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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:

Describe Change: Make the following rule change: Change the Apprentice and Mentored Deer Season start date to September 1.

Reason for Change: Reason for Change: Today's youth and potential new hunters have many distractions and obstacles preventing them from getting into hunting and the outdoors. Making youth and new hunters first hunting experiences a pleasant and overall positive experience will keep them coming back for a lifetime. Opening the apprentice and mentored deer season September 1 every year will provide additional time (1-2 additional weeks) for these hunting opportunities to young and new hunters during a period of the season where weather is conducive to a quality hunting experience. These additional days would allow these hunters more time afield to pursue deer before other seasons such as grouse, pheasants, waterfowl, other deer season, etc. may affect the quality/success of their hunt and also tie up the availability of parents/family/friends/mentors who accompany these youth and new hunters. This change to the season would be a benefit to young hunters and aligns with the SD GFP departments "R3" Recruitment, Retention, Reactivation Criteria guidelines. This change should help continue to recruit, retain and introduce young and new hunters to the great outdoors of South Dakota.