I’m curious as to what happened to the idea of potentially having Archery Deer season changed to start at an earlier date that the present - third week in Sept.?

Thanks,

Larry
As an avid bow hunter and land owner I can see little to be gained by going back to the additional antlerless system. The herd has not grown much if any from the previous years. And yet, if you deem we need to increase the harvest at least have the season end on the Dec. 31st. It does not need to run into January, and if anything all it really does is increase the road hunting antics of many who do not want to walk for anything. And as a land owner by Jan. 1st. I have had enough of that. Jim Gruber
148 Sunset Park Dr. Estelline, S.D. 57234
Dear SDGF&P,

Friends and I have hunted the same Corson Co. ranch since 1969. The ranchers have become family, and the hunt is a social event. Last year my partner didn't draw a tag. Granted, we both applied for "any deer," and I hit "any whitetail" on my second choice. Mike didn't. Now that the deer are back, please consider reinstating a third unit of "any antlerless whitetail." We want to hunt together more than kill a deer. Thanks for the consideration.

Roger Wiltz, Wagner
Dear Sirs: my name is Steve Bronson. I manage Kris Bronson's ice house rentals on Bitter Lake SD. My concerns are with our 3 day non resident fishing licence. Close to 80% of our customers are out of state residents and come to South Dakota once a year to enjoy our awesome ice fishing that only SD provides. Many only stay the 3 days because of license cost. 1 day = $16, 3 days = $37, annual = $67.00. I would like to see the 3 day licence changed to a 5 or 7 day license and charge $42-$45 per license. Our state would fiscally benefit as every day these fisherman are in our state they spend their money here. I would appreciate any consideration on my thoughts.

http://www.ucanicefish.com/
Steve Bronson
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NON-RESIDENT FISHING LICENSES

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<td>Nonresident 1-Day Fishing Nonresident fishing for one day only, and taking of one daily limit of fish only, including frogs and turtles.</td>
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<td>Nonresident Youth: Option 1 (Youth Annual Fishing License) Nonresident youth under age 16 who wish to keep their own limit of fish and/or fish on their own may purchase the Youth Annual Fishing License which allows all the privileges of the adult Annual Fishing License.</td>
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<td>Nonresident Youth: Option 2 Nonresidents under age 16 do not need a fishing license when fishing with a parent or guardian who has a valid South Dakota fishing license. The youth's fish must be included in the daily and possession limit of the parent or guardian. Youth wishing to take their own limit of fish may purchase a nonresident fishing license.</td>
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- See more at: http://gfp.sd.gov/licenses/general-hunt-fish/license-list.aspx#sthash.JL6tYP6k.dpuf
Hi, regarding the pheasant study on economics, I highly disagree with the money spent in the state by residence. Does the study account for all the time spent on the habitat being established and food plots? Just for our land 600 acres and we have about 8 quarters of CREP around ours that we put extra plots by the crep. So we figure about 25-35 hours on average a year we spend just on the plots (we don’t spray which is better for the pheasants) So lets take 30x15 hr. 450 per person, 2 of us, so 900, then you take the money we spend on other seed beside the seed from the state and fuel that is purchased in the state, your looking at about 1300. Throw in the time that is spent taking care of the habitat each year and the time and money spent planting the habitat. About 1300 a year on a year on average. Just for us its 2600 a year. Now take in the fact that we buy groceries and shells, gas, maintenance on vehicles, just like out of non res. I would say we spend the same or more than non res. Per person. I think the GFP’s should pay more attention and give more credit to residence for the time spent on preserving habitat. Out of that 140 million in non res money, how much of that is spent back into habitat for wetlands and crp excluding the fee on the license for crep and walk in? Just curious how much has the tourist dept given to the Habitat pays program? Then we are also wondering hows the study going on the affects of aphids insecticide spray on pheasants, I emailed our story to John Cooper, and we were wonders what the GFP is doing about this problem that drastically hurt the pheasant around our area.

Please forward this to the correct person.

Thank you,
Ryan

On 2016-05-25 10:43, South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks wrote:
> [1]
> 
> > FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 25, 2016
> > CONTACT: Emily Kiel, Emily.Kiel@state.sd.us [2]
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> > * Pheasant Hunters Spend Big Money in South Dakota
> > * Fort Sisseton Annual Historical Festival Approaching
> > * McVicker Named Brook Brown Boating Officer of the Year
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PHEASANT HUNTERS SPEND BIG MONEY IN SOUTH DAKOTA

PIERRE, S.D. – The Ring-necked Pheasant means fun and memories for South Dakotans and its visitors, but it also means big money to main streets across the state.

The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) statistics reveal 150,037 pheasant hunters spent over $170.1 million dollars in the state in 2015. A further breakdown reveals that 84,903 nonresident hunters spent $140.3 million, while 65,134 resident hunters spent approximately $29.8 million in 2015.

“South Dakota is a hunting destination for people across the country and the world,” said GFP Secretary, Kelly Hepler. “Pheasant hunting plays a big part in our quality of life, and it continues to be an economic driver for businesses across the state.”

The economic and harvest statistics by county can be found online at https://gfp.sd.gov/hunting/small-game/pheasant-economics.aspx [3].

The counties with the highest hunter spending for 2015 were: Tripp, Brule, Brown, Lyman, Spink and Beadle.

“It is no accident that the places where the most money is spent by pheasant hunters are the places where large tracts of quality habitat exist,” concluded Hepler. “Ag producers know that quality habitat means high pheasant numbers; which results in thousands of visitors wearing blaze orange.”

These county-specific spending estimates were generated by applying mean per-hunter spending estimates to the number and distribution of pheasant hunters as derived from the 2015 GFP upland game harvest surveys.

FORT SISSETON ANNUAL HISTORICAL FESTIVAL APPROACHING

PIERRE, S.D. – On June 3-5, Fort Sisseton will host its historical festival. The annual event expects a large turnout; previous years have brought in more than 15,000 visitors.

The festival charges a $5 admission fee or $25 per night to camp onsite for the event. The historical festival allows visitors to relive history in a re-enactment of frontier life.

The three day event stages scenes of early settlement when muzzleloaders, riflemen and more participate in a rendezvous gathering. The rendezvous is complete with fur traders and both military and teepee encampment sites. Rendezvous traders and campers
Comes, Rachel

From: Cary, Joe
Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2016 3:44 PM
To: Comes, Rachel
Subject: FW: driving around with loaded shotguns inside vehicles on public road right of ways during hunting season
Attachments: replys on loaded guns in vehicles 1.pdf; replys on loaded guns in vehicles 2.pdf; Lower Brule road hunting info.pdf

Categories: Commission

From: Craig Olson [mailto:caolson@swiftel.net]
Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2016 3:17 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: driving around with loaded shotguns inside vehicles on public road right of ways during hunting season

To: SD GF & P Commissioners

I’m a landowner with other family members on some land in south central South Dakota. We provide some habitat for wildlife with a small amount of CRP and food plots. Our CRP is next to the road.

It appears that in South Dakota it is not illegal to have a fully loaded shotgun (chamber and magazine) inside a vehicle while driving around on public road right of ways during the hunting season. There is not a lot of difference between having a loaded shotgun in the back of a pickup verses having a loaded gun inside a vehicle while in motion on a public road right of way.

People get desperate to shoot a pheasant and with fully loaded guns in vehicles on public road right of ways and it just leads to poor decisions. In our area I see people stopping on road, jumping out of their vehicles and shooting pheasants on the ground no matter where they see them including private property. No fair chase. In one case somebody shot a pheasant through our barb wire fence and cut a wire.

I have done some checking with other states around South Dakota. No reply from Montana and Wyoming at that time. All the other states around us gave a negative reply on having loaded shotguns/gun in vehicles. I have attached their replies.

I would think that law enforcement would prefer people not have have fully loaded guns in vehicles for safety reasons. It would be safer for the landowner.

I have also attached a page from Lower Brule Wildlife’s web site dealing with this subject. They seem to have it pretty much right on. I also noticed they have recently banned the use of toxic lead shot.

Another issue of have fully loaded guns in vehicles while driving around on public road right of ways is people shooting up county and township road signs. The township put up a road sign just two or three years ago at one of our intersections not to far away from our CRP and it has already been shot up with a shotgun blast and some type of other bullets. My property tax money paid for that sign. I’m of the opinion that if the State of
South Dakota wants to let people drive around with fully loaded guns in their vehicles the State of South Dakota should pay to replace that sign and others. Assuming people are never caught shooting the signs up. I didn’t do nothing wrong why should my property tax money be used to replace that sign? South Dakota is responsible in the first place.

Thank You for your time.

Craig A Olson
Hello Craig,

As stated in our 2016 Big Game Hunting Brochure it is illegal to have a loaded rifle or shotgun in or on any motor vehicle. I have pasted the regulation for loaded firearms from our 2016 brochure below. These regulations can be found on page 17 in the Big Game Brochure.

4. Have a loaded (in the chamber) rifle or shotgun in or on any motor vehicle. Muzzleloading rifles are considered unloaded if the percussion cap or shotshell primer is removed, or if the powder is removed from flashpan. It is illegal for anyone to have a loaded electronic-ignition muzzleloader in or on a motor vehicle unless the chamber is unloaded or the battery is disconnected and removed from its compartment.

5. Carry firearms (except handguns) on an OHV during deer, elk, pronghorn and bear seasons unless they are unloaded in the chamber and magazine. Firearms (except handguns) and bows carried on an OHV must be fully enclosed in a hard or soft case. Scabbards or cases with open ends or sides are prohibited. This does not apply to landowners or their agents who carry a firearm on an OHV to take depredating wildlife on property they own or lease.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Standlee
Communication Center/Hunt Planners

No person may carry a firearm with a cartridge in the chamber in or on a motor-driven vehicle while hunting, except as otherwise provided by law. The entire cylinder of a revolver is considered the chamber, requiring the revolver to be completely unloaded. Handguns with removable magazines or clips must have the magazine or clips removed from the firearm if the magazine or clip contains any loaded shells. It is illegal to carry any muzzleloading firearm in or on a motor-driven vehicle with a cap or primer in place or powder in the flash pan.

Hi:

I'm from South Dakota.

My question is: In North Dakota is it legal for people to ride around in vehicles during the hunting season with loaded guns/shotguns?
**NEW** Please click here to complete a short customer service satisfaction survey.

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**Craig Olson**

From: "Webmaster [DNR]" <Webmaster@dnr.iowa.gov>
Date: Monday, February 29, 2016 10:20 AM
To: RE: Inquiry submitted by Craig A Olson

Dear Craig,

Thank you for using the Iowa DNR website. It is illegal to transport a firearm in Iowa while it is uncased and/or uncased and unloaded unless an individual has a permit to carry that is recognized in the state of Iowa. Even with a permit to carry, we do not encourage transporting a firearm in this manner due to major safety concerns.

Thank you.

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**ALICIA**

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**Craig Olson**

From: "Hage, Tim J (DNR)" <Tim.Hage@state.mn.us>
Date: Monday, February 29, 2016 9:10 AM
To: "Craig Olson"
Subject: RE: Question

No it is not.

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From: Craig Olson [mailto:caolson@swiftel.net]
Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2016 10:19 AM
To: *Info (DNR)
Subject: Question

Hi: I’m from South Dakota.

My questions is: In Minnesota during the hunting seasons is it legal for people to ride around with loaded guns/shotguns in their vehicles?

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**Craig Olson**

From: "Lam, Huyen" <huyen.lam@nebraska.gov>
Date: Monday, February 29, 2016 11:41 AM
To: RE: NEW Contact Us submission from Craig Olson.

Hi, Craig!

Thank you for your contact submission. It is LEGAL to have a loaded rifle in a vehicle in Nebraska. It is NOT LEGAL to have a loaded shotgun in a vehicle while on any public road. It is NOT LEGAL to harvest any game bird from a vehicle.

Hope this helps!

**Huyen Lam**
Marketing Intern
Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
General Rules & Regulations

1. All animals shot, caught or trapped must be retrieved. Wanton waste of wildlife is a tribal offense (LB-82-C-Sec.29).

2. There will be restricted vehicle travel during wet weather or extremely dry conditions. Vehicles are allowed only on established roads and trails.

3. The Tribe reserves the right to close seasons in case of fire hazard, low wildlife populations, etc. Refunds will be offered for special hunts if they had not taken place.

4. No person shall hunt or trap on roadways or within 660 feet of any occupied dwelling, church, schoolhouse or livestock. No person shall hunt or trap within one mile of the community of Lower Brule (LB-82-C Sec. 35). No person shall drive off any established roadway or trail while hunting, fishing, trapping or recreating.

5. Trespass: You may not hunt or trap on private deeded or allotted land within the boundaries of the Lower Brule Sioux Reservation without permission from the landowner.

6. License Revocation: Any person violating any rule or regulation may have their hunting license revoked on site.

7. Unarmed Retrieval: Any person may retrieve lawfully taken small and big game from private deeded or allotted land if you are unarmed and if you do not use a vehicle to make your retrieval. Remember, to be lawfully taken, game must have been shot within open areas or areas where permission has been granted.

8. Harassment: No person may intentionally interfere with persons lawfully engaged in taking or attempting to take game or fish. No person may scare or disturb game with specific intent to prevent its lawful taking.

9. Hunter Harvest Report Card: Any person hunting big game within the boundaries of the Lower Brule Indian Reservation is required to complete a hunter harvest report card and tooth envelope within seven days of the end of the season. The completed report card and tooth envelope can either be given to a Tribal Conservation Officer or mailed to the Tribal Wildlife Department. Failure to submit a timely hunter harvest report card and tooth envelope will result in a penalty prior to purchase of following year’s big game tags. Harvest report forms are also required for upland game and waterfowl hunters.

10. Road Hunting Prohibited: No hunting or shooting from a roadway or right-of-way of an improved road or highway maintained by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, State, or County. No person shall at any time transport a firearm with a round in the chamber, or revolvers with cartridges in the cylinder, or a shotgun with more than two (2) shells in the magazine. No person shall transport any bow unless it is unstrung, encased or string is locked and unable to be drawn. No person with a special crossbow permit shall transport a crossbow unless it is encased or unstrung. No person shall hunt, load, or discharge a firearm, bow or crossbow from or across a roadway. No person shall load or discharge a firearm or bow of any type in or from a motor vehicle. No person shall lean or place any loaded firearm or bow of any type against any vehicle. No person shall allow a firearm or bow to protrude from a vehicle.

11. Restrictions on Use of Bait: No person shall place or hunt over bait unless such material is present from normal agricultural practices. No trapper or person shall set any trap within 30 feet of any exposed bait visible to airborne raptors. Exposed bait means meat or viscera of any animal,