarily to leave Refuge and Muzzleloader out of the choice.

Mark Watson

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Comment:

I am concerned that there may be unintended consequences of the proposed changes to deer hunting draws. I hunt in the Black Hills and have to wait 2 to 3 years to draw an any whitetail tag. My concern is that when people who don't normally hunt the Black Hills as their first choice, will now make it such making the time between tag draws even longer.

If memory serves correct, when the commission expanded the youth tags to 6, GF&P staffers were surprised how many of those young hunters traveled across the state to hunt does in the Hills. That drove the population down more than anticipated.

At the July commission meeting GF&P staffer Kevin Robling said "If something's broke and not working, we will do all we can to fix it." I don't believe the current system is broke. Why the proposed changes? Is there a region that is has a lower than sustainable population? My family relies on wild game for our supply of meat. We would rather not travel to other parts of the state to hunt that meat. A longer wait between drawing tags will be a financial hardship on our family

Ron Hulzebos
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Comment:

I am not sure if this is the correct place to send my opinion concerning the proposed drawing structure change for deer licenses. First, I was pleasantly surprised with the cubing of preference points this year and would hope you would hold off on more changes until you see the results of that change. I would also suggest that if you do change the structure that you would leave Custer and muzzleloader deer out of the equation. I am sitting here with 20 preference points for Custer deer with long odds even with the cubing. What will I do next year? I would have to give up my first choice for long odds or just forget about the years I've waited for a chance of a Custer Park hunt. The same goes for muzzleloader with long odds, which cubing should help; but is what most guys consider a bonus Dec. hunt. If this is not the correct email address for input, I would greatly appreciate this being forwarded to who would address this concern. Thanks

Joe Henderson
Madison SD
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Comment:

So If option B is accepted, which I strongly oppose.... Do preference points even matter anymore? I have a lot of money tied up in preference points....Or is that money just down the drain now...

David Duffy
Oldham SD
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Comment:

I am a farmer in Eastern SD and want to give you my thoughts on the Proposed Deer management options. #1, There is a opinion that some people are not getting the one license that they are applying for and think they should get that tag every year! Some are getting several licenses and people don't think that it is fair. I think the people that are not getting their first choice are ones that are only applying for just that single season only. Maybe these people need to apply for other areas of the state and different seasons to get more of a chance to get a tag. I personally get 1 to 3 tags a year between East River deer, West river deer(sometimes special Buck) and every few years a Mussel loader tag. From what I understand, the archery tags are Not in on this plan. #2 Where are these extra hunters going to hunt?? Public land is already over full in my area and I doubt any landowners are going to let the extra hunters on their private land. There is too much road hunting now and I am afraid this will only add to that problem. Trespassing will also become more of a problem than it is also!! #3 If land owners decide that they want a first choice West River or other tag other than the East River county that they live and farm on, they would not be able to apply for a tag until the 3rd drawing. That is NOT FAIR to landowners that normally would be guaranteed 1/2 of the tags. Even if they apply for a landowner only tag, that means they can't hunt the neighbors land that they have been able to hunt for many years. This is NOT FAIR to the landowners!! #4 The preference points were cubed this year. Why not give that plan a chance to work first before you change a system that, in my opinion, has been working just fine for many years!! It is only good business practice to only change one variable at a time so we can actually see if the cubing points works or not! #5 I don't think the deer herd can support the plan that you are proposing either. If landowners end up getting landowner tags only and the rest of the tags go to non-land owners. I believe there will be way too many deer harvested. If this plan goes thru, there needs to be a limit on archery tags then. I do NOT favor issuing extra tags to Non-residents either. PLEASE , DO NOT change the system to these new proposed plans as I believe it will cause more problems than it would solve. I thing the current point system works just fine in most cases. I understand that the Focus groups were slightly in favor of leaving the system the way it is. Majority rules!! Let's not try to fix something that isn't broken!! The unhappy people just need to wait until their preference points build enough to draw a tag . There have been lots of leftover tags in places also to apply for. They should consider this option also. We have!!

John Duffy
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Comment:

I appreciate you taking the time to talk with me on the phone Friday about the new proposed deer license alternatives. I have also had a couple good discussions with Kevin Robling (cc'd on this email) on the phone over the last 2 weeks as well. After my discussions with him, and some time to share and process more of the information from our conversations, I am still in favor of leaving the current deer draw system as-is for several reasons.

I understand the main reason behind wanting to change to a new system to try to get more deer tags into more deer applicants hands, but I'm afraid Alternatives 1 and 2 don't necessarily do this without more negative consequences than good outcomes, or don't do this without taking too much away from the current system.

Here are a few points that I feel support leaving the current draw system as-is. As we discussed on the phone, I've also offered some suggestions for change at the bottom of this email.

1. Currently many leftover buck tags go into the 2nd drawings:

- o There are always quality leftover firearm buck tags in the state every year so hunters that are not getting a firearm buck tag every year now are not exploring all the options that other deer hunters do when they get more than 1 firearm buck tag. If hunters from this group really wanted a firearm buck tag, they would apply for those firearm buck tags now and would likely be getting them as a 1st/2nd choice in the first drawing or leftover in the

2nd drawing; therefore, I'm not sure changing the current system would make most of the hunters from this group that much happier. There are already leftover buck tags out there that are not being taken until later drawings, so that leads me to think that this is not as big of problem as some make it seem.

2. Not a balanced compromise:

- o Changing the drawing system to Alternatives 1 or 2 would be giving the group of hunters that only apply for 1 firearm unit 100% of the tags they want (1 tag) but it would very likely be taking away 1 or 2 preferred firearm buck tags from another large group of deer applicants that currently get those tags, which would be leaving this other group with only 33% or 50% of the tags they want that they are currently getting (1 of 3 tags, or 2 of 3 tags), so it is an extreme swing and I would hope that there could be more of a compromise and balance in the middle with some give and not all take.

3. Majority of deer hunters would not benefit from change:

- o Kevin said that roughly 70% of the deer applicants only apply for 1 firearm season so that is the reason the GFP is considering this change; to accommodate these hunters. However, roughly 45% of these 70% of deer applicants are getting the 1 firearm buck tag they apply for currently, which is 32% of the total deer applicants.
- o Also, of the 30% of the remaining deer applicants that are applying for MORE than 1 tag, there is a very good change they are getting at least 1-3 firearm buck tags.

- o So if you take 32% + 30% of successful deer firearm buck tag applicants, that is 62% of deer applicants that are getting 1 or more firearm buck tags every year, which means that these 62% should also be in favor of the current system over Alternatives 1 or 2 because these 62% would only be giving up tags or maintaining tags in Alternatives 1 or 2, not gaining tags.

- o There are very few advantages for this majority of deer tag applicants; mainly just disadvantages.

4. Small draw odds/chance increase not practically significant:

- o Kevin said that after running some draw simulations, the East River and West River deer draw odds went up roughly 10-20% under either Alternatives 1 or 2 (please correct me if I did not hear you correctly, Kevin), which are the 2 most popular and significant deer drawings in SD.

- o Last year in my home county of Kingsbury County, my draw odds with 1 preference point were 100%, but with 0 points were only 2%. To me, increasing my draw odds from 2% to roughly 12-22% for an East River rifle buck tag is not significant enough for me to give up 1-2 other quality and preferred firearm buck tags that would disappear in the 1st and 2nd drawings while I wait until the 3rd drawing to apply again under Alternatives 1 or 2.

- o 8 or 9 out of 10 years I would still not draw that tag with 0 preference points under Alternatives 1 or 2, so how would significantly benefit others? That is, now I can likely get 2-3 preferred firearm buck tags every year by applying for 6 different deer seasons under 6 different drawings. Under Alternative 1, I would probably still get my 1st choice tag that I am currently getting anyway, with roughly a 10-20% higher chance, but then I would likely not get the 2nd and 3rd firearm tags I am getting now. I would have to wait until the 3rd drawing to apply for my 2nd firearm buck tag and then I MIGHT get a leftover buck tag for a unit that I probably don't even currently hunt or have permission to hunt on anyway.

- o Similarly, in Pennington county last year, an applicant with 1 preference point had 100% chance at an any deer tag and only a 37% chance at an any deer tag with 0 points. Increasing this to 47-57% under Alternatives 1 or 2 would still only allow that hunter to get any deer tag about every other year, but they can still get a whitetail buck tag with 100% odds every year, under the current system or the new proposed Alternatives 1 or 2.

- o These 2 examples perfectly illustrate how the slightly increased draw odds under Alternatives 1 or 2 would not practically help hunters the majority of years in the state's 2 largest deer seasons; East River and West River deer.

5. More hunters without a place to hunt:

- o Under Alternatives 1 or 2, landowners that want to hunt other deer seasons that they do not own land in, would likely want to apply for that unit in the 1st drawing as their 1st choice. If they draw that unit, there would likely not be a buck tag in their own home season/unit left by the time the 3rd drawing comes back around when they can apply again for a 2nd tag, meaning they would be forced to buy a landowner specific tag for their own unit. With this, more non-landowners would be getting more of the buck tags for that unit than before, tags that were historically allotted to landowners, who currently get 50% of the buck tag allocation in each unit, meaning that there will be more people with buck tags that may not have a place to hunt. This increase in non-landowner hunters with tags will lower success rates of other non-landowner hunters that rely on public land for hunting access. More non-landowner hunters will flock to the already over-populated public land, especially in East River units, and it will ruin the hunting experience for the other non-landowners hunters that usually waited 1-2 years to get that particular tag that can only hunt on public land. This will undoubtedly happen in Alternatives 1 or 2.

- o Most hunters would prefer to wait 1 extra year to get a quality buck tag with less hunting pressure in their hunting area than getting that tag maybe 1-2 more times in a 10 year period with more people hunting that area every time they do draw that tag.

o This will also mean that more buck tags will be given out in every unit because of landowners not taking as many tags out from the quota in the regular pool, so buck tag numbers should be reduced to offset this, but then that lowers the draw odds of the non-landowner hunters, which is the group that this change is trying to tailor to by increasing tag numbers. This doesn't make sense and is contradictory of the idea of deer management. Is the goal to sell more tags or to harvest the correct amount of deer?

o More hunters without a place to hunt leads to more poaching and "road hunting". I already see this in my home county for many of the people after they leave the public land opening morning because it is over-pressured.

6. Majority of deer hunters prefer current system:

o From what I have heard from Kevin and others, a majority of deer hunters polled prefer to leave the current system as-is. With Alternatives 1 and 2 being such a major change, I would hope that it would take at least a strong majority or 2/3 of the deer hunters polls wanting the change to actually change the system.

I have made several points of why I don't think Alternatives 1 or 2 are the best for South Dakota deer hunters, but not to sound just like I am against any change or just want to complain about potential changes without offering suggestions, here are some ideas to consider that I think would really work, without a lot of change at once:

My suggestions of alternative options:

1. Keep Special Buck drawings separate and not have tag count against applicant in 1st/2nd drawing of later combined drawings:

o If the state was to adopt one of the new alternatives, I would use some aspects of Alternative 1 with a blend and compromise between Alternatives 1 and 3.

o This compromise would exclude the East River Special Buck and West River Special Buck tags from Alternative 1. That is, if a person draws a Special Buck tag in the earlier Special Buck drawing as it is currently, the GFP would still allow that successful applicant to also apply in the 1st draw of East River/West River/Black Hills combined season of Alternative 1. That way the deer hunters that really want to hunt both East River and West River deer in the same year have a much higher chance of getting a tag, by applying for the higher-priced Special Buck tag. As the name implies, it would be a "special" tag that all deer applicants have an equal chance for without any landowner preference factoring in.

o The GF&P could even possibly raise the tag fee 25-50% (or any reasonable percentage) for more revenue to the state, which the very passionate and dedicated deer hunters in the state would be happy to pay if that meant they had a good chance at still hunting deer in both East River and West River.

o Otherwise under Alternatives 1 or 2, deer hunters will only likely get to hunt 1 of the 3 seasons between East River, West River, and Black Hills. Many people hunt all 3 currently. That is a lot to lose if you love deer hunting in SD.

o If you don't allow hunters that draw a special buck tag to even apply in the 1st drawing of the East River/West River/Black Hills combined season of Alternative 1, there really is no advantage of having a Special Buck tag if you cannot also apply for East River, West River, or Black Hills deer in the first 2 drawings.

o With this compromise, it would still help out those who only want to apply for 1 season, but it would also help some of the most passionate deer hunters apply in the Special Buck 1st drawing and East River/West River/Black Hills 1st drawing.

2. Combine some other deer seasons, but not East River/West River/Black Hills:

o I don't think the East River, West River, and Black Hills drawings should be the seasons that are combined, if any. I think they should all be separate; especially East River and West River seasons as they get almost 85% of the state's total deer applicants.

o However, if you want to combine units into one drawing, it should be seasons such as Refuge Deer/CSP Deer/Muzzleloader Deer/Black Hills Deer combined. The strong majority of SD deer hunters hunt East River and West River deer units.

o A good alternative would be to combined West River and Black Hills into one drawing since they are both units west of the Missouri River and especially the Black Hills are just another large "West River county", and then have the East River drawing separate. For example, the drawings would be as follows:

? East River Special Buck

? West River Special Buck

? Black Hills/West River Deer

? East River Deer

? Muzzleloader Deer

? CSP Deer/Refuge Deer

o This combines 4 of the seasons and is a compromise of Alternatives 1/2 and Alternative 2 (current system).

o Black Hills Deer runs the entire month of November and overlaps with both East River and West River deer

seasons, so if you have an East River tag and a West River tag, you probably don't have sufficient time to also hunt the Black Hills, maybe just 1 weekend. That is why I think combining West River Deer and Black Hills Deer drawings would be a fair compromise, and makes sense geographically.

Thank you very much for your time reading this email. I know it was lengthy, but I wanted to get my thoughts down "on paper" so that you had time to review it before the meeting this Wednesday. I know you may not agree with some of my points, and that is OK, but I wanted to give a voice to the other hunters out there that do not support a big change like this at this time. To be open-minded, I think I did list a couple reasonable alternatives that are not as extreme that would be more balanced and not as drastic as Alternatives 1 or 2 if you feel you must make some sort of change to our deer drawing system. Thanks again for all that you do for our wildlife!

Bill Soyland

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Comment:

Dear Sir I have hunted deer across the state for over 50 years both rifle and archery. I do not believe the proposed changes should take place. I do believe the current system is working well. Please consider keeping it the same for future seasons.

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Comment:

I strongly oppose any change to the Deer Application Process. As was presented at the last commission meeting, a majority of All Deer hunters who attending the focus group meetings (I attended the one in Yankton) are against any changes to the current process that allows a hunter to apply for multiple separate seasons. In my case, I apply for West River deer along with my adult children and grand children so we can have a reasonable chance at having a family hunting adventure. We choose East Lyman county because of the large tracks of public land available to hunt on. The 7 of us apply separately knowing that all may not draw, but someone should be lucky so the rest can come out and participate. I apply for the Black Hills Any Deer tag (I currently have 8 Preference Points) knowing that my drawing this tag will take many years of applying before finally getting the opportunity to hunt out there for Mule Deer. I apply for Lincoln County East River Deer tag and it may take me 4 years preference to draw that tag, but as I have only access to a limited area, I am happy waiting on that possibility. I also always apply for the Muzzleloader deer tag knowing that it may take me up to 5 years Preference to draw that license as well. The proposed changes will make me decide whether to hunt with my kids and grandkids West River, or to hunt in the Black Hills, East River Deer, or Black Powder Deer which is not fair or right. The idea that the Proposals will more fairly distribute more tags to more people is the wrong approach if the goal is to have sustained hunters numbers in the field as the Department stated at the last Commission Meeting. I say this because in my case, I will apply for West River deer to be able to hunt with my kids, and as there will never be left over tags in the other seasons I normally apply for, not only does the State loose me as a licensee but you also will loose my application fees as there is no reason for me to apply for these other seasons. In closing, I want to state that when I first started deer hunting back in the early to late 1960's with my father, I had to wait 3 years from the time I drew my first tag and had to have a minimum of 3 years Preference points before I drew a deer tag in Hanson County. Hunters today have more opportunity to hunt than ever, however if the Department truly wants to have more participation in hunting, the key is providing good quality access to lands and not pitting hunters against one another or taking opportunities away from the people who are lucky enough to draw multiple tags.

Jim Wheeler
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Comment:

Not sure why you are considering this change as the system works just fine the way it is. I urge commissioners to vote this proposal down and leave the current system in place.

Jordan Jacobsen
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Comment:

I strongly oppose the proposed changes to South Dakota's current draw process. There are other major underlying issues playing key roles in hunter draw success such as disease, declining deer numbers, and loss of habitat. These need to be addressed first to ensure a strong future for our state's deer and deer hunters. Thank you.

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Comment:

I had the opportunity to speak and meet with Josh Delger about this topic and I want to express my appreciation to what I felt was a productive conversation. After our meeting I want to make sure I sent in a comment to summarize what we discussed and my position to oppose the season change.

1. Revenue: The current model allows hunters to have the opportunity to have multiple hunts within the state of South Dakota on any given year. This promotes instate travel and instate revenue from populated areas of our state to smaller communities. Under the current proposal hunters will most likely have only 1 hunt instate deer hunt. I have had multiple conversations regarding this and the consensus has been that we would look going outside of South Dakota to neighboring states for hunts. It is not our preferred choice; but given only 1 opportunity it would be the most logical answer combat the deer season change.
2. Fairness vs Equal Opportunity: The proposal on the table is an attempt to create fairness and reduce equal opportunity. My position is that it shouldn't matter what season it is, you should have an equal opportunity to get a deer tag in the different hunting zones. We already have a fair system which allows people to accumulate preference points for a higher percentage opportunity to get a tag.
3. High Population Counties: The purposed change does not solve the problem of hunters wanting to only hunt a specific county. In high population counties it will always be difficult to draw a tag. This point also drives revenue as well for the state. If local hunters are only wanting to hunt in their county; instate tourism will decrease.
4. Percentages: We discussed that this change is looking to make a 5-10 percent shift if opportunity for a hunter's chance of drawing their desired tag. This seems like a very low margin to make a significant change to the manner which the public gets access to deer tags. Looking at the previous years deer hunting draw statistics; you will still need preference points to get tags in a desired county.
5. Preference Points: We weren't able to address what happens to the current preference points that have been accumulated in the systems as it is today. There are hunts that would never be my first choice that I have been getting preferences for so I would have the opportunity to hunt multiple times in South Dakota on a given year. Based off the numbers of applicants with draw preference; I don't see the ability to use them. Is the state willing to refund bought preference points for seasons which will not be a first choice?
6. Changes that have been already made: With the cubing changes that have been made to assist hunters with more preference points to get tags it seems like that should be played out further to understand the impact. The changes that were made to mentor hunting will also increase the deer hunting pool because it allows our youth to get involved quicker. I feel that the future of our sport is not the current hunters; but the investment into the next generation. Making smaller adjustments to our existing system and watching how it impacts the sport from year to year seems like a better solution than a overhaul of the current system.

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Comment:

To SD GFP and Commission, I am against any changes to the deer license allocation. The current system works well and is not broken. If someone draws 3 to 4 tags in one year, then they are considered lucky, then next year they might only draw 1 tag. I have hunted WR and ER for 25 years with family and friends, which I have made many memories. But I also really enjoy the December muzzleloader season. So if a change is made, now you will make me choose between applying for WR and ER to hunt with family and making more memories with my kids (that just started to hunt) or apply for muzzleloader and hunt the muzzleloader season which I really enjoy.

Many landowner relationships that have been built over years, will now be lost, due to being successful in the 1st round and having to wait for the 3rd round to apply and no tags left in that unit. In the unit that I hunt ER, a person can get a tag in the first round and there is a less than good chance the 2nd round, and by the 3rd round the tags are always gone. So under the new proposal, if I apply for and get my WR tag there is a very good chance that there won't be any tags left for ER, where my family and I have built relationships with landowners for over the past 20 years. So then we can say goodbye to all of the work, that has been done and relationships built over those years. A lot of the issue comes from hunters that are applying in a high population unit with low number of deer/tags or highly sought after units with low number of tags. A lot of those hunters only want to hunt in their "backyard" instead of doing research for other units with higher draw success rates and maybe travel one or two counties over. The hunters that get multiple tags are willing to put in their time and do their "homework" for different units and pick up leftover tags and not hunt in their backyard. So why punish them? SD deer tags are allocated in lottery system and not an, everybody gets a tag system or a participation trophy/tag system, where everybody wins. Just because someone applies for a tag in a hard to draw unit and gets a tag every 2 to 3 years, doesn't mean that the system is broken and everything needs to be changed. The preference point system was just changed, so why not wait and see if that helps, before making major changes and messing everything up? The current deer population across the state is low (due to high predator population, bad winters, diseases, and over harvesting in certain units), which means fewer # of deer tags for hunters and a lower draw success rate. When the deer numbers come back up, so will the # of tags, and so will the draw success rate.

Why did the GFP recommend option 2 to the Commission, when the surveys show that the majority of the hunters are for option 3 (NO CHANGE)? Is it so the Commission can choose option 1 and then say that they had reached a compromise and met in the middle? How come in the Deer License Drawing Alternatives Presentation, that was presented during the July meeting, the GFP combined the survey results from option 1 & 2 and put those numbers up against option 3? Was it to make it look like more people wanted a change? If you look at each option independently, the majority of the hunters want NO CHANGE. There is no reason for muzzleloader deer to even be in this conversation, they are "bonus tags". There is such a small number of these tags that they shouldn't even be talked about in any of these conversations. No one should expect to get a muzzleloader tag every year. Thank you for your time and listening my thoughts. My vote is to leave at it currently is, Option 3 (No Change). Thanks Again, Jason Taylor

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Comment:

Don't change the deer draw, other than changing the muzzleloader from a state tag to a unit draw tag.

Dillon Blaha
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Comment:

oppose

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Comment:

Why don't we keep Muzzleloader in archery out of The Proposal because the rest of them are all rifle... and by changing this proposal if one person ever wants to apply East River and West River and have a chance at shooting a deer on both sides of the state The Proposal will prohibit that... Along with that I myself hunt East River and would love to hunt West River and muzzleloader I will never be able to go west river and Muzzleloader ever again because I'm not going to give up my East River tag... so do I just lose all those dollars I put in for preference points of all these years for both of those...? if the state changes this and the proposal goes through the state should offer any dollars reimburse to all the people that wanted the preference points paid back to them since they will never be able to use them.. I'm sure I'm not the only person in this situation where if they do this those points will never be used. Again I'm going to make this a little clearer, I understand some ideas of making East River West River Black Hills dear and special block all one draw but Muzzleloader should be in its own classification as it is now anyways.

Jon Albers
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Comment:

NR bowhunting absolutely needs to be regulated. Custer National Forest (CNF) is a treasure in our state. It is one of the few areas that is not only gorgeous but can provide an opportunity at a tremendous deer. NR bowhunter numbers have been rising tremendously. I am all for out of state hunters having an opportunity to come hunt deer in SD but to open it up to unlimited use is ridiculous. I would be for a tremendous limit in the number of NR Archery tags on public land and applying a stiff fee for public access to make up the difference. If they are hunting private land We are not CO or WY and do not have the game populations or land mass to support unfettered access for hunting purposes. I really like this opportunity to voice my opinion on a forum thank you for setting this up. The unfortunate reality is most people don't know or have the time to attend the meetings but if you are out talking to locals, watching the blogs etc. this is a huge concern and out of control. As a resident of South Dakota I would appreciate somewhat protecting the limited opportunities for truly great hunting lands even if it financially costs me more. Having every campsite full and somebody on every hill and ravine is not what a good experience is about.

Josh Dede

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Comment:

I do not support the new proposed change to the deer license draw. Although I don't like the new proposed draw change for any reason, One major reason is I do not agree that muzzleloader should be involved with this. Muzzleloader is already hard to find deer as it starts in the colder months and after many deer have been shot at and many harvested. Muzzleloader does not travel as far as a rifle so you have to be closure to the already shot at deer. Take all that, plus any deer tags already take many years to get. If archery is separate from this, so should muzzleloader. I am not in favor of this change. Thank you for your time in reading this, I understand there is a lot to consider, however I do feel the majority of hunters oppose this law, just look on the comment section on GFP website. Thank you again for your time.

Eric Botkin

Spearfish SD

Comment:

It seems that even when I apply for more than one season I usually only get one tag anyway. I like to have at least one rifle tag per year along with my archery tag.

Ross Hudson

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Comment:

Please don't cave to the loud minority. Last time I checked my math, 46% in favor of the change is not a majority. I understand it is a challenge to draw an East River tag in some counties. These hunters should find new places to hunt in other areas, West River, Hills, Muzzleloader, etc. Or maybe hunt a new species or maybe even a doe.... If they truly are about the hunt, meat, enjoyment, that should not be a terrible request. I also think it is very important to manage preference points appropriately. A person can get a pretty good idea of when they will draw a tag by looking at the past draw statistics. If done correctly, a person should be able to draw a buck tag in one of the seasons available to them each year.

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Comment:

I am from Philip south dakota and have hunted haakon county my whole life. NEVER ONCE do any of us apply for east river tags. This year out of the group of 6 of us that hunt together only 1 of us drew a tag how is that right? We all only apply for haakon county. This has been an on going issue for us and many others. My dad hasnt drawn an any deer tag in the last 4 years and has been a haakon county resident for 52 years now. This is discouraging several people from going out and hunting and its harder to get young people into it when you can never get a tag for your home town. It is NOT right that there is more east river people hunting northern haakon county then haakon county residents. It is also not right that you will see people with 3 or 4 tags and some people not able to get 1. I STRONGLY support this passing. I live for hunting and am sick of only being able to get an archery tag. Lets pass this get more people involved in hunting and less people with 3 or 4 tags

Craig Hagemann

Winfred SD

Comment:

I would like to comment on the proposed changes regarding the application process for Big game deer license. I am opposed to any changes. I would like the current system and application process to stay the same. I do not want to pick one season over another. Hunting for me means hunts with my family and friends. Whether it be East River, West River or Black Hills deer. and I want to chance to draw tags on all choices. Making me choose one over the other takes away cherished hunts that my family shares over the years. For me its deer hunting, not deer killing season. Of course everyone enjoys success but more important is the hunt which i cherish. And my family loves venison and that plays an important part as well. I attended the GF&O forum in Yankton a while back. And the overwhelming majority of the people there, was to keep things as they were. So I would say don't fix something thats not broken. Prehaps a good way to find out what the public prefers is to send out an old fashioned paper ballots to tall licensed hunters, and see what people want. That way the folks that don't have a computer and the internet can be heard from. Bottom line for me is, keep the application process as it is.

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Comment:

oppose. I like the current system

Lisa Meyen

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Comment:

I strongly oppose this new proposal. The system that is in place now works fine if people just aren't too lazy to use it correctly. It is NOT going to sell more licenses. The reason for the decline in hunters is a direct result in the mismanagement of the deer herd population in South Dakota. License quota are set for areas without any idea or care how many deer are there. 10 years ago South Dakota had a strong, quality deer herd, now you are lucky to see good deer. This is a direct result several things that have happened in the past few years. EHD and weather have taken their toll on the herd but instead of lowering tag numbers and shortening seasons you have continued to issue triple tags and also extended the season by allowing hunters to shoot a doe in January and February with their buck tags. You have also now passed a regulation that allows kids of any age to purchase a doe tag. You have no idea how many tags this will be or how many deer they will shoot. You also have no good way to tell how many they shoot and even if you did, the damage will be done. Tags should never be given to ANYONE who has not taken gun safety. I am all for letting kids hunt but this does nothing by hurt the deer herd. It would be like letting a 5 year old drive because they are going to be able to do it anyways later. This new proposal will not help anyone but the non resident hunters and outfitters that sell tags to non resident hunters so they can get 3 tags in South Dakota. Manage the deer herd and go back to the system that has worked for years. If there is a good quality deer herd, people will hunt. If they go to a walk in area that usually has lots of deer and don't see anything but 4 does, they will quit buying tags in South Dakota and hunt out of state. Do your real job and manage the herd.

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Comment:

I would like to leave a preposal or response to the deer allocation preposal that is out there. Why is there no talk or questions on the issue as to having all deer seasons open at the same exact date and allowing a hunter in first draw to only choose 1 unit or season to apply for? my example would be west river, east river, black hills deer, and refuge deer as the season to open on the same given day. this would make a hunter have to choose and pick which season is most important for them to draw in first draw but would not limit that hunter to not being able to hunt multiple seasons. basically in my thoughts most deer hunters will hunt opening weekend of west river and then hunt opening weekend of east river and that is it. why not for them people that hunt both make them choose a season for first draw and then in the third draw if succesful allow them to get a different season tag if tags still available. my opinion and knowledge of asking questions to other hunters is same season dates for all deer seasons will allow a greater chance at drawing your preferred first draw unit as there will be less applicants fighting for the same season and unit in that season which in turn will increase more hunters hunting the same allotted deer tags. My other question or statement is why not look into certain units and split them up into two or even three unit areas. Example I have is tripp county. One of the largest counties via square miles is one unit why not get back to the old way when it was split into a north and south unit? That can and would also narrow the field of applying and make more hunters choose which they want more aka allowing more applicants to get there first preffered tag unit and season. Other counties can be split too im sure just not as familiar as to what or any that would work for. Thanks for your time and as a dedicated hunter and landowner I agree we need a change just need to find the right way to approach it and possibly the best way is to make it in the hunters hand by having all deer seasons open same day then the hunter will have a say but also have more applicants able to be successful in this as well. I have already summited a comment on this issue and i forgot to add one thing to my original statement about having all deer seasons open at the same exact day. Any way another proposal would be to increase the cost of a buck license in any and all units and seasons. Reason for this in a few hunters thoughts is that if a license cost so much for one buck tag that allot of hunters wouldn't apply for a second different season for a buck without thinking about cost and this in turn may allow other hunters better or more chances to increase there odds of drawing a preferred unit in turn more different applicants drawing tags. Thanks again for your info and allowing public input to help make a tough difficult decisions

Jake Russell
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Comment:

Keep the drawing process tthat way it is currently is. Dont change it just because a couple people are complaining because they dont get a tag in their back yard every year. The 2 new proposal options will ruin a lot of hunting for many people and families. Also it would be good if these commissions the GFP puts together were voted for publicly and of the GFP would actually show their research data rather than just talk about it. Every pibloc poll i have seen about thos topic has been in favor of no changes, yet the GFP says otherwise. Also stop lying to the public, saying that this will be a trial for 3 years is plain and simple a lie. History has shown that the SDGFP never changes anything back to what it used to be and now they are showing that the SD sportsmans voice does not matter If anyone from SDGFP would like to contact me about this to prove that these comments don't fall on deaf ears my number is (605)645-4545

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Comment:

Please do not change the deer drawing and leave it the way it is we have a fair draw for everyone and it's a great system ... the new system will therefore make a lot of young and old hunters quit hunting in our great state

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Comment:

Please leave the draw the way it is. Being able to apply west and east river is great. What worries me is what happens when I chose west river as my draw and don't draw I don't have a chance to harvest a deer east river. My family does not buy beef. We live on burger from 2 deer I hopefully get a year. (West river and east river). Please leave the draw as is. Thank you.

Jared Kaiser
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Comment:

I strongly oppose the proposed changes to the deer tag application system. This change is not necessary and only hurts people who hunt multiple seasons within the state. Everyone has a choice whether or not they only want to hunt 1 season and not apply for other seasons. This is going to negatively impact a lot of hunters and is going to do nothing but make them spend their money out of state on hunting seasons.

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Comment:

I do not understand why the limited draw refuge such as sand lake or waubay are included in this proposed change. I like to hunt sand lake and have recently begin applying for muzzle loader. These seasons do not coincide with either the East River or West river seasons. I do not see any advantages to this new proposal except for a limited few that only apply for one county that will still be a hard draw anyways. Please leave the current system alone. Thank you

Trent Kuchta
Parker SD

Comment:

I am against the change of the current tag drawing structure

Ray Degreeef

Wilmot SD

Comment:

oppose Proposal to the amount of deer license issued to residents

Curtis L. Kempf

Aberdeen SD

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Comment:

Please please leave the drawing procedure the way it is.

Steven Chilson

Watertown SD

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Comment:

The deer application system we have in place now works just fine, is fair , and gives everyone an equal opportunity to draw a license. It was my understanding that one of the goals of the GFP was to create opportunity for the sportsmen and women of S Dakota to enjoy the outdoors. The current system gives everybody the opportunity to apply for as many tags as they can. Whether they apply for 1 tag or more, it is their decision. Don't restrict other peoples opportunity to apply for only 1 also. I hunt east river, west river, and muzzle loader deer. I do not hunt waterfowl, doves, or pheasants. I apply for 3 deer tags every year. I am a buck hunter and will shoot a doe on last day only if deer numbers are high. Some years I get 3 tags, some years none. Killing a deer is not the important part of my hunt. Its the opportunity to hunt and get outdoors. That opportunity would be cut by 66% at minimum. (I would only get 1 buck tag a year. Decreasing a persons opportunity to hunt goes against the GFP goal doesn't it?? I would have to make a choice between East and West river Deer. I would never get to hunt muzzleloader again because I would not risk taking a chance for 1 of the 1000 tags available statewide and then not getting any buck tags. (muzzleloader for sale?) I would probably hunt east river deer because of family. I would have to give up west river deer because there would be no buck tags left for the 3rd draw. Friendships with the ranchers out west that have been made over the years would be lost. (Landowner - sportsmens relations gone??? Didn't GFP promote this also? I'm sure a lot of West River Ranchers won't be happy with not having their normal east river friends coming out to visit and hunt in the fall. Why is this even being looked at when only 43% of the people though it was a problem. I'm guessing some people complain when they don't get a buck tag and someone else gets more than 1. (do these people complain when they don't win the lottery too?) Solution = quit complaining and apply for more than 1 yourself. The real solution is to increase the deer numbers so everyone has a better chance to draw one. Letting youth shoot up to 7 does each a few years ago probably was not the thing to do. (I'm all for the youth hunting, but 7? What more did they learn from shooting 7 than say 2)? Again, I am opposed to the new proposed app process. Don't fix what isn't broke. thanks again. Steve Chilson

Harry Decker

Pierre SD

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Comment:

I fully support "Alternative B" to change the deer tag drawing system. I'm a public land hunter who likes to draw multiple tags and I think this new draw process will be great for me and many others. A process to allow more hunters a better chance of drawing at least one buck tag every year is a great idea. Thank you,
Harry Decker

Charles Hamre

Canton SD

hamrec27@hotmail.com

Comment:

oppose

Cory Olinger

Sioux Falls SD

Comment:

oppose

Russ Roberts

Saint Onge SD

wgo@mato.com

Comment:

In order to provide better opportunities to all hunters statewide in drawing their most preferred deer license on a yearly basis I very much support the commission adopting plan #2 of the 3 choices provided to include East River deer, West River deer, Black Hills deer, Muzzleloader, Refuge deer and Custer State Park in the first application process. This will provide more opportunity for all hunters drawing preferred licenses.

Sallie Doty

Pierre SD

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Comment:

I strongly oppose changes to the deer tag allocation process.

Justin Murphy

Crooks SD

justintmurphy@outlook.com

Comment:

Commission, I have started a petition in opposition of the proposed deer tag allocation. In less than 14 hours the petition has received over 2,200 signatures. Those signatures are sportsmen who agree that the proposal is not in our best interest. I hope you will see the strong opposition the people of this state have taken against the current proposal and leave the system as it currently is. If you care to see the petition it is located at <https://www.change.org/p/south-dakota-gfp-commission-south-dakota-deer-tag-allocation-opposition>. Thank you and hopefully the voices of South Dakota Sportsmen is heard and listened.

Richard Tieszen

Pierre SD

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Comment:

option 2 this best attempts to resolve the problem AND permits the sportsman to make priority decisions of application.

Benjamin Kaiser

Pierre SD

Comment:

There is nothing wrong with the current system and the proposal was done with only a minimal survey without further consideration

Jason Herr

Sioux Falls SD

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Comment:

the proposed change to deer tag draw is not what most want. i have talked to 77 fellow hunters only 1 favors the new proposed change. that is 76 to 1 against.. the new system hurts the hunters that contribute the most to sdgfp. those who hunt east river, west, black hills etc.. the chances of them hunters getting there desired east river and west river tags is greatly diminished. this proposal favors the hunters who hunt only 1 unit. the majority is by far against this. the current system gives everybody a same chance at every draw. dont punish the hunters who hunt the most and contribute the most money. alot of people are saying we will hunt out of state or indian land if this goes through

Rick Hiltunen

Howard SD

rustysstore@alliancecom.net

Comment:

I oppose any changes in the way SD deer licenses are drawn, leave it the way it is.

Rusty Hiltunen

Howard SD

rustysstore@alliancecom.net

Comment:

Completely oppose this change !!

Public Comments

Deer License Allocation

Jack Dokken

Pierre SD

Comment:

If this proposal passes, you will see deer hunters hunt other states for the chance at harvesting additional bucks. Many hunters have no interest in killing doe because it weakens their deer heard. So, us hunters that don't believe in eating beef, or any meat not processed by ourselves will hunt other states. Hunters that utilize both sides of the MO River will be saddened if this proposal passes.

James Stanton

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Comment:

As I write this comment I have just come from a meeting of local folks complaining about the proposed changes to Deer license drawing changes. I fully support the changes as it will help in many folks getting their first preference license for an any deer tag without waiting numerous years to do so. Several changes I would like to further see would include the following: Establish a limit on the number of "any deer" archery tags for residents, and limit the number of non-resident tags for non-resident applicants to 8% based on SD having so much federal property. Archery hunters seem to believe that they are entitled to an "any deer" tag for archery each year and then also want to receive additional tags for "any deer" in other muzzleloader or rifle seasons. Archery hunters in 2018 receive a period of 4 months to pursue their "any deer", therefore they should be complacent in receiving just that ONE any deer tag. I currently have six years preference on muzzleloader ST1 license and am more than a bit tiffed on archery hunters feeling they are entitled to a license each year. They are more than entitled to their method of hunting, I am entitled to mine, but we should all be entitled on an equal basis. I also have two years preference for a east river rifle tag which I will probably be awarded this year. I really don't need to have two "any deer" tags in the event I am also drawn for the muzzleloader tag, but I have to keep applying as I don't know if I will receive both, one, or none.

Why not simplify the system and have each individual hunter prioritize their preference to a single "any deer" tag. If you want archery you get to hunt for 4 months for your trophy, if you choose muzzleloader your get the last season and one month to hunt for your trophy, if you want to hunt with a centerfire rifle you get about two weeks, with three weekends to harvest your trophy. In a perfect world everybody would receive their ONE preference tag. Because we don't live in a perfect world and no doubt some folks will not receive their ONE preference tag. Any remaining "any deer tags" go to a second draw for those listing a second choice.

Unsuccessful applicants would naturally receive a preference point for the following year. The major change I am promoting is that NO ONE APPLICANT will be allowed to draw more than one preference "any deer" tag. This same applicant might get lucky and draw additional "any deer" tags in a second or subsequent drawings, but only after applicants that had not yet received an "any deer" tag. Naturally whatever system you come up with is never going to be perfect and their will always be controversy with it. My feelings are purely based on parity of one hunter to another hunter receiving their ONE PREFERENCE RELATED "ANY DEER" TAG. I don't care with what weapon they choose to hunt with, I don't care if they want West or East river, what I do want is equal access on a relatively level playing field in gaining a license.

Jeff Nelson

Parker SD

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Comment:

I am writing you today to voice my opinion about the 2018 Deer Tag allocation proposal. I decided to look into the commission's reason for drawing up said proposal. My findings are alarming and upsetting. You are trying to "fix" something that is not broken. You have decided to take away opportunities for our residents of South Dakota by giving them only one chance at a tag and opening up more opportunities for non-residents. You decided to listen to only the people who apply for one tag every year instead of the people who spend the most money on preference points and licenses, the ones who try to get multiple tags every year! Little do the ones who apply for only one tag know their chance of drawing that tag only increases by less than 20% on average depending on the county. Not only that when a tag does not get drawn in the first round in your proposal it gets pushed back to the second round where a non-resident can apply for it with a better chance than that of a tax paying resident who wanted the tag in the first place. You are only trying to help a small number of the hunters in our great state. Your proposal is a huge step backwards for the outdoor community that brings so much money to our economy. I feel as if you are trying to over-regulate our resources. Deer numbers are fine, tag allocation system is fine so why do the hunters that buy more than one tag have to be victims? Not to mention the proposal negatively affects the more important thing, the memories our residents of South Dakota make on these outdoor excursions. Please listen to the people and reconsider your proposal. I recommend you yourself access social media (i.e. Facebook) and read many of the comments left by our hunters. It sure seems like a majority are against this proposal. You may be allowing more hunters, but less hunting for those of us who have been loyal and willing to support the GFP by buying multiple tags per year. I hope your reasoning behind all of this is not monetary based, but I won't get into that on this email, as you should be reading the other emails that are being sent to you in opposition of this proposal.

Scott Andral

Salem SD

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Comment:

I did not start Deer hunting till 2005. I started out East River then in 2009 began hunting West River and have hunted both sides of the State since. Going out West is my get away a time and i get to spend with my brother in laws. East River is my hunt i do on my own but soon will take my daughter out with me to Hunt. I wold hate to see hunters like me have to choose between the East and West hunt. Not all years i get both tags and not all years i shoot 2 Deer. Actually i have only harvested 2 Deer in 2 seasons since 2009. I have always been proud of where i live and have an opportunity to hunt. Please leave the current Draw structure the way it is. Concerned citizen and hunter.

Casey Jorgensen

Sioux Falls SD

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Comment:

I don't think Deer Hunters should be forced to choose one favorite deer season and apply for that, it should be left up to luck of the DRAW!! Please leave it alone.

Mark Peterson
Aberdeen SD

Comment:

This is a scheme to get more non-resident tags open for pay hunting. The system is fine the way it is and the department misrepresented the numbers in the previous meetings. More people by pure numbers were against this change when you add up the meeting numbers and the online numbers yet you still go ahead with this plan. Your job is to do the will of the people, not the few that are trying to sell and make money off pay hunting.

Josh Jutting
Watertown SD

Comment:

I think if this goes through sdgfp will lose a portion of the resident hunters that do apply for all of the firearm seasons

Bruce Gloege
Brandon SD
bruceg@perspective-inc.com

Comment:

I strongly oppose the changing of the deer drawing structure. Please leave as-is.

Martin Hesby

Brookings SD

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Comment:

I am writing you to request your support of resident deer hunters asking you to vote for NO CHANGE to the existing deer season structure in our great state of SD. Secondly, I want to put a spin on GFP data for a minute (since their presentation is all spin, to help them get what they want, here is another perspective). The sole reason we are even in any sort of dilemma is due to GFP's own miss management of the deer resource (over harvesting doe populations for about a decade, all across our state), coupled with a natural disease (EHD) that killed deer at extreme levels over the past 5 years, along with the introduction of the Mt Lion in the Black hills (remember, Black Hills tags were automatic for decades until the Mt Lion reduced the number of deer and elk in the Hills dramaticall). GFP would argue these factors are not as extreme as it sounds, however hunters and landowners in the field would tell you otherwise. These 3 factors are a fact, and GFP moved too slowly to reduce deer tags when EHD struck, and continued to over harvest deer in almost every county in our state to finance their capitol budget (When they use to offer 2,500 overall tags, excluding archery and youth, in Kingsbury County alone, and now offer about 500, it is of course harder to draw)! Common sense needs to prevail here.. My point is that instead of changing around the existing structure that we have enjoyed for decades, focus on rebuilding our precious deer population and in some cases do not let anyone harvest doe's for a few years to help the population build back up. We don't need a new structure, we need to improve the population to the levels of 10 years ago, which would provide more opportunity for all. Hunters all understand it is hard to draw due to the decrease of deer population, so the existing structure works. Don't screw up something that isn't broken, rather focus on actually "managing" the resource, not revenue generated from tags to run the department. GFP's entire proposal is them waiving the white flag on trying to improve and increase overall deer numbers. Their data showing deer hunters declining, along with deer hunter draw success declining over the past 10 years, is in direct correlation to their lack of deer management all the while our deer numbers have been decimated. Of course the graphs will show it is harder to draw a tag, when GFP finally started reducing total tags in an effort to actually manage the resource, not capitol revenue. Problem is that the reduction in tags was about 5 years too late, then EHD hit twice in a 3 yer span. Also, they are sneaking in 8% of all tags going to non-residents! In the fine print of course! NO NON-RESIDENT should EVER draw a single deer tag over a RESIDENT hunter, EVER! This proposal is wreck-less, not what the resident hunters want, decreases opportunity for residents, and is a bad deal for deer hunters overall. Please support the resident hunter here, read all the public comments, and hold GFP accountable! Don't disappoint residents, like what happened with the Non-Resident Waterfowl issue (that was shameful). They have taken more and more opportunity away from resident hunters in this great state over the past decade, please help put an end to that! The only thing more extreme GFP could do is include archery tags into this mix and limit deer hunters to only 1 buck tag... My fear is that with this change if it gets pushed through by GFP, we are only 1 quick step away from that reality.... And I don't like the way that book reads. Sincerely and respectfully!

Merris Miller

Lennox SD

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Comment:

support

Warren Schneider

Sioux Falls SD

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Comment:

I oppose the changes you want to make to the system

Dave Deboer

Sioux Falls SD

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Comment:

I don't see how the new system is an improvement on what we currently have. if its not broke why fix it.

Justin Mettler

Sioux Falls SD

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Comment:

I do not want to see a change in the way deer tags/drawings are held.

Jerry Hout

Sioux Falls SD

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Comment:

I would like the present deer drawing system remain as it is.

Jeff Berg

Sioux Falls SD

jeberg@smithfield.com

Comment:

I oppose changing of the deer drawing structure for South Dakota, No change Please.

Mike Swanson

Sioux Falls SD

Swany5218@hotmail.com

Comment:

oppose

Kevin Severy
Harrisburg SD
ksevery@winsupplyinc.com

Comment:

I oppose changing of the deer drawing structure for South Dakota, No change Please...

Larry Prokop
Sioux Falls SD
Buzzgsp@gmail.com

Comment:

I oppose the proposed changes for the current lottery system

David Carda
Yankton SD
davidcarda@kolbergpioneer.com

Comment:

I would like the current application process to stay in place. I apply for multiple seasons and would not like to pick just one. I'm OK with not getting an ER deer season every year since I usually get one of the other seasons. I like the variety we currently get with the current process. Please leave it as is.
Thank you,
Dave Carda
605-660-6820

Andy Vandel
Pierre SD
andyvandel@gmail.com

Comment:

I would like to express my support for the proposal to restructure the deer license drawing. I believe that after the first couple years of the new system people will realize they are getting the tags they want more often. Since the preference point system will remain for each tag type, it will still allow people to get different high demand tags just not in the same year. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.
Andy Vandel
308 N. Johnson Ave.
Pierre, SD

Darrel Reinke
Ft. Pierre SD
Darrel@reinkegray.com

Comment:

oppose

Tim Brown

Watertown SD

Fowlhunter3@hotmail.com

Comment:

I don't agree with the new allocation of this proposal allocating 8% more deer tags to non residents that used to be residents. I also think that residents shouldn't have to choose between hunting west river or east river. They are two very different hunts and species of deer to hunt. And it is one of the reasons that many of us live in this state to enjoy the diversity of hunting that this state offers residents. It's not right to take that away from the residents of this great state.

Joe Hulscher

Colton SD

jhulscher@sio.midco.net

Comment:

I oppose changing of the deer drawing structure for South Dakota. I feel it is fair way of managing our deer population. Please NO changes. Thanks

Earl Wilson

Sioux Falls SD

Comment:

Just heard of the possible changes. I only apply for one season a year but I'm still against any change to the system that is in place now. My sons like to have the chance to hunt east and west river each year. Why limit their hunting?

Randy Kludt

Winner SD

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Comment:

LEAVE AS IS

Thomas Wollman

Sioux Falls SD

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Comment:

I am opposed to the proposed modification to the current deer license structure.

Brian Phinney

Mitchell SD

bushgrizz@gmail.com

Comment:

oppose

Phillip Schroeder

Pierre SD

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Comment:

From my personal experiences over the past few months, social media responses, and petitions being circulated it is evident that there is a considerable amount of opposition to this proposal. I myself am opposed to the proposal as well and believe that the gfp commission and related parties should take the public's concerns with this proposal seriously. The increased regulation into the sd deer season is pushing many hunters away. It feels as if the gfp is trying to push this proposal through, even though there is evident opposition at a large scale across the state.

Mike Kerrigan

Canistota SD

bradley370@gmail.com

Comment:

oppose

Joseph Bullert

Sioux Falls SD

JoeyBullert@gmail.com

Comment:

I see one reason for this being pushed through and it's money. It's not about conservation, sport men or anything else. This is 100% money. The commissioners are trying to raise as much money as possible for the guides and the state. The reality is this will only benefit outfitters or out of staters who have to pay more MONEY! Get real here. I hunt and fish in Webster. I hunt predominately private land but I backpack hunt out west. The last thing I want is running into more out of staters. This will also DEplete the game. Do you people not get this? This is the single biggest mistake and form of corruption that I've seen. Do the right thing and stop this money hungry scheme.

Greg Schweiss
Rapid City SD

Comment:

Since I look forward to a Family (wife, kids, siblings) West River Deer Hunt every year, I would need to put that down as my first choice, meaning it would be highly unlikely that I could ever draw a Buck tag for the Black Hills season going forward. That would be highly disappointing to me and would eliminate one of my favorite hunting experiences.

Tim Tollefsrud
Pierre SD
pheasanttaildesigns@q.com

Comment:

I support this change 100%. Should do the same with the elk application process asap.

Sara Heil
Hill City SD
hersmr@hotmail.com

Comment:

I am not sure why these changes have been proposed or which hunters have been approached in regards to these changes. No one that we know supports the suggested changes. Leave the seasons as they are. It is ridiculous that these changes have been given serious consideration. Love that hunting is going to become more restrictive...let me explain, Wyoming is going to be gaining a lot of hunting income that South Dakota could use. So go for it, Wyoming, here we come.

Jeffrey Sorensen
Viborg SD
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Comment:

Please leave the process as it is currently.

Justin Brown
Freeman SD
Browner1387@icloud.com

Comment:

Please do not change the draw structures, all you are going to do is let more out of state hunters in, and with that making more private land owners made with gates left open and more trespassing.

Rick Kline

Yankton SD

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Comment:

If only 11% of applicants apply both east and west river deer, why are we even considering a new proposal. If it's not broke don't fix it. I oppose the new changes.

Aaron Hettinger

White Lake SD

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Comment:

oppose

Rita Duck

Faith SD

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Comment:

leave as is!!!! don't fix what is not broken

Dylan Cavanaugh

Aberdeen SD

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Comment:

I oppose the lumping of all 6 deer licenses together in one draw. I would be in favor of the middle ground proposal that lumped ERD, WRD and the Black Hills into 1 draw. It's my opinion that Custer, Refuge, and Muzzleloader should be left separate in their own draws as they are special hunts/units.

Joe Denison

Arlington SD

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Comment:

I think the state is getting greedy at this in this change and I oppose the change

Andrew Schuman

Geddes SD

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Comment:

This will drive down the number of deer. Instead of having the option to be selective in his harvest with having multiple seasons, guys will only have one tag and most likely fill with whatever walks by further degrading the quality of deer in this state. Not to mention killing the tradition in our state of being able on a hunting trip each year. Most guys will chose to stay close to home. Just seems like a push for East river non-resident tags and tax revenue. Leave it alone.

Chris Gerber

Delmont SD

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Comment:

Leave it alone!

Jared Holsing

Sioux Falls SD

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Comment:

This limits individuals from getting a license. It does not help get licenses for the applicants preferred license type. This proposal needs to be dropped, it is 100% the wrong thing to do for the residents of SD. No mention of how land owner preference is handled. It just seems very thrown together and not thought through.

Bradley Bond

Rapid City SD

Bondbassmaster@gmail.com

Comment:

This is a great proposal which will allow hunters the chance to get a tag every year. I am concerned that people can still get unlimited licenses after the 4th drawing.

Ron Laurtsen

Custer SD

Comment:

I have a daughter who is 11 years old and I would like to have a fairer chance for her to get a Black Hills deer tag.

Chris Nelson

Platte SD

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Comment:

If it is not broke don't try to fix it. This proposal would decrease the amount of money that my family and I give to SDGFP by 2/3 I believe that in the end it will cost the SDGFP significantly in lost revenue.

Blake Fliehs

Stratford SD

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Comment:

I strongly oppose this change to the draw system. The current lottery system, where you build preference points and eventually get the tag you want, works. I only see the proposed method helping out of state applicants. I think keeping tags in the residents hands, the people who take care of the ground that produces the food and habitat for the deer should be first and foremost.

Joshua Nygaard

Beresford SD

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Comment:

Just leave it alone it's been that way forever no point in changing it and giving everyone more restrictions on what they can apply for

Cody Vostad

Canton SD

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Comment:

My family and I basically live off of deer meat. We apply for every season we can every year; west river, east river, black hills deer, archery deer, muzzle loader deer, elk, antelope. If we couldn't only apply for one of them the first draw then I'm afraid we wouldn't be able to get as many tags because they'll all be gone by the 3rd draw. We love going out and hunting in South Dakota and all getting together. The more times the better. This year so far we have antelope, archery, and west river deer. Please don't do this proposed change. I do not agree with it at all.

Jason Larkin

Sioux Falls SD

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Comment:

Deer Allocation. This change would be detrimental to all the resident deer hunters in the state. To have to pick one tag between all the units is the dumbest thing I've ever heard of. Buying preference points for counties you don't hunt one year

John Pfitzer

Huron SD

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Comment:

I live in Beadle county. I do not hunt in Beadle county because I go back "home" to Walworth county to hunt east river deer and Corson County to hunt west river deer. I do not believe the new policy is going to benefit me and my kids. The Any Deer tag in Walworth county is a highly sought after tag in Walworth county and I believe that is due to most of the applicants for that tag live in Walworth county. They will apply for that tag before they apply for a west river tag. And the same probably goes for most counties. I am perfectly fine waiting a few years for a Walworth county Any Deer tag because I can currently apply for a tag in corson county in the first drawing and get a west river tag. With the new system, I won't be able to do that, and I may not get any tags. I do not believe this system has been completely thought through and I have spoken to a lot of other hunters about it and none of them are happy. I have not spoken with one person who likes the proposal. If you are making things better for the hunters, I should be able to find one person who is happy with the changes. I cannot. Many of these people have said they have contacted the SDGFP about their opposition to the new structure. They all say the same thing about the game and fish response. There is none. We all believe this is a done deal and game and fish is just going through the motions to make everyone think they did their due diligence. This whole thing is a farce and probably motivated by political money somewhere.

Kyle Gutormson

Brookings SD

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Comment:

I believe the tag system is fine the way it is and doesn't need to be altered, I hunt east, west, and black hills deer every year, or every year I draw a tag. Should make a law to increase the maturity age on deer allowed to be harvested. It would increase the size of bucks and help the deer herds by only harvest the mature bucks and maybe add more doe tags. Deer are born at a 1:1 doe to buck ratio, many places in the state the ratio is closer to 6:1 and the does need to be managed to keep our herds healthy.

Michael Cook
Rapid City SD

Comment:

Please do not change the deer drawing system !!!!! Unless you plan to greatly increase the amount of tags allocated to each unit you will not solve anything. Under your proposal An individual would be be luck to get one tag every other yr. There would NEVER be any preferred tags available in the leftover drawings. Or as a second choice for that matter. I say again DON'T CHANGE THE DRAW!!!

Craig Haiar
Mitchell SD
chaiar270@gmail.com

Comment:

Do not cater to a few land owners that provide guided hunts. There is not a problem with the current process.

Dan Trudeau
Jefferson SD
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Comment:

I'm not sure why this is being proposed. I've been hunting both east and west river deer for more than 20 years, and even though I'm not always able to draw my preferred tag I've never not had the opportunity to hunt deer somewhere. I think it needs to stay the same. I'm yet to talk to another hunter who thinks the proposal is a good idea. If you want a true opinion of the people have a vote for all hunters in South Dakota not just the people who will have the time and means to attend one of your meetings. Send an absentee ballot to everyone!

David Bonen
Hosmer SD
bonen@valleytel.net

Comment:

support

Dustin Christopherson
Pierre SD
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Comment:

It is already difficult to obtain all the deer licenses we would like to get in a year with the exception of archery under the current structure. The new structure is basically asking to take some of the deer licenses from the serious hunters that are there for your management purposes and revenue purposes year in and year out so that other residents and non residents can "give it a whirl" if they feel the itch. I personally don't care for it.

Chris Podoll
Columbia SD
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Comment:

I do not support any changes to the current deer license draw system.

Jason Engbrecht
Pierre SD
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Comment:

Horrible idea It is a ridiculous idea. Lots of SD sportsmen have worked hard for years to maintain relationships with landowners to hunt big West river and East river. If you allow sportsman to hunt only one season it will promote paid deer hunting in sd.

Andrew Krier
Harrisburg SD
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Comment:

I fully oppose the proposed change for tag allocation. I believe it is a slap in the face to all South Dakota residents, especially with the number of people opposing this and you guys forcing it down our throats. The majority wants no change and yet

Paul Pierson
Belle Fourche SD
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Comment:

support

James Nelson
Rapid City SD
James.nelsoncb@gmail.com

Comment:

Majority of the people don't want this to happen. You should really listen to the people on what we want and not just on what you commissioners want. A few of you decide this major change instead of thousands who oppose this is just embarrassing.

Jon Haverly
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Comment:

This is a solution in search of a problem. It seeks to impose complication in a process that works just fine as it is. I can tolerate some disappointment in draw results and others should be able to as well without sniveling about it.

Matthew Kuchta
Irene SD
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Comment:

Leave the lottery system we have in place alone. There is nothing wrong with the way it is. Keep your money grubbing fingers out of it!!!!

David Lyon
Hudson SD
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Comment:

Like many, I hunt both East and West River. Under the current system I enter two choices for each and I'm done. With the proposed system I need to keep submitting to be in the subsequent draws (if I understand correctly). Additionally, knowing when you can and cannot draw is a bit confusing and I see you getting a lot more inquiries about why people aren't allowed to be included in leftover draws.

Brian Aker
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Comment:

We need to combine bow rifle and muzzle into 1 drawing. Hunters need to choose a season rather than being able to get a permit for each season. 1 hunter 1 deer regardless of how it is hunted.

Mike Rogers
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Comment:

I support this proposal however I don't think they need to eliminate the Special Buck Tag. Why is GFP taking away Special Buck Permits. These affect no one, only help land owner manage their herd. They don't affect the average hunter in drawing a tag, you can only hunt private property with permission from the land owner. Why take these out of the equation?

Kyle Rozeboom
Harrisburg SD

Comment:

I'm sure nobody will read this but I cannot find any benefit in this change. It seems as if it is made to appease out of staters and people who live in the hills. The "stats" that say 80% only apply for 1 season is ridiculous everyone I know that hunts applies for WR, ER, BH, and MZ. This will hurt the younger generation of hunters and push them away from keeping the traditions alive. I'm sure it is all a new skeem for the state to make money off its outdoorsman.

Tim Washburn
Sioux Falls SD
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Comment:

I am 71 years old and have hunted decades. The draw system that we have in place right now has worked well. Please do not change. I enjoy the opportunity to apply for more than one tag at a time.

Rob Bowden
Colman SD
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Comment:

I attended one of the meetings in Sioux Falls on this topic and the a strong majority of the group was opposed to this change. I think the way it's being presented is misleading and one sided. Myself and my family to include MANY extended family members hunt 2 or more of the regular deer seasons. Submitting applications in the current method is fast, easy and can be done all at once. The proposed changes are futile efforts which will cause more issues than they will solve. There are many hunters, those who pour exponentially more dollars into fees and licenses and the related economic impact through local commerce, who don't have a preference by season....but PER SEASON! If people choose to apply for a season or unit that has marginal success rates, they do so knowingly. I love hunting the hills and I know I will only get a tag about every 5 years....but I am not willing to give up a chance at all my other seasons to slightly increase my odds....however I like to still have a chance at drawing where I would not under the new system. Would it not make more sense to offer those who only want to hunt 1 unit or one season to forfeit the opportunity to apply in the other seasons by purchasing an any season preference point? This way they can pool all preference points toward any deer season/unit they choose while still giving those who hunt multiple seasons the opportunity to do so with similar odds as we have today? Essentially, rather than pooling the seasons together for draw, you are pooling preference points together. This would have a much more profound impact on the issue you are attempting to remedy because rather than simply shift the number of applicants around with a minimal net result, you will effectively change the number of applicants through purchase of preference vs applying.

Alex Hughes

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Comment:

I am opposed to this change in the deer licence system. I would rather hunt family land east river but still enjoy hunting west river and muzzle loader. If this goes though I will no longer apply for the black hills, west river, or muzzle loader.

Shane Voss

Hurley SD

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Comment:

I'm a life long South Dakota resident/avid hunter. I'm not in favor of this proposal. I believe it's going to limit South Dakota residents and open the door for more out of state deer hunters.

Daniel Buresh

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Comment:

The idea that the deer allocation needs to be changed is not being driven by sportsman who feel the need to change it. There are years i don't get any tags and years that I get multiple. It should remain as is. The system isn't broken so don't fix it. Thanks

David Walford

Flandreau SD

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Comment:

Oppose

Dan Knust

Ipswich SD

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Comment:

I enjoy hunting throughout South Dakota. I hunt mostly all public ground. I have worked my preference points out so that I can hunt at least 1 of the major seasons per year (Antelope, BH, WR & ER). I accept I may not get an ER tag but will usually draw one of the other tags. I have 3 sons under the age of 12 who love to hunt (or go along). Changing how we give licenses wont change if they hunt or not...how we manage the game we have will! Lets spend more time talking about ways to increase our pheasant population and get our deer herd back to a healthy number!!!! CRP!!!!

Alex Heilman

Sioux Falls SD

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Comment:

This proposal only limits our opportunities in this state no change is necessary.

Daniel Klosterman

Madison SD

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Comment:

Please do NOT approve of this new tag allocation. Took me 6 years to get my east river rifle tag (lake county) which is absolute nonsense. I also love hunting the black hills. Best revenue you can have is keeping your IN STATE HUNTERS hunting here

Allison Oleson

Lennox SD

Comment:

This feels like an unnecessary change to limit in state Hunter's tags

Brian Bohlmann

Yankton SD

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Comment:

Many people I know (hunting enthusiasts) are opposed to restructuring the deer draw. Please listen to us.
Thank you Brian Bohlmann

Mark Maggs
Springfield SD
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Comment:

Currently in South Dakota we have the opportunity to play our odds on drawing our deer tags. A guy knows that in BH county he will likely need 3 or 4 years preference to draw a tag. He also knows that he can pretty much be guaranteed a tag in a county like Meade or Gregory. He knows that if he wants to hunt antelope in Fall River county he's going to need 2 preference points. You get the picture, all the draw statistic information is available to him online. With this information the outdoorsman is able to decide what units he is going to apply for and which units he's going to purchase preference points in. He can not only plan this year's hunts, but also his hunts over the next several years and ensure that he's able to be in the field every year. It also offers the opportunity to hunt deer in 3 very different environments, each offering it's own unique set of challenges and experiences. This alone makes SD one of the greatest places to live for a Sportsman. By changing the allocation process you are throwing ALL the drawing statistics out the window and limiting the opportunities for sportsman to get in the field with family and friends. It's a shameful proposal and I will voice my opposition of it to anyone who will listen. Please reconsider changing the way we draw our deer tags. Feel free to email me back if you wish to defend your proposal.

Dan Waldman
Aberdeen SD
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Comment:

I oppose this proposal. This proposal is only going to take away opportunity for residents by limiting what seasons we can apply for and when, while allowing more non-residents to get tags in the 4th drawing. I feel this is what the commission is going for. There are other ways to free up tags for residents, like eliminating landowner preference for the General drawings (ERD, BHD, and WRD). This would free up 50% of the tags in every unit. A landowner wanting to hunt their land can still apply for the landowner any deer tag and the free doe tags. A small change to the LO season would need to be changed to allow landowners to hunt other private land with permission. This would allow landowners to hunt with friends and neighbors on their land. Maybe implementing some sort of incentives for landowners to improve habitat would cause the numbers of deer to increase thereby allowing more tags to be issued, which would increase drawing success rates. A reasonable increase in tag fees and preference point fees could help fund this. GFP could also consider starting the ERD, WRD, and BHD all on the same Saturday. This would not help drawing success but it would take pressure off public land. Again I oppose this proposal as written.

Will Hettinger
Pierre SD
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Comment:

It has been reported 46% of hunters support the changes. 54% DO NOT. The system works now, leave it alone.

Tim Melton

Salem SD

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Comment:

If muzzle loader is included, WHY not put bow hunting in there? They shouldn't be able to get multiple licenses.

Scott Rosenkranz

Sturgis SD

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Comment:

It is my understanding that it will be a benefit as you would now only have one first choice, minus archery. You couldn't have a first choice in both East and West River plus a blackpowder as well. I have not gotten drawn in the past and then talked to another who got both Black Hills and East River first time draw which has openers on different weekends so they can hunt both. If this is true I support it.

Matthew Krier

Sioux Falls SD

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Comment:

I am opposed to the changes. The way the tags are drawn now are not ideal but the proposed changes would be worse. I would propose adding more preference point groups in the draw or even change where if you drew a buck tag last year you have to wait a year to apply for a buck tag again

Matt Baumgarn

Webster SD

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Comment:

I do not agree with changing the way SD draws for deer tags. The way it was and has been has been working well for most. Some people that complain will complain no matter what you do to try and change it. I also don't get a tag every year but know that is part of the lottery and maybe a person could look at other units where successes are better. I feel changing this will only hinder SD and this is one step to pay to hunt for outfitters and guides. This will take the ability for the kid that grows up without land to hunt from being able to ever experience the great outdoors and the comradery of the hunts. Please leave this the same for future generation.

Danny McLaughlin

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Comment:

This whole bar individuals from being able to go home and hunt with their family. Individuals who grow up West River but go to school East River or have a job on the East River Side will have to decide about being able to be successful in their draw to hunt one maybe two weekends on the ground they grew up on or having to just not hunt with their family so that they have an opportunity to possibly go out hunting a few more times because they only have to travel a short distance from where they work or go to school. this just like paying for preference points is going to deteriorate the family and comradere aspect of hunting.

Kevin Coon

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Comment:

I oppose changing of the deer drawing structure for South Dakota, No change Please!

Joe Arbach

Hoven SD

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Comment:

Please leave as is.

Shane Lillebo

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Comment:

oppose

Clayton Larson

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Comment:

Why do you feel this will help anything. Leave the deer drawings as they are or people will start leaving the state to hunt who are actually residents. It seems the residents are the ones who suffer. GFP will do anything for an out of stater. I have stuck up for the GFP for a long time but it is getting pretty hard these days. As someone said to me once, let them start managing prairie dogs so we can get rid of them too.

Fred Hantke
Harford SD
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Comment:

I think I should be able to have an east and west river tag prior to non residents.

Darren Haar
Rapid City SD

Comment:

support

Bryan David
Harrisburg SD
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Comment:

This system seems unnecessary, its focus is entirely on hunter numbers. If there are 100 participating hunters in the state changing the system is not going to get magically change the number of participating hunters to 200. Hunting is on the decline and has nothing to do with the current system but everything to do with today's society,

Darcy Kuyper
Platte SD
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Comment:

support

Justin Scheff
Montrose SD
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Comment:

add bow season too, with all the cameras and the abilities of bows they need to be add too the drawing process. Why should bow hunters be guaranteed a buck tag every year

Wyatt Torticill

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Comment:

support

Adam Golay

Sioux Falls SD

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Comment:

There is no reason to change the deer allocation. The majority of hunters do not want this changed according to the survey gfp did. 57% don't want it changed which includes me. I absolutely do not want it changed. So why change it for the 43% that might want it changed. This will cause the gfp to lose money too since they won't sell as many preference points because you won't be able to use them since you can only hunt for 1 buck per year under the proposal. I won't buy any preference points anymore if this passes so you will lose that extra \$15-\$20 year from me & im sure many more hunters. Where is gfp going to make up for that lost revenue? The best option is to not change deer allocation & leave it the way we currently have it. Changing it doesn't even make it easier to get a tag necessarily. It might help with west river around rapid city or black hills but that guy applying for moody county every year will still only get a tag every 2-3 years. This solves nothing for east river & a matter of fact it might make it even harder to get an east river tag since that's the tag that most east river people will choose. People thinking they'll get their minnehaha county tag every year if this passes are being lied to by gfp, this change won't make east river any easier to draw.

Raymond McLaughlin

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Comment:

support

David Potts

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Comment:

this does affect preference points as I will no longer apply for east river deer if it means that I cannot apply for west river deer. there will be no leftover tags for my preferred east river county by statistics. so any points I have will be unused. this whole thing is a terrible idea and no one I have spoke to has one good thing to say about it. you are only appeasing the people who do not want to look for new hunting grounds and only hunt one season. what of the thousands who apply for all deer seasons and are willing to travel (hotels-food-gas-etc) to do so. look at the big picture. you stand to lose much more than you gain making big city hunters happy.

James Vis

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Comment:

You guys are doing a great job, thanks for actually trying something different. I fully support the change in drawing tags.

Tyler Fischer

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Comment:

Seems as though in-state hunters are going to have to choose 1 season/unit to hunt per year instead of enjoying several opportunities to hunt with different parties in different environments and species. I think it will increase total number of hunters (especially out of state hunter numbers) which will put undo pressure and stress on our landowners. This will lead to MORE trespassing violations statewide which our state shortage of Experienced Conservation Officers will not be able to handle. Please leave the drawings the way they currently are and let preference points choose who gets to hunt where as intended.

Robert Fischer

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Comment:

While I'm ok with either east river or west river but not include black hills and black powder

Clint Buchholz

Highmore SD

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Comment:

I don't like the idea that if I draw in first drawing, I can't apply in second drawing. Example so if I want to apply for East River, West River and Black Hills, I draw one of these, my chances of drawing my preferred tag in my second area is slim to none, even in third or fourth draw. It is hard enough in some units to draw anyway, why are you making it more difficult? You are basically pushing everyone that wants to hunt multiple areas into applying for doe tags in their second areas, because that will be the only thing leftover. I could get on board with this if you make 2 changes. First, allow the second application for a different area in second draw. Second, get rid of the units, if you draw an East river tag, you can hunt any county east of the river, unless specified as a separate area. That will ease everyone's mind and probably pass.

Jeff Nugent
Piedmont SD

Comment:

oppose

Daniel Buresh
Madison SD
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Comment:

I wanted to mention that this is going to cause me to lose access to areas i hunt because I am going to lose my group. I hunt with my uncle west river, but he hunts with a different group east river. He is going to pick ER as his first choice so my chances of getting the west river group will be slim to none. Those of us who have different groups for different areas are going to be forced to choose which is most important while dissolving the rest.

Scott Egan
Sioux Falls SD

Comment:

just leave it the way it is. spend more time better managing the game numbers to increase them. that will equal more hunters, more income for GFP

Kalvin Kurtenbach
Mitchell SD
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Comment:

Please leave the deer season drawings for the next season the same as they have been everyone in my family opposes the new proposal. We do NOT want the way you draw for DEER license to change . Thank you

Roy Petersen
Ft. Pierre SD

Comment:

The draw is not broken, don't try to fix it!!!

Patrick Glasford

Crooks SD

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Comment:

I think this idea is very bad way to handle our deer tags. The current system works fine. I feel like the GFP is gonna do this no matter what and not listen to what the hunters want.

Clark Baker

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Comment:

This is way to complicated. Leave the old system in place. This change is not going to help.

Hunter Sperling

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Comment:

Year in and year out our state screws itself. If we can not get residents of the state their own tags if they apply then we better not be giving tags out to nonresidents. Landowners are being left in the dust on this as well. If someone owns the land and can't draw a tag anymore for their own property they just go kill the deer anyway. What is the reason for making a landowner draw a tag? I could go on and on about these things.

Chayson Hewer

Brandon SD

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Comment:

I think this needs a vote to the public since we are the ones affected by a possible change.

Rocky Rehfeldt

Sioux Falls SD

Comment:

I prefer the current process b/c I think it is a fair way for people to have multiple opportunities to hunt different counties. I am not sure what is attempting to accomplish by this, but appears from my end would decrease overal

Michael Kogelmann

Pierre SD

Comment:

oppose

Jared Bertelsen

Volga SD

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Comment:

Leave it as is I have talked to about 75 people about this and they all say leave it as is I should not have to choose a priority season you are trying to cater to a minority few leave it as is

Cody Hendrix

Sioux Falls SD

Comment:

This proposal reduces or eliminates the possibility of enjoying more than one firearm hunt in a single season (East River and West River for example). Given that, I am firmly against this proposal.

Earl Rider

Watertown SD

Comment:

WHY CHANGE THIS WHEN YOU ALWAYS HAVE DEER LICENSES LEFT IN SOME UNIT EVERY YEAR. THIS SHOULD BE A PUBLIC VOTE NOT DECIDED BY A FEW PEOPLE OF WHICH SOME ARE NOT IN THE FARM COMMUNITY

Jesse Travis

Humboldt SD

Comment:

oppose

Bret Graves

Pierre SD

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Comment:

I am in favor of the proposed changes. Being successful on first choice has declined over the years and I would like a better chance of being successful. I believe that would benefit most applicants, more often.

Leroy Dorale

Tea SD

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Comment:

having only one first chose, will change the number of tags i will apply for

Justin Boynton

Aberdeen SD

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Comment:

The proposal is penalizing everyone more than it's helping. You want to help keep tags available make landowners get there's through the landowner draw. Otherwise they are on the same playing field as everyone else. No more land owner preference in the regular draw. Also get the west river tag system set like the east river draw. Absolutely no out of state hunters until the 3rd draw. All of us that hunt, fish, and camp and spend money constantly should get first chance at tags. As a land owner that cares for and feeds the wild life and uses the land owner draw to leave tags for the public, I should not have to take a preference point and a second option because tags are set aside for non residents.

Patrick Ballensky

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Comment:

What the hell is wrong with you people leave things as they are . It will just cost money to change things,but I guess that doesn't concern you people. You don't have enough to do to come up with this crap.

Britt Bruner

Mitchell SD

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Comment:

Please do NOT change this! Many of us determine which licenses to apply for based on earlier success in drawing a tag. This is a solution looking for a problem. If it ain't broke, don't fix it!

Jeremy Wollman

Bonesteel SD

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Comment:

I hope the GFP can stand strong against all the uneducated hunters that are currently passing petitions around claiming the proposal helps out of state hunters. I wish more hunters would listen instead of fearing all change. The proposal is the better system for all hunters. You have my support.

Mary Sateren

Black Hawk SD

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Comment:

We own land in the hills & at Angustora Reservoir. We used to enjoy Thanksgiving each year, deer hunting at Angustora. It has taken me 8 years to get a tag there. At our home, we've been denied 3 years. At what point will you consider limiting the bow hunting licenses to give others a better chance? My husband is 72 years old & it seems rifle hunters are limited & bow hunters get tags all of the time. Thank you for trying to make this better for all...you do a great job.

Lee Kinney

Onida SD

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Comment:

Please leave it the way it is.

Tyler Richardson

Sioux Falls SD

Comment:

oppose

Ryan Krempges

Sioux Falls SD

Comment:

Do NOT change the current draw system for deer.

Wayne Lauck
Pierre SD

Comment:

support

Kirk Steege
Volga SD
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Comment:

I feel there is nothing wrong with the system we have in place.

Dean Houser
Dell Rapids SD

Comment:

Leave it the same

Dale Skoog
Milbank SD
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Comment:

It appears that non-residents will be able to participate in the first drawing for East River deer these tags are highly sought after and very difficult to get non-residents should not be able to participate in East River deer hunting . I believe there has to be some restrictions put on archery hunting many people who were unable to get a firearms tag started applying for archery tags but still apply for firearms today's archery hunters are very successful archery hunters Are not limited to one hunting unit how many tags does one Hunter need it won't be long and they will not be enough trees for all the tree stands

Steve Eide
Mount Vernon SD
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Comment:

This is completely unnecessary. Our systems works great the way it is. It gives the residents of this state multiple chances at drawing a big game license. We may not get exactly what we wanted each year, but we usually get something. Let's not screw up a good thing.Thank you

Dana Rogers

Hill City SD

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Comment:

Having been involved with the Deer Stakeholders Group, the Phillip Focus group and attending several commission meetings, I think I have a pretty good handle on the issue. The GFP Commission tasked the department with coming up with a proposal that will provide more hunters a better chance at a preferred license. Hunter survey's from 2010 and 2014 show the majority of hunters surveyed were in favor of this. (Though the HOW it would happen wasn't yet proposed). The statistics also clearly show that the vast majority of hunters ONLY apply for a single firearms season. While a sizeable number of hunters do apply for 2 or more, the numbers drop precipitously as the number of licenses increase. I am one of the few hundred that applies for all 6 seasons and buy points. I am willing to support the draw change to combined all seasons and force all of us to make a #1 and #2 choice for firearms license allocation, provided the following amendments are made to assuage concerns that MANY SD firearms hunters have. Under this proposal, a LOT more permits will fall to the 3rd, 4th, 5th and leftover drawing. Under our current system, there is an 8% cap on NR permits for WR, BH and RFD. NRs can't pick up other permits until the 3rd draw. With a combined system, the distinct possibility of many more "resident" licenses becoming available to "NRs" before all the resident hunters have a chance to purchase the tags they want is a very real fear and possibility. If the commission were to amend the current proposal to push down that opportunity for NRs to purchase resident licenses from the 4th draw to the 5th draw AND amend the rules to cap NRs at only being able to obtain ONE tag per year, I think you would find much broader support. The fear of losing opportunities to NRs and further providing commercialization of wildlife opportunities while locking out residents is a REAL threat and fear. I am whole heartedly in support of allowing more resident hunters the opportunity at a preferred license, even if it means limiting my draw opportunities slightly. There will still be plenty of tags left to purchase/draw more than one. BUT doing that at the expense of enabling more commercialization of our wildlife resources is not something I support. I don't envy your tough decision but you have all been appointed to a leadership position. I pray that you will make the best decision for the wildlife #1, then the citizen sportsmen of SD #2. At no time should any monetary gain through NR dollars be elevated over our resident opportunities. Thank You for your time and efforts!

Daniel J. Amen

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Comment:

I think it is a good idea. I would also like to see a slight increase in a license, to help offset the possible loss of revenue due to less preference point purchases and to help the SDGFP manage the Game & Fish we have in South Dakota!

Douglas Traub
Rapid City SD
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Comment:

The plan , as proposed, is going to create a disaster for deer hunters much like the current disaster for elk hunters. This system , as proposed, will create even more unrest among hunters . Hunters may have a slight increase in chances for drawing a particular tag, but the cost is going to be just like the current ELK application process. Thousands of hunters that used to draw their favorite deer tag every 2-3 years will now accumulate dozens of preference points (at ten bucks a pop or more), and still not get that desired one tag every year. There a limited number of deer, and natural disasters affect these numbers. There are many deer hunters desiring to hunt the same pool of deer. YOU MAY NOT DRAW THE TAG YOU WANT EVERY YEAR. (you won't in Montana, Wyoming or other states , either). changing to this system does not prevent even more hunters applying for your favorite coveted tag, leaving you with only a preference tag. This proposed system is flawed, will create huge pools of preference point holders and the possibility of drawing a desired deer tag is still NOT 100%.The reason you boast that over 40% of hunters desire this new system, is you have not pointed out the drawbacks clearly. The hunters have heard "oh, boy , this means I will draw in xyz county every year" which is not true. It means more preference points, which even if cubed, will not guarantee a deer tag for the desired county every year. No one in any of the "explanations" of this proposed system, understands the ramification of the change , nor have they communicated this to the hunters. (pardon - "future preference point holders") The proposed system is a bait and switch to suck in uninformed hunters, to a system which is much worse, and supported with propaganda.

Domanic Heim
Rapid City SD

Comment:

oppose

Don Hantzsche
Summerset SD
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Comment:

After reviewing this proposal over and over the only outcome I see is the limiting. Of deer tags forcing diverse hunters to a single season. Which means a hunter will be lucky to get a tag every other year. Currently I draw a blackhills tag every other year. So I also apply for a west river tag so I can hunt every year. Then you want to put muzzleloader (primitive weapon) in with rifle. Myself I started huntin with a muzzleloader after due to injuries I could no longer use a bow. So your taking another season away from me. I feed my family from from the rifle and muzzleloader tags. So this proposal also takes food out of my families mouth and increases our cost of feeding our family. This proposal is very detrimental to all the true hunters of South Dakota. I hear people complain they don't get a tag every year. The reason why is The only apply for a single tag in a hard to get unit. Their behavior will not change and the chances of them getting a tag every year will have even lower odds of success with these changes. So your going to penalize me because I hunt multiple seasons. I also see no data that backs or makes sense of this proposal. All that will be accomplished is ruining deer season for the realm dedicated hunters of South Dakota.

Terry Schutz

Eureka SD

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Comment:

The current system seems fair and I don't see this change as a positive for the majority to the sportsmen and women that hunt in this state. It only helps a few hunters that only apply for one season, one unit, and bother w/leftovers.

William Albers

Rapid City SD

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Comment:

This is a terrible idea. Leave everything the way it is. If some people can't seem to draw a license without preference points maybe they should apply for a different unit.

Buddy Shearer

Sioux Falls SD

Comment:

Very poor IDEA.

Matt Ashbaugh

Brandt SD

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Comment:

support

Spencer Vaa

Brookings SD

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Comment:

I do not support the draw structure where an applicant can select from only one of the 6 options (ER deer, WR deer, BH deer, Refuge deer, muzzleloader deer, CSP). I'd prefer to leave the current deer draw structure as it is. I could live with choosing from one of three options (ER deer, WR deer, BH deer).

Mike Rasmussen

Rapid City SD

Comment:

I prefer the best chance at my first choice I can get, higher success rates for first draw is better! This will give everyone a better chance at their preferred tag, and leave more tags available for second chance, making it much easier for everyone to get 1 tag.

Phillip Caster

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Comment:

I support the idea of the proposed changes. I have one major problem with the concept. My preferred 1st choice would be the muzzleloader season. . . Unfortunately this season starts last, after every one else has had first crack at the trophy bucks. This is a somewhat primitive hunt that currently takes place in the harshest time of the season. If you are going to implement the proposed changes, you need to give us muzzleloader hunters an early East and West River opportunity. I suggest two weeks in late October/early November. Otherwise I will never apply for a 1st choice muzzleloader draw. I believe we are long overdue this early season muzzleloader hunt for those that draw an any deer tag. The doe tag muzzleloader season can remain a December hunt. This is not the first time I have suggested this, and I'm sure there is gonna be near 100% support of this change among Muzzleloader hunters.

Torrey Wahl

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Comment:

Leave the deer lottery alone and the preference point system, it works just fine and it works like it should. If it's not broke don't fix it.

Bryan Schnell

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Comment:

I'm unclear on all of the changes and not sure I understand it clearly. I do understand the stated reason for the change is to give more applicants a better first draw chance. Yes, a majority said yes in your survey, but I think the questions was a bit loaded. If you asked if we wanted free steaks and beer also, you likely would have received a similar response. My biggest concern is what happens to preference points already accumulated. I have 3 active duty military sons and they have been accumulating points for the "some day" when they will be here and we can all hunt together. I'm extremely concerned this will affect that possibility. Please forward this to Commissioner Gary Jensen of RC. Thank you.

Terry Halvorson
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Comment:

So if I'm reading correctly if I get my first choice draw out of my normally 6 chances, I have to wait till 3 rd draw to try again I am strongly against this I would rather have more choices or chances on my first draw odds are better for me as I am one that has gotten 2 tags on first draw, all the units I apply for do not ever have a second draw so if it changes it will eliminate me for more than one tag, hunting in another state will probably be my best option if it passes, also the other 3 hunters I hunt with and my other friends

Jordin Stricherz
Revillo SD

Comment:

I feel this is not the proper change to be done. As many people I know get 2 tags per year, a West and east river. I feel you should be able to get a east river and west river tag and then have to decide weather to rifle, bp, muzzleloader, etc. Changing this will only open the door to a whole lot more poaching issues.

Matthew Anderson
Hartford SD

Comment:

Dear South Dakota Game Fish and Parks Commissioners. Please reject the proposal to require deer hunters to choose among deer hunting seasons in the first draw period. I support no change at this time, because none of the proposals are a benefit or needed. Also, I do not support the change made in January to the way preference points effects limited draw seasons. With the previous way of drawing deer tags, a person with the most preference points getting the tag, a hunter would have a good idea of when he or she would draw a tag. You would be able to plan and plot when you would draw. Now, you don't know when you will draw a firearm deer tag, it is all by chance, and with limiting to only one first draw selection, chances would be greater of not even drawing the preferred tags even with preference points. I feel the proposal is a roundabout way of limiting hunters to one firearm buck deer tag and have less hunters have multiple tags. Also, the proposal will limit opportunity for those who hunt with their family. Family hunts will be divided because each individual will have to choose only one first choice instead of applying for a tag for a family hunt and another preferred tag. A group of friends may also be divided because of only being able to choose one first draw choice. I have been asking other hunters their opinions about the new proposal. Most of them said they don't really understand it. Once explained to them, they have said they do not like it. The people who do understand the proposal have also been opposed to the idea. They want to keep the draw for tags the way it was and be able to apply for all firearm deer seasons. Everyone I have talked to also did not know of the change made in January to the draw and preference point system, most people do not like these changes and don't think it is fair. I have chosen another state to apply for tags and based my choice of states on how they do the tag draw system. I chose to only apply in another state with a true "top down" preference point system. I and others like to save up preference points and then "cash" them in for a tag when I want to draw the tag. Not save them up to only have a good chance at a tag or having to choose which bundle of preference points to use. The proposal would not benefit hunters so please reject the new proposal and consider to remove the changes the way preference points affect the limited draw seasons made in January.

Chris Kessler

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Comment:

Nothing is wrong with the current system we have. I hunt deer every year with a buck tag. I'm not sure what other hunters are doing with their applications but, I have not had much trouble planning ahead and hunting many counties from east to west and as far north to south that one can go in our state. I've hunted deer in SD for more than 25 years and do not want any changes brought about. The system is not broken. The only two issues that need correcting are the season dates for muzzle loader, that season should take place before rifle. I would like to see the landowners removed from the general draw. If they want to purchase landowner tags fine but, why privilege them anymore than anyone else. Last I checked we all were SD residents. The wild game belongs to us all. So in counties with BLM, School land, National Forest lands do the other hunters receive privilege over the few landowners? It's a general draw keep it that way.

Steve Beardsley

Rapid City SD

Comment:

Dear Commissioner: Please adopt the first proposal suggested by the commission regarding deer hunting applications. It only makes sense - so that a person does not get multiple licenses while others get none. I do not understand the concept of giving extra to a few and none to others. Why on earth should a hunter from west river get a license in east river and west river. ... while another hunter that lives in their part of the state gets no license. This should have been changed many years ago but better now than never. This year my son and I both applied for west river deer and were rejected. I assume that hunters who play the game of applying did get their tags. If you do not pass the new option then I suppose people like my son and I will have to begin to play that game as well. That makes no sense at all.

Dale Weber

Salem SD

Comment:

Dear GFP Commissioners, Speaking for me and my Weber family we would greatly appreciate that you leave the deer application process as is. There are 13 of us that love to hunt and we think the current system is the best for most deer hunters in South Dakota including us. Thanks for all you do from all of us.

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Comment:

This new way absolutely limits the amount of tags one person can obtain, hence the whole reason for doing it.

Blake Geary
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Comment:

Deer Draw Structure - No Change is needed. Me and my family enjoy hunting East River Deer season and also West River Deer season. Its been a family tradition for several years now. It's a totally different hunting experience between the two seasons. Don't try and fix something that isn't broke!

Dayne Weelborg
Bryant SD

Comment:

Respectfully I would like to concur with Wayne Lloyd, and Kurt Rahlf. I personally hunt all across the United States ???? and Canada ?????. There are many different systems across the states and provinces. I truly feel that the state of South Dakota has 1 thing on everyone else, the application process for the resident hunter. I will humbly admit that there are times you can't draw your 1st choice in your home county. But this process will not change the outcome for a many and quite possibly will worsen several situations. This appears to be another situation where the squeaky wheel gets the grease. Well I for one would like to take this moment to squeal.... and LOUD!! It would be a travesty if you went ahead with this system for the avid hunter; like Wayne refers to in his letter. Anyone who wishes to hunt in South Dakota is offered plenty of opportunity whether its in Brookings County or Ziebach County. There are opportunities for those that don't draw 1st choices. Many could get a great hunt on the 2nd choice and don't even put one down. I feel like as is also mentioned in the letter, that numbers can be skewed to show almost anything someone wants them to show. The fact is you will be alienating far more great South Dakotans if you follow through with this plan. I appreciate your consideration with all the true sportsman who want a voice in matters near and dear to our traditions and family heritage. I have four kids that I want to pass down our traditions to. West River deer hunts should be for everyone willing to put in the time and build the relationships. I feel strongly that Special Buck has no place in this matter considering who is sending in for the tags and the criteria necessary for getting the tag. And you also forfeit the regular county tags if drawn.
Thank You

Brent Reilly
Hartford SD

Comment:

Dear Commissioners, I am a life-long SD resident and I wanted to take the time to address the proposed changes to the various deer season draws in the state. I attempted to attend the local focus group discussion but I was not selected to participate. I have concerns about the proposed change to the deer draw process. On the surface, it makes sense and it is an easy story to tell. In reality, I believe it will do little to address what is a supply and demand imbalance in select units. The fact is, there are some units/seasons that have more demand than tags and this proposal is unlikely to meaningfully change it. The yet to be determined improvement in draw odds of these units will come at the expense of many SD hunters that hunt multiple deer seasons. This proposal specifically targets non-landowner hunters that hunt multiple deer seasons. Many of these cherished hunts have been going on for decades with family and friends. If adopted, many hunters are forced to determine which hunt they prefer. For hunters that have been attending these for years it seems a bit like having to pick your favorite child. One thing that SD is great about is the opportunity to go hunting. A hunter can hunt the prairie, the river systems or the Black Hills with excellent access to public hunting across the state. A hunter that can't draw a firearms buck tag annually is not working very hard to figure out a solution. This is no different than a WY elk hunter being upset that they can't draw

"their" elk unit every year even though they could hunt elk every year if they hunted a different WY unit. As a hunter you need to adapt, look at the publically available information about draw statistics and land access to figure out some options. Or conversely, if you're inflexible or focused on only one unit and/or tag type, to accept the fact that you can't draw a high demand unit every year. I disagree with the methodology of the data that was presented both in the video and in the proposal document. It appears to be a highly selected data set versus a true random sample, a terrible tactic for policy decisions. I'm sure folks were doing the best they could but one couldn't view the data as objective or statistically meaningful. For one, the two groups referenced were not randomly selected among the 57,689 deer hunters but rather were very likely to be hunters invested on one side of the issue or the other. The Focus Group consisted of 225 hunters which was 0.39% of all deer hunters. The Online Group was 613 or 1.06% if they were all unique users as one can take the survey multiple times. Even with those flaws in the data referenced, the results were basically split 50/50 yet the folks making the recommendations push for a change to a structure that's been in place for decades. I recall another survey being taken a couple of years back about satisfaction that was sent to all deer hunters, why are those results not referenced or included? What is the plan to address the changes to the GF&P's total revenue stream from deer tags? This is not mentioned once but it will be a material unintended consequence of this proposal. Once hunters figure out the new system there will have to be a major drop off in deer preference points (PP's) purchased if the proposal is adopted. Today, some hunters

either apply for multiple seasons and/or the PP's of the seasons looking to be combined into one draw. In the future it would be illogical to buy PP's for ones' lower preferred seasons as you will never draw them. The sell job is that nothing is changing with your PP's, the truth is they are now worthless outside of your top season or two even if you have been applying for some of the hard to draw seasons for years. Further, is there a plan to refund PP fees that hunters have paid and accumulated in past years? If the proposal goes through, it radically changes the basis for buying them in the first place. I recognize the easy thing in life is to disagree on something thing in the public domain but refuse to put any alternatives forward. Toward that end, here are some options that would also allow more folks to draw their first choice buck tag. To be clear, I'm not advocating for all of them but found it interesting they weren't brought forward as viable options. Alternatives to Consider

- Landowners are currently given preferential treatment in how the draws are conducted with a special allocation of 50% of the tags. If the GF&P would remove the landowner preference subsidy aspect of the draw, the problem would likely be solved. Landowners still have the ability to apply like all other hunters in the regular draw or if unsuccessful they have the unique ability to get a tag to hunt their own ground, just as they do with the current system. If we are redoing the whole draw system in the name of perceived fairness, the GF&P should stop allocating 50% of the tags to one specific interest group right out of the gate.
- Open BH, ER and WR rifle seasons on the same date annually. This would discourage hunters from hunting multiple seasons as a portion of hunters only go on opening weekend.

- Issue more tags. This is probably the only thing that will fix the supply/demand imbalance in many units/seasons if the only acceptable outcome is to draw a firearm buck tag every year. The flip side of course is lower quality sustainable hunting.
- Remove all Non-Resident license allocation as it opens more tags up for SD hunters to get their first choice.
- Increase the cost of the tags as some folks would think twice about applying for that 2nd rifle season if the cost were higher.
- More an elk alternative but if this is adopted, the GF&P should do the same thing with elk tags for the same reasons. It's not "fair" if Hunter A draws two elk tags before Hunter B draws one over the course of a few years. Combine all the elk seasons into one draw and if a hunter draws a tag for any season they need to wait 9 years to apply again, more unique hunters get to elk hunt. Same logic and same impact on PP fees going down. I think the proposed change is pushing something through that I'm not sure the vast majority of hunters think is a problem. This change would get rid of the special seasons like CSP, Refuge and Muzzleloader for many hunters. I'm sure

there are a few folks that would make that their preferred season but the people typically hunting those seasons hunt the ER, WR or BH seasons. It's personally disappointing to know that I won't be able to hunt a treasure like Custer State Park or LaCreek Refuge unless I'm willing to give up going on a family hunt that has been going on for decades. I've tried to draw those tags for years, really looked forward to the day it happens and faithfully paid my PP fees. With the proposed changes those are things that structurally won't happen. These decisions won't be unique to me, the proposed changes will impact a lot of SD deer hunters, and hopefully they too speak their minds on the issue. I also think a bit of the supply/demand imbalance in certain unit/seasons is the result of the perfect storm of factors that have come together. Certain pockets of the state have been hit hard with EHD, which rightly resulted in tag reductions to rebuild the population. If you also layer in lower gas prices and an improved economy more folks are out hunting and are willing to travel to hunt which overall is a good thing for hunting and the local economies. Is this a long-term trend or more of a point in time issue? I'm going to guess it's more the latter than the former based on national hunting trends but only time will tell.

I appreciate the Commission and GF&P's work on a tough issue. In life, I believe in change for the better, I just think these sweeping changes to a framework successfully in place for decades doesn't add up. How many of the 57,000+ deer hunters in SD think there is a problem or even know about the proposed changes? What will the GF&P's response be to hunters who think this is a silver bullet only to find out once implemented that it still

takes 2-3 years to draw their preferred buck tag?

Rob Neuenfeldt

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Comment:

There is a wise saying. DONT FIX WHAT ISN'T BROKEN!! The new draw proposal has so many bad components you can't list them all. The current system is not broken, leave it alone!

Dean Hass

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Comment:

For the record I am opposed to changing the drawing structure from the current system to only being able to apply for a first choice and second choice in one of the six deer seasons. From what I have been hearing from other avid hunters in the area is that the change is being pushed through because people with are complaining that they aren't drawing enough of the licenses that they are applying for. I think the current system seems as fair as you can get.

Lonnie Braun

Rapid City SD

Comment:

Thanks for all your hard work on behalf of sportsmen. Four of us discussed the three proposals for deer applications. While number 1 is basically what I advocated some time ago, we all agreed number 2 would further the goal of people more likely getting their preferred tag. I would prefer number 2. Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

John Sayles

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Comment:

just leave things alone, why do you feel you have to re-invent the wheel. It is tough enough to draw a hills tag as it is, stop with the new rules, when you think about it logically, you don't manage a thing, how did all the game come to be. before your department came into existence?

Robert Kallemeyn

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Comment:

I would put all west river and hills and muzzle for west under one draw. Then all east river and refuge plus muzzle for east under one draw. Then allow to apply for east and west and only one tag for each limit of two first draw.

Joshua Hagemann

Mission Hill SD

Comment:

Dear Members of the Commission, I can't believe it has even come to this. By that, I mean the fact that I have to write you concerning the possible change of the deer licensing allocation system. There are so many problems with how this process has proceeded that I barely know where to begin. I will do my best to break it down into categories and cover as many points as I can.

Deer Management Plan Survey

To start with, GF&P states that, in the original hunter opinion surveys out during the deer management plan process in 2014, roughly 71% of the respondents said that they would like a better chance to draw at least one buck deer license. Who wouldn't want a better chance to get their preferred license? I'm sure I would have chosen the same response. My problem with this is how the question was presented to the survey recipients. I think the results may have been quite different if the participants filling out the survey had known that the GFP planned to take away their ability to apply for multiple seasons. GFP asked a question and the respondents didn't have all the pieces to make an informed decision. It would be akin to an employer surveying their employees on whether they would like to receive an increase in pay. I'm sure most employees would respond to the survey in favor of a pay increase. Then in turn, the employer coming back with a plan to increase pay but take away paid time off. The employees may not want to give up paid time off in order to receive a pay raise. The employer could just say the majority of employees obviously wanted this. That is what Game Fish and Parks is doing now. The department is claiming that 71% of people want a change. However, they may not want the change if it means losing their chance at multiple seasons.

Deer License Allocation Focus Groups

After GFP decided that the licensing process needed to be changed, they had work groups that settled on bringing 3 alternatives to focus groups. All of the deer license holders with an email on file were purportedly contacted regarding education on the alternatives and the opportunity to sign up for a chance to be included in the focus groups. There are a few problems I have with how this was process was carried out. First off, I never received the email. I thought maybe I had missed it and it went to my junk email folder, but it wasn't in there either. I don't know how it happened, considering that I receive all of the other email correspondence when I apply for a license online. I only found out about the focus groups because it had been posted on the East River South Dakota Hunting and Fishing group on Facebook.

When I started discussing the allocation alternatives and focus groups with others, I found out there were more people that hadn't received the email. I personally knew of five people that had an email address on file and did not receive the email. I contacted Game, Fish and Parks via the website email address regarding my concerns and Tom Kirschenmann responded. I informed him that some individuals had not received notification of the allocation alternatives and the focus group meetings. He said he would take the names I gave him and "check with the licensing and IT folks." I never received any further correspondence from Mr. Kirschenmann. If I personally know five people that didn't receive notification, I can only imagine how many other had no idea what was happening. It seems that a mix-up as large as that would deserve some type of explanation. I finally receive some explanation when I spoke with Kevin Robling. He stated that the group emailing system would not send out batch emails to Hotmail email addresses. He said that the number missed added up to around 3000 individuals. GF&P knew this and still didn't use any other means to contact those individuals. Second, what happens to the people that don't have email addresses or apply online? My dad doesn't have internet period. I send in the applications for him if he doesn't have the paper application. My Grandpa doesn't have an

email address either, along with many other people. There weren't any press releases. An entire section of the population was disregarded in this process. Very little was done to share information with the public. There weren't any news releases. Nothing was listed on GF&P's website in the "News" area. There wasn't even a single note regarding it on the GF&P Facebook page. How is the public supposed to be involved without GF&P using any of the universally accepted forms of information dissemination? I was finally able to sign up for the focus groups and was selected to attend. I listened to the presentation, but was not convinced that alternatives 1 or 2 were better options than what is currently in place. When it came to the survey I had another issue. We were asked how many licenses we typically applied for. I selected all of the licenses that I buy preference for since I will eventually apply for them. I also selected seasons I have typically applied for in previous year, even though I don't apply for them every year. The only problem is, when everything was tabulated, it was compared to only 2017 licensing data for the first choice in the first draw. In 2017, however, I had only applied for one license. I was misrepresented in the data as a multiple license applicant, as I'm sure many others were. Also there wasn't anything stating that people shouldn't count any licenses received after the first draw or first choice. It should have stated: How many licenses did you apply for in 2017, not including purchased preference points, second choice tags or any licenses purchased after the first draw? How many people replied incorrectly to the number of licenses they applied for, because they weren't fully informed?

Online Video and Survey

We were informed at the focus group meeting, that when the information was tabulated it would be released for the public to see. That, however, was not the case. The next correspondence any of us received was stating that they did not get enough input from the public at the focus group meetings. Again, I didn't receive an email about this and had to find out on Facebook. This need for more input came as a surprise to me. This is after we questioned Kevin Robling, in our focus group meeting, whether enough people were being included in this process. Kevin Robling stated, "The number of focus group participants is statistically significant." How did the number of focus group participants go from being "statistically significant" to the project needing more input? It makes me feel like the results were different from what GF&P had wanted. The online survey was a last ditch effort to get the results they wanted. As in the focus group survey, I feel like participants in this survey may have been confused at how to correctly respond when asked which licenses they applied for. It asked which licenses participants applied for typically and allowed you to place a mark by each license. Again, it seems irresponsible to compare the number of licenses a participant typically applies for against a single year (2017) of data. The participants needed to know that their responses were only being compared to 2017 in order to answer appropriately. For example if I were answering the survey questions:

1. How many first-draw licenses did I apply for in 2017? In 2017 I applied for one first draw license.
2. How many licenses do I typically apply for? Anywhere from 1-3.

The wording of a question affects the results in a survey.

Presentation of Data

There are a few problems with how the data sets were presented to the public at the July 11th 2018 commission meeting. I will try to address them in the order in which they were presented.

Declining Applicant Numbers

First is the presentation of firearm deer applicant numbers from 2009 to 2017. I have included the graph from the presentation. I completely agree that there is a downward trend in applicant numbers. From what I understand this trend is common throughout the nation. When I spoke with Kevin Robling over the phone, I asked him if South Dakota was doing worse than other states. I also asked if any other states were trending upward or at least remaining stable. I wanted to know if we were changing the system to something that was working in another location. Kevin told me that South Dakota was doing better than many other states. He also did not know of any other state where applicant numbers were trending upward or remaining stable. When most, if not all, of the other states are witnessing the same decline in applicant numbers as we are and our state is doing better than many other states, why are we changing our licensing system? It seems that there may be another issue causing the decline. I understand that a decline applicant numbers is not a good thing. My problem with the presentation is that it tries to draw a direct correlation to applicant success rates. Any number of variables could have an effect on downward trend of applicant numbers. One possible reason for declining applicant numbers is the declining access to hunting land. How many small farmers are there now, compared to what there used to be? My family has lost over 1000 acres of hunting land since I started hunting. A lot of this property is now consolidated into larger farming operations. Fewer separate landowners can lead to fewer options for hunters to gain permission. It is frustrating that even when you can draw a tag, you may not have a place to hunt. East River farms have gotten larger and it has gone towards pay-to-hunt operations in West River areas. When we hunted in Perkins County South Unit (53C) in 2016, we inquired about hunting on a couple different ranches. One ranch that we had hunted for years previously had paying hunters that year and we were

no longer welcome. Another ranch, where we inquired about hunting, asked us for \$800 a gun. If it weren't for public land we would not have had anywhere to hunt that year. A good example of just how much hunting access can change applicant numbers is the difference between the Perkins County North (53A) and South (53C) units. The North unit (53A) has a lot more public ground than the South unit (53C). It is also much harder to draw a tag in the North unit (53A). Even though there were only 300 anydeer tags available for the North unit (53A) this year, 1018 hunters applied for those tags. In contrast, 500 anydeer tags were available in the South unit (53C), and only 693 hunters applied for those tags. It is the same county but there is a drastic difference. I think the most likely cause of the decrease in applicants is the decrease in tag numbers. The only data presented to the public shows a decline in applicants from 2009 to 2017. The number of applicants dropped over time from 58,583 in 2009 to 52,633. I asked Game, Fish and Parks for tag numbers for those years to compare. Over time from 2009 to 2017 tags that allowed hunters to harvest a buck fluctuated slightly, but had an overall drop from 53194 to 40889. As available tags dropped, applicants dropped as well. When you consider that preferred tags dropped by 12,305, it doesn't seem terribly bad that applicants numbers only dropped by 5,950. The most glaring correlation from this data is 2014. If you examine the trend from 2013 to 2014, applicant numbers dropped by 5,281. Why was there such a drop in one year? The other thing that occurred from 2013 to 2014 is that preferred tag numbers dropped by 3,216. This was in correlation with the EHD outbreak in 2013. Applicant numbers would not have dropped that abruptly based off the previous year's draw success rate. There is no other reason for applicants to decrease by such an extreme amount, unless they were responding to the drop in tag numbers.

Age structure of applicants

Next in the presentation, there is a slide with graphs covering age distribution of applicants within the 2017 draw and age distribution of one season applicants within the 2017 draw. I have included the graphs from the presentation for reference. The graph of Average Number of Applicants per Individual Age within Age Interval seems to show that young hunter recruitment is lacking. I understand there is some worry that, if we don't recruit the younger hunters, our hunter interest for the future could suffer. However, I believe that this graph is misleading. If you believe that this graph depicts the 12-17 age range as independent individuals making their own decisions on which seasons, and how many licenses they will apply for, then this graph could spell doom and gloom. I don't believe this is the case though. Think about where you were during the ages of 12-17. Think about who made your decision during the ages of 12-17. If you were like me, you lived with your parents and your parents governed your choices in general. When I went hunting, it was because my parents bought the licenses for me. My parents also paid for all of the expenses on every hunting trip. I was not the one in control. If my parents didn't want me to hunt a given season, I didn't hunt that season. Another factor that is not touched upon is Youth Deer. It doesn't seem that youth deer tags were figured into this. I may be incorrect, but I can't know that from the information shown here. How many parents purchase a youth tag for their child and then don't send in an application for the other seasons. If their child already has a guaranteed tag, they may not feel the need to purchase another license for their child. If you include Youth Deer applicants, do the total applicants within that age range increase? Are many of these children getting multiple tags if Youth Deer is considered? This also coincides with the second graph in this series, which covers one season applicants by age range. I know, as a parent of 2 children, I would not send in for multiple seasons for my children. My wife and I both hunt. We both spend money on tags, we both spend money on trips, and we both bring venison home to put in our freezer. I would definitely buy a youth tag for my children and I may even send in applications for our East River Deer season for them. However, it just wouldn't be possible to buy multiple tags and pay for multiple trip expenses for our children. We would also be shooting more deer than we would need to feed our family. For this age range, the time of year has to be considered. All of the deer seasons take place during the school year. How many days can a child miss for hunting seasons? A child may be able to hunt a local season over a weekend, but often times a season that takes place on the other side of the state may require a few days in a row to make it worth the effort. As a child, I would have loved to hunt every deer season, but I was not making the decisions. These graphs also show a trend that the 31-40 age range has the highest average number of applicants per individual age. It also shows that they have the lowest representation among one season applicants. Kevin Robling voiced some concern at this when we spoke. He was wondering why the 31-40 age range is where most of our total applicants and multi-season applicants reside. He also questioned why there was such a difference from the 18-30 age range. It seems simple enough to me when I look at my journey through the 18-30 range to the 31-40 range. In the 18-30 range, I was in college. I had school to attend, and I didn't have money to pay for more tags and trips, nor did I have the time. After college, my wife and I got married and had children. We weren't well established in our careers and we weren't making enough money to take hunting trips. We also had small children. It isn't easy to take an infant or a toddler on a hunting trip that is farther away. It is also harder to find someone willing to watch small children for more than a couple days. Now, I am in the 31-40 range. Both my wife and I are further in our careers. We make more money, we have more flexibility with our time, and our children are old enough that we can take them with or have someone watch them while we are gone. A person's life situation can dictate which seasons and how many seasons they

can apply for. I see the peak in the 31-40 range as a good thing. The 31-40 range is when most people are raising children. Those are the people introducing their children to hunting. The fact that the 31-40 range is highest bodes well for future hunter numbers. Frankly, I would be much more concerned if that number were lower. My last observation for these graphs is the lack of comparable data. This is only one set of data from 2017. Without any comparison graphs from previous years, there is no way to decide, for certain, if these numbers are good or bad. Hypothetically, if you said that there were 50 traffic fatalities last year, it may sound bad. Then, if you looked at the previous 10 years and the average was 150 fatalities per year, it would seem like things were improving. You can't base everything off of one year.

Focus Group and Online Video Survey Data

I have a hard time even looking at the breakdown of the Focus Group and Online Survey data. It has been, in my opinion, grossly misrepresented and neglected throughout this entire process. Again, I have included the graphs from the presentation that I will be referencing. First up is the Most Preferred Alternative for both the Focus Groups and the Online Surveys. There is only one group from the graphs where a majority favors change. Only the one season applicants from the Focus Group data preferred a change (alternative 2) rather than no change. The one season applicants from the Focus Group represented 39 people out of a total of 838 participants of both surveys or 4.7%. They also only represent 17.2% of the Focus group total. I don't understand how this proposal has moved forward with only one group out of six in favor of change. I am especially confused when that group represents such a small percentage of respondents. The next graph is supposed to show Most Preferred Alternative across all Participants/Respondents. It does not show this however. It actually tries to compare the percentage of all Participants/Respondents that prefer change vs. no change. However, you can't add data groups this way. When you add Alternatives 1 and 2 you are not representing a total of individuals that want change. If you do this, you are assuming that because an individual prefers one change alternative they would also be in favor of the other change alternative. It does not work that way. They may like Alternative 1 but if they can't have it, they may prefer no change. Alternatives 1 and 2 are not interchangeable and therefore cannot be presented as one set of data. If you truly wanted to represent change vs. no change, you first have to narrow down which alternative is favored between 1 and 2. For example, if Alternative 1 were the most preferred change alternative you could then pit it against Alternative 3 (no change) and you would have an accurate result between change and no change. Regardless of the faults in the data, the graph still indicates that neither the Focus Group Participants nor the Online Respondents support change. The final graph of this set is supposed to show the Most Preferred Alternative of Participants/Respondents that Typically Apply for One Season. Again, this graph does not accomplish that. This graph has the same fault as the previous. Its purpose is to highlight one season applicants. By giving one season applicants their own graph, it gives the appearance that the responses of one season applicants are more important than responses from everyone else. I spoke with Kevin Robling regarding the way one season applicants were favored in this graph. His response was that one season applicants were "under-represented" in both the Focus Groups and the Online Surveys. His basis for this is that, in 2017, 67% of the applicants applied for only one season. Again basing everything off one year of data is irresponsible. I asked Kevin if the individual applicants had been evaluated over previous years to see if some of the one season applicants from 2017 had applied for multiple seasons in previous years. There are 8 years of data presented in the other graphs for this presentation yet only 2017 is used for this part. Kevin said that they had not evaluated any overlap. He stated, "the only thing that affects draw odds annually are the actual names in the draw buckets for that year." I understand that, in one given year, the number of seasons an individual is applying for and the number of individuals applying are the only things that affect the odds of drawing a tag. The problem with this logic is assuming that the 67% that applied for one season in 2017 are the same 67% percent every year. I know that this isn't the case. I am one of the individuals that applied for one season in 2017 and so are three of my hunting partners. We only applied for our East River Deer tags in 2017, but in 2016, we applied for both East River Deer and West River Deer. The reason it seems that one season applicants are being "under-represented" is because the original survey process and data tabulation defines them incorrectly. As I mentioned earlier in this paper, I should have been counted as a one season applicant when being compared to only 2017. If data from several years had been evaluated, the percentage of one season applicants would be lower and I would have been counted correctly. My three hunting partners and I are being counted as part of the 67% that are one season applicants. The GF&P is assuming that the majority of one season applicants are in favor of change. I know my hunting partners are not in favor of change, but GF&P is assuming that we are. Even if we disregard all the faults in the survey process, the data comparisons and the assumption that 67% of the applicants are "one season applicants", the graph presented still doesn't support changing the draw system. Only one of the two data sets of one season applicants (Focus Group) has a majority in favor of change. The presentation of data for this proposal has me very frustrated. I have a B.S. in Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences from SDSU, so I know enough about these things for this process to irk me. I know Kevin Robling from my time there. I know he is a well-educated, intelligent person. I know there are many other intelligent people within the department as well. This is probably the most frustrating part about it. I feel like these intelligent people should

see the problems that I see. Frankly, I don't understand how they can't. I feel like they should know more about it than I do. There can only be a few explanations for this. One option is that I am more intelligent than everyone involved with this proposal. I hardly think that is the case. Another option is that they don't care that they are using garbage data to support the proposal, because they want it to pass. I'm not sure if this is the case or not. The last explanation is that they are being forced to back this proposal, even though they know the data does not support it. I don't normally get caught up in conspiracy theories, but having worked for government agencies in the past, I know it is plausible. I really don't know how we got to this point. How is this proposal even up for consideration, with little to no support at all? The evidence to support this proposal is based completely on assumption and inference. There is no credible data in favor of this proposal.

Lack of Involvement from Applicants

Another area of concern for me regards that lack of input from other applicants. Annually, there are 50,000-60,000 unique individual applicants in South Dakota, yet we only had a few hundred that were involved in the Focus Groups and Online Surveys. This could mean a few things. Maybe most of the applicants don't care what happens either way. Maybe a good share of applicants had no idea what was happening in the process. There are still people I talk to that have no idea that the proposal is up for finalization. In communicating with Kevin Robling, I asked why a survey on the deer licensing allocation alternatives wasn't mailed to every registered applicant. I expressed that GF&P always shows high survey return rate on end of the season surveys. It would also assure that everyone was directly informed of the process. Kevin stated the following: "With something this complex, social scientists strongly advise not to send folk a public opinion survey on topics/changes that are not easily comprehensible. Research data shows when folks don't fully understand something "no change is the default and this has a definite possibility to bias any dataset. Surveys are not meant to inform people, they are meant to gather opinion. The focus group and online survey format were selected to inform folks then receive feedback." I agree that applicants may have leaned toward no change if they were sent only a survey without education on the alternatives. I argue that it is the duty of the GF&P to inform the public on possible changes. It is especially true in something that could affect the entire future of deer hunting. Every year GF&P prints a hunting handbook. I looked at the 2016 handbook as an example and saw that it was printed at a cost of \$0.13 per copy. A 66 page book costs only \$0.13. For something this important GF&P could have printed out a 66 page educational booklet and survey covering the deer license allocation alternatives for less than the \$8,000 that GF&P is now paying for 5 months of fishing on Reetz Lake. Everyone could have been included. A one-time payment to educate the public on one of the most important parts of South Dakota's outdoors. I don't understand it. That being said, if the Focus Groups and Online survey were the preferred means to receive feedback, why are the results not being evaluated for what they are. Instead, the only responses that seem to carry any weight are from one season applicants. Kevin continued his previous explanation. "Any time you have a self-selected process we expect participation from both the left and right tails of the population distribution. That is why we can't consider the results from the focus group participants and online survey a vote or poll." Ok. If that is the reasoning behind it, I understand not using the lopsided responses from multiple season applicants as an indicator of what the public wants. In turn, you cannot use the responses from the one season applicants as an indicator of what the public wants either. You don't get to pick and choose which parts of the data to use, when presenting it to the public. If the results can't be used as a "vote or poll" then maybe a different process should have been selected. GF&P knew that it would be a self-selected process for the Focus Groups. If the results were biased towards multi-season applicants, they had the opportunity to select a different process as a follow-up. Instead, GF&P chose the same self-selected process for the Online Survey. You can't repeat the same process and expect different results. Lack of involvement could also stem from lack of interest in the licensing system. It is possible that a good share of applicants don't care what happens. If the feedback received through the Focus Groups, Online Surveys, and general comments on the matter are any indication, it definitely shows who the passionate applicants are. Why aren't GF&P listening to these people. The most passionate do tend to be the multi season applicants. These people will end up suffering the most from this proposal. If you start repressing your most passionate faction of applicants, it will only hurt the future of deer hunting. Who do you think is most likely to introduce their children to hunting? Is it the people that don't care what happens? Is it the fair-weather hunters? Or is it the applicants that apply for multiple licenses and are willing to drive across the state and walk several miles through public ground just for the chance to harvest a deer? I think it's easy to see.

The Proposal

I have many issues with this entire process. Even if this proposal was the holy grail of alternatives, the process was terrible. Aside from the process, this proposal has plenty of its own problems. My first issue is the timeline for the proposal. Why is GF&P rushing to have this proposal finalized? GF&P has had since the 2014 License Allocation Survey to work on this proposal, yet the public has only been included in the process since this spring. Why is GF&P not taking more time to get a representative set of survey information from the applicant pool before bringing this to the Commission? Why does this proposal have to be finalized right now? The world

will not end if you wait on finalization until there is actual proof of support from the public. I covered a few of the issues earlier, including increase in landowner buck tag purchases and stifling your most passionate hunters, in turn hurting hunter recruitment for the future. Another issue is pushing the passionate hunters to find other alternatives to hunt deer. It could also make some areas harder to draw a tag. There could be an economic impact on businesses. It will bring many more nonresident hunters into the state. It could cripple the hunting culture in South Dakota. These are all possibilities that I could see happening. If the most passionate group of hunters can only apply for one rifle tag, more of them will start searching for other ways to fulfill their deer hunting needs. They might start taking their money to other states. Another possibility is that more of them start buying archery tags. Archery tag numbers have already increased from 14,515 in 2005 to 29,312 in 2017. How long before the archery license numbers increase to the point where there is a draw for that as well. All you have accomplished is kicking the can down the road. You created another problem while trying to solve the first problem. The consensus of GF&P is that this proposal will increase success rate across the board. While it may increase draw success a great deal in some areas, other areas will only increase slightly. I could actually see a possibility of success rate decreasing. Most populated counties are still going to be very difficult to draw. Where I live, in Yankton County, we are close to the point where landowner preference may not guarantee you a tag in the first draw. It's even worse for the general public. That isn't going to magically change. Maybe a couple percent increase could happen, but it will be hardly noticeable to most of the applicants. I happen to apply for Lake County most often. In my case I apply for a Special Buck tag every other year. On the year I apply for the Special Buck tag I don't apply for Lake County. If this proposal passes and Special Buck is included as a choice within the East River season, I will probably stop applying for it. Lake County would become my preferred choice every year. My name would be another name in the hat making it harder to draw on a year when I would have originally applied for the Special Buck tag. This proposal could also have a negative economic impact for businesses across the state. I apply with friends and family every other year for a West River tag. We buy our preference point on the year in between and then we are all but guaranteed an anydeer tag for our unit. Lodging is hard to find where we hunt. Since we are fairly certain we will draw, it allows us to make reservations for a place to stay almost a year in advance. Also, if we know we are going, we can schedule our vacation days so that we can hunt 4-5 days. We spend a lot of money on lodging, fuel, and food on these trips. If it changes, there is a good chance it would stop many people like us from planning trips and spreading money around the state as we go. Again, my preference would be Lake County in East River deer. I don't know that I could choose differently, when I place so much value on the time I spend hunting with my dad. There would definitely be tags left in the second or third draws, but it would be nearly impossible to get the time off work and schedule everything by that time. Many of the complaints I hear from West River hunters and landowners are regarding East River hunters like me. It's unfortunate that some East River hunters have put a bad taste in the mouths of West River Folks. I always try to conduct myself, as I would want people to act around me. Our group generally only hunts public ground, but we do ask for permission on private sometimes. Most often we are denied, but that is the landowner's right. We try to respect the people in the area we are visiting. If this proposal passes, the floodgates of nonresidents will open. Yes, they will bring money into the state, but a share of them will also bring trouble. If West River landowners have trouble with trespassers now, just wait until nonresident hunters in some of these counties outnumber the resident hunters. Finally, I see the hunting culture of South Dakota in jeopardy. Being with friends and family was rated important to very important by 82% of respondents listed in the table of Deer hunters' reasons for why they deer hunt in the South Dakota White-tailed Deer and Mule Deer management Plan, 2017-2023. If this proposal passes, it will effectively kill the group application. My dad has hunted with a variation of the same hunting group in the Black Hills since he was 18. The only years they don't go is when they don't draw. My father will be 62 this year. This is set up to end 44 years of a hunting tradition. Everyone in the group would have to agree that one season is there preferred choice. They would be putting their eggs in one basket. Either everyone would get the tag or no one would. It's going to be nearly impossible to get everyone to agree on what their preferred choice should be. It doesn't seem to matter what percentage of South Dakota hunters value hunting with family and friends. This is going to tear apart several family and friend hunting groups. That, to me, is the saddest part of all.

Re-evaluation if passed

The reason I have put so much effort towards fighting this proposal is the difficulty I know we will all face in changing it back if it does pass. When I spoke with Kevin, he tried to assure me that GF&P would continue to evaluate everything if this proposal passed. He said that it would always be possible to change the draw process if it didn't seem to be working. However, Kevin was unable to give me any parameters that would be used to evaluate success or failure of the proposal. Kevin said in the presentation that he would like 2-3 years of data to evaluate the new structure, yet when evaluating the current structure only one year (2017) was used as reference. I'm not sure what to expect for an evaluation process. If applicant success rate goes up slightly, would it be considered a success? If applicant numbers increase would it be considered a success? Would it be a failure if either data set declines? The public has no hard answers to give us any confidence. What can we really expect? Once it is changed, there is very little the public can do to change it back unless we have the

support of the Commission.

Closing

As I previously stated, the public can do very little to change anything without the support of the Commission. I am looking now to the Commission. I am asking you to listen to your public. We are speaking. The people you are hearing from are the people that care. I'm not referring to only those that agree with me. If by the time all the public comments are in, there is a majority in favor of the proposal I would understand passing it. You are in your position to do the right thing for the public. I plead to you: Please don't ignore us.

Eric Nesheim

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Comment:

As an avid hunter who applies for more than one license I strongly oppose change to current system.

Tyler Tarbox

Watertown SD

Comment:

It frustrating that our state thinks they need to change something that has been working great for many years. It's obvious that majority of SD sportsman oppose this proposal and yet the state pushes it. Another example of not fully supporting the resident sportsman of SD.

Jason Mathiesen

Canton SD

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Comment:

I think people supported having to choose between a couple tags. Not ER,WR, BH MZ, Refuge and CP deer. That is lunacy. I would strongly support choosing between ER and WR but not all of them combined. I hunt and draw a WR deer tag everyyear and now you are limiting that. I do not draw a BH deer tag every year and that isnt ideal but I wouldnt want the ability to draw that tag keep me from doing all of my other hunting. Why not make people have a choice between ER or WR and then Refuge or CP Deer?

Tim Leer

Rapid City SD

Comment:

GFP just made a change to cubing preference points, now they want to screw this up with this ridiculous idea. Let the cubing change work as it is going to help in many units. Do not make any changes to the current system, we like it the way it is!

Cody Imberi
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Comment:

Leave things the way they are don't change it.

Justin Murphy
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Comment:

Commissioners, A petition was started in opposition of the deer tag allocation proposal on August 27, 2018. After just three days of circulation the petition has received more than 6,000 signatures. That is over 6,000 sportsmen who you represent. This proposal is not what the majority of South Dakota sportsmen want. Please reconsider your stance and listen to the people you are appointed to represent. Thank you for your time.
Sincerely, Justin Murphy

Public Comments

Deer License Allocation

Paul Pitlick

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Comment:

oppose

Seth Bonnema

Brookings SD

Comment:

I think hunters should only be able to draw one firearm deer tag. The bucks get wiped out around my area with rifles and muzzleloaders. Give the deer a chance to grow!

Harvey Jensen

Oldham SD

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Comment:

I strongly oppose changing the application process. I didn't receive a single rifle tag last year, but that's the luck of the lottery.

Ethan Smith

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Comment:

oppose

Peter Bergmann

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Comment:

I can see no logical reason for restricting the ability of an individual to obtain multiple licenses throughout the state. Leave the current system on place.

Todd Pfitzer
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Comment:

I feel like the current system is fine the way it is. If you hunt in high demand counties like I do, you should just accept that you are not going to draw the tag you prefer or any tag at all some years. These changes aren't going to change that for me in the counties I hunt and may actually result in not drawing a tag for either county if I have to pick one or the other the first draw. Both Walworth and Corson sell out buck tags first draw with many people drawing nothing. I'm sure there's changes coming no matter how people feel so I have some suggestions to consider that might still allow hunters more success.

- pool east river and west river special buck into a single draw. If the regular hunter has to pick a side of the river, special buck should too.

- only pool east river, west river, and black hills tags together. Leave Custer, Refuge, and Muzzleloader as individual draws.

- after 1st drawing, any unsold nonresident tags are pooled with resident leftovers

- nonresidents ineligible for second drawing

- all residents, including those successful in first drawing, are eligible for 2nd drawing. Those successful in first drawing cannot apply for same unit/county as successful first drawing

- nonresidents and residents all eligible for any leftover tags starting with third drawing

Or

No nonresident can apply until the third drawing

Please don't make it easier for the nonresident hunter to get more of the tags. Residents should get priority.
Thank you

Chad Blaha
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Comment:

support

Blaine Marlow
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Comment:

Trying to understand how this license change would benefit anyone. Seems like it should be voted on by the sportsman of South Dakota.

Caleb Yeigh
Aberdeen SD

Comment:

Between East and West river seasons it is hard enough to draw an any deer tag now having to choose an any deer tag east or west river not cool South Dakota not cool if this is going to be the case why have an east or west river drawing or any other special named part of the state why not just do a deer drawing and not specify a county just do a statewide good for deer tag

Jackson Metz
Ashton SD
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Comment:

I am all for the new proposal. I grew up in Roberts county which is a very low in numbers as far as tags given out and My dad and I didn't get drawn for several years. But yet I knew of west river or even out of state guys getting drawn. I was upset that I couldn't draw a tag in the county I lived in. Now I live in spink county and get drawn every year but also know spink county residents that don't but out of staters do. Just think you should have the best possible chance to draw a tag in your own county as possible and I guess if people are willing to apply in a county they aren't living in then so be it but they won't have the option to apply west river and here which I fully think is fair.

John Grams
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Comment:

I attended the forum in Mitchell and still are looking for someone who is in favor on changing the current system other than outfitters and non residents. The program presented by Kevin Robling was not an open discussion but an attempt to tilt statistics to support an unwanted change to South Dakota deer seasons. It's hard to support the data given by your special projects coordinator when he was unaware of a large die off of mule deer in mellette and jones county. His arrogance was laughable and blamed it on over harvest. When I relayed this information to ranchers that experienced the die off they said it was another example of Game Fish and Parks not knowing what is going on. Keeping the ranchers out of the informational loop is a huge mistake of understanding the deer herd. Example of this is changing mellette county seasons dates and not informing ranchers. By talking to ranchers you will get information about the health of the deer herd on their ranches who is hunting and harvest numbers but no one asks. I guess it's more fun to fly around in a helicopter and collar random deer. It is unfounded by any data that these poorly considered changes will be even slightly effective. This is an east river issue and trying to make it a state wide issue is ludicrous. The demographics of the state will continue to dictate east river draw success. East river land owners and ranchers are managing the deer herds GFP is only in charge of season dates and tag numbers. It's time to look at common sense approaches to managing the deer herd.

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David Vogel
Mobridge SD
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Comment:

I believe when the public came to you about more opportunity it was for the high demand areas. This new system you speak of does not help for the high demand areas it hurts the high demand areas because now I have to pick one high demand area and wont have a chance at another area which in the end will be tough to even get a tag that I want at all. this to me is the opposite of more chance it totally eliminates it. The old way I had a chance when applying for all the seasons to hopefully get 1 tag I wanted. If you go with this you should also make archery tags to go with this system since I don't archery hunt I believe my chances would be even more improved. It seems like there is more deer getting killed by bow these days I think it also needs a drawing where you don't just get one. I AM APPOSED TO THE NEW SYSTEM.

Justin Hagemann
Montrose SD

Comment:

oppose

Raymond Semmler
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Comment:

First draw Black hills deer then second draw would be west and east ever deer then muzzleloader tag. I know government and common sense are difficult but that's common cents

Mary Palo
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Comment:

I am very much in favor of this proposed change. Our family has struggled for years to draw deer tags in our area. We would like to hunt near our home, and I think this would give us more of a chance to draw these tags since most residents would put their 1st choice as their own "back yard"!

Jason Bierman
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Comment:

Not needed

Jeremy Larson
Rapid City SD

Comment:

As an outdoorsman that applies for most of the deer tags that SD has to offer, I am satisfied with the current system, building preference points, waiting my turn and being able to enjoy different deer hunting opportunities in a given year.

Michael Larson
Gettysburg SD
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Comment:

Strongly oppose the proposed changes. Please reconsider this proposal.

Robby Beyer
Winifred SD
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Comment:

I feel the system is fair the way it is. The only way you will get more youth to hunt is get rid of the video games. It's just the way our youth is being raised and by changing the way to draw a tag will not help this. I feel it will make it worse.

Mark Smedsrud
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Comment:

I have deer hunted for over 35 years in our state. I do apply for multiple deer tags. I believe the current system with cubed preference and staged draws is fair for everyone. We all have equal chances to draw if you study the statistics and purchase preference points. I am completely happy with how the current system has operated and I am realistic in the fact that I may not draw the tags I want in every unit. Reality is more people hunt in today's seasons and there are only so many tags available. My vote is to leave the current system in place with the cubed preference points. Thank you for your time.

Randy Schaffer
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Comment:

bad idea

Travis Everson

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Comment:

I have lived in four different states that have a draw system and SD is far and away the best experience I've had. I have never had to sit out a season, I feel like you are flexible and do a little research you can get a buck tag if you desire. My worry is that this change will have unintended outcomes. I personally don't mind getting my first choice ever few years. Some of my most memorable hunts have on my second and third choice hunts. I feel the friction is people want buck tags in their preference area. I feel a couple changes could help in this area. First have a 115 inch minimum for bucks, if this was done it would allow for more buck tags because the small bucks would be able make it to the next year. I don't think you would need to make this a crime, just make 50 dollar fee if you shoot a lesser buck. Secondly could allow party hunting, if one person has a buck tag and three guys go out west hunting it would keep interest if they know if they see a trophy they can shoot it. Of course this could be abused, but a true sportsman will work within the rules.

Ronny Hulzebos

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Comment:

I strongly disagree with the proposed changes to the deer license draw. I have 20 preference points for Custer deer and 8 for muzzleloader. If the proposed changes go through, I'll have to give up any chance of drawing those tags and use my first choice for better odds east or west river. Leaving muzzleloader and Custer deer out of the changes would eliminate my problem and I am sure that of a lot of other hunters. Thank you.
P.S. Cubing preference points is great; give it a couple of years before making any other major changes.

Ivan Visser

Brandon SD

Comment:

oppose

Steve Ingram

Fort Pierre SD

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Comment:

I feel that there should be no restriction on applying for a West River deer tag as well as in East River deer tag or other areas like the Black Hills.

Trent Merkwan

Pierre SD

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Comment:

I don't think this works for people with a passion for deer hunting.

Erick Okeson

Tea SD

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Comment:

oppose

Gary Schmitgen

Pierre SD

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Comment:

This rule change would not only hinder the hunters that put in for licenses but also restrict young Hunters to want to hunt I believe the system we have now has worked for many years and it's fair to all Hunters the new change would only benefit a few

Starla Graves

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Comment:

Every South Dakota resident should be able to get 1 tag every year to supply food for their family. My freezer is empty and since I've only lived in SD 1 year I didn't draw a tag. Make it easier for residents please. Some of us live off meat from the land.

Tyler Larson

Canton SD

Comment:

oppose

Hudson Rohrbach

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Comment:

oppose

Tiffany Sanchez

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Comment:

oppose

Adam Severson

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Comment:

This plan is ludicrous, it only benefits the people who wrote and developed it (butt hurt hunting outfitters) who are upset that they can not grow a buck that is worth \$5000 to their clients due to too many hunters with too many buck tags hunting on their neighbors adjacent properties. If this plan goes forward I can make a promise to you that I will no longer be spending my hard earned money on preference points just so that I can be guaranteed ONE tag. My money will be spent elsewhere such as other states natural resource departments. Which leads to my next concern; how are you going to regenerate that loss in revenue? Raise the price of tags? You are out of your minds. I'll quit hunting my home state all together.

John Andrus

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Comment:

oppose

Chad Paklin

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Comment:

Leave it how it is.

Greg Peterson
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Comment:

I believe the proposal is overly complicated and not beneficial to applicants like myself that have diligently applied for hard to draw units for many years. I understand that preference points would be maintained, but do not understand how that will work when preference points were accumulated in various license units that are now being combined. I would however support a proposal to allow a hunter to have a buck tag to be taken with any method they wish (i.e. archery, rifle, muzzleloader) and limiting them to one tag for that area (i.e. east river).

Allen Haiar
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Comment:

oppose

Ryan Fliehs
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Comment:

oppose

Alexander Gray
Aberdeen SD

Comment:

oppose

Don Aarstad
Watertown SD
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Comment:

This is a short-sided reaction to a very vocal minority primarily interested in drawing a buck tag for their preferred unit. For people that like to hunt multiple areas of the state it is a bad deal. We are more interested in drawing a tag for a unit - not necessarily a "buck" tag but always happy when we do but understand that it may not always be the case.

Cody Paul
Sturgis SD
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Comment:

oppose

Ken Thompson
Wall SD
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Comment:

Another way to mess with us hunters. The current system is working, except the Elk hunting season.

Tavis Little
Whitewood SD
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Comment:

The logic is sound and the plan to make hunters choose will improve hunter's opportunities consistently and equally. Don't let the loud minority cloud your judgment.

Kristi Meyer
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Comment:

oppose

Dirk Byers
White SD
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Comment:

There is no need to change the system when there are tags available. You may not be able to hunt where you want but are able to hunt. I assume most the issues are with hard to draw areas but as long as you have to have 2 Nd and 3 rd drawings there is no need to change it. With all the walk in areas and public areas there is someplace to hunt every year

Riley Steffensen

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Comment:

oppose

Brett Stekl

Letcher SD

Comment:

oppose

John Egge

Watertown SD

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Comment:

A landowner in SD should always be able to get the any deer tag and knowing this, and this being the first draw, the person will always be ineligible to apply and get to go somewhere else like the Black Hills. You can not say that one should apply for the BH license on the second or third draw when the Black Hills tags are gone and sold out on the first draw, as just what happened again this year. So this new idea needs modification and yes, we have a lot of landowners who will have this problem.

Greg Zerfas

Sioux Falls SD

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Comment:

This is another attempt by the west river landowners to sell a bill of goods to the public so they can get their hunting licenses to bring hunters into their property for big money, paid hunting. There is nothing wrong with the present system. It's as fair for them as it is for me. The only people it helps is the big money hunters who can afford to pay the outrageous prices the big landowners ask. It's another step to eliminate the little guy who doesn't have the money to pay for hunting. If it turns to that I'm going to vote with the greenies to ban hunting and then we'll see what their land is worth!

Lee Shoup
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Comment:

I strongly oppose the change in draw process that makes the entire state one draw. Who is really going to benefit from this change? The majority of the people wanting this are still going to be applying for the same unit they are now as first choice. This will at best shave one required preference point off those hunters wait between tags. I know a lot of seasoned hunters and have yet to hear anyone who supports this change. If these people really wanted to hunt there are units with plenty of tags and public ground. I travel 3 hours to hunt both east and west river because that is where I can count on getting a tag every year. I was one of the lucky few selected to participate in the forum in Belle Fourche back in May. While I really wanted to attend I was held up assisting with a terrible rollover accident outside Butte MT on my way home that day and didn't get to town until 10pm. I doubt being in attendance that day would have made a difference but wish I could have at least been heard. Why is this change being pushed forward when the over whelming majority of hunters is against it? Is there some benefit to wildlife management or active sportsmen that I have not yet been informed of?

Kenneth Daugherty
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Comment:

It's already difficult for a person to get one license, now you want to change it to where a person can only choose one. I oppose. SD already does not honor their disabled veterans by having a special time for disabled vets to go deer or elk hunting.

Caleb Meyer
Cavour SD
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Comment:

I hunt all seasons, and do not support this. It seems like my opportunity to be in the field hunting will be affected greatly. please just let us hunt

Camden Meyer
Cavour SD
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Comment:

I apply for almost every season every year. I love to hunt, and it seems like this proposal will not allow me hunt all across south dakota. I probably spend 3 weeks in the field, traveling all across our great state. The preference system we have now is fair, it seems like this proposed draw system is more regulated, tailored to a certain crowd that always wants to hunt in 1 area. That is the beauty of the public hunting areas across our state, we can hunt all of them.

Kurt Kowaleski

Summerset SD

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Comment:

I don't see how by combining all the deer seasons into one draw can be a benefit to us hunters, you say the possible change comes down to recruiting new deer hunters and retaining current deer hunters, I watched the video of the July 11 Commission meeting and there is no data that supports that current system is affecting the number of hunters, I don't see an issue with the number of hunters SD receives every year, it was also stated that currently supply cannot meet demand. For a passionate SD hunter, the proposal puts a limit on our hunting opportunities and I am not for the change.

A) I have had the privilege of establishing the trust and relationship with a West River land owner. I dedicate a minimum of 10 days of labor during the year to have permission to hunt his property. Because I am committed to the land owner and for applying for this West River unit as my 1st choice I am 100% sure I will never draw a Black Hills, CSP, or Muzzleloader as my 2nd choice under this new proposal. With the current system at least I have an opportunity to apply, build PP for multiple seasons and the higher probability of drawing anyone of the seasons in first round draws in the same year. Theoretically speaking it's safe to say if this proposal 2(B) stands and I apply for WRD as my 1st choice and BH any whitetail deer as my 2nd choice and I don't draw my WRD I will not have a chance at either season because it's safe to say there will not be any BHD deer tags remaining for a second choice. How does this benefit me as a dedicated and passionate hunter that normally applies for 4 out of the 6 seasons?

B) I am huge advocate for conservation and understand it takes a budget. If I am looking at this correctly you are reducing the number of application that are submitted and are going to reduce the budget and I can foresee the cost of the application, PP's and licensing fees going up ever more.

If you are passionate about hunting the current system provides more options and seasons to hunt even if you cannot hunt a certain season every year. SD has so much diversity when it comes to big game you are going to draw a season of choice if you stay persistent, do your homework and remain flexible. Watching the video, it looks like the decision is being based off the minority of the hunts that apply for only one season, I don't think its fare to most us hunters. Each season is unique, by combining the season into a single draw you limit us hunters to a single season. At the minimum Muzzleloader should be removed and be its own season, it is still considered a primitive weapon and the number of tag available needs to be increased even if you had to draw muzzleloader later so leftover WRD tags could be reallocated, it was stated in the video that a lot of WRD units have left over any whitetail deer licenses. Why not look at this and provide more muzzleloader opportunities? SD is one of the few states to have such a restriction on muzzleloader tags.

Not happy with the proposed changes.

Brandon Peil

White SD

Comment:

I find nothing wrong with the current deer tag draw system. Seems as though a few people are trying to move our state into commercialized deer hunting.

Travis Rude
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Comment:

I would like to see the drawing for deer to stay the same I hunt with friends and we like hunting west river deer and east river deer your proposal will make you have to pick one or the other and you might not get both tags and I like the chance that you can draw a muzzleloader deer tag for late season with your proposal I will never get another tag because I won't put in for it first choice and there will never be left over tags for that

Gregory Hubbard
Lake Andes SD
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Comment:

After considering your disseminated data AND attending your focus group session in Yankton - I've come to the conclusion you are manipulating the data to support the changes. I sincerely hope this is not intentional!! Two specific contributing factors concern me most.

1. Aggregating application and tag (success) data at the highest levels - e.g East River v. Zones distorts the analysis because of the extreme diversity of zones being combined.
2. Especially in the counties severely impacted by hemorrhagic fever you have adjusted tag levels. This reduction in tags seriously impacts success levels and IS NOT representative of more normal years. Making this "proposed" change now will have long term impacts. Again - it appears to me you are considering major long term changes to address a short term condition that could be best managed with adjusting tag levels down in zones with low herd levels.

One last comment - disguising this change by constantly saying it's to give more hunters their "preferred tag" is misleading at best. I sincerely hope commissioners solve this temporary situation (low herd levels in popular hunting zones) with short term adjustments v. making a significant long term change!
Thank- you for considering my comments.

Paul Dehaan
Custer SD

Comment:

Your proposed deer draw system is too complicated and should be scrapped. A much easier method is to fill the individuals with the most preference points first before you draw any lower point individuals. Example: Unit 1 has 100 deer licenses and has 25 individuals with 10 preference points – they all get a license. There are 50 individuals with 9 points – they all get a license. You allot the remaining 25 licenses to the individuals with 8 points. If you want to limit individuals to one deer license then scrap East River deer, West River deer, Black Hills deer, Muzzle loader deer, CSP deer and refuge deer designations. Just list it South Dakota Deer license. The individual would choose the one unit in the state they would apply for. You can keep 2nd & 3rd choices as well as multiple draws for units with left over tags. They could apply their current preference points from any one unit they have now. You need to consider that your preference point revenue will dip dramatically if you only allow individuals to apply for one deer tag statewide.

Mike Haugan
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Comment:

oppose

Lucas Schroeder
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Comment:

oppose

Tyson Gau
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Comment:

oppose

Anthony Blake
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Comment:

I am opposed to the changes. I understand not everyone gets their first choice, but that is why preference points are in use. I apply for an any deer every year first choice and whitetail as a second choice. I average getting my first choice West River every other year, but I understand that Muley numbers are down so my first choice is a limited draw. Changing the system will not change that and will only limit my ability to get an any deer tag on years I decided to apply for a more coveted tag, such as Hughes County or the Black Hills. I also think the Black Hills tags will be severely affected by this proposal as many guys I know look at these as just a bonus tag they get every 2 or 3 years. I think these guys will only try for these tags on a 3rd draw or as left overs.

Jason Stone
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Comment:

Dear GF&P Commission, Please read my comments in full and I appreciate the consideration. I currently oppose the proposed changes to the deer license allocation process as currently presented, although I am definitely not against change. I feel that the current cubed system, if given the opportunity to adjust through a few years of drawings will closely reach the goal you are striving for, without having to completely revamp the entire process. I think it also must be noted that "preferred tag in a preferred unit" be amended to say "preferred buck tag in a preferred unit". However, if the commission is set on reworking this system, I think you may find more support with the following amendments:

1. Leave the Refuge, Statewide any deer Muzzleloader, and Black Hills Deer Seasons alone and continue to run these as separate drawings and still combine the ER/WR units into one drawing. The Refuge/Muzzleloader/BHD tags are coveted deer tags and a very unique and special opportunity that if included in the normal deer draw, will greatly reduce the number of applicants in each as the average deer hunter will not want to give up their normal "preferred" deer tag opportunity where they hunt east/west river to risk possibly drawing a refuge/muzzleloader/Black Hills tag, unless they are a landowner who is able to hunt on their own property via landowner tag in a West River/East River unit and isn't worried about the chance of not drawing a buck at all because they gambled trying to draw a Refuge/muzz/BHD within the current changes you propose. This would be a very unfortunate change for the State of South Dakota as this instance, would be a loss of a hunter for the state for that year, and possibly the loss of a youth hunter being exposed to deer hunting if the applicant was a father. I understand that Refuge/Statewide Muzzleloader/BHD IS the preferred tag for many hunters, however the cubing of the preference point system will still provide a fair opportunity for all in these units and not limit somebody an opportunity to draw a buck tag.
2. My second suggestion would be to limit all Non-Resident hunters to ONE deer tag per year, whether that be a bow or firearms tag. I would much rather see the Residents of our state with more opportunity rather than Non-Residents and based on many conversations and public forums, this seems to be a very common theme.

Based on all of the previous public comments, online forums, and Focus group conversations, it is likely that you would see much more support (or a lot less opposition) if these two amendments were considered. I appreciate all of the work the GF&P and you as a commission do for our great State. Good luck with your decision. Thank you,

Kacy Ostwald
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Comment:

I sat down with a large group of individuals to try and better understand the suggested changes. The general consensus is that the only real reason would be so that there are more out of state licenses available. I don't know of anyone who has trouble drawing tags other than the any deer tag in the Black hills which we know is hard to get and it should be. We also talked to several guide services that said they have tried for some time to get more non resident tags so they can bring in more pay hunters. I see there point but residents should not have to pick and choose our tags so it works for them. I truly believe that this change will make more people stop hunting and to my knowledge thats opposite of your intentions. Good luck in the outdoors . North Dakota isn't that far away.

Willie Werdel

Hurley SD

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Comment:

You are limiting the hunting opportunities for the guys who love to hunt and are willing to put in the work to do the hunting. Yes they can still get 5 tags after 3rd draw but it will be no different than in the pass were the only thing left is unwanted/ mostly private land or paid hunting units. If you want to increase license #'s pool East river, West river and the Black Hills. Leave the hard to draw CSP, Refuge and Muzzleloader tags out of it. I think your statistics for increasing the CSP deer tag draw from 3% to 7% is a long shot and don't believe it to be possible.

Hayden Werdel

Hurley SD

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Comment:

oppose

Bruce Keppen

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Comment:

It is the old, established hunter that bring our children, nieces, nephews, and friends into the field. The proposed change attacks us. We are the ones that apply for multiple seasons. This change may look good as a proposal, but will not work in the real world

Trevor Davis

Sioux Falls SD

Comment:

I continue to have mixed emotions despite 3hrs and 15 minutes on the phone with GFP as well as over an hour on the phone with a couple other very sharp individuals who I greatly respect. One of my motivations for talking to these ppl is that there some things that we don't agree on which is in part why I value their opinion bc I want to understand it! My biggest issue is the principle of it all, whether any of the ppl I talked to yesterday agreed with that notion or not is irrelevant, but I still respect their opinion.

If my first statement doesn't pertain to you, please disregard as I intend no offense where it isn't due, but there are some that need to quit being stubborn and wake up.

**** Please continue reading as there are questions here that pertain to all of us aside from the few that only the first couple pertain to. These questions need to be asked to and answered by the GFP, as well. The questions that will be intriguing to those that dislike my first few questions come further down the line. Again, I'm not trying to piss anyone off, just asking questions that have important answers for which I don't have. I am posing these questions to you all to ask yourselves and come up with your own answers. More importantly, I still think GFP needs to answer all of them.

****This proposal does nothing to make ppl accountable for their own role in their lack of draw success. We're rewarding those that can't be bothered to even spend 5 extra minutes looking into anything to increase their

odds or even buy a \$5 preference point which is the #1 driving factor in whether or not you get a tag.
*****The most important detail here is that they have made it very clear that they ARE NOT interested in anything leftover after the 1st draw. I'll come back around to why this is so important later!*****

At the end of the day, this proposal doesn't add any tags to the areas that people aren't drawing tags. The multi tag guys aren't hunting the ER units where ppl complain bc they want to hunt and will travel to do it. Therefore, the ppl you're taking tags away from isn't contributing much to the complainers, except in the hills. Where I have it on good information is where most of the loudest whiners reside. All goes back to this absurd notion I keep running into that goes something like this :

" I live out here (***but own no land***) so I should get to hunt it more than people that don't live here. You city slickers should be grateful that you get to come out here at all. Blah, blah, blah. Me, me, me, I, I, I." I may be one of the last of a dying breed, but the notion of rewarding ppl not for complaining, which really isn't happening here and is more so just an extravagant gesture that's sold as help but is really just a pacifier to sooth the _____s (fill in the blank) I still see the ER complainers(not meant to be derogatory here)ending up as dissatisfied as they were before if not worse, since I see many getting their expectations up far higher than they should, which GFP has also warned about.

*****You have to think about the ppl that are hunting multiple seasons.... what are those guys doing and where are they going? If the answer isn't the unit that you hunt OR your unit would still be their 1st choice, then this proposal wont do much of anything for you. Period.

The complaints GFP are getting are not about deer hunting as a whole or the draw system as a whole. They're complaining about their own circumstances, not those of others. They're upset about the unit THEY hunt. Seems logical. That's fine bc that's what their experience is based off of so that's what they know. Totally fine. Buuuuut, with that being said, would it not also be true that IF the multi season folks are not hunting those units bc they'd rather hunt than wait to hunt, which I strongly believe is the case, that they are not effecting the ER folks that aren't getting their tags, or at least not to the extent that they are believed to be impacting those who are not getting their tags? How many tags are the multi season guys actually getting? Not more than we have time for as 99% of us are just avid hunters, not tag hoarders. Tags we don't have time to try to fill do us no good. We couldn't get more tags than we have time to try to fill without picking them up in late draws where those complaining have already shown that they're not interested in looking for tags anyway!

IF that theory holds true, aside from taking care of some of the BH complaints bc this proposal only "helps" ppl in the first draw and if your preferred tag is high demand you're still shit out of luck, then the only thing this change will do no matter what is push more tags back to further draws where most of those complaining have already proven that they are not interested in looking into for tags in alternative units. Read it twice, if need be... its sound logic. So, is this proposal more geared at the hills residents that I'm told are the largest source of the loudest complaints? Not all of them obviously bc in my opinion some of the greatest individuals this state has to offer call the BH home! If so, how much will it really help them? Don't get me wrong, I totally get it. I have nothing against them and totally understand that it would be difficult to see 100 deer a day and not get to kill as many as you'd like! How many complaints from BH stem from putting in for Any deer instead of Any Whitetail? Not trying to single anyone out. Just trying to look at this from all sides of the lantern and try to look at it as objectively as possible. Aside of my disdain for whining, of course ?? "Complaining without offering a thoughtful solution, is whining by definition."

In closing, how many ppl will be satisfied with the REAL results as opposed to the perceived results??? Being that I believe it will go through whether we like it or not, I truly hope that it will satisfy the ones that brought this about. But, what if it doesn't? ?? Then what? ?? How many will still be dissatisfied???? I'd be willing to bet that the number of ppl still dissatisfied will be more than you think and the complaints will continue. In addition to that, now the public reeeeeaaaaally doesn't trust the state bc they feel ignored, furthering the notion of a hidden agenda regardless of whether or not there is or ever even was another less public agenda.

Last thought: IF ppl continue to not show interest in later draws and, as the GFP admitted, pushes more tags to later draws and the multi season guys only scoop up as many tags as they have time to hunt to fill, where do the rest go? Is it more tags for NR regardless of how far they push them back in the pecking order? OR Is it not more tags fir NR but just "better" tags for NR? I don't know. The more I think about it, the second makes more sense. But I'll admit, this is speculation. Honest speculation, nonetheless. What I do know is that if I was a NR hunter, I certainly wouldn't shell out a bunch of money, time, and gas to shoot a doe! These are real questions we all need to ask ourselves.

This probably needs more editing to make the flow easier to follow, but my brain is mush bc I'm an idiot and

typed all of this on my phone instead of being smart and using a computer or at least talk to text! ??

Tom Mathiesen

Hudson SD

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Comment:

who are you trying to please? a good start would be to limit number of tags per household. many get multiple youth and mentor tags and not utilize the meat. I am lucky to get a tag every other year for either east river or Black Hills. you have succeeded in breaking up family hunts. that's a shame

Jeremy Forrest

Worthing SD

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Comment:

Leave it alone no reason to chang something that works

Thomas Larson

Parker SD

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Comment:

Needs to stay the way it is.

Brian Atwood

Sioux Falls SD

Comment:

oppose

Steve Gray

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Comment:

oppose

Bruce Lowe
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Comment:

I would like to know why, after three emails to you, when I have offered to explain how a new, revolutionary idea for a change to your current draw system does not deserve a response. Are you all so arrogant that if an idea did not originate in your bureaucracy, it's not worthy of consideration? Why not at least listen, and then make your decision? As a hunter, I have experienced how wonderful the system works, and found it to be the most fair to participants in all of the many States that I have hunted. None can even remotely compare.

Amber Larson
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Comment:

oppose

Elizabeth Atwood
Sioux Falls SD

Comment:

oppose

Jeff Monroe
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Comment:

oppose

Thomas Frankenstein
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Comment:

This is not fair to tax paying outdoorsman. Most multiple tags that are purchased are not filled anyway.

Matt Bones

Parker SD

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Comment:

The draw system for deer should be left alone! The system works great as you can get a tag every year if you want to, might not be the exact spot you would like to go but you can hunt every year!!! Leave it alone!

Clarence Bowman

Fairburn SD

Comment:

I believe it should be changed to only 1 first choice. It take some of the locals in Fall River, and Custer County way to long to draw a tag.

Caleb Gilkerson

Pierre SD

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Comment:

My company processes anywhere from 400 to 1500 deer a season and believe this would not only affect business negatively but also many hunters and hunters families. Please continue to use the current system that works extremely well. Dont fix it when its not broke

Clifton Stone

Chamberlain SD

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Comment:

Currently opposed, I think you need to give the new cubed preference point system the chance (3 to 4 years) to see if it will solve much of the allocation issue.

Ted Williams

Fairburn SD

Comment:

You should have only one first choice. Takes the locales way to long to draw a tag in west river and the black hills.

Benjamin Bowman
Fairburn SD

Comment:

You should have only 1 first choice not 6.

Andrew Van Zee
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Comment:

I don't like the new ideas for the deer licensing. The GFP has done an excellent job in recent years with deer management and would like to keep it the way it is

Halle Kuck
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Comment:

Please leave the deer license system the way it has always been. It does not need to be fixed. It is not broken!

Hannah Kuck
Aberdeen SD
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Comment:

I would ask that you not change the deer tag drawing system. I think this is a horrible idea.

Rusty Schmidt
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Comment:

Why not just increase tags for all units but have a 4x4 minimum requirement, and have all does submitted and when enough does get shot the doe season stops, like mountain lion hunting is done, and you can only shoot one or the other, so those whom want meat can shoot their doe and those whom want to hunt for horns have to find a 4x4 or better this will give GFP more revenue and keep deer harvest to a minimum, I like the old way, I know I can apply for several tags and usually always get one, most years two especially if I have to go for a second draw, I like the idea that I have a chance to rifle hunt and muzzleload hunt, if you change it it looks like odd are you never get to do both,

David Braun

Pierre SD

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Comment:

I am an avid hunter and have strong feelings of disagreement with this proposal. Our current system has been in place for years and serves sportsman well. I apply for different licenses each year and sometimes draw and sometimes not...but the current system does work and hunters are comfortable with it..DO NOT CHANGE WHAT IS NOT BROKEN AND LISTEN TO THOSE WHO HUNT. Thank you DB

Kevin Holter

Estelline SD

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Comment:

Limit first draw deer application. It states it will not limit the number of tag that I can get. This is not true. I can not apply for a West river and East river the same year. The system is not broke so don't try to fix it. All the hunters I talk

Justin Smith

De Smet SD

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Comment:

Please do not make these changes! you have made the draw stats very user friendly and the preference point system is also very easy to understand. if people aren't drawing tags because they aren't using this info is no reason to punish the rest of us. This isn't just a hobby for me it's a way of life please don't change it!

Waylon Torticill

Stickney SD

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Comment:

support

Paul Knecht

Pierre SD

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Comment:

I support the proposal, but it would make sense to leave the muzzleloader and refuge draw separate.

Julie Schommer

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Comment:

Chances of drawing are hard, this would make it more likely to draw

Marty Schommer

Oelrichs SD

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Comment:

Me and my kids hunt in fall river county I learned to hunt from my family as a tradition. my family homesteaded in this area, and I have lived here my whole life and now can't get a deer license because so many east river people applied I think this would be great to help us locals keep hunting. My family is a hunting family and will always be but tired of seeing people with three tags and I can't get one in my home town Option 2 would make a difference

Donald Johnson

Lennox SD

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Comment:

oppose

Brian Kringstad

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Comment:

First of all I do not believe 47% of the population is actually in favor of this. That number seems a little high. I have yet to speak to anyone who is in favor of this. Even if that number is correct why would you push through a change that is not supported by at least 50% of the population? This whole change absolutely reeks of politics.
Hunting is becoming difficult enough with out big \$. We don't need our own commission making it even harder.

Doug George

Mitchell SD

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Comment:

I think the changes are a terrible idea for the residents of South Dakota. It has worked well for so many years. We look forward to the time we spend together as a family deer hunting. I think the changes are more geared to pay per hunt for people to make money and ruin it for the "average" hunter whom cannot afford the license and to pay a business for the privilege to shoot a deer.

Pierce Smith

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Comment:

I strongly OPPOSE the proposal for the new deer drawing structure.

Randy Carlson

Lake City SD

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Comment:

I strongly oppose the deer license allocation proposal and have not found any other deer hunter that supports this proposal. The current allocation system provides maximum opportunity for the average deer hunter and should be left as-is.

Michael Durick

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Comment:

I feel the current system works good for the majority. Last year I applied for both east and west river but didn't get either. That's ok because that's the system.
I oppose the changes being proposed. Thanks Mike durick

Garrett Knock

Davis SD

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Comment:

support

Gary Lacompte
Tyndall SD
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Comment:

Leave the application process for big game hunting with the current application process. If you do get more applications for a certain unit, where will they hunt? Is this change being proposed so the large hunting lodges and guide services can attract more big money? The "normal" SD hunter will still have a terrible time finding an area to hunt big game species in the state of SD.

Jaime Peralez-Segura
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Comment:

I oppose this proposal because it does not afford more the ability to hunt multiple large game animals. I use these hunts to provide for my family and friends who cannot afford to hunt themselves. This would present an undue burdensome regulation to hunting in different sections of the state. The system is not broken, so there is no need to place supposed fix to minority amount of complainers.

Dean Ritter
Harrold SD
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Comment:

I don't think nonresidents should be able to apply in the first draw.

Richard Waldera
Alexandria SD
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Comment:

This is by far the most stupid plan the GFP has come up with in recent years.

Jim Meyer
Rapid City SD
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Comment:

Hard enough to draw a tag for the unit of my choice. Maybe this will eliminate someone drawing consecutive years when I'm waiting 3+years to successfully in the BHD and WRD license

Mark Buchholz
Watertown SD
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Comment:

Please leave the deer license allocations as they presently are. I strongly oppose the proposed changes.

Indian Springs Boating Restrictions

Jim Gruber
Estelline SD
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Comment:

look, this is a can of worms the state legislature created... throw it back at them... why not offer a fishing /hunting lic. that charges a fee to fish or hunt meandering or non meandering. the sportsman can choose to buy the stamp or fee.. and then distribute the funds amongst the land owners affected by water flooding.. lower their tax base to zero.. i think we are the only state with such a goofy law. you let this go through and it opens the can for all lakes affected.....

Casey Flatten
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Comment:

Our local GF&P Kyle this spring told us this is still a meandered lake and probably always will. The Bunning family has been doing everything in their power to separate Antelope and Indian Springs. They built a road in the deepest channel between the lakes. Threatened that they will have GF&P continue to milk walleye eggs from this lake, something they said they could stop it if the Black Claw Bait and Tavern cooperated with their demands. It makes me sick that a family from Chicago gets more support than a local family thats lived in this area for years. We are all wondering how this lake has changed from meandered to non meandered so quickly with no official proof how or why. Federal and state laws state that this should be a meandered lake according to their regulations. I completely oppose this!

Gavin Flatten
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Comment:

I feel like we should all be able to fish the lake it is open water and there is access and it is not surrounded by one owner

Tom Wight

Watertown SD

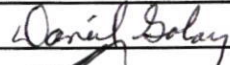
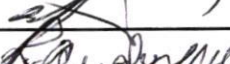
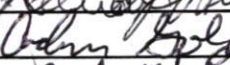
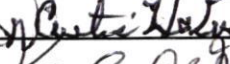
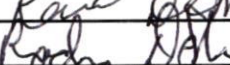
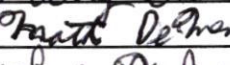
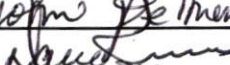
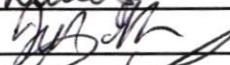
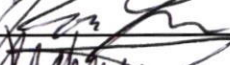

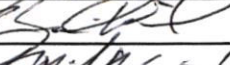
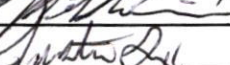
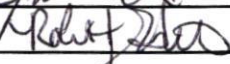
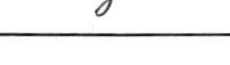
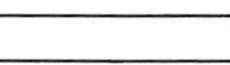

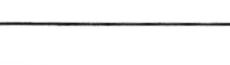
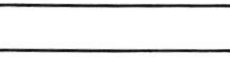
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When's this going to stop? One by one you restrict more bodies of water. Whomever is allowing this to happen, isn't good for SD. You should be finding more ways to increase available fisheries to all. We're all very disappointed with where things are going. The resident from out of state that lives on Indian Springs doesn't own the lake. No matter how much money they're throwing at this all.

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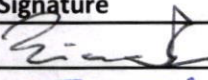
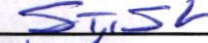
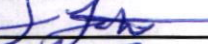



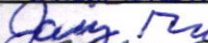

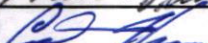

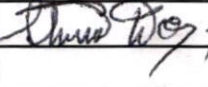
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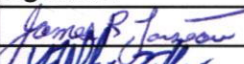
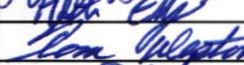

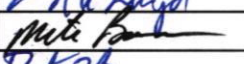
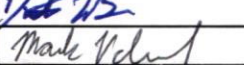
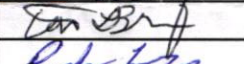
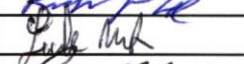

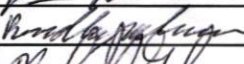
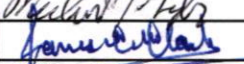

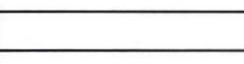

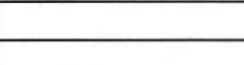
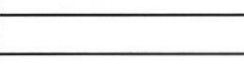

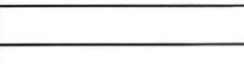
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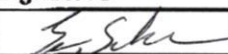
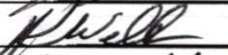


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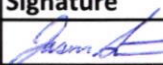
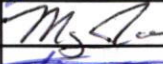

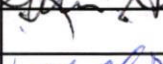
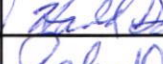

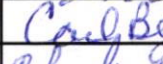

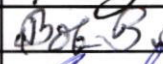




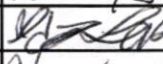
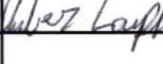
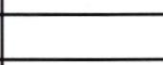

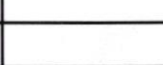
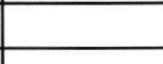

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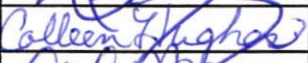

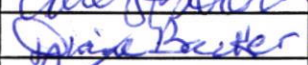


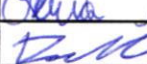
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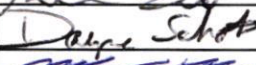
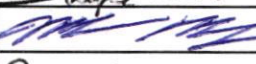
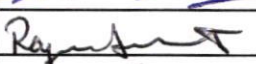
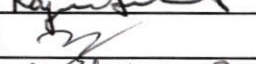
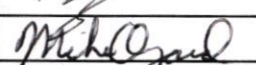
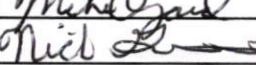



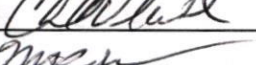
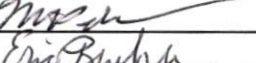
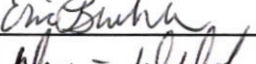
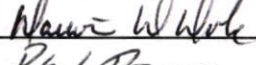

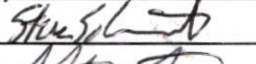
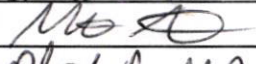
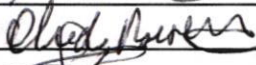

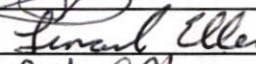
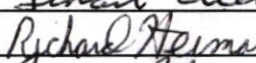
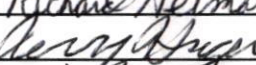



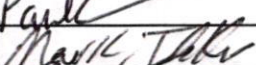
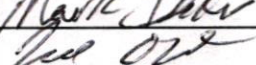
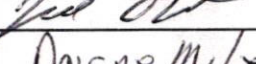
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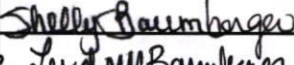
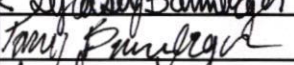
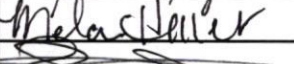

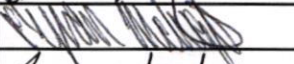
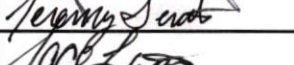

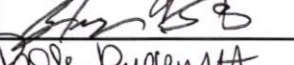
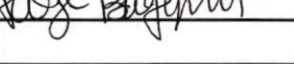
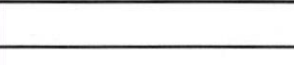
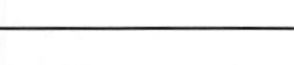
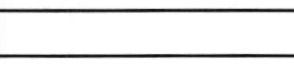
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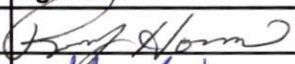

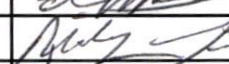
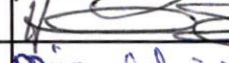
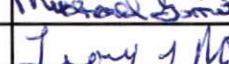
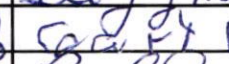
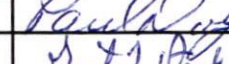
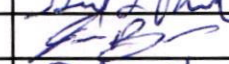
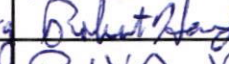

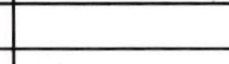

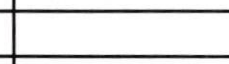
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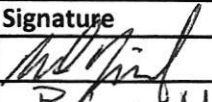
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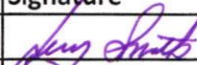

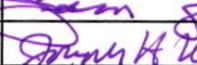
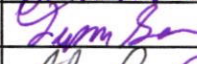
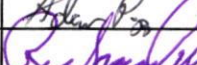
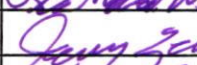

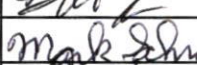
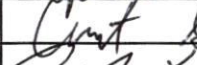
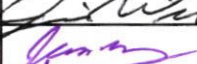
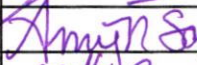

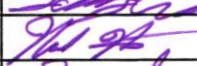




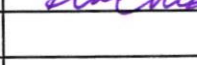
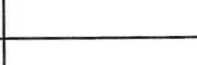
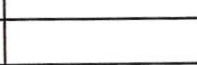
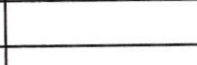
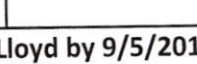


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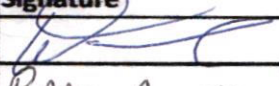
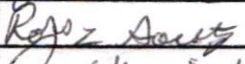
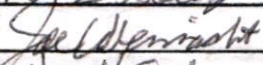
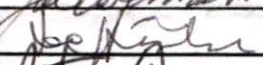
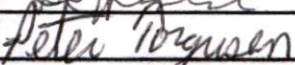
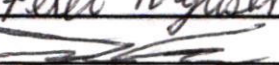

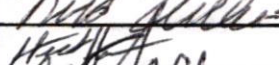

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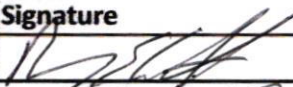
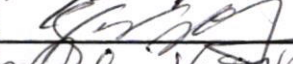
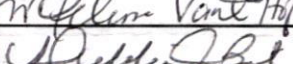
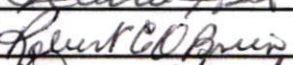
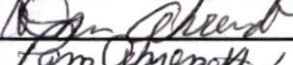
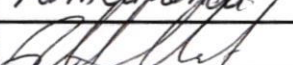
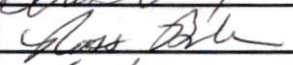
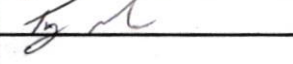
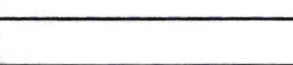
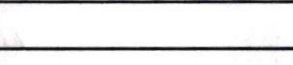
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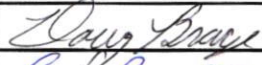
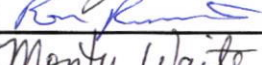
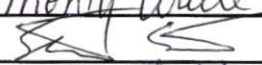

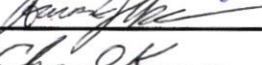
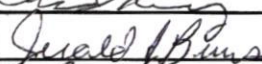
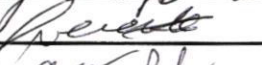
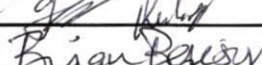
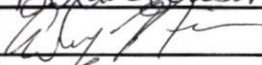


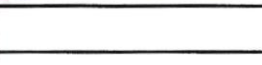
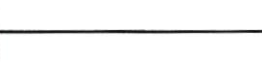
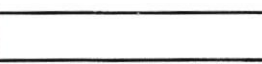

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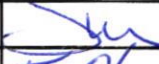
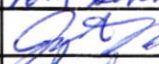
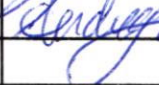
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6	Joe Schneider		17543 46th Ave	
7	David Johnson		45506 166th St WTN	
8	Dan Kennans		4258th St SE WTN	
9	Lenny Fiebelkorn		312 3rd St N.E.	
10	Keith O'Farrell		1106 20th St N.E. WTN	
11	Pat Olson		304 1st Florence SD	
12	Rick Landon		510-2nd St S.W. Wtn S.D	
13	Kevin Bublit		1719 12th Ave SW Wtn SD	
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16	Cary Stricker		46382 164th St Wtn SD	
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22	Jordan Tesch		46378 46th Ave Wtn SD	57201
23	Mike O'Brien		1109 4th Ave NW Wtn S.D.	
24	Lee Nerison		616 N Park St Wtn S.D	
25	Chris & Beverly		1718 1st Ave SE	
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27	Matt Brumby		24 7th St NE Wtn SD	
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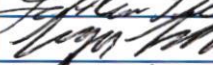
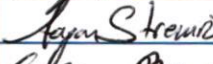
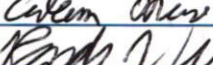
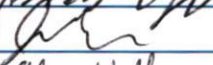
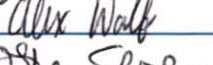
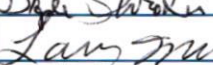
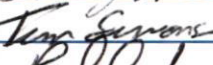
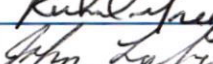
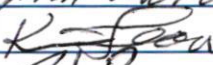
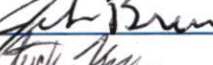
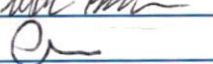
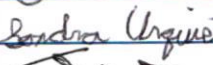
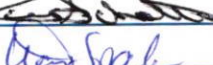
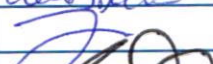

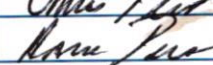






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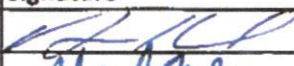
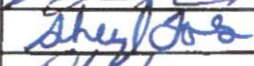
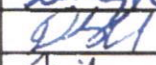
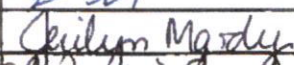
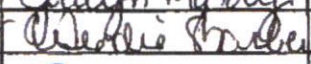
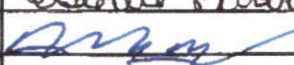

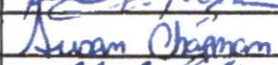
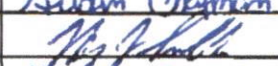
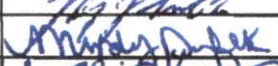
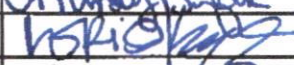
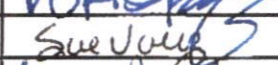
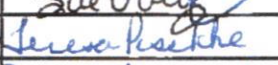
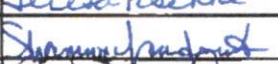
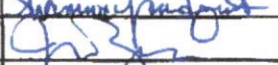

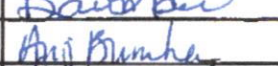
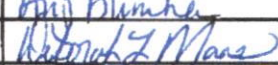

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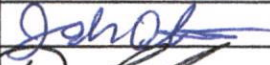

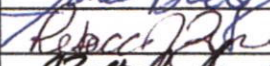
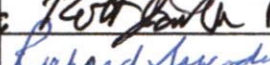
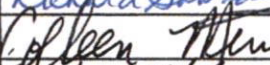
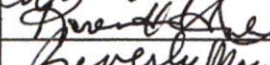
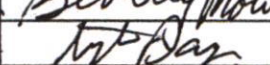
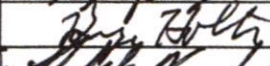

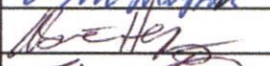

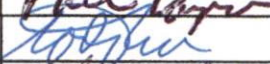
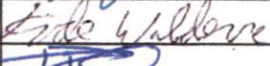

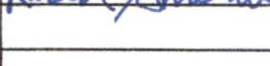

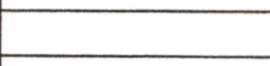

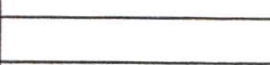

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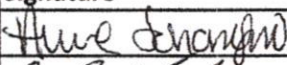
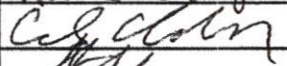
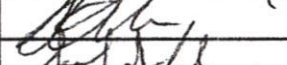

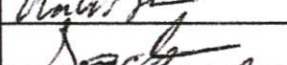
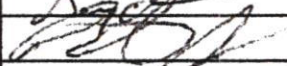
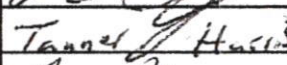




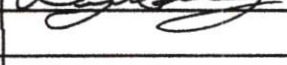
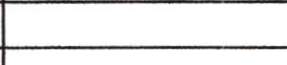
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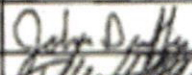
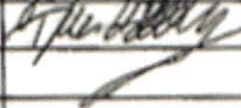
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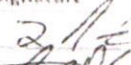
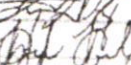
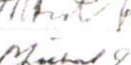
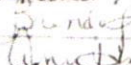
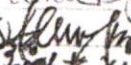
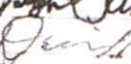
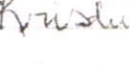




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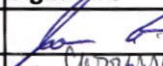
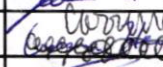

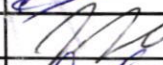
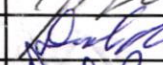

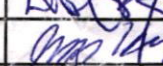
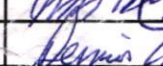




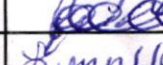
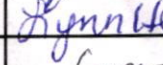
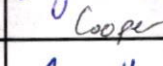
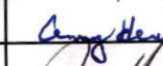
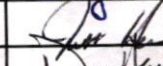
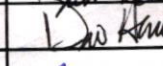
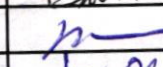
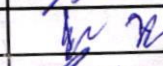
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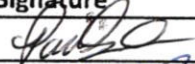
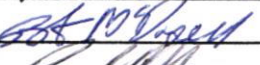

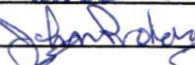

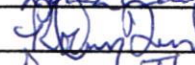
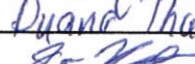
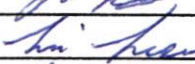
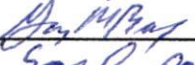
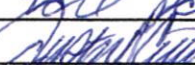
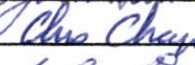

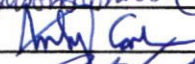

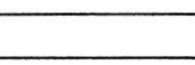

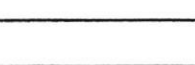
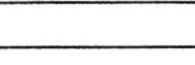
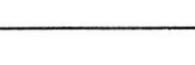
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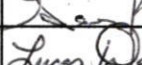
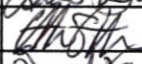

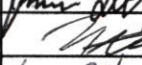




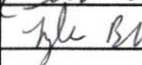

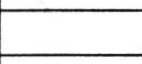

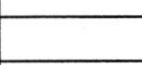
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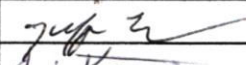




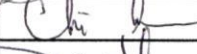
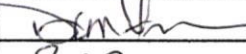
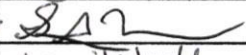
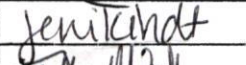
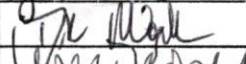
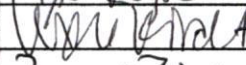
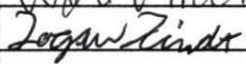
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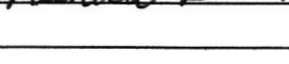
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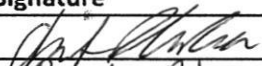
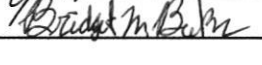
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