

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH AND PARKS**

A Public Hearing will be held at the Outdoor Campus West, 4130 Adventure Trail, Rapid City, South Dakota 57702, October 6 at 2:00 pm (Mountain Time). Individuals wishing to participate may attend in person or by teleconference. Teleconference information can be found at <https://gfp.sd.gov/commission/information/>. The public hearing is to consider adoption, amendment, and repeal of Rules pertaining to:

1. ARSD 41:03:01:16. Restrictions on use of firearms, air guns, crossbows, and bows in the state park system -- Exceptions.

Effect: Modify the time during the season when hunters can have uncased weapons within certain parks in the state park system.

Reason: The objectives are to increase turkey population performance and to increase hunter satisfaction with a later start date to the season.

2. ARSD 41:06:13:01. Spring wild turkey hunting season established -- Number and type of licenses available.

Effect: Changes the start date of the spring turkey hunting season and increases the maximum number of licenses available to residents.

Reason: Turkey population status is monitored based on harvest success in most units across South Dakota but based on recent research we are not observing the reproduction level desired in the central and northern Black Hills and a few prairie units. In addition, negative feedback from hunters and their hunting experience led to the justification for these proposed changes. The objectives are to increase turkey population performance and increase hunter satisfaction with a later start date to the season.

3. 41:06:13:02. Open units – Exceptions (Turkey).

Effect: The proposed change would modify the hunting units within the Black Hills.

Reason: With a shortened season and increasing sales of unlimited archery turkey

licenses, it is difficult to justify this second turkey license for residents in the future. The objectives are to increase turkey population performance and increase hunter satisfaction with a later start date to the season.

4. ARSD 41:06:13:04. Application requirements and restrictions.

Effect: Removes a unit from the spring wild turkey hunting season and revises the valid date of access permits for Good Earth State Park and Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve.

Reason: The objectives are to increase turkey population performance and increase hunter satisfaction with a later start date to the season.

5. ARSD 41:06:13:05. Turkey hunting recruitment license – Open area and eligibility.

Effect: The proposed change will align start dates for this season with other turkey season start dates.

Reason: The proposed change will align turkey hunting recruitment season start dates with current proposed spring turkey season start dates. The objectives are to increase turkey population performance and increase hunter satisfaction with a later start date to the season.

6. ARSD 41:06:15:01. Spring wild turkey hunting season established – Number and type of licenses available.

.Effect: Establishes a later Custer State Park spring wild turkey season and sets the number of available licenses to residents.

Reason: Turkey population status is monitored based on harvest success in most units across South Dakota but based on recent research we are observing the reproduction level desired in the central and northern Black Hills and a few prairie units. In addition, negative feedback from hunters and their hunting experience led to the justification for these proposed changes. The objectives are to increase turkey population performance and increase hunter satisfaction with a later start date to the season.

7. ARSD 41:06:15:02. Open unit (turkey).

Effect: The proposed change would remove the preference point unit from turkey hunting in Custer State Park.

Reason: This preference point unit is no longer needed and applicants will still have the option to purchase preference within the licensing system.

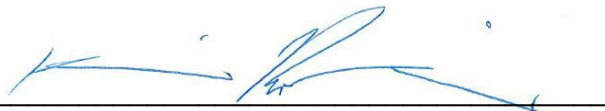
Interested persons will be given reasonable opportunity to submit data, opinions, arguments, and their views, either orally or in writing (or both) at the hearing. Persons unable to attend the hearing may mail data, opinions, arguments, and their views to the office of the Secretary of the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks, Foss Building, 523 East Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota 57501, or by going to the GFP website at <http://gfp.sd.gov/forms/positions>. All persons who desire to submit written data, opinions, arguments, and their views by mail or email are encouraged to mail or transmit the same in sufficient time so that it is received by and in the office of the Secretary of the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks 72 hours prior to the date of the hearing. Interested persons will be given reasonable opportunity to submit data, opinions, arguments, and their views, either orally or in writing (or both) to the Commission for their consideration. All written and email comments must include the name, hometown/city, and state of the person submitting the comments.

The above rule proposals are available for review on the internet by going to <https://rules.sd.gov/> and copies of the proposed rules may be requested from the office of the Secretary of the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks, Foss Building, 523 East Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota 57501. Notice is further given to individuals with disabilities that this hearing is being held in a physically accessible place. Any individuals with disabilities who will require a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in the hearing should submit a request to the undersigned at 605.773.3718 or 605.223.7684 (Telecommunication

Device for the Deaf).

Dated this 12 day of September, 2022.

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Kevin Robling, Secretary

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