South Dakota - Game, Fish, and Parks

Petition for Rule Change

A new form was just submitted from the http://gfp.sd.gov/ website with the following information:

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Rule Identification: ARSD 41:06:20.02
Describe Change: To reinstate Mellette County West River deer draw back into the A and B seasons.
Reason for Change: I started hunting on Darrell Iversen’s ranches in Mellette Co. back in the mid 80’s. when there was an A and B season until recently. Now the boys Aaron and Eric run the ranches, and in the last two years I have taken Aaron’s oldest son Carter hunting and its been a bust. Carter wants to hold out to shoot a buck that he has seen during haying and harvesting. We see nice white tails and mule deer on these ranches prior to hunting season. Both ranches have Tribal land in parts of their ranches and obviously allow tribal members access. I know Comm. Barry Jensen had a part in this moving the dates of the Mellette Co licenses, and he is an awesome person so this is not anything but disagreeing with his idea. His neighboring Rancher Eric Iversen knew nothing about it. Most these ranchers feel they are lucky just to catch the morning or nightly news. We were also wondering why Bennett Co on the same reservation wasn’t changed too, but glad for those non tribal land owners. The landowners should have equal opportunity to harvest animals they are feeding. We can only hope you agree, thank you so much for your time. God Bless you and your families.