

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

East River Deer Hunting Season

Chapter 41:06:21; 41:06:01

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	April 5-6, 2018	Rapid City
	Public Hearing	May 3, 2018	Custer State Park
	Finalization	May 3-4, 2018	Custer State Park

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Duration of Recommendation: 2018 hunting season

Season Dates: November 17 – December 2, 2018
As proposed by the Commission for antlerless deer tags

Open Area: See the attached map

Licenses: 20,900 one-tag and 5,250 two-tag licenses (total of 31,400 tags)

Requirements and Restrictions:

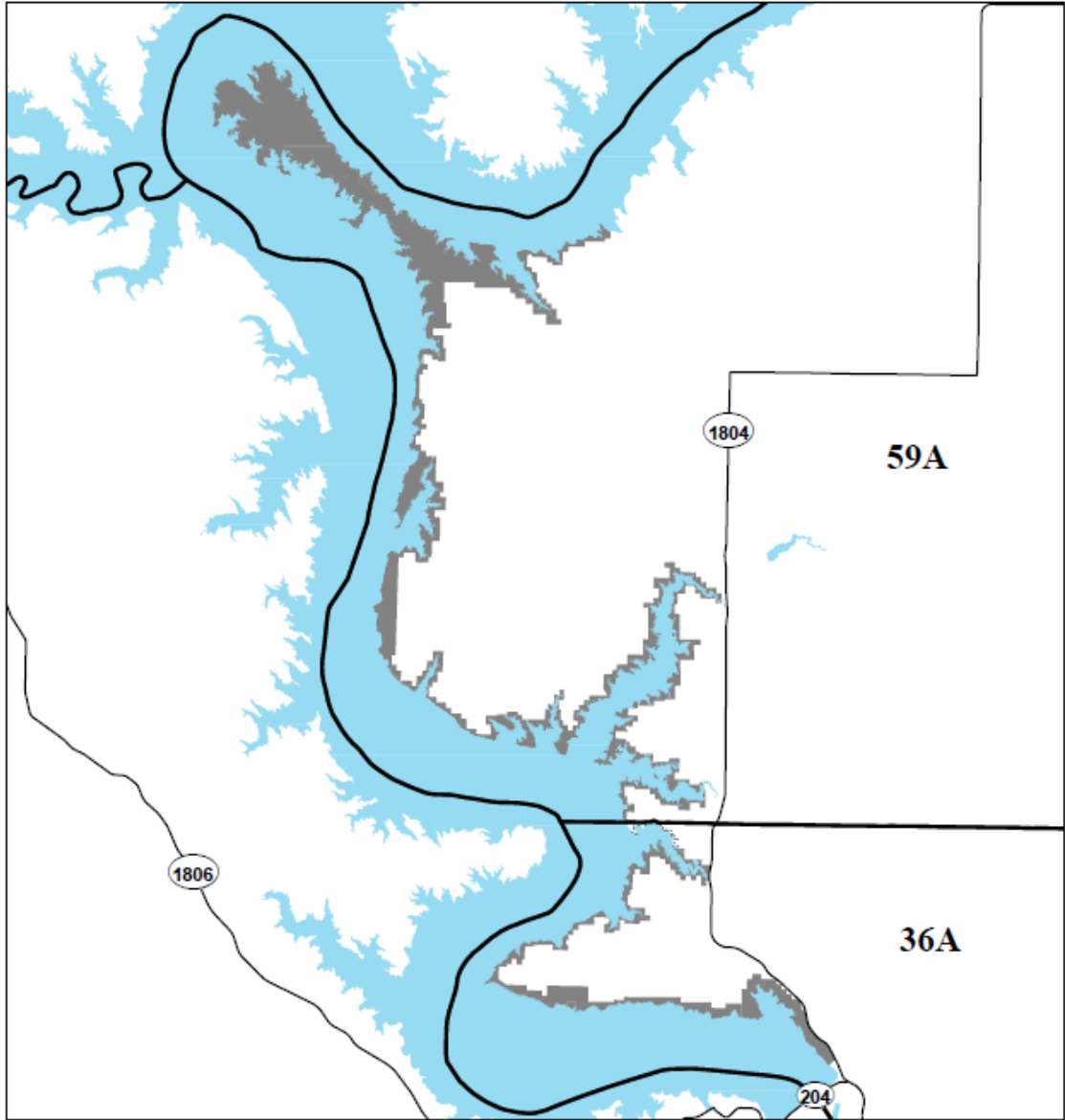
1. One-half of the licenses allocated in each unit are available for landowner/operator preference.
2. In addition to these licenses, 500 “any deer” licenses are available through the “Special Buck” application as approved at the March GFP Commission meeting.
3. Landowners not possessing a license that allows the harvest of a buck may purchase an “any deer” or a two-tag “any deer + antlerless deer” license that is valid on their property only.
4. Initially, all licenses are available only to residents. Nonresidents may apply for licenses remaining after the second lottery drawing.
5. A portion of southeastern Minnehaha County is closed to hunting with firearms other than muzzleloaders and shotguns using slugs.
6. Only unfilled “any antlerless deer” and “antlerless whitetail deer” tags are valid from a time period as proposed by the Commission.

Recommended changes from last year:

1. Adjust resident license numbers from no more than 21,085 one-tag and 5,250 two-tag licenses to no more than 20,900 one-tag and 5,250 two-tag licenses.
2. Create a new Limited Access Unit (Unit 59L) in Hughes and Sully counties limited to all Game Production, Corp of Engineer, and Park Recreation Area Lands north of Oahe Dam in Hughes County and west of US Hwy 1804 to Bush’s Landing boat ramp in Sully County at 182nd St.; excluding the Spring Creek Recreation area (see map). This unit is all public land and landowner preference does not apply and hunters must obtain a free access permit to hunt archery, muzzleloader, youth or mentored youth as required on other Limited Access Units.
3. Eliminate Unit 59B (that portion of Sully County east of U.S. Highway 83).
4. Modify Unit 59A to include all of Sully except that portion within 59L.
5. Modify Unit 36A to include all of Hughes County excluding that portion within Unit 59L, Farm Island Recreation Area, LaFramboise Island, and the land from the entrance to Farm Island west through the city of Pierre.
6. Modify the antlerless-only deer hunting season dates from 9 days beginning on the Saturday after Christmas to nine consecutive days beginning the Saturday following the 16th day of the East River deer season.

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Proposed Unit 59L

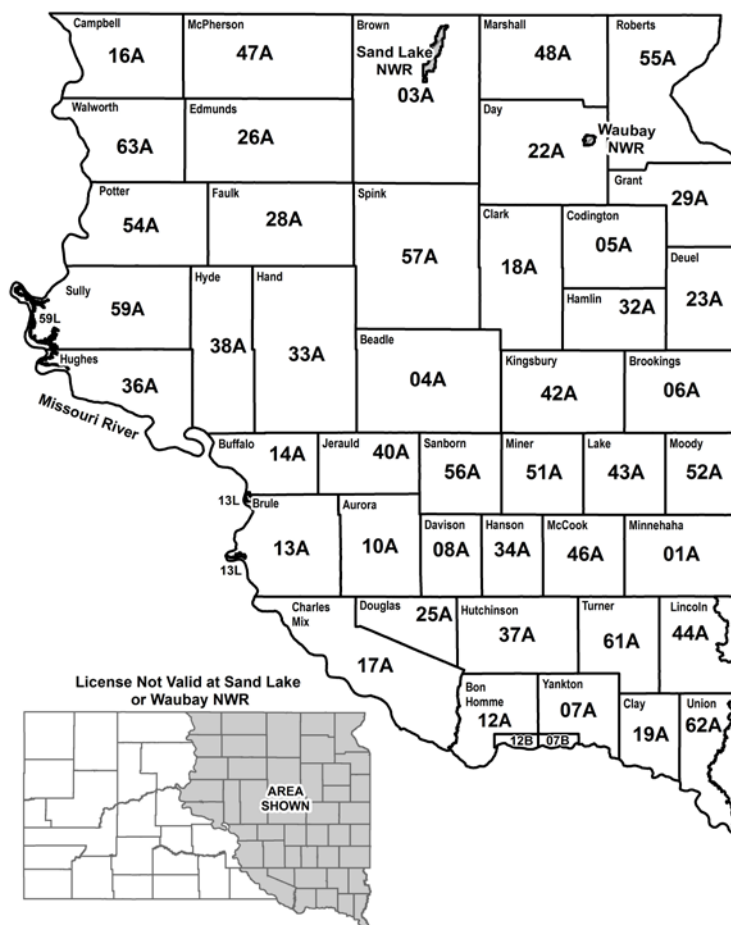


■ Unit 59L

Acres: 13,206

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EAST RIVER DEER UNITS



2018 – License and Tag Numbers by Unit

Unit	Licenses	Tags	Unit	Licenses	Tags	Unit	Licenses	Tags
01A	550	550	18A	600	600	43A	400	400
03A	2,400	2,400	19A	200	200	44A	250	250
04A	600	600	22A	600	600	46A	450	450
05A	250	250	23A	400	400	47A	1,000	1,500
06A	550	550	25A	150	150	48A	500	500
07A	250	250	26A	1,300	2,600	51A	750	750
07B	75	75	28A	1,400	2,800	52A	450	450
08A	200	200	29A	300	300	54A	1,050	1,950
10A	550	550	32A	600	600	55A	500	500
12A	150	150	33A	870	870	56A	550	550
12B	50	50	34A	200	200	57A	1,300	1,300
13A	900	1,100	36A	575	575	59A	730	730
13L	30	30	37A	100	100	59L	40	40
14A	350	600	38A	720	1,420	61A	100	100
16A	720	720	40A	550	550	62A	300	300
17A	250	250	42A	600	600	63A	750	750

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

West River Deer Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:20

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	April 5-6, 2018	Rapid City
	Public Hearing	May 3, 2018	Custer State Park
	Finalization	May 3-4, 2018	Custer State Park

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Duration of Recommendation: 2018 hunting season

Season Dates: Unit 30A (Gregory): November 3-6 and November 19-25, 2018
All Other Units: November 10-25, 2018
Antlerless Deer Tags: As proposed by Commission

Open Area: See the attached map

Licenses: Residents: 15,340 one-tag, 3,320 two-tag, and 0 three-tag licenses
Nonresidents: 1,231 one-tag, 266 two-tag, and 0 three-tag licenses

Requirements and Restrictions:

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

Recommended changes from last year:

1. Reinstate the antlerless-only deer season for nine consecutive days beginning the Saturday following the 16th day of the East River deer season.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

APPROVE _____ MODIFY _____ REJECT _____ NO ACTION _____

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Archery Deer Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:22

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	April 5-6, 2018	Rapid City
	Public Hearing	May 3, 2018	Custer State Park
	Finalization	May 3-4, 2018	Custer State Park

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Duration of Recommendation: 2018 hunting season

Season Dates: September 22, 2018 – January 1, 2019

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

Licenses: Unlimited “any deer” licenses
Unlimited single tag “antlerless whitetail deer” licenses

Access Permits: “Any Deer” Access Permits: No more than 460 resident and 39 nonresident
“Antlerless Whitetail Deer” Access Permits: No more than 25 resident

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. Resident and nonresident hunters may purchase one (1) statewide “any deer” license or one (1) East River “any deer” license and one (1) West River “any deer” license.
2. Residents and nonresidents may purchase one (1) “antlerless whitetail deer” license.
3. Individuals may purchase one “antlerless whitetail deer” license for Unit ARD-LM1 (see map).
4. Shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.
5. Sand Lake NWR is open October 20, 2018 – January 1, 2019, except during the Sand Lake NWR firearm deer season.
6. Waubay Lake State Game Refuge and Waubay NWR in Day County are open through January 1, except during refuge deer seasons.
7. Lacreek NWR is open through January 1, except during the Lacreek NWR firearm deer seasons.
8. Licensees must obtain an access permit from the Department issued by lottery drawing before hunting Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve, Good Earth State Park.

Proposed changes from last year:

1. For Unit ARD-LM1, close unit ERD-59L.
2. Modify the season end date from January 15 to January 1.
3. Antlerless whitetail deer licenses are not valid after January 1.
4. Change the archery season end date for Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge, Waubay National Wildlife Refuge, and Waubay State Lake State Game Refuge from December 31 to January 1, except during the firearm deer seasons established for such refuges.

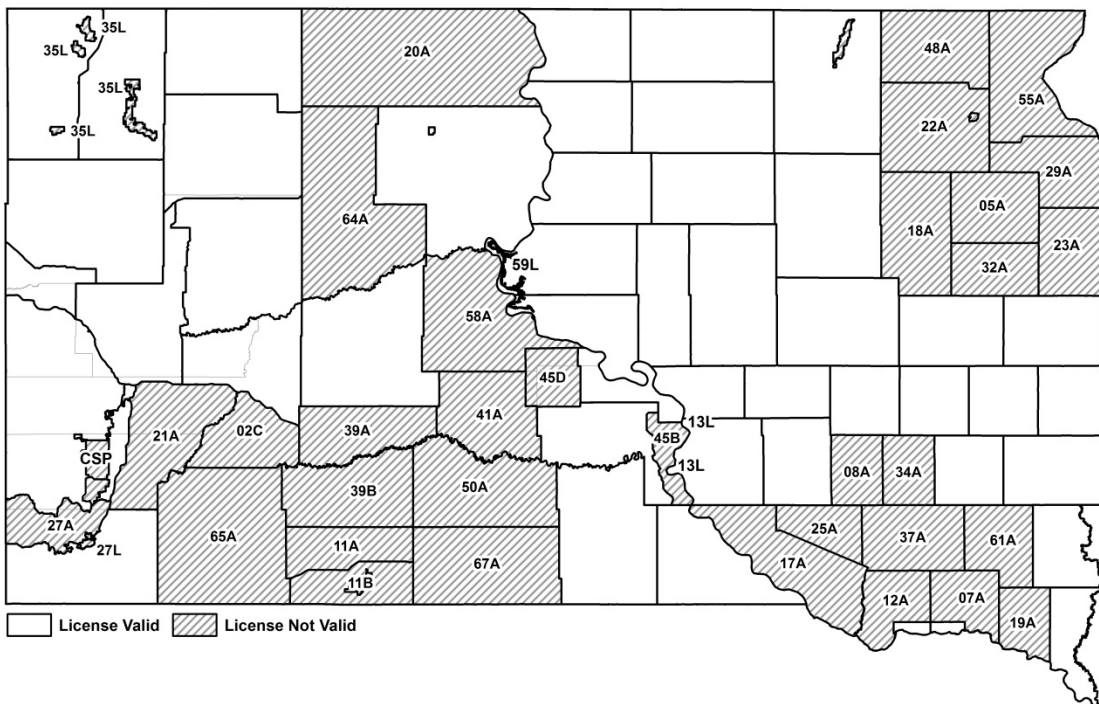
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Archery Deer Hunting Season 2018 "Antlerless License" Restrictions

1. The Unit ARD-LM1 single-tag "antlerless whitetail deer" license is valid in all areas except the shaded areas.

Archery Antlerless Whitetail Deer

Unit ARD-LM1



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

**General Muzzleloading Deer Hunting Season
Chapter 41:06:45**

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	April 5-6, 2018	Rapid City
	Public Hearing	May 3, 2018	Custer State Park
	Finalization	May 3-4, 2018	Custer State Park

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Duration of Recommendation: 2018 hunting season

Season Dates: December 1, 2018 – January 1, 2019

Open Area: “Any Deer” Licenses: Statewide
“Antlerless Whitetail Deer” Licenses: Unit MZD-LM1

Licenses: 1,000 “any deer” licenses
Unlimited single tag “antlerless whitetail deer” licenses

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. Only residents are eligible to apply for “any deer” tags. Residents and nonresidents may purchase “antlerless whitetail deer” licenses.
2. Individuals may purchase one “antlerless whitetail deer” license for Unit MZD-LM1 (see map).
3. Shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.
4. Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge, Lake Andes National Wildlife Refuge, Waubay National Wildlife Refuge, Waubay State Game Refuge, Farm Island State Recreation Area, LaFramboise Island Nature Area, and the Fort Meade Bureau of Land Management South unit and the signed portion of the North unit are closed to general muzzleloading deer hunting.

Recommended changes from last year:

1. For Unit MZD-LM1, close unit ERD-59L.
2. Both any deer and antlerless whitetail deer licenses are valid December 1 – January 1.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

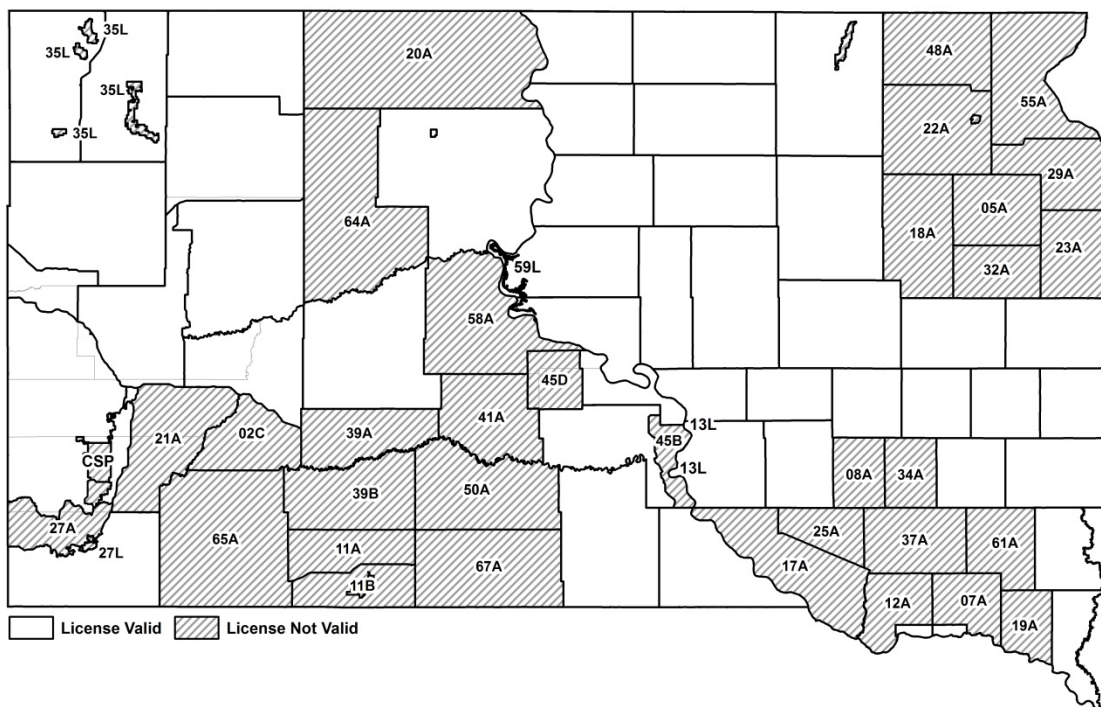
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Muzzleloader Deer Hunting Season 2018 "Antlerless License" Restrictions

1. The Unit MZD-LM1 single-tag "antlerless whitetail deer" license is valid in all areas except the shaded areas.

Muzzleloader Antlerless Whitetail Deer

Unit MZD-LM1



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

Application for License

Chapter 41:06:01

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	April 5-6, 2018	Rapid City
	Public Hearing	May 3, 2018	Custer State Park
	Finalization	May 3-4, 2018	Custer State Park

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

41:06:01:17. Access permits required for specific deer hunting units and public lands.

Proposed changes from last year:

1. Require any resident and nonresident deer hunter possessing an archery deer license to obtain and possess a free access permit to hunt in the Black Hills as defined in ARSD 41:06:19:02. An unlimited number of free access permits may be issued.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

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Access Permit Survey Archery Deer Harvest Projections Custer National Forest (35L)

Year		Permits Issued	Projected Hunted	Hunter Success	Permit Success	Harvest Projections								Total Deer Harvest
						Whitetail				Mule Deer				
						Bucks		Does		Bucks		Does		
Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn					
2014	Resident	262	112	14%	6%	3	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	15
	Nonresident	105	75	28%	20%	2	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	21
2015	Resident	355	176	12%	6%	3	0	0	0	16	0	1	1	21
	Nonresident	102	71	22%	15%	4	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	16
2016	Resident	488	270	13%	7%	8	0	4	1	19	0	1	0	34
	Nonresident	172	134	24%	19%	3	0	0	0	28	0	0	1	32
2017	Resident	497	298	8%	5%	3	0	0	0	21	0	1	0	25
	Nonresident	326	248	21%	16%	7	1	4	0	30	1	8	0	51

Hill Ranch GPA (27L)

Year		Permits Issued	Projected Hunted	Hunter Success	Permit Success	Harvest Projections								Total Deer Harvest
						Whitetail				Mule Deer				
						Bucks		Does		Bucks		Does		
Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn					
2014	Resident	126	54	14%	6%	4	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	7
	Nonresident	23	8	29%	10%	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
2015	Resident	136	61	9%	4%	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	5
	Nonresident	33	18	0%	0%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2016	Resident	157	51	6%	2%	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
	Nonresident	52	24	24%	11%	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	6
2017	Resident	149	58	17%	7%	0	0	4	0	6	0	0	0	10
	Nonresident	62	22	18%	6%	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4

Little Moreau GPA (24B)

Year		Permits Issued	Projected Hunted	Hunter Success	Permit Success	Harvest Projections								Total Deer Harvest
						Whitetail				Mule Deer				
						Bucks		Does		Bucks		Does		
Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn					
2014	Resident	82	17	7%	1%	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Nonresident	15	6	40%	15%	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
2015	Resident	95	23	26%	6%	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	6
	Nonresident	22	12	11%	6%	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2016	Resident	118	30	14%	4%	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	4
	Nonresident	28	4	33%	5%	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
2017	Resident	113	25	10%	2%	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
	Nonresident	47	7	33%	5%	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2

Brule County certain GPA/Corps (13L)

Year		Permits Issued	Projected Hunted	Hunter Success	Permit Success	Harvest Projections								Total Deer Harvest
						Whitetail				Mule Deer				
						Bucks		Does		Bucks		Does		
Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn					
2017	Resident	112	16	17%	2%	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3
	Nonresident	44	0	0%	0%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Black Hills Unit Harvest

Year		Permits Issued	Projected Hunted	Hunter Success	Permit Success	Harvest Projections								Total Deer Harvest
						Whitetail				Mule Deer				
						Bucks		Does		Bucks		Does		
Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn					
2014	Resident	NA	NA	NA	NA									
	Nonresident	NA	NA	NA	NA									
2015	Resident	NA	NA	NA	NA									
	Nonresident	NA	NA	NA	NA									
2016	Resident	NA	NA	NA	NA	384	31	215	11	83	0	15	5	744
	Nonresident	NA	NA	NA	NA	76	4	39	3	49	0	7	0	177
2017	Resident	NA	NA	NA	NA	448	13	258	17	85	0	24	0	844
	Nonresident	NA	NA	NA	NA	101	3	49	3	35	0	12	0	204

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GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

Deer Hunting Seasons – Hunting Unit License Allocations

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	April 5-6, 2018	Rapid City
	Public Hearing	May 3, 2018	Custer State Park
	Finalization	May 3-4, 2018	Custer State Park

LICENSE ALLOCATION BY SEASONS AND UNITS

See Attached Spreadsheet

2018 EAST RIVER DEER

Unit #	Unit Name	Resident Licenses								License Totals			
		AnyD	AtID	AD+AtID	2 AtID	AnyW	AtIW	AW+AtIW	2 AtIW	RES	RES	RES	RES
		01	03	08	09	11	13	18	19	1-tag	2-tag	Licenses	Tags
01A	Minnehaha	450	100							550	0	550	550
03A	Brown	1,100	1,300							2,400	0	2,400	2,400
04A	Beadle					500	100			600	0	600	600
05A	Codington	250								250	0	250	250
06A	Brookings	450	100							550	0	550	550
07A	Yankton	250								250	0	250	250
07B	Yankton		75							75	0	75	75
08A	Davison					200				200	0	200	200
10A	Aurora					350	200			550	0	550	550
12A	Bon Homme	150								150	0	150	150
12B	Bon Homme						50			50	0	50	50
13A	Brule	100				600		200		700	200	900	1,100
13L	Brule	20								20	0	20	20
14A	Buffalo	100						250		100	250	350	600
16A	Campbell	20				400	300			720	0	720	720
17A	Charles Mix	100				150				250	0	250	250
18A	Clark	600								600	0	600	600
19A	Clay	200								200	0	200	200
22A	Day	600								600	0	600	600
23A	Deuel	400								400	0	400	400
25A	Douglas					150				150	0	150	150
26A	Edmunds			700	600					0	1,300	1,300	2,600
28A	Faulk			600	800					0	1,400	1,400	2,800
29A	Grant	300								300	0	300	300
32A	Hamlin	600								600	0	600	600
33A	Hand	20				450	400			870	0	870	870
34A	Hanson					200				200	0	200	200
36A	Hughes	150				250	175			575	0	575	575
37A	Hutchinson					100				100	0	100	100
38A	Hyde	20						500	200	20	700	720	1,420
40A	Jerauld					350	200			550	0	550	550
42A	Kingsbury	500	100							600	0	600	600
43A	Lake	300	100							400	0	400	400
44A	Lincoln	200	50							250	0	250	250
46A	McCook	350	100							450	0	450	450
47A	McPherson	500			500					500	500	1,000	1,500
48A	Marshall	500								500	0	500	500
51A	Miner	400	350							750	0	750	750
52A	Moody	350	100							450	0	450	450
54A	Potter	150						500	400	150	900	1,050	1,950
55A	Roberts	500								500	0	500	500
56A	Sanborn					350	200			550	0	550	550
57A	Spink	900	400							1,300	0	1,300	1,300
59A	Sully	80				500	150			730	0	730	730
59L	Sully	40								40	0	40	40
61A	Turner	100								100	0	100	100
62A	Union	250	50							300	0	300	300
63A	Walworth	50				400	300			750	0	750	750
	TOTAL	11,050	2,825	1,300	1,900	4,950	2,075	1,450	600	20,900	5,250	26,150	31,400
Unit #	Unit Name	AnyD	AtID	AD+AtID	2 AtID	AnyW	AtIW	AW+AtIW	2 AtIW	RES	RES	RES	RES
		01	03	08	09	11	13	18	19	1-tag	2-tag	Licenses	Tags

EAST RIVER DEER
2017 vs. 2018 Comparison

Unit #	Unit Name	2017 Resident Licenses	2018 Resident Licenses	# Change	% Change	2017 Resident Tags	2018 Resident Tags	# Change	% Change
01A	Minnehaha	550	550	0	0%	550	550	0	0%
03A	Brown	2,400	2,400	0	0%	2,400	2,400	0	0%
04A	Beadle	600	600	0	0%	600	600	0	0%
05A	Codington	250	250	0	0%	250	250	0	0%
06A	Brookings	550	550	0	0%	550	550	0	0%
07A	Yankton	250	250	0	0%	250	250	0	0%
07B	Yankton	75	75	0	0%	75	75	0	0%
08A	Davison	200	200	0	0%	200	200	0	0%
10A	Aurora	550	550	0	0%	550	550	0	0%
12A	Bon Homme	150	150	0	0%	150	150	0	0%
12B	Bon Homme	50	50	0	0%	50	50	0	0%
13A	Brule	900	900	0	0%	1,100	1,100	0	0%
13L	Brule	20	20	0	0%	20	20	0	0%
14A	Buffalo	350	350	0	0%	600	600	0	0%
16A	Campbell	720	720	0	0%	720	720	0	0%
17A	Charles Mix	250	250	0	0%	250	250	0	0%
18A	Clark	600	600	0	0%	600	600	0	0%
19A	Clay	200	200	0	0%	200	200	0	0%
22A	Day	600	600	0	0%	600	600	0	0%
23A	Deuel	400	400	0	0%	400	400	0	0%
25A	Douglas	150	150	0	0%	150	150	0	0%
26A	Edmunds	1,300	1,300	0	0%	2,600	2,600	0	0%
28A	Faulk	1,400	1,400	0	0%	2,800	2,800	0	0%
29A	Grant	300	300	0	0%	300	300	0	0%
32A	Hamlin	600	600	0	0%	600	600	0	0%
33A	Hand	870	870	0	0%	870	870	0	0%
34A	Hanson	200	200	0	0%	200	200	0	0%
36A	Hughes	600	575	-25	-4%	600	575	-25	-4%
37A	Hutchinson	100	100	0	0%	100	100	0	0%
38A	Hyde	720	720	0	0%	1,420	1,420	0	0%
40A	Jerauld	550	550	0	0%	550	550	0	0%
42A	Kingsbury	600	600	0	0%	600	600	0	0%
43A	Lake	400	400	0	0%	400	400	0	0%
44A	Lincoln	250	250	0	0%	250	250	0	0%
46A	McCook	450	450	0	0%	450	450	0	0%
47A	McPherson	1,000	1,000	0	0%	1,500	1,500	0	0%
48A	Marshall	500	500	0	0%	500	500	0	0%
51A	Miner	750	750	0	0%	750	750	0	0%
52A	Moody	450	450	0	0%	450	450	0	0%
54A	Potter	1,050	1,050	0	0%	1,950	1,950	0	0%
55A	Roberts	500	500	0	0%	500	500	0	0%
56A	Sanborn	550	550	0	0%	550	550	0	0%
57A	Spink	1,300	1,300	0	0%	1,300	1,300	0	0%
59A	Sully	450	730	280	62%	450	730	280	62%
59B	Sully	470	0	-470	-100%	470	0	-470	-100%
59L	Sully	0	40	40	#DIV/0!	0	40	40	#DIV/0!
61A	Turner	100	100	0	0%	100	100	0	0%
62A	Union	300	300	0	0%	300	300	0	0%
63A	Walworth	750	750	0	0%	750	750	0	0%
	TOTAL	26,325	26,150	-175	-1%	31,575	31,400	-175	-1%

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

Apprentice Hunter Deer Season
Chapters 41:06:01; 41:06:02; 41:06:44

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	April 5-6, 2018	Rapid City
	Public Hearing	May 3, 2018	Custer State Park
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COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Proposed change:

- Establish a deer hunting license for first-time deer hunters.
- a. License would be for any antlerless deer
 - b. Cost would be \$5
 - c. Restricted to residents-only
 - d. Hunter must be accompanied by a responsible adult
 - e. Only those hunters not eligible for a youth deer license are eligible
 - f. License is valid for any resident who has not previously held a license to hunt deer in South Dakota.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

This proposal resulted from a citizen-submitted petition for rule change.

APPROVE _____ MODIFY _____ REJECT _____ NO ACTION _____

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Depredation Permits Chapter 41:06:46

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	April 5-6, 2018	Rapid City
	Public Hearing	May 3, 2018	Custer State Park
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DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. The commission by resolution shall specify the number and type of all big game depredation permits that may be issued.
2. Elk depredation hunts may be conducted any time throughout the year.
3. Other big game species depredation hunts may only occur from December 1 to the following March 31.
4. Only residents may register and online registration is required.
5. Hunters that register for depredation hunts from December 1-31 will be randomly selected to determine the order in which they are contacted if a depredation hunt is needed. After December 31, additional hunters will be registered in the pool in the order that they enroll.
6. The pool of standby hunters expires on April 15 each year, except the pool of hunters registered for elk, which expires on December 31 of the following year.
7. Landowners are eligible for permits if they experience documented big game depredation and are operating agricultural or grazing land in which a depredation hunt has been authorized.
8. Any person is eligible to apply for an elk depredation permit, except persons who hold an elk hunting license from the current elk drawing.
9. Any elk depredation permit holders would not lose any preference points they accumulated over the years; landowners who participate in a hunt would not lose their eligibility to apply for a license for the subsequent elk season.
10. An elk depredation permit shall be issued for a fee of \$20.
11. Other big game species depredation permits are free-of-charge.

Recommended changes from last year:

1. Modify the dates that big game species (excluding elk) depredation hunts may occur from December 1 to March 31, to August 15 to the following March 31.
2. Modify the dates that the pool of hunters is valid from December 1 to the following December 31 for all species.
3. Eliminate the \$20 fee for elk depredation permits.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Due to extensive crop damage that can occur during the growing season in some areas with high wildlife populations, GFP would like to expand the time-period which depredation hunts may be utilized.

The time-period which the pool of hunters is valid would need to be adjusted so there would be a pool of available hunters should a depredation hunt be needed prior to December 1.

GFP recommends to eliminate the fee charged for elk depredation permits to be consistent with all other big game species depredation permit fees, which there is no charge.

APPROVE _____	MODIFY _____	REJECT _____	NO ACTION _____
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GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Trapping Prohibitions Chapter 41:08:02

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	April 5-6, 2018	Rapid City
	Public Hearing	May 3, 2018	Custer State Park
	Public Hearing	June 7, 2018	Aberdeen
	Finalization	June 7-8, 2012	Aberdeen

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Current Restrictions:

1. From May 1 to November 13, inclusive, no snare is permitted on public lands or within any improved road rights-of-way, statewide.

Proposed changes from last year:

1. For all public lands and improved road rights-of-way east of the Missouri River, extend the existing prohibition on the use of snares to run through the last day of the pheasant season.
2. For all public lands and improved road rights-of-way west of the Missouri River, remove the dates that restrict use of snares and allow snares to be used year-round.
3. Create a new administrative rule which requires all traps and snares placed on public lands and improved road rights-of-way, statewide, to be marked with the owner's name and address or personal identification number. The Department will generate and issue one unique personal identification number to each individual.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

The prohibition of the use of snares on public lands and improved road rights-of-way, east of the Missouri River, through the last day of the pheasant season, will eliminate incidents of hunting dogs getting caught in snares on these areas during the pheasant season.

The removal of the date restriction that snares can be used on public lands and improved road rights-of-way, west of the Missouri River will increase the opportunity for fur harvesting on these areas.

The new administrative rule requiring identification of traps and snares will assist GFP officials with the identification of private property left on public lands and improved road rights-of-way.

APPROVE _____ MODIFY _____ REJECT _____ NO ACTION _____