
Andrew Mcdonald

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Comment:

With the proposed changes you day will put more hunters in the field. Are you upping the number of tags? If not you are not putting any more hunters in the field than with the old system. I don't understand why the old system isn't working. With the preference system people will draw a tag when there turn comes. Everyone needs to understand that.

How do you know that the new system will guarantee hunters more opportunity? How do you know that hunters won't all apply for the same tag and end up with the same situation tour trying to get away from? SDGFP should have always put its residents first! I understand that non-residents bring revenue into the state but you can't put the people that live here in the back seat.

I can't believe you are charging our youth for a preference point. They are the future of hunting. With out them you won't exist!

James Cantalope

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Comment:

I oppose, there nothing to gain, its same, you buy your points and apply for your tag with the multiplier and you get your tag when your turn comes up, it will be no different why change it, now your forcing people into units that might not been there, and you could pickup a additional tag in same unit on third draw, leave it alone, there's not a person I talked to that wants it changed!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Jim Godfrey

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Comment:

Your options easy river/special buck and west river /special buck...is this for special buck only tag for east and west river??

I never have understood the need for this special buck tag on private land only.

Please clarify!

If I can continue tradition of hunting west and east river season of my choice I would favor this, but only under the same way it has been for years. Deer tags have been drastically reduce east river and chance to draw is extremely difficult.

Jeremy Schroeder

Winner SD

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Comment:

The hunter should be a resident of the county in order to get 2 licenses they are applying in. Should not be able to receive a license in 2 different county's .

James Cantalope
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Comment:

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Eric Nesheim
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Comment:

As an avid hunter I apply for almost all of the deer licenses and I feel that my rights as a resident would be taken away with the new proposal.

Jason Barbee
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Comment:

It's not broke, dont fix it...I've deer hunted in sd for over 30 years and my children for over a dozen. It's always been a family and friend tradition to get together and figure out what and where to apply for east and west river deer tags. We would research the public land access and quality along with out chances of drawing. Yes public land is all we have to hunt. It used to be good quality land with not so much pressure. Not the case anymore. Not saying all, but most is overrun and over grazed. It's very discouraging. I think the department should be spending more time and resources on that than a tag system that works fine for people who do their research on what tags to send in for. People who are complaining about not being able to draw the tags they want are not doing that.

James McMahan
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Comment:

Updated deer season draw: I am in favor of the updated draw. I like the idea of being able to apply for two seasons in the first draw, and am a fan of the layout for the second and following draws. Thank you or taking comments and efforts in revam

Shawn Tyrrell
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Comment:
oppose

Tim Klein
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Comment:

If I keep my preference points and can use them in the next year or 2, I can live with this change. Preference points. What happens to all the preference point that I previously purchased? I have several for west river, black hills and east river. Do I lose them?

Brock Hoagland
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Comment:

I support the proposed change to the deer season whereby a hunter can only apply for two seasons in the first draw.

Alex Waltman
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Comment:

Even as a hunter who could potentially benefit from these changes, as I only apply for one county, I strongly oppose this change. Even though I am a one county hunter now, I won't be in the future. No one wants these changes yet you seem determined. The "results" you sent out in the mail from the focus groups (which I attended) were total and utter garbage. You had us answer multiple questions on the survey at the end of the group and then cherry picked the two or three answers that you could twist to show false approval for the direction the state wanted to go. It's obvious the state is going to force this down our throats regardless of the strong opposition and this is shown through the deceit many of us saw when these "results" were sent out in the mail. So, be that as it may, why not just grow a set and say your going to do this regardless of if we like it or not and stop lying. I expect this of government as a whole but I expected better from Game Fish and Parks.

Joel Muellner

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Comment:

As a Minnesota resident, I completely understand the conflict of resident vs non-resident issues in regards to feeling that the game and fish of my home state belong to me the taxpayer. I have hunted in SD on family land for the last 21 years, purchasing small game licenses and leftover rifle doe tags. I am still a very happy hunter. What I have concern with is that I as a non-resident have absolutely ZERO chance of ever attaining an East River rifle buck tag. My most pressing concern however is that while SD is generous enough to allow \$10.00 rifle doe tags to my kids, they never have had the chance to pull the trigger on anything with horns in the last 4 years. My boys have ethically passed on lay up shots at 160" bucks during those years. The goal of SD game and fish is to keep people coming back, especially the recruitment of kids to the sport. Throw the kids a bone and allow them to harvest a deer with horns.

Todd Mezeske

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Comment:

Doesn't seem right that residents get opportunities for multiple tags before I would get a chance at a deer tag. As a non resident I provide more that just some income for Game, Fish and Parks when I hunt in SD but for several local businesses as well.

Tyson Gau

Alexandria SD

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Comment:

There is nothing wrong with the tag system that is in place now. This is barely comparable to the first change that you wanted to put into place. If people want to hunt deer, there are numerous options for them to do so. All of us that draw multiple tags a year have to go through the same system that the people opposed to our current system, the only difference is that I and everyone in my hunting party aren't afraid to spend a whopping \$5 on a preference point if we are unsuccessful on our first option. If people ventured out and spent an extra \$5 for preference points they would find that it increases your option for the next year. But instead they don't do this and wonder why they can't draw a tag in a county known for nice deer. That leads me to the next thing, everyone is more worried about killing deer that go on the wall rather than enjoying the outdoors. Hunting is turning into some big competition where whoever can post a picture of the biggest deer on social media "wins." Changing our current system is not the answer if you ask me and many others. Please do the majority of our great state's hunters a favor and leave it how it is now.

Have a good one,
Tyson Gau

Paul Johnson

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Comment:

As a non Resident hunter I'm pretty much assured a license just every 2-3 years. Making a non resident wait until the 5th draw for leftover licenses is foolish. Making me choose between a special buck and a regular west river license pretty much kills my chances for an every year license. The revenue you will lose by killing the hunting for non residents is a tremendous amount. I spend 286 or 540 dollars for a license every year plus what I put into the economy of SD when I'm there. I've been coming to SD deer hunting as a non resident since I left in 1986. I hope you rethink your decision. Thanks Paul Johnson

Paul Kruse

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Comment:

this is a terrible idea this there was nothing wrong with the current licensing. This only caters to the one or maybe two license deer Hunter.

Kevin Stoterau

Tea SD

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Comment:

I don't understand why GFP is so strict about Black powder tags. I live in Lincoln County. I know there are allot of deer in my county. Archery tags are almost a give me. Black powder hunting, requires noise, scent, and movement control much like archery, yet I have not gotten one for years now. Regular rifle tags can be filled out beyond 500 yards. Black powder you have to be much closer, much like archery. I am career Military, Retired Army, and a disabled Veteran. I served 32.5 years in the Military and am retired now. I do allot of hunting to save money on meat at the grocery store, due to my lack of income I used to make.

I understand there are many things I don't understand or know. I would just like to know why you don't give out more Black powder tags Please? And thank you.

Respectfully,
SFC Kevin Stoterau (Ret.)U.S.Army

Paul Niederbaumer

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Comment:

Making trouble for landowners. No good reason for change. Especially when adding Custer State Park in on one of the two choices. Custer state Park drawing is a miracle tag. A once in a lifetime tag. Not to mention with the limited tags to draw for you should be able to retain your preference points without applying every year or refund the hunter.

This proposal is poorly executed. We have too many hunters that have no permission to hunt on private ground using vehicles to harass deer. In Faulk county this has become a way for people to hunt. I feel the winter kill on deer will be higher because of the added vehicles that will push deer. Not to mention the stress it gives landowners who are raising their kids to hunt the correct way, having their rights be trampled.

A suggestion to law changes that need to be made is that hunters, whether land owner or otherwise cannot be driving through a field or on a no maintenance road during hunting season. Unless retrieving a dead deer. I've had 20 to 30 incidents of trespassing during deer season alone. This is because of pickups being used to hunt. I feel that nonresident and resident non landowners should have permission from a landowner before they even apply for a license. Counties should have number of licenses distributed to non resident and residents non landowner by amount of public ground that county has.

I have yet to hear anyone who feels this proposal is good. Talking with other landowners in area they have all agreed if this passes we will not work with the GFP anymore. The landowners have seen that you favor non residents for hunting pheasants and deer before the landowners who actually give permission. Landowners are tired of it and will shut down hunting county wide.

Benjamin Jones

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Comment:

Thanks for putting kids first. Seems well laid out to me.

Spike Jorgensen

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Comment:

#1. Really like the emphasis on youth hunting and access. If anything it should be stronger so every youth that wants to hunt big game can have at least a doe tag for antelope or deer on their first draw. (Nationally we are losing hunters and over commercializing hunting. Credit should somehow be given to land owners who support free hunting for any youth.) Every youth should be able to hunt one animal before any of us get two tags for any big game species.

2. I am not a trophy hunter as such, but do enjoy hunting and taking large mature animals.

This as a part of maintaining a very viable and healthy gene pool of truly wild and not privately farmed game animals.. At one time I had taken the second largest antelope and the 10th largest Alaska Moose. And since those have taken several even larger with a bow and rifle that I have not registered. Thus I appreciate good management by professionals who understand predator and prey relationships. Wolves and lions need to be controlled and managed so our youth and humans have big game to enjoy as well. Over population of lions in the Black Hills and the threat of no controlling wolves, eagles and other predators is critical. We need to support good sustainable management of the populations we use and some managed predators, but they should not have a get home free card.

#3 As a land owner resident in the past and non resident now my properties support over 100 deer, and a few antelope and elk (20 or so). And with the help of NRCS we have very much improved the agricultural and wildlife habitat and will continue to do so.

Best wishes.

Cory Hansen

Brandon SD

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Comment:

Thank You. Thank you for listening and reacting. This was a very hard and long process but I appreciate you being proactive instead of reactive. This now allows my family tradition of decades to continue, which is of utmost importance to the continuance of my children being involved in this sport.

Mark Bellum
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Comment:

I used to be the biggest fan of GFP. I would brag to my out of state friends about how well our game and fish were managed. Now, after watching you boondoggle the fishing situation to appease the landowners and neglect locals their legal rights to water, I'm not so sure. How can you give the Reitz family \$8000 and charge out of state fisherman pennies for a season pass?

And now I have to pay a fee to get my preference point when I apply for a tag? Poor management at its best. And now you've made getting a deer tag almost impossible. It looks like your next step is to make it even harder. There are plenty of deer out there. I've hunted pheasants in many places and always see ample deer numbers.

I don't know why you're so interested in appeasing the landowners? Most hardly let anybody hunt their land anyway. I used to have lots of private land to hunt around Watertown, and most of it has been shut down.

I beg you to go back and put the in state sportsman first.

On a positive note, I do appreciate all the public lands that are available to hunt. I use them exclusively.

Mark Bellum

Dave Vaughn
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Comment:

I was in support of the original proposal where a person had to choose one first choice tag. I live in the Black Hills and hunt near home. I would just like to be able to hunt where I live. I do not have the time or resources to hunt east river and rarely would I even apply for west river. I always apply for BH and it would be nice if I could have a tag more than every 2 or 3 years. I support the compromise because it is better than nothing. I do also apply for CSP, MZ and refuge so I will use one of those tags as my second choice in the first draw. I appreciate the commission listening to public comments when making decisions.

Thank You

Dennis Jones
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Comment:

It seems new leadership whether in the GFP, Education, Administrative or Public Services etc. always think they need to make changes to get their name in the history book. They think they must show they are progressive. The old draw system isn't the greatest, but the new proposal is not as good and will cause a lot of the problems, many already identified. We don't need more hunters from out of state. Right now many in-state find it hard to locate a place to hunt. Bow hunters are great hunters, but are killing a large portion of the good bucks before the majority hunt in November. etc. etc. Need more money, just raise the in-state license fee \$20. Don't shoot so many does, the numbers are down, I know because I have plenty of land to tell. Good Luck.

Darrel Reinke
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Comment:

Two tag proposal

Thank you for now proposing a two tag deer drawing system. It is a fair compromise that I feel most of us who were opposed to the earlier proposals can accept. In the future, when such controversial ideas are thought about, I would strongly encourage the department to seek out Sportsmen and women's ideas in the beginning. Early open communication and dialogue would have gone a long way to avoiding a very contentious issue that this one evolved into. Thank you for your service.

Shannon Frericks
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Comment:

Can it! Follow Kansas GF&P format and be done with it or leave it alone!

Dan Bridenstine
Lead SD
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Comment:

I think the one tag proposal was great. I love in the blackhills and would like a better chance of drawing a tag each year

Terry Osborn
Aberdeen SD

Comment:

As a resident that has hunted both east and west river for over 25 years I was very dissatisfied with original proposal. The compromise is a wonderful solution that addresses everybody's concerns. Great job GF&P and thanks for listening.

Mark Nelson
Boyceville WI
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Comment:

This proposal continues to prevent former South Dakotans, like myself, the ability to hunt East River deer with our land-owning resident family members.

Marshall Drexler
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Comment:

If this worth the controversy it is causing. The GF&P may be trying to make it better for hunters but may be turning people away from deer hunting. I am 61 years old and am not going to keep applying multiple time for deer license. Keep it as is. Hunting don't need controversy. We have enough of that in our government know. Let it settle down.

Jordan Miller
Canton SD
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Comment:

This is a joke correct? The majority of sportsman and women do not want change to the current system. You already made change to the system with our points.

Your agenda has been fascinating to watch over the past year and the "political routes" you have taken to try and pass this garage.

How much tax payer money has been wasted on this?

I hope this one crashes and burns in legislation as well.

Jared Jeratowski
Parker SD
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Comment:

Still trying to change a system that works great. Why not worry about our rights to the lakes that we played to stock that we can no longer fish. Or the fields that we pay to lease but allow the farmers to cut for there cattle and could find a mouse on after the fact because there is no cover left. Still so much more to work on and worry about but so concerned with not listening to the people of the state. It's just gonna make people start doing it in a not so legal way more often. But hey keep screwing the people that's what your good at.

Harry Mitchell
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Comment:

I see no point in this proposal. I will lose more deer hunting tags. why have you came up with this ludicrous idea? more money? there are plenty more issues you could spend your time on, such as road hunters, I can tell you how to stop them.

Darin Ross

Aberdeen SD

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Comment:

It doesn't really matter what the vast majority of us hunters think, South Dakota Game Fish and Parks are going to listen to us they are only it this for a small group that will benefit from this Hunting lodges and people that shut down land for out of state hunters. Thanks again South Dakota for selling out ! It's a shame.

Bruce Lowe

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Comment:

I have emailed GFP on three different occasions to offer an alternative means to your current draw method, and I've not received a single reply. At least one of you might think outside the box, and contact me.

Terry Zolnowsky

Piedmont SD

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Comment:

Keep it simple! First choice, only one season. If someone wants more deer, let them get a tag on the second, third, or fourth drawing! Your making it too complicated!

Todd Monson

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Comment:

I support the youth proposal, but not the rest. There are plenty of hunters afield already and the non-residents pay the freight with hard to draw tags.

Duane Hinman
Groton SD

Comment:

I believe the initial change to be able to only apply for one tag in the initial and second draw was a better option. This allows for more people to have a chance at drawing a buck/any deer tag every year, or every other year. Why do some people believe they need to draw multiple buck tags every year? This year, I was unsuccessful at my any deer tag, but did draw an another less deer tag. I applied for any deer tags in both East and West River deer units and was unsuccessful in both however, two individuals I work with drew an any deer tag in both East and West River units. With the original new deer draw, it would increase everyone's chance for at least drawing one any deer tag, so why change the rules to accommodate "entitled" individuals thinking they should be able to draw multiple any deer tags. The only option I can see is to separate the draw for any deer and any antlerless, so people could still apply, but receive no more than one any deer tag in the first two draws. Just my two cents.

Charles Wald
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Comment:

hunter should only be able to apply for one deer license on first choice

Dave Huffman
Lemmono SD
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Comment:

I think this is a step in the right direction. It's a bitter pill to swallow for me as a 40 year resident of Perkins county to be unsuccessful in drawing an any buck tag more years than successful and have to watch the non Perkins county residents hunt deer and antelope.

I think there should be ONE first choice drawing where you should have to pick one unit within the entire state for your first choice and NOT be able to apply for first choice for multiple regions like east & west river, black hills etc.

It's not fair to the residents of the unit that just want to hunt the unit they live in to get bumped by non residents that are just trying to gather up as many tags in different regions as possible. They should either have to draw that tag as 1st choice of all the units in the state or draw the tag as a leftover in the 2nd draw if they are trying to get multiple tags.

The current draw is not fair to the resident (of the unit, not necessarily the state) who just wants his or her home unit.

Bill Rentz
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Comment:

Thanks for all the hard work, now we will see if the effort actually works. If so, it will be a success, if not it will have been an enormous waste of time. Let's hope for the best.

Rick Frey
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Comment:

opposing would simply be a waste of time!!

Gene Brockel
Mobridge SD
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Comment:

I am a landowner in cambell county all of the hunters I have talked to in Walworth and Campbell counties are against the change

Fred Carl
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Comment:

I supported the recent changes to the deer application process but oppose this proposed change. The idea is to get more people opportunity--not to provide more opportunity for one person. This proposed change starts to backslide towards where we were. Give the current system a chance and then evaluate

Justin Inhofer
Sturgis SD

Comment:

Leave the deer draw like it was there were no problems with it. You should of been giving the preference points to kids along time ago, they are the future of hunting in our country. I say every kid under 16 gets their first choice always if you want

Kevin Schoepf
Blackhawk SD

Comment:

Really does not matter what anyone says. Game and fish has made up there mind just like changing cow elk seasons so no one would bother bull hunters. Which came about from some gap big shots.

Jason Heintzman
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Comment:

The question still has not been answered, with all the proposed changes is a applicant still able to apply for double tags right away as it has always been? If you can apply for all tags first time around the options for a second tag is unknown. Please answer the question if double tags are still available.

Matthew Troyer
Farmer SD
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Comment:

I really like the proposal of bonus points being free for hunters 12-15 and even though this was not part of the present proposal, dropping the minimum age for mentored hunters I also strongly support.

I think the current license allocation proposal strikes a good balance between giving hunters more opportunity to get their preferred hunt but not narrowing the options too much for hunters who hunt various places across the state every year

Jeremy Lowe
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Comment:

Thank you for making the changes in the current system. This will allow myself, kids, and family to carry on our tradition. Thanks again

Kurt Juedes
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Comment:

I'm a nonresident and like the rule change- would also like to see a 3 point rule possibly entertained for people over the age of 18

Jim Dehaai

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Comment:

Although I supported the first proposal more where only one area could be applied for in the first draw this is probably a good compromise. I just hope with this new proposal the odds are still good to draw that same area every year. I don't need multiple areas to hunt every year, just one.

Raymond Ruff

Spearfish SD

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Comment:

Why do we have to compromise when I think there is mostly opposition to the change. Just can't leave well enough alone. Sometimes no change is the best action

Charles Courtney

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Comment:

The number of deer that are in the state isn't represented in the allocation. This needs to be part of the process. There are many other states that you are allowed only one tag. Change is hard for all involved. The decisions need to be based on how the state wants to manage its herd. Are we going for quantity or quality?

John Walsh

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Comment:

Question for you, why is it that an out of stater can apply for a West River Special Buck Tag but not an East River one?

Currently there is no way I can get an East River Buck tag, even if these chances I would still not be able to get one.

At least allow an out of stater get in on the second draw, nothing but doe tags are left by the forth draw.

John Duffy

Oldham SD

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Comment:

I have honestly been against this change from the very beginning but I have spoke with and met with many people involved in this process and the newest proposal is their way of trying to compromise with the "serious deer hunter" that still wants to be able to hold more than 1 QUALITY firearm tag the same year (i.e. an East River and West River tag both or any combination of 2 of the firearm tags). You could have gotten leftover tags in the previous proposal starting in the 3rd drawing but weren't as likely to actually be where or what you wanted to hunt so the previous proposal was likely to only be 1 QUALITY firearm tag per year rather than a better chance at 2 QUALITY firearm tags now.

At the end of the day, some level of change is going through whether we like it or not and this is the best compromise I've seen so far. Would I still rather leave the system the way it is? Absolutely! Will it stay the same? No. Not even if 80% of us don't want it to.

The commission and GFP have good intentions with the change and this will still get roughly 1000 more people deer hunting every year. I'm willing to give up my 3rd firearm tag to make that happen. I will still be able to get a good opportunity to hunt with 2 quality tags from either ER Any Deer, WR Any Deer, or Muzzleloader Deer that I currently hunt now (or others that I dont currently apply for like BHD, CSP, RFD). Before this latest change I was going to have to pick between East River deer and West River deer. That wasn't a choice I wanted to make. Hopefully now many of us will not have to.

The commissioners and GFP have been beaten up a lot over this thing, and I was one of the people very upset at first and even upset throughout most of the process, but the more you learn about the reasons for this and the desire for some type of change (even though most of us were happy with the old system or thought some change was OK, but just not this much change) the more you understand why they felt change was necessary for hunter retention and keeping our sport alive for future generations. They are trying their best to do an impossible job; making everyone happy. Thank you to the GFP and commissioners for listening to the "more serious deer hunters" the last couple weeks with this compromise proposal (and the "less serious deer hunters" over the previous year) and coming up with some level of compromise, even if it still doesn't make most happy on Facebook it shows you are trying to listen and do what you think is best for hunting in SD long-term. People are going to complain no matter what and I'm probably one of them ! ??

Ed Nelson

Erwin SD

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Comment:

Non-Residents should NOT be allowed to draw ANY Permits UNTIL ALL Residents have the Drawn Their Permits !!! PERIOD !!

Roger Inman

Pierre SD

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Comment:

I preferred the original proposal that let you pick only one season in the first draw and not eligible for the 2nd. Its a step in the right direction. I have friends who have not received tags and others that get all. Those not receiving become the potential hunters that we lose. By losing hunters we are creating an opening for outside views of hunting to encroach on us that do enjoy helping with conservation/harvesting of animals. As a landowner I would have liked to have seen where landowners guests could pay a transfer fee to the GFP so friends or family from out of state could partake in a big game hunt. This could be a plus money for the dept. I as a landowner do not want the dollars but would love to be able to transfer my (conservation) tag to another so hunting can be promoted. I would attend meetings but timing never seems to be such that it is possible. Thanks for your work.

Tim Pravecek

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Comment:

I went to the first meeting on this change and was 100% in favor of ideas of change. The complaints about not getting multiple "Buck" tags in my opinion is a poor argument, think of the residents of my county "people living and paying taxes in our county go years without a "buck" tag, most settle for a doe tag. If you are real hunter you will try other methods if you are unsuccessful in drawing a rifle Buck tag.

Gaylord Strivens

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Comment:

why should any hunter be lucky enough to draw more than 2 deer tags when so many unlucky would draw no tags. why not limit to maximum of 2 tags?

Quincy Brech

Mitchell SD

Comment:

Why Change a program that isn't working. The lottery is fine the way it is.

Patrick Rosenbaum

Jefferson SD

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Comment:

Leave the way the drawing is and just allow more tags. Plus stop waiting money on unproductive walk in ground such as cattle pastures grazed down to nothing greagory county for starters and picked fields . Stop lining pockets and start buying ground and manage it.

Jason Mitzel

Crooks SD

Comment:

This whole change is a joke. You are not doing anything that will allow people to get there perferred liscence like you said. It is just a feel good move to seem like you are. Leave the draw system that we currently have been useing in place. I only apply for one big game liscence a year but can see this is a joke so leave the system alone.

Doug Furness

Brandon SD

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Comment:

The current system works if you are not hung up on one county or hunting unit. I have never had a problem getting a tag.

Rick Hanger

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Comment:

The newest deer tag proposal seems to be a fair compromise. It allows multiple tag apps while still providing more hunters a chance at a good tag. My preferred choice would still be no change, but I feel we all can live with this newest plan.

I would say, adopt this plan and see how well it works for a few years before implementing any other changes.

Richard Eisenzimmer

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Comment:

One hunter should not have several deer tags in one season. That means other people are at home not getting to hunt. Non-resident hunters should not be in a draw with resident hunters. At my age, 64, it would be nice to be able to use a cross bow.

Mark Krenn
Sturgis SD
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Comment:

I was not in favor of the initial proposal but am in favor of the current proposal. Thank you for digging deeper into this very important subject.

Clark Baker
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Comment:

leave alone

Kelly Eilers
Canton SD
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Comment:

.JUST LEAVE IT ALONE It works....you get them all sold and you are not going to attract any more hunters...if they want to hunt they will apply.....dont try to fix something that isnt broken

Russ Nurnberg
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Comment:

My opinon on this topic is that changing the drawing method (especilly with 2 first choice seasons) will not "Increase Opportunity". I have spoken to many other hunters regarding this and almost every one has stated the same opinion. The reason people are not hunting is two fold 1) Limited public access in certain areas (private land is amost impossible to gain access to). 2) The overall cost in general has gotten to be more than some people can afford. I do think this new proposal is better than the first, but personally don't think it will achive the desired result.

Paul Eidsness
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Comment:

support

Robert Whitcraft

Andover MN

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Comment:

Seems as if residents have long-enjoyed a strong preference in the deer draw. As in my prior comments, this proposal seems unnecessary and does not factor what the added non-resident restriction will do to overall attitudes about spending money in SD. It may be 'revenue neutral' for deer licenses only but GF&P has no way of determining broad non-resident reaction to this proposal as related to other hunting, fishing, and recreational spending.

Haar Darren

Rapid City SD

Comment:

This is a great plan. I'm sure the very avid hunters will push against this compromise again because they will want to be able to hunt all of SDs regions. However they need to remember that most of us are "casual hunters" and only apply for one zone or two. For the casual hunter it is hard to stay interested/engaged in hunting when you only draw a tag every other year or less. Over time this lack of engagement will result in the loss of hunters. Loss of hunters equals loss of support for hunting. We need to keep the big picture in mind and make sure or regulatory structure keeps people engaged in hunting and thus supporting our right to hunt.

Ross Fenske

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Comment:

support

Gary Geiken

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Comment:

This proposal still is not fair. We are 1 state not east river, west river. While myself and other family members go 2-3 years between licenses, others are getting 1-3 tags almost every year. We are not encouraging our grandkids to start deer hunting due to this set up.

Keith Christianson

Volga SD

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Comment:

I prefer the proposal for 1 tag draw in the first draw. I believe I would have a better chance of drawing my buck tag. If I want a second deer I will apply in the 3 draw for a doe tag. Please leave as it is.

Darcy Kuyper

Platte SD

Comment:

I think the new proposal is great !

Kim Geiken

Lennox SD

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Comment:

I have never understood how I have to wait 2-3 years to get a tag when many others I know get a couple tags every year.

Shawn Baker

Sturgis SD

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Comment:

I liked the system the way it was , I grew up hunting in Wisconsin and my last 10 years I lived in WI I didn't hunt at all because there were so many people . It was an army of hunters all over public land . It was not even fun because people would

Gary Hendrickson
Belle Fourche SD
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Comment:

I believe the initial proposal by GFP should be kept in place. The concern was getting hunters their first choice unit. This current proposal does not increase the odds of a hunter wanting to apply for the one unit they prefer. Lets take a BHD applicant and that is all they want is BHD. This proposal still allows multiple applicants to compete with that BHD applicant really not increasing their odds to obtain a BHD lic. I know there are ERD applicants that are the same only wanting their home county. After the first draw all hunters will have a opportunity to compete for leftover units. Obtaining that first unit choice is important to more hunters then you think and the vocal ones opposing the initial proposal are being selfish in obtaining as many tags as they can. another thing to look at is limiting buck licenses to 2 per person. If you have ample opportunities to harvest 2 buck it should be a rewarding season and if you want more deer for meat then buy doe tags. I understand this is a difficult situation and you will never please everyone but you started out with trying to increase hunters odds of obtaining their first choice lic. and now you have compromised that. Pick a topic you have a chance of being most successful on and stick to it. Trying to piece meal a system will only hurt your results in the long run.
Gary

Shawn Baker
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Comment:

I liked the system the way it was , I grew up hunting in Wisconsin and my last 10 years I lived in WI I didn't hunt at all because there were so many people . It was an army of hunters all over public land . It was not even fun because people would

Shawn Beck
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Comment:

I think everyone should be able to apply for multiple seasons if they wish. I also think the whole purpose of the points was to keep it fair and by charging for points, I believe it undermines the purpose. I think points should be given as they used to be and if gfp isn't making enough money than the price of the tags should've gone up instead of charging us 'to be fair'.

Bob Roth
Aberdeen SD
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Comment:

Why don't you make it if you apply for west river on first choice then you can't apply for east river on the first round and vice versa. Then you could also apply for any of the others on the first round. There are to many hunters that only apply for just one unit whether it be east or west that don't get a license because a lot of hunters think they are entitled to both???

Vaughn Sudrala
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Comment:

Maybe consider a special FLINTLOCK muzzle loader season for a week during the end of archery season. Hunters that draw a muzzle loader tag could hunt at that time. Flintlock only at that time. I think this was the intention of the muzzle loader season in the first place. With the new inline muzzle loaders it is not really a traditional hunt anymore.

Corey Hokanson
Huron SD
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Comment:

Ppl should only be able to apply for one in the first draw not 2 and I think u should take some of the land owner tags away to or only let the direct land owner be able to claim that not distant relatives like ppl are doing now that would leave more for the general public

Douglas Eoute
Stillwater MN
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Comment:

As a long time nonresident hunter, I respectfully submit that we as non-residents are not getting a fair chance in drawings for deed tags at only 8% of tags alloeyed. And having to wait for 3rd round for leftover tags unfairly regulates nonresidents to second class citizens. Give us an reasonable chance at drawing success. Thanks

Curtis Roeszler
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Comment:

originally from south dakota but living in california for 45 years. applied first time non-resident in 2018. Have to say that south dakota has always managed deer herds better than california. That said I am not a trophy hunter so have always hunted for the meat not the glory. califonia does not allow doe hunting so we had a good hunt in 2018. so not for or against and can surely understand resident concerns. Your field office was very helpful for east river for 2018 so will leave it to South Dakota wisdom to do what's right since California has no wisdom any more. and plan on moving back home to south dakota to retire in couple years so will be resident hunter in a couple years anyway. and no doubt you are seeing more non resident applications because of conditions and regs from the western states with low success rates. even though non residents move from 3rd draw to 5th draw I am still confident that S.D. will do what's right for all concerned.

Robert Salazar

Rapid City SD

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Comment:

You guys make it sound like if you only have these limited number draw that every one who puts in for a tag will get one and that's not it at all..your still giving out a limited number of tags and poor joe blow over here thinks he and his family are all going to get tags because of this....you guys are really wanting people to buy preference points so you don't have to give out tags and your still getting money ..i have been hunting along time since 1981 and my boys all hunt and ive gotten a lot of people into it and some even back into it..but you guys are turning it into a rich mans sport buy charging 40 dallars a tag and you usall have at least 2 years preference before you get that tag...and when was the last time there were any leftovers in the black hills unit..and prairie any deer tags other than whitail and then you have to have private land to hunt or your screwed....i love hunting with my family to but we all understand the luck of the draw system.and your trying to cater to a few that don't understand it and your going to start losing a lot of hunters because of it....i remember the day you went to knart bought your tag over the counter for 12 bucks and hunted...the deer aint bigger and you don't get any more meat off them. I waited six years to get a black powder tag so im pretty mutch done with that and so far I got two years preferences for the hills..so im thinking its almost not worth it....hope you guys get it figured out soon ..thank you for reading ...if you do....thanks again

James Theis

Rapid City SD

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Comment:

After being unsuccessful in drawing a Black Hills deer tag for the past 5 years, I believe this proposal will give me a far better chance to draw one for the upcoming season.

Chris Solum

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Comment:

This is a great idea and will give me and my family a better chance to get tags to hunt our private land

Kim Wagenman

Spearfish SD

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Comment:

I think your statistics show the vast majority either moderately or strongly support the goal of providing a system that gives the best chance for every applicant to get their tag or their first choice. I think its giving in to a small group that still want two first choice tags which will mean more folks will be denied their one choice. Also just makes a complicated system even more complex.

Mark Perry

Sioux Falls SD

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Comment:

You have listed that first time youth hunters would get a bonus point the first time they apply. Please think about that. My son has applied for west river, east river and black hills for 2 straight years without attaining a buck tag. By allowing First time youth to have the extra points you are placing them ahead of or at the same level as youth that have already been in the system. You should address the group of youth that have been left out the past few years and that have never attained a buck tag. Many people also do not realize that a youth can attain points before they actual turn 12 and draw a tag. We didn't realize that and I have hunted for over 50 years. Please make this fair for the youth. My son has continually lost interest in hunting deer since he has not had the opportunity to get a buck tag. Please keep it fair for all.

Please revise to the following.

"First time youth hunters and those youth hunters that have never attained an any deer or buck tag would receive a bonus preference point" for the 2019 season.

Also the system is more complicated then ever. What was wrong with the first proposal? Everyone would have had an opportunity to get one of the 5 main deer licenses, ERD,WRD, BH, or SB or muzzleloader? ...correct...

This makes sense. I typically do not have time to hunt multiple units and if I was given the option for a quality hunt in one of those 5 deer license categories (each year) I would be very satisfied with the system. These proposals seem to be driven by those individuals that what to "hog=up" as many tags as they can get and shoot as many bucks as they can everywhere. I believe most people would be happy with one quality tag a year and then if there are left over tags after everyone has had a chance to get one, the people that want multiple tags can have at it.....seems much easier. The youth should be placed ahead of these individuals that get multiple tags. The youth are the future of hunting and without them our sport will die.

Also, more explanation needs to be given and more examples of how the system would work. Please post some scenarios for all of us to look at...."what ifs"

This issue is a big deal for those of us that go 2 years without attaining a buck tag and those of us that only have public land to hunt on. When you hunt public land your not guaranteed anything but the opportunity. Thank you,

Cary Goodman

Rapid City SD

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Comment:

I approve of this proposal

Justin Whitehead

Mitchell SD

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Comment:

How will preference point accumulation work? Will there still be preference points for each season separately? Will preference points only be gained if unsuccessful in the first draw?

Russell Deneui
Chancellor SD
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Comment:

Focus on youth and residents most important . Agree with giving more hunters an opportunity .

Tyler Spomer
Pierre SD
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Comment:

For the most part I support the changes being made. However I would like to see consideration for non-resident operators. While technically still a resident of SD, we are moving to ND. My wife's family owns and operates 1600 acres in Campbell County. My wife is the farm manager, making the day to day decisions concerning the farm. We both regularly work on the farm. We feed and manage more than 95 cow calf pairs. We routinely are involved in haying, fencing, weed control, etc... on the farm. Because we will be moving to ND we are no longer able to hunt on our land. I feel we should be able to get landowner licenses so we can hunt only our own land. I don't care about hunting anywhere else in the county. The number of non-resident landowner operators has to be small. If this wouldn't work then I would propose a "come home to hunt" option for former residents. I love SD and it always be home but the options for me to hunt deer appear to be limited at best. Thanks!

Bill Mcgrath
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Comment:

I was all in favor of having one preference for first draw and that is what was proposed. Now we are moving back to where we were by being able to apply fro two first draw. The people like myself who live in the Black Hills generally what to hunt the hills. It would appear you are trying to appease the people who want to be able to hunt there back yard and still take a trip to the hills where we have a huge amount of public land available for all. I believe you were headed in the right direction but now I have lost all faith in the process once again. Again I will be limited to the years I wil draw a tag for the Black Hills where I have lived and hunted my entire life.
Bill McGrath
Spearfish

Riley Gilbertson
Waubay SD
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Comment:

I see nothing wrong with the system in place. I feel like if nothing is wrong do not try to fix it. I feel like GFP is trying to get more out of state hunters in and for deer hunting I do not support that.

Bryan Tweedy

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Comment:

Change the archery deer start date back to late September. It doesn't help the deer. Also, start some type of limited draw for non residents for archery. This would provide overall better opportunities and is the right thing to do.

David Park

Howell MI

Comment:

This ultimately hurts the LandOwner that leases hunting privilege to non-residents. If I don't draw a license I don't go and don't pay the lease. The residents in the area are unwilling or unable to pay the lease fee. This year I saw more deer than ever before.

Barc Smith

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Comment:

The second proposal is much better than the initial proposal. Good job and thanks for all your time on the commission

Richard Edenstrom

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Comment:

Perhaps the commission should consider awarding "bonus" preference points to "senior citizens".

Richard Hyronimus

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Comment:

This will increase the apps for special buck license and encourage preference point sales both revenue positive.

Darin Pekkala
Bryant SD
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Comment:

Two of my boys and I did not draw buck deer rifle tags this year, it's the fifth time I haven't drawn in 20 years. That's the only problem I've had with hunting here. I don't think you should have to buy a preference point to guarantee a tag. I have 8 kids and we are big hunters I don't want them to get disgusted with these rules and lose interest. There's a lot of unnecessary changes being made. P

Rob Heisinger
Parkston SD

Comment:

I honestly think you are trying to fix something that isn't broken. It is almost impossible to find ground to hunt West River and unless it is public. More hunters saturating public hunting is only going to lead to less success and more frustration. In the long run you will end up with less hunters in the field.

Raymond Oyen
Lead SD
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Comment:

If you allow 2 choices first draw I still won't be able to get my Hills license and that's all I want

Josh Olson
Lemmon SD

Comment:

The one draw system is the only way to correct the problem we have. Double dipping will not increase odds but by a very small amount. Get it Changed ONCE so you don't have to go through this again. There is absolutely no reason someone should possess more than 1 buck license until left overs. South Dakota is SOUTH DAKOTA. Stop segregating east west and black hills. One draw per unit of choice. Every other state is that way. It's time we get with the change. I will settle for nothing less than 1 draw. And I speak loudly for everyone out west. If it don't change expect more land to be locked out and miss managed.

Joel Farnham
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Comment:

How much difference is it going to make pushing the non-resident opportunity for leftover licenses to the 5th draw? This proposal is less welcoming to me as a non-resident deer hunter.

Greg Schweiss
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Comment:

I think the change to allow hunters to apply for two licenses in the first drawing is a significant improvement from the original proposal. While I still prefer the current system, I could now support the proposed changes, whereas I was strongly opposed to the initial proposal. The new proposal would now allow my kids and I to participate in our annual Family west river deer hunt, while still having a chance to occasionally draw a Black Hills Deer tag.

Derrick Reifenrath
Custer SD

Comment:

oppose

Russell Brown
Watertown SD
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Comment:

This sounds like a good proposal. Keep in mind more importantly is the number of deer in each county. With the destruction of habitat by farmers on a continuous basis, by tiling, filling in low lands, and removing tree claims in grant, deuel and codington counties Has significantly impacted the number of deer we see during hunting season. As the DNR you need to address these issues immediately, To ensure quality deer hunting opportunities for our children and their's.

Jason Lee
Cresbard SD
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Comment:

2 opportunities in the 1st draw seems to be fair enough. Only 1 would be absolutely unacceptable. Thanks for listening to the residents of SD who hunt.

Bruce Jones
Rapid City SD
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Comment:

IF YOU WANT MORE HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES. GO BACK TO ORIGINAL PROPOSAL OF ONE PREFERRED LICENSE AREA.

Adam Boomgarden

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Comment:

Changing the drawing system is dumb and must only be for a few people that are unhappy that they don't get the tag they always want.

Chris Nelson

Pierre SD

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Comment:

I oppose the current proposal and support the original as proposed by GFP staff. Many hunters want more opportunities and to increase youth participation. The original proposal may do this. My opinion is that it is worth a try. If it doesn't work, then alternatives giving multi-first-pick choices can be reinstated.

Gary Lueth

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Comment:

Recognition of Lanowners rights HAS to be part of any licensing system. It doesn't matter how many tags the Sioux Falls residents get if they don't have private land to hunt. Landowner tags now or the no hunting signs go up and the Sioux Falls crowd. The farmers and ranchers are very angry they don't have a voice. Wake up or you will have a serious issue.

Don Weber

Milbank SD

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Comment:

The proposal that would allow a hunter to apply for two of the six deer seasons in the first draw is already a compromise. When will the compromising end?

Aj Pollock

Gregory SD

Comment:

Keep the lottery drawing system. It works just fine. One motive for the proposal is to put more hunters in the field. How do you do that AND give out the same amount of tags? Public land is already crowded, hunters walk over hunters every time.

Eric Lie

Spearfish SD

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Comment:

one first choice is enough-many seasons overlap - Better odds of getting a first choice instead of no license at all.

Lynn Voss

Sioux Falls SD

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Comment:

The system how is working just fine, leave it the way it is.

Mitch Munneke

Corsica SD

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Comment:

I really dont think you are going to get many extra people into the field also the people of South Dakota have spokenwe do NOT Want change!!!!!! Listen to us!!!!!!!

Brian Cotten

Watertown SD

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Comment:

I really wish you would leave refuge draw out of this and have it on its own. This tag is very difficult to draw the way it is and is extremely limited. Please do not include refuge draw into this application!

Richard Hartland

Winner SD

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Comment:

I feel it works fine the way it is, but if you staggered the draw dates, we would regulate ourselves on how many tags we apply for, we all know we only have so much time. I applied for Hills license this year black powder license this year and special Buck license this year, I was unable to draw any of them, I have 15 points in the black hills area, so I understand what it's like not to draw a tag, But at least I always have chance for one of three, so my support is for leaving it alone, thank you.

Brian Parsons
Harrisburg SD
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Comment:

This proposal will have just the opposite affect and reduce the number of hunters in the field by restricting them to fewer tages in areas they prefer to hunt.
I most definitely appose opening buck tags in the first draw to non resident hunters. All this will accomplish is turning our resident deer hunting into all paid deer hunting. If it would pass I would start a petition to stop this action.

Rodney Heinrich
Rapid City SD
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Comment:

there are those of us that only have the hills to hunt and we can go years without a tag. I went two years a friend went five years. applying for one tag in first drawing will give us a better chance of getting a tag on a regular basis

Scott Olson
Mission Hill SD
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Comment:

The system that is in place now is better than what is being proposed I think. The youth already have numerous opportunities to get started hunting. We need to be able to apply for all seasons as in the past.

Robert Winter
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Comment:

I do not think the special buck should be included with east/west river first draw.

Dennis Engel
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Comment:

how would this help you get a license, if there are like only one or two hundred licenses in a popular area ?

Pat Malcomb

Sioux Falls SD

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Comment:

Leave as is, this is not needed. why aren't bowhunters included in this they automatically get two buck tags and a few doe tags. If you are going to limit rifle hunters this is only fair. I say again leave as is.

Brian Garbisch

Summerset SD

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Comment:

This proposal still does not address the underlying issue of the "preference point" system that the department has tried to fix with the gimic of cubing points. I find it hard to believe that that hunters will have a better opportunity to draw their desired license, especially for people who desire to hunt West River including the Black Hills. The Black Hills is only one unit and West River deer is multiple units. But not all West River units are equally desired. Until the department installs a true preference point system, it seems that you are giving false hope of actually drawing a preferred license. This includes all species and licenses in which preference points are accumulated.

I would agree with having a small percentage of licenses for available for people with no preference points, even if you just restrict that percentage to youth. But by having everyone in the same draw pool, no matter the preference points, isn't working. Example, no one with less than 5 preference points should draw a tag before someone with 15+ years, period. The Wyoming nonresident system may not be perfect but at least a person knows when they have a good or absolute chance of drawing.

Looking at the age distribution of who submits multiple applications, you can see that the age groups that do are the groups that potential have the knowledge, physical capability and financial means to hunt multiple areas and seasons. This also means that they are traveling around and contributing more to the economy throughout the state. I am all for providing more hunting opportunities for youth, which can be accomplished by my previous statement of setting aside a percentage of licenses for them. Also, the older folks that don't necessarily want to travel very far or only want to do one hunt, a portion could be set aside for them in which to apply.

I would rather you address this issue by actually fixing the draw system for all species in a way that is straight forward and fair. I would think that more people would be satisfied with actually knowing how many years it may take them to draw their desired area license than hoping that a new random draw system will work.

Thank you for your time.

David Herrboldt

Menno SD

Comment:

I am in favor of appling for 2 of the 6 deer season's on the first draw.

Shane Stanley
Hot Springs SD
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Comment:

This is very stupid.your taking our choices away and chances to get a tag for the unit you want as a 2 ND choice

Jim Larsen
Hot Springs SD
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Comment:

If for instance I received a tag for both first choice license, the way it is explained is that I am allowed only 1 more tag in any second drawing. I would hope this is not the case.

Jason Haskell
Aberdeen SD
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Comment:

I am mostly for the proposal, but oppose the Muzzleloader. I'm not exactly sure how the SDGF&P views/manages the ML hunt. As a primitive weapon I feel that it is wrong to make it so hard to draw and to run it after rifle. I do like that it is a longer season, but feel that there should be a window after archery, but before rifle that begins the ML season. It can then run congruent with rifle and possibly extend beyond also. I also feel we would benefit from delaying the rifle season a week. It always hits too close to the rut. We would have better quality statewide if we allowed those buck to breed in peace before the season starts. Just a couple of my thoughts. Thanks for listening.

Jason Jones
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Comment:

So how are preference points going be used? Are previous points still valid? Everything separate or all points grouped together?

Jason Collins

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Comment:

The changes you propose for deer hunting will probably make it more difficult for me to draw a non-resident tag. For that, I'm sad and ask you to reconsider. I've been "vacationing" in S. Dakota during the fall for 20+ years and during that time I've made friends, spent money and I've even gained a rooting interest in your high school football playoffs that grace the TV in every bar during November. As you make these changes please consider the timing of your draw to be before or close to other states that have good deer hunting. That will allow me to better plan my fall. I want to continue my non-resident tradition of hunting S. Dakota, and I'd hate to see you have a "late" in the calendar year drawing, and I forego your tag because I've already drawn (and purchased) an alternate tag for a different state.

I love hunting your state because of your rich resources, quality management, and the strong hunting heritage carried on by your residents. Keep it strong and I'll be there as often as I can so I can continue my out of state tradition. Thanks for the hospitality South Dakota.

Curtis Gustafson

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Comment:

I am assuming I could apply for East River Deer and West River deer in the first drawing.

Mary Hershberger

Blackfoot ID

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Comment:

We have hunted SD for the past 20 years but will no longer hunt your state or stay in your motels or eat at you restaurants. Due to our slim chance of drawing in we will not be back to hunt.

Robert Vansickle

Watertown SD

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Comment:

deer tag allocation changes.....this new plan will give me less opportunity to put deer meat in my freezer...its not about trophies for me I live for the hunt and the meat provided!! This new deer tag allocation is rediculous...im in it for the hunt and the meat and appreciate living in SD....and having the opportunity to feed my family on venison!!! With your new plan it will restrict my ability to get 3 or more tags !!! Not sure what you are trying to accomplish w this !!

Julio Medeiros

Natrona Heights PA

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Comment:

I am commenting on the proposed changes for deer hunting license. While I am in favor of a fair process for all, it seems that this new procedure would further limit non-resident chances to obtain deer tags. Having been a resident and now a non-res

Gerald Anderson

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Comment:

11 resident tags while many in our party go without...the land we lease will never be open to locals. Too many have abused it. I'm sure this is the case in many places. So a 25 year tradition will be lost, the ranchers will lose revenue. But some residents will have 11 tags!!

David Del Soldato

Rapid City SD

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Comment:

this will not get you more people hunting it is good just as it already is done I think you will just anger your base of hunters maybe that's what you want

Daniel Wittrock

Sioux Falls SD

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Comment:

I THINK A LOT BETTER THE FIRST PROPOSAL OF ALLOWING ONLY ONE OF THE SIX SEASON

Ronald Tobin

Gettysburg SD

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Comment:

The general public is not in favor of these changes fish and game needs to stop asking our opinion because you will do what ever you want. Stop

James Strachan

Chancellor SD

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Comment:

I do believe that as when I grew up that deer hunting was a family tradition. It's sort of like christmass. It was a family affair. I personally could care less if I killed another deer but it is important to kids. In today atmosphere I believe that most parents unless they get some kind of license won't participate. I do and I'm not even a parent, I take a week off. And take some kids hunting. My suggestion is to combine a traditional muzzle loader season with gun season (notice I said traditional muzzle loader ,round balls ,no scopes, make it flint lock if you must,) just issue buck licenses for it, I've hunted with them for years there effective range is about equal to these new bows. Everybody gets a license you get more money, and has little if any impact on deer populations. Cant attest to the rest of the state but deer herd is up in southeast SD compared to previous years about back to normal a little short but close, didn't find any dead deer along creeks this year, cut down on doe licenses a few more years and it will be back to normal. Lots of little bucks that will amount to nothing and the 4 or 5 monsters would be a good idea to thin out the little bucks. You've got deer but I really dont understand your philosophy on growing the herd. You are not going to kill all the bucks in 2 weeks. Better to take your kid hunting than hunt your kid!

Sue Crooks

Astoria SD

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Comment:

Bottom line as a land owner, there are way to high of a deer population and its needs to be cut in half!! I allow any mentoring/youth that ask to hunt as long as they follow our rules for how they act/proceed on our land and several town people that like to hunt. SO don't make your first reply to me to "let people hunt your land", we allow deer/geese/and trapping to several individuals. This holding back and decreasing tags in eastern South Dakota and stating population is down due to disease is not good enough. I have too much deer and geese damage on my land as the population is just too high. Double or even triple the ones you are issuing now since you have cut the numbers so much the last few years and to me, that is still not enough. They numbers in the herds I see in a 40 mile radius as I travel is incredible. There are so many, they aren't even scared to bed down in my yard. I want to see the number of tags/licenses increase for residents and non-residents both.

Ivan Umberger

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Comment:

I would like to see west river resident have first chose on west river season before every one get to throw their hats in. I've lived and still hunt in Gregoy Co, with all the good walk in hunting we have lots of east river hunters making it more difficult to draw on low license years. Most hunters don't like not being drawled in your own back yard while many stranger hunt there, thanks

Arlyn Abrams
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Comment:
support

James Lietz
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Comment:

Looks like the old under the table dealings. You are not providing me with more hunting opportunity. giving more out of state hunters to come and make individuals who charge for out of hunters more money. ruining south dakota state residents family traditions. All for the almighty dollar. How many pieces of silver do you need.

Ken Grosch
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Comment:
support

James Stengle
Yankton SD
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Comment:

As a Certified Wildlife Biologist (CWB) and long-time hunter, I am concerned that your plan discriminates against a small but important segment of the hunting population. That would be East River Non-Resident (NR) LANDOWNERS. Under the present and proposed system, any NR can apply for East River (rifle) tags only if there are any leftover from the last drawing. There is no other options for NR Landowners. This seems terribly unfair to those NR Landowners that want to hunt on their own property but seldom, if ever, get the opportunity to even APPLY for a tag because there are none available. Those NR Landowners pay considerable taxes on their land. Their lands support wildlife and wildlife habitat. Even though they own the land, pay taxes on their property, and support wildlife/wildlife habitat on those properties, they are discriminated against by the system. That is a terrible system that does not allow a landowner to hunt on their own property. The number of NR landowners is small in comparison with resident landowners. A portion of the overall tags could easily be allocated to NR landowners. If they are not purchased by the landowner to hunt on their own property, the tags could then be included in the leftover draw and opened to anyone. Just saying because discrimination is wrong. A tag allocation for NR Landowners should be developed so that at the least they have an opportunity to apply for a tag to hunt their own property!

Bob Lee

Watertown SD

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Comment:

Two any deer tags is enough people are spoiled in South Dakota they think they should have all they can get for any deer the two is great plenty thank you for doing this.

John Wilson

Rapid City SD

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Comment:

I see people that will put in for bh and wr deer and only receive 1 deer permit any way. so what is the difference in putting for SB/ WR or SB/ HD what is the deal with the SB permit. I never put in for that permit. You are just look out that trophy hunters. Just like when you upped the size limit on trout a few years ago. You were looking out for the fly fisher-man that had a hard time catching big trout. Joke

Thomas Larson

Parker SD

Comment:

Nothing wrong with how the draw system is now. Drawings should remain separate. Most the people that say they never get a tag forget to send in or don't understand the preference system.

Scott Olson

Custer SD

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Comment:

support

Ron Schuch

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Comment:

Having grown up in east river I hunt both east and west river seasons. I will now have to choose between both seasons. The county that I hunt east river NEVER has left over tags for an any deer license. This would mean having to choose between east or west river seasons and never hunting one or the other again. This doesn't work for me.

Wayne Shanks

Colton SD

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Comment:

I support the new deer license proposal with one exception. As a land owner in Minnehaha co I highly suggest going to slug only and eliminate rifle in the entire county. Minnehaha county rural is becoming very populated. Both me and my newborn have had close calls from rifle bullets. Hole in barn and bullet hit close to my feet. To a point I don't want my grandkids outside during season. Please consider request. I'm an avid hunter that is concerned for safety. Don't wait until someone is seriously injured.

Bobby Pudwill

Milbank SD

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Comment:

This compromise approach and the expected results is a significant improvement over the original proposal. I would recommend however that this proposal is given a two year trial prior to becoming a permanent solution.

Jeff Whillock

Ab SD

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Comment:

This compromise makes very good sense to me. I appreciate the opportunities that this will provide -- for both more hunters to have opportunities and also those who want to hunt more than one area to be able to apply for two on first draw. Well done! Thank you for the collaboration and listening.

Bryan Schnell

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Comment:

I have tried to - and believe I have- read everything you have distributed about this proposal, both from your website & media stories. I have called the GFP Chairman & Kevin Robling . My question is:What about my existing preference points that me and my active duty military/law enforcement sons (all SD residents) have been accumulating for many years? Mr. Robling assured me they would not be lost, and stated that they needed to get the word out better about that, indicated he was going to do so (2+ months ago) and still no definitive written word. WILL WE LOSE OUR PRE-EXISTING PREFERENCE POINTS OR NOT? Is it yes; no; or maybe? The fact that you have never addressed this outright -that I have seen, maybe I missed it- makes me very concerned about the forthright motivations behind this deal. I am not a conspiracy guy....but I just want a straight answer, in writing, on the record. Can you please answer the question that many hunters and I have discussed, with NO ONE having seen a published answer. Thank you for your answer or directing me to the previously published written public citation clarifying this aspect. Respectfully, BHS

Jeremy Nettifee
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Comment:

Please leave the current system in place. There is nothing wrong with it.

Lee Whitcraft
Webster WI
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Comment:

I have hunted or applied to hunt in South Dakota the past few years. I continue to accumulate preference points for West River rifle and always seem to be fighting a moving target that gives much more opportunity to resident hunters.

I understand you want to retain and increase resident hunter applications but you are discouraging us non-residents.

I hope you reconsider your stance on limiting non resident hunter opportunities.

Justin Smith
De Smet SD
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Comment:

I like this far better than the original version having said that I still feel you are trying to fix something that isn't broken! I suggest adding the preference point benefits for kids that you've added to your proposal to the current draw system

Randal Turbak
Rapid City SD
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Comment:

The Compromise Proposal for deer hunting licenses is much better than the original proposal that mandated an applicant choose only one hunting season. I approve of this.

Ted Judd
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Comment:

I strongly oppose this proposal. As a non resident deer hunter of 25 years I have hunted a few different west river units but have spent most years on a ranch in Jackson county. The time I have spent there has been wonderful for me but beneficial for the ranch as well. Every year along with a lease fee I take on projects to help out around the ranch. Making it more difficult for non residents to hunt in SD would likely have many negative affects that may easily overlooked. I hope many of the ranchers that count on the non resident leases are aware of what is going on before it is too late for there voice to be heard.

Matt Stephens
Rapid City SD
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Comment:

I thought the prior proposal was a better approach to getting more hunters in the field. With this new proposal, we Hills hunters will still be squeezed out by those hunters applying for both Hills and WR.

Joseph Bowman
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Comment:

I feel and have always felt that the single first choice allocation originally introduced is a fair and balanced method of license allocation. The people that are complaining of it not being fair are the ones that draw multiple tags yearly at the expense of other preference point holders. If this was to be a truly fair allocation, archery would be included in the first choice allocation. It is ridiculous that with the modern advancements in archery weapons that this season continues to have licenses provided on an unlimited basis.

Gaylord Evans
Hot Springs SD
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Comment:

You guys are doing a Great job keep it up.You are doing what is best for now and the future generations .

Tom Riddle
Mitchell SD
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Comment:

Leave Deer season apps alone,I not sure why this commission is so possessed on changing the season apps. Listen to the hunters they want it left alone

Clint Peterson
Box Elder SD

Comment:

You need to start limiting the non-resident tags before you limit the resident. Non-resident can get East River and West River Archery tag, Black hills tag and West River tag all in one year. They should at the least be limited to one archery tag.

Ernest Getty
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Comment:

In the past 5 decades I have had the opportunity to apply for numerous any, or buck, deer tags in the first drawing. Odds being what they were I could usually draw 1 or, sometimes, 2 buck tags in that first draw usually with the help of preference points.

I fear if I am unsuccessful now with only two deer season choices that most, if not all, buck deer tags will be gone for the second draw period.

Thank you.

Ernest Getty
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Comment:

I do not support limiting the deer application process to 2 choices.

My concern is, what happens to my preference points in the other seasons that I can not apply for in the first drawing ?

If there are no buck-deer tags left in the second draw in the seasons I was not allow to put in for in the first draw because of the 2-season limit do those "other" second season preference points just sit there?

Will I be able to buy a preference point in the second draw if there are no buck tags left ,and, I don't apply for a doe ?

Will I be able to use all of my accumulated deer seasons preference point for the season, or two, I do put in for in the first draw ?

Thank you.

Dennis Winters

Pierre SD

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Comment:

I am in favor of the original proposal to allow only one application in the first draw in the hunting season of your choice.

Dan Snyder

Pierre SD

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Comment:

Starting this summer my opinion has not changed in leaving the system alone. I help a rancher, over 100's of hours donated labor for the right to hunt on his property, your data showed only a 6% increase in a chance of a draw, I have 1 year of preference. East River West Sully any deer I have 5 yrs of preference were there are only 100 licenses of any deer, and half go to land owners. Land owners feed the deer all yr I have no problem but again in this unit my odds wouldn't increase much. Than with 3 yrs of preference with muzzle loader I am about to draw again. If I can only apply for 2 with no guarantee, why not leave it be, my chances to get west sully and muzzle loader will be good this coming year because I have patiently waited my turn, if not than maybe next year. As a teacher today kids in Pierre are very active, fishing, hunting its Ok for them to also wait their turn, its something taught at home.

Daniel Conrad

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Comment:

I would like to keep it the same. 50% wanted change but 50% where happy. Don't change just to change. Change if it is right. Youth shouldn't have an advantage over older hunters. I have paid my dues and deserve tags that I never got when I was young. I am the one paying the money!!!!

Shaun Thomas

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Comment:

As a nonresident, with family that owns land east river I am not able to ever get a rifle buck tag. I pay about 9 times more then a resident and am willing to pay that. It is not right that I can't even have a chance at a tag. The land is in Hughes. County. Or make a land owners tag transferable for a price

Stephen Turner

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Comment:

Look @landowner tags also,are they only too hunt there land for the depradation?Seen there's a group 7 them that dont,also trying to get archery servay too down load. It doesn't work, thanks

Michael Bowman

Rapid City SD

Comment:

You started out to spread out the deer licenses and make it easier to get the ONE you prefer. You say you lost support but that is untrue--only the people who were getting multiple tags are upset. Now you are back to square one. Basically GFP caters to archery and east river deer hunters. End of story.

Mitchell Bradley

Rapid City SD

Comment:

Resident hunters should be given priority over nonresidents. Each hunter should only be allowed one buck tag per year. There are too many tags given out. Every public area is overcrowded, it is not safe.

Kyle Couchey

Mina SD

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Comment:

Stop changing what is not broken!!! This goes for every other change you guys keep trying to do.

Chad Blodgett

Black Hawk SD

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Comment:

Just leave it the way it is. I haven't talked to any one that supports the new proposal. If you wanna change something, how about you do more for veterans like other states do!

Donald Hinson
Jacksonville FL
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Comment:

have commented before. own 1400 acres in west river. pay taxes and invest in community farming and ranching same but cannot get landowner tags due to not being resident. would like to see landowner tags allowed for non-residents if they own 1000+ acres or some other way such as increased preference points for non resident landowners.

Steven Frooman
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Comment:

I opposed the rifle deer license allocation proposal the Commission approved in November 2018. While I remain unconvinced of the need for any changes*, the proposed structure as of the end of the January 2019 meeting does not have the same flaws I objected to. Accordingly, as long as nothing changes from the proposal as presented on the GFP website 1/19/2019, I support its adoption and finalization at the Commission's February 28/March 1st 2019 meeting.

* As long as any rifle deer tags are available as leftovers following all the drawings, I believe it is misleading at best to say that people are unable to hunt because they "couldn't get a tag". No, they couldn't get as good a tag as they wanted. Big deal. And for what it's worth, I know from personal experience that a satisfying hunt can be had with leftover tags. My 2017 hunt was with a 35C13 tag I bought as a leftover and I had a great time with plenty of opportunities to fill the tag.

Rob Flannery
Yankton SD

Comment:

Looks like a, swims like a, and quacks like a duck, its probably a Deer.
The "why" has not been addressed for the catalyst and reason for change.

Robert Hettinger
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Comment:

What's going to happen to the already low deer populations when everybody gets their tags? Will tag number still be regulated?

Doug Baltzer

Mitchell SD

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Comment:

The revised format is an improvement over the first drawing change proposed but I still do not want to have to chose a preferred license in the first two drawings. I would rather the system stay as it currently is.

Louis Vaughn

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Comment:

There is nothing wrong with the current process. Leave it as it is!

Marty McClure

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Comment:

I have family in South Dakota and its very hard to impossible for me to get a tag.. the 8% is not enough! Non residents bring in a lot more money to your state and should be given a better chance to get tags, not put dead last. If it wasn't for non-residents sending money to hunt your state you would have a hard time founding any of your projects and to give us only 8% and put us dead last in the options is a slap in our face!!!

William Jennings

Etta MS

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Comment:

I myself personally grew up in South Dakota and I want to start by saying I love what you have done to manage and grow quality bucks. However I am a little irritated that there is only 8% of the tags allocated to non-residents. I feel when we (non-residents) come we are helping the local economy. We stay in a cabin at Mountain Meadows resort in the black hills. We eat out in Hill City, Deadwood. I do not see where that non-resident number could not be raised to 15%. We generally draw a tag about every 4 years now. It use to be every other year. I can only assume more hunters are applying is why the time lapse has changed on our successful drawing of a deer tag.

Mike Taylor

Comins MI

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Comment:

you are making it harder and harder for nonresidents to get tags ? must be you don' want our business

Thad Nafzuger

Pierre SD

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Comment:

While I feel no changes were necessary to the drawing system to begin with, I know many felt the same way I did through various forms of communication, social media, etc. The powers that be (commission) surely seemed bent on pushing this proposed change, regardless of the public outcry (that evidently was loud enough to put the brakes on the original proposal) & believe me I spoke to many, & was an attendee at one of the original focus groups-it seemed that nobody wanted this change. Now we have a revised addition to this plan that albeit is slightly more favorable in my & many's eyes, it is still a fix to a non-problem that wasn't broken. For once at least enough harping & clamoring from "the people that pay your salaries"

(if you are truly license dollars funded-doubtful) stopped or at the very least amended yet another unnecessary change, that would appear to be driven by the need to continually change & tinker with things for a couple reasons, & one of them being, in my opinion to justify an entirely over staffed with unnecessary positions-department of game fish & parks, & to follow recommendations from a commission that has entirely too much power, does not represent the everyday sportsman/woman of this state, & needs to be reigned in, either disbanded or at the very least be held accountable by making entrance to this commission solely through a vote of the resident voting population of this state, then & only then would I be in favor of this commission & any recommendations they would make. At the rate of sounding petty, congratulations (and only with a heck of a lot of upset sportsmen/women expressing their concern on this issue) on making a compromise that was at least a little palatable & representative for & of the people you folks are supposed to represent

Branden Abeln

Groton SD

Comment:

Focusing on the youth I definitely agree with. As far as the other changes in the draw structure I'm very skeptical. Some of us live for deer season to put meat in the freezer and try to shoot bucks. If the buck part is getting reduced a guy will have to start going out of state to get them.

Kenneth Nigg

Watertown SD

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Comment:

I have a lot of family land in Roberts County that I can Deer Hunt. When I was younger I would get a tag for Roberts everytime I applied. Now I am lucky to get one every 2 to 3 years. This adds a lot of expense and travel for my Son and I. When I have to drive a long distance and stay in a Motel. I have to leave a lot earlier. Then before opener I have to go scout just to have an out of state pheasant hunter park next to me, knowing someone is in this spot hunting, and walk with their dog thru my hunt. This happened 3 times last year. It is just frustrating knowing I have a couple 1000 acres of private family land that I am the only one that hunts, when I can get a tag. Something needs to change.

Patrick Rosenbaum
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Comment:

Do away with the drawing of deer tags for the black hills and go back to buying over the counter and do away with the buying preference points and allow more tags in every unit

Bret Brown
Sioux Falls SD
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Comment:

Once again I can hardly understand the season proposal. I feel that until the deer population is back to where we want it that people should only have access to one tag per year, and one drawing per person with two choices and a second drawing for leftover tags. This would allow everyone the same chance until the population is back to the point where we could have multiple tags.

Another thing that I would like to see is one tag for all seasons. What I mean by that is, a single tag that could be used for archery, firearm, and muzzleloader seasons. This would help hunters actually have the ability to hunt when they had time. As a seasonal worker I barely had time to hunt during the firearms season due to the nice weather, and subsequently did not have many opportunities to fill a tag that I had finally acquired after many years of applying. I would have liked to be able to take that tag into muzzleloader season as well.

Speaking of muzzleloader season, I don't understand the idea that we cannot use a scope on a weapon that is already inferior to regular firearms. I feel that this rule should be changed to allow hunters the best chance to not leave a wounded deer in the field.

Thank you for your time and the wonderful job everyone does for our state resources.

Sincerely,
Bret Brown

William Locken
Lead SD
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Comment:

I see you gave in to those greedy people who think they have to have more than one buck tag to be happy. Meanwhile we still have hunters who can't get their preferred tag just so someone can have more than one tag.

Scott Peterson
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Comment:

This appears to be a good compromise, time will tell. I work in the sporting goods field and I hear hunters bragging how they received 5 - 9 tags and then filled two with no intentions of filling the other tags. The next hunter I speak with tells me they didn't get a tag or they only got one and are upset. A change is needed and this is a step.

Bob Schneider
Sioux Falls SD
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Comment:

If I'm reading the current proposal correctly, ONLY landowners will have ability to apply for 2 licenses within the 1st draw (i.e.: need authorization for "Special Buck" licenses). Is that correct? FEW hunters are landowners! if that's the case, in my opinion, this "compromise" is a joke!

Gordon Pierson
Columbia SD
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Comment:

why is one person allowed to get so many licenses , one person does not need over 2 or 4 not 10 plus , why don't you address this problem , there is not many deer to start with then you let the slob hunters run wild

Scott Engle
Independence MN
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Comment:

I have hunted in South Dakota for 20 years and have enjoyed many enjoyable deer and antelope hunts. With this new proposal, I see deer hunting in South Dakota becoming an every 5 year experience (if even that often). Being left to the final draw leaves few options and it has taken a minimum of 2-3 pref points to draw in my area. When in state, I spend over \$1000 per trip in your state, plus license fee (\$280). This is money your state and its businesses will forgo and drive me to other states in the interim years. This proposal is a bad idea for the economic development of South Dakota's tourism industry.

Jerry Travis
Brandon SD

Comment:

I have always hunted east and west with family and would hate to see that tradition end

Christopher Hannah
Hill City SD
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Comment:

For my family these tags supplement our food for the year. Last year we didn't receive any tags due to people outside of our region getting them. We cannot afford to go anywhere else to hunt. By adding additional seasons to the first draw, my family has a reduced chance to get a tag at home. I believe if you want a tag from where you live, it should be your first choice. there shouldn't be two first choices, it just doesn't make sense. If you want to go into someone else's territory, your territory should be sacrificed. this shouldn't be about money, but be about what's right.

Rick White
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Comment:

Why must we change anything? I feel residents would be happier if the only change made was to lessen the number of nonresident tags while keeping the draw system the same

Bill Berry
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Comment:

How come all the changes being made are tailored towards east river hunters. A simple fix would be to have the east/west river rifle seasons to open/close at the same time.

Arlan Smedsrud
Chancellor SD
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Comment:

I don't think Custer Park and Refuge should be included in the draw proposal. I believe you should limit landowner preference to one choice. I don't want any nonresident hunters. This seems like an effort to maintain the current GFP budget after the loss of many non-resident pheasant hunters. Why are we always trying to sell everything that the residents of this state love. I live here because of the opportunities that are here, stop trying to squeeze every cent out of this state. Make budget cuts.

David Mines

Yankton SD

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Comment:

Why won't you listen to the sportsman of this state? Your last terrible proposal generated 84 pages of comments. Roughly 262 comments with only 19 in favor. So about 7% of those who care enough to comment like your new plan yet you keep pushing forward with these changes. Our system works fine now. Adopt some of the ideas like the points for youth and let us accumulate points and apply for what ever season we want.

Alex Whitcraft

Saint Paul MN

Comment:

As a non-resident who applies yearly in order to have an opportunity to hunt species of deer not available in our state, I find this a decision that can only lead to negative consequences. It's a decision that will haunt SDGFP for years to come. Not only will you drive out non-resident hunters, you are going to be the reason why the number of sportsman continue to decline. These proposed regulations don't promote ethical hunters, they encourage road-side, flashlight, and illegal hunting. For those of you that hunt out of state and go through the preference point process year in and year out, does it make sense to increase restrictions??? By doing so, you're significantly reducing state income that would otherwise be there. If you want to promote hunting and hunter safety, you need to allow everyone an opportunity to share in the experiences.

Cherril Brown

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Comment:

I think the latest proposal of SD residents being able to apply for 2 of the deer seasons at application time certainly would get my vote and my spouse's vote as well. Thanks.

Dan Kaup

Mitchell SD

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Comment:

The new proposal is an improvement over past practices as more individuals have the opportunity to hunt. It was nice to be able to apply for so many permits, but not necessary, especially when so many apply and so many are turned down. Some are complaining that they can't enjoy family activities, but I don't see why not...they can still go but just can't shoot. Not a problem.

Wade Gubrud

Gary SD

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Comment:

More non-landowners need an opportunity to draw a license. It took me 9 years to draw a statewide muzzleloader tag. I can buy a non-resident tag over the counter in MN. My family and I will be doing more deer hunting in MN in the future. Moved to SD 25 years ago looking forward to the hunting experiences and have watched my deer hunting opportunities get worse every year especially east river.

Darrel Knutson

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Comment:

I think your first idea of applying for 1 choice out of 6 was the way to go.

Douglas Kindelspire

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Comment:

support

Doug Nelson

Chamberlain SD

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Comment:

New system will be a joke. Just have to go out of state to get my hunting in

Michael Fuhrmann

Shakopee MN

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Comment:

I get where you want more hunters, but also making it harder for non residents to get a license isnt going to make anything better. You will lose alot of hunters to nebraska and wyoming. We spend alot of money as alot of others from out of state do. I think you will have a drop in non resident applications. And a drop in these small towns getting money from non resident hunters staying there .

Brendan Matthew
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Comment:

Does this new proposal allow a hunter to apply for two tags in the first draw, and still apply for preference points for other license. For example, if I apply for West River Deer, and Black Hills Deer in the first draw, will I have the opportunity to apply for a preference point for Muzzle loader? If this is not the case, then I probable will never hunt with a muzzleloader again in the state as you will be forcing me to choose between applying for it (to accumulate preference points to eventually draw the tag) and the one of the other hunts I have been doing for 40 years! Sure, the guy who like to hunt with muzzle loader only will love this, as he will get the tag more often, but in the end, you upset one group of hunters to make another group happy. You have even said you do not expect to really see any more tags. Long story to just say please let us continue to accumulate preference points for the hard to get hunts. I am perfectly happy not hunting the hills or west river for a year if it is replaced by the oppurtunity to get the muzzle loader tag.

Robert Lewis
Trent SD
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Comment:

Not only are whatever these changes are totally confusing to me, but what was wrong with the previous way of applying. I saw nothing wrong with it...

James Buteyn
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Comment:

Would you be in favor of increase chances, Of course I'd like to have the Vikings in the superbowl every year as well. It is a poorly written question to elicit a prescribed response. This is flawed from the start.

Black Hills was geared only to one group but expanded to all (again flawed.)

First choice has decreased as Blue tongue went through. Antelope odds decreased as well. I went from multiple tags to one every other.

3. One application means EAST river. the majority live there and don't want to travel. So why change it for the whole state?

14. You have hunters that applied for 9,604 licenses that can no longer submit those. Those hunters are not being treated fairly. There are plenty of tags if you want to shoot a deer, you just have to find a new part of the state.

20. There will not be additional hunters, it will be the same pool. I just can't submit 4 tags across the state. I will be further down the list for East River, and never hunt close to home.

This has been shot down after GFP refused to listen to hunters. It went to the State and got kicked back.

Please leave this alone. Deer numbers cycle and this only serves to export tags for non-resident. they could not apply east river before and now will be eligible. The only increase will be non-resident. Please listen to those who have asked you to leave it alone. You are doing fine, don't change anything.

Brig Knott

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Comment:

A portion of your logic is to continue the tradition of families being able to hunt together. You are not factoring in SD families where kids have moved out of state. Your current license proposals makes it almost impossible to plan family deer hunts west river when non-resident licenses are 8% of total and you rely on a point system to eventually get drawn.

Raymond Powers

Kimball SD

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Comment:

the old system has worked for years. leave it the way it is.

James Cantalope

Eureka SD

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Comment:

Your still applying within the unit (season) of your choice, there is no difference!!!!!!! Why change it

Brett Andrews

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Comment:

There are no issues with the current system. I feel that this subject has been drug out far too long. The new deer draw proposal is almost unanimously opposed by SD hunters yet it continues to be pursued by the commission. If non-resident money is driving this, increase non-resident fees. I apply to many western states and SD has one of if not the cheapest Non-resident fees. Please listen to your resident hunters and voters, do not pass the new deer draw proposal. Focus your time and efforts on matters for conservation, habitat restoration, and programs to get more volunteers and youth into the great outdoors. Do what is best for South Dakota, make it a better state.

Paul Maassen

Watertown SD

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Comment:

Something should change, I grew up on a farm in SD and am to the point of not even applying anymore. I've shot two deer in the last decade and only because it takes 4 sometimes 5 years to get a license. I think that's deterring a lot of people from choosing to hunt in South Dakota.

Jim Sasse
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Comment:

affect this will have on preference points and if I have two buck tags am I still allowed to purchase a doe tag

Chad Vetter
Frederick SD
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Comment:

I have been hunting deer in SD for over 30 years now and would have to say that the number one issue at this time is the health of SD deer population. SD continues to oversell its applications for revenue purposes "my opinion" and not so much based on the deer population. I tell my kids stories of all the deer that used to be around and how much fun it was able to go out and stalk deer into a slough and usually on the first day of deer hunting one would be successful. Them days are long past SDGFP. I'm not prepared to support additional changes that limit SD resident hunters and the youth of this state. I saw the first proposal as an attempt to limit resident hunters and allow nonresident hunters an increased number of applications because lets face it as the rural population decreases there are less and less resident hunters applying for those applications. Before I would support addition nonresident hunting I would like to see an effort of SDGFP or this darn State put some effort in getting urban hunters into the fields.

David Carda
Yankton SD
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Comment:

I like it the way it is with the current system. Please leave it as is.

Joseph Gregory
Rapid City SD
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Comment:

One person does not deserve more than one license per year for an antlered deer when I can only get a license every three years. Several national hunting magazines have recently published in-depth stories about the decline in the numbers of hunters in the field annually. Only being able to hunt every three years is hardly worth the effort. If a hunter wants more than one license the second license should be only unantlered. I have seen too much wanton waste from people with more than one license.

Todd Rhew

Hot Springs SD

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Comment:

You are implementing this system against the wishes of almost ALL sportsman, statewide. When are the people whom this effects going to get a say in this? As far as Non-residents are concerned, as long as there is ONE resident hunter that doesn't draw his preferred tag, then there should be NO non-resident hunters even considered. This is where people are convinced that you are considering non-residents over tax paying residents. Many times I have been passed over on Black Hills tags, my home area, and plenty of deer, only to see out of state tags hunting in this area. Frustrating to say the least. Leave the system alone, make all preference points free(as they should be), and put tax paying residents first, not last.

James Whelan

Cadillac MI

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Comment:

Please clarify dates in table. Also, I support the initiative. Aggressive management is the only option to halt CWD. Also please consider making landowner permits transferable.

Michael Keeton

Pierre SD

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Comment:

Don't change the way it is. The youth portion of the new proposal is the only thing worth keeping.

Mark Peppel

Pierre SD

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Comment:

I am not in favor to the change to the original proposal. I wish it would have been left alone and everyone only gets one first choice in the first drawing as originally proposed. Very disappointed. Sure some people would have had to change where they hunt but the way the system is now makes it extremely difficult for people who do not have a place to hunt to start a tradition with their friends and family.

Brad Day

Maple Grove MN

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Comment:

Please provide opportunity for non residents to purchase a buck tag on land they have ownership in. Non Residents currently have very few opportunities to purchase and receive a buck tag East River. This proposal sounds like it will make it even harder for a Non REsident to get a buck tag. I own land in SD and it is hard for me to hunt on my own

Travis Hansen

Worthing SD

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Comment:

The system we have is not broken. People need to realize that certain counties will not have enough tags to please everyone. No one I have spoken with supports the changes.

Matt Field

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Comment:

Will having a archery tag limit a hunter to 1 tag in the first 2 draws? Or will can you have a archery tag, and 2 additional tags in the first two draws?

Randy Malterud

Lead SD

Comment:

I highly support changing the deer drawing to 1 tag in the first drawing vs the current proposal of 2. The current compromise of 2 is not a significant enough change to make a difference. If you want to recruit/retain hunters, they need to be able to draw a preferred tag frequently to keep them interested. Why should a person be able to get 2 preferred tags before another person gets 1? Those people who want the 2 preferred tags because of "tradition" are greedy. They still can have both hunts most years, but may be limited to shooting does on 1 of the hunts. It should not eliminate the hunt for them. Have the courage to make this right for all hunters and limit first drawing tags to 1.

Justin Schwarz

Ankeny IA

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Comment:

What happens to all the preference points nonresidents had before this change? Did we just donate our money/points and kicked to the curb? I've read this proposal a million times over and in the East River county I hunt in with my resident family, I'll never have a shot at getting a buck tag. Very disappointing. North Dakota will be getting my money from now on.

Kurt Schweiss

Rapid City SD

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Comment:

I believe that the vast majority of hunters who apply for more than one deer tag in the first drawing don't apply for more than two. Therefore this decision by the SDGF&P won't change much of anything. It was a political move designed to look like a compromise.

Several years ago I purchased a small piece of land (80 acres) just for hunting. I get my first choice deer tag every other year. I can't do much hunting anyway, because I have to spend all of my time chasing off trespassers. I wonder how many of them have multiple first choice tags in their pockets while I'm hunting on my own land in the middle of rugged-river-break-mule deer country with a leftover whitetail tag in my pocket. Because of this I may never purchase or apply for a hunting license of any kind in the state of South Dakota again. I am seriously considering selling my land, putting the money in an account and using it to do all of my hunting out of state. I won't give the state of South Dakota any more of my money than I absolutely have to. By the way, the only people who think that one person getting two first choice tags while the next person gets zero is fair, are the people getting two (#SELFISH!!!!!!). Subtract one hunter from the field.

James Suedkamp

Pierre SD

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Comment:

Its Ridiculous that GFP plays to a few disgruntled high society hunters who will require the rest of us real hunters to abide by their requirements. Its terrible that GFP staff can't even explain this new negative direction!

Torrey Wahl

Selby SD

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Comment:

Why are you trying so hard to change something that works fine the way it is, my guess is there is an agenda to figure out some way to allow the GFP the ability to sell more deer tags to nonresidents and commercialize big game hunting just like pheasant hunting, just leave the tag situation alone.

Christopher Gruenwald

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Comment:

It's a better idea than the original to only allow 1 application. A buddy and I try every year to go out west river as well as hunt east river. Sometimes we draw tags and sometimes we don't and we pick up some leftovers instead, but at least we had to opportunity to apply for the seasons. One year we even got lucky enough to draw tags for black hills, west river and east river. I don't feel getting a deer tag is all that difficult with the original system we had in place. Elk tags area completely different story, but we have a limited resource of elk.

Steve Moses

Rapid City SD

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Comment:

I do NOT want a change but I can see you are going to shove this down our throat anyway just like rapid city you can vote it out but if they want it they just do it any way but take muzzle loader and custer state park

Steve Moses

Rapid City SD

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Comment:

DUPLICATE

I do NOT want a change but I can see you are going to shove this down our throat anyway just like rapid city you can vote it out but if they want it they just do it any way but take muzzle loader and custer state park

Jaret Biel

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Comment:

Still disagree with the attempt in compromise since the majority is not in favor of any changes being made. We should not lose the option to apply for multiple tags. For you to include Black Hills, Muzzleloader, Refuge and Custer State Park is just wrong. You need to listen to the public and leave the system alone. Anyone that is an avid hunter does not want this change as it is not benefiting the hunter.

Keith Geiken

Lennox SD

Comment:

The new deer license draw. East river and west river rifle should be one draw. This is all one state, not two states. A lot more people would get a license, if you could only apply for one rifle license. If there are left over tags, then a person

Craig Niemann

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Comment:

2013 GFP sold 159,117 total tags on 109,857 licenses

2017 GFP sold 117,030 total tags on 103,388 licenses

This represents a 36% decrease in Tags from 2013-2017.

This represents a 6% decrease in Licenses from 2013-2017.

I compiled the data on the SD 2018 Deer Draw results for both ER and WR. The data set represents the "01" or "any deer" tags for the tag units that require at least 1+ preference point. These tags could also be referred to as the "PREFERRED TAG" Also included is the ER and WR Special Buck Statistics. The percentage represents the percentage of people with those points that were successful in drawing. Not included are limited issue draw units. All other deer tags not on this list you can draw with 0 preference points.

ER 2+ pts

Tag Percentage

05a01 93

12a01 69

16a01 100

17a01 35

59a01 27

61a01 41

63a01 78

ER 1pts

Tag Percentage

01a01 85

06a01 49

07a01 3

13a01 16

19a01 88

22a01 96

23a01 98

29a01 25

33a01 13

36a01 72

38a01 22

43a01 35

44a01 6

46a01 58

55a01 96

62a01 58

WR 2+ pts

Tag Percentage

15a01 90
20a01 50
21a01 29
27a01 38
30a01 22
30b01 43
35c01 56
45a01 100
45b01 44
58a01 37

WR 1pts

Tag Percentage

02c01 4
21b01 98
24a01 67
27b01 24
35a01 51
39a01 85
53a01 35
60a01 61

WR Special Buck 1pt

Tag Percentage

WR101 93

ER Special Buck 1pt

Tag Percentage

ER101 96

Look at the data. If it takes you 4+ years to draw a tag like I've seen mentioned I ask what tag are you applying for? If it is on my list attached then talk to your commisioners about doing away with the lottery draw and go to a true preference point system so you can atleast draw the tag every 1-2years. If it's not on this list then you are applying for a limited issue area.

THE ONLY WAY YOU ARE UN-SUCCESSFUL IN THE CURRENT SD GFP DRAW SYSTEM IS BY APPLYING FOR ONLY 1 TAG.

For the past 5 years I've received 4-5 any deer tags in SD. 2018 I received 5 tags with my muzzleloader tag, which took me 6 years to draw. Guaranteed Archery ER and WR. Lottery draw for rifle ER and WR. I utilize the special buck for both ER and WR every other year. I apply for the county tag every other year. The counties I apply for are 1+pt preference counties. Meaning you will only draw that tag 1x/every other year. I have never applied for a Custer or Black Hills tag. Every year I apply for ER, WR, Refuge, and Muzzleloader. Always get my ER and WR tags.

Special Buck tags up to 2017 were 100% guaranteed with 1pt. Now they are just under 100%. I have my preference points set up so I can draw an ER and WR rifle tag every single year on my first choice tag. This doesn't include my 2nd choice WR tag which I always draw, this is typically an "any whitetail only tag".

One thing I want to make very clear. The new proposal doesn't guarantee you a tag for ER and WR; it doesn't even gaurantee an ER or WR tag. It does guarantee you the opportunity to apply and possible draw an ER and/or WR deer tag.

The state gfp anticipate 1,000 more hunters will have a tag with this 2nd proposal. That represents less than a 2% increase across the state. I personally don't think they will achieve this number. Look at the draw results and how many people applied for tags without a chance of getting them. Every tag I listed above had people applying for it with zero preference points. Guaranteed not to get a tag. They should have applied for a different tag if they wanted to hunt a deer. There are plenty of first choice tags you can draw with 0 preference points. This shows that these people don't understand the current allocation system or they only want to hunt a specific tag.

The reality is this: Many deer hunters want to hunt certain counties/tags only. Which means the amount of applicants will stay the same or increase for those tags. 80% of applicants that are unsuccessful on draw #1 don't even apply for draw #2. Why or how does this new proposal address that problem?

This would be my proposal to make a change if the state is so hard headed and committed to making a change:

- 1: Give every landowner as many tags as he or she wants for herd management on THEIR LAND ONLY. This does not include leased/rented ground. Only owned ground or land in a family trust. The amount of money and time they sacrifice to maintain a deer herd should allow them as many tags as they want.
- 2: That landowner can donate the tag/tags or he can use them himself.
- 3: Do away with "landowner preference tags" and allocate those tags to everyone. This should open up more tags for non landowner applicants. If a landowner wants to hunt public or private land other than their own, they can apply and will be included in the draw just like a non land owner.
- 4: Leave the 6 individual draw applications just as they are.

Last but not least:

- 1: The state needs to do a better job at making land-locked public ground available to the public hunter. Either through land swaps or access easements.
- 2: The state needs to do a better job at allocating financial resources for public land. There is a lot of public "Walk in" land that is extremely small and holds no wildlife, over grazed/hayed and holds no wildlife, or is a bean field that holds no wildlife. Spend the money on better land.
- 3: Game Production areas can be managed much better. Many GPA areas have no food plots and if they do most are not managed properly. ie: not fertilized, not sprayed for weeds, etc
- 4: Stop grazing GPA ground to the dirt. If you want to take the grass off then burn it, hay it, or graze it after nesting is over. Aggressive spring grazing does the wildlife nothing.

I'm all about spreading the wealth and getting more people in the outdoors. People need to experience getting close to wild animals. I just feel that all this time, 3+years, and all this money is a waste if it is only going to result in maybe 1,000 more people or 1.5% more deer hunters.

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This represents a 36% decrease in Tags from 2013-2017.

If you want more people to have an opportunity to experience deer hunting then do a better job at managing the natural resources and increase the deer herd. That is money and time better spent than trying to get a tag in another 1,000 peoples hands while pissing off 90% of the hunting population and deflating the faith they have in our SD GFP.

Wayne Thuen

Rapid City SD

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Comment:

I liked the first proposal of trying to make it much easier to draw a preferred tag in the area wanted. I strongly support your efforts to make drawing a tag in a preferred unit of choice and increasing our odds of drawing a tag.

James Zeck
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Comment:

I would prefer that you leave the deer application as it is. I feel the changes being proposed will harm resident hunters in favor of non-resident hunters.

Darren Swenson
Madison SD

Comment:

Leave the system as it is now.

Robert Coyle
Summerset SD
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Comment:

This about tags, your really going to hurt those that live on wild game, why mess with something that's not broke, it just like when you changed the hunting atlas map now I can't even use it. It was perfect before you changed it, if it's not broke

Todd Brown
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Comment:

It's unclear to us how the proposed changes will affect our ability to secure a non-resident bow hunting license moving forward? My friends and I have been hunting deer/pheasant and waterfowl for the last 10 yrs and look forward to that continuing. We spend plenty of money in SD with licenses, even more in the local communities when we get there on lodging, food and other fun supplies! Without that deer tag we won't do the trip. Hope you all understand the implications of not just the monetary side but the ability to showcase your beautiful state to avid hunters across the country. We live in San Diego and look forward to our trip all year. It's understandable to prioritize the opportunities of SD residents, we just hope you all understand the value that non-resident hunters bring in the overall scheme of things. Thank you.

Thomas Whitley

Doland SD

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Comment:

I do support the change in many ways, but some of the things I don't understand is why do the out of state hunter's get 8% over the resident in West River Black Hills and Reservation area's has it always been this way or just this way now? I also believe as residents we should have the ability to half of the seasons so 3 out of the 6 instead of 2 out of the 6! I like how we are capable to get more tags in the later drawings! Many families including my own hunt to feed not only ours but others in the communities!

Tim Weigel

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Comment:

In an effort to make license more available the landowner preference should be eliminated. Can still use landowner tag (on their own ground). But not reduce odds for non-landowners. Every one in the same bucket. Should also go to a true preference point system. A small portion of license would still be available in random draw. This would allow sportspersons to plan and schedule for the different units they may like to hunt. This drawing odds/ results in this should also be available to view.

Rob Brooks

Dakota Dunes SD

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Comment:

I feel it is stupid to change the current application process for deer hunters. If people don't know how to work the current system in their favor through preference points, that is their fault. Don't ruin it for rest of us.

John Evenson

Springfield SD

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Comment:

I think it was fine the way it was.

Eric Grenz

Rapid City SD

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Comment:

I support putting all 6 license types in one draw and allowing 2 apps. I like the free points for youth hunters.

Brian Wherry

Herreid SD

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Comment:

It is absolutely ridiculous to put muzzleloader into the same draw against rifle seasons. They are different weapons and after the rifle seasons. Makes no sense. It is already a disadvantage shooting primitive and after rifle seasons are done. Pull that out of the proposals!! In fact, don't change a thing!! Get youth involved if you want more hunters.

Christian Freeman

Sioux Falls SD

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Comment:

Your giving a bonus point to kid which i dont like because your teaching them to only shoot bucks there is nothing wrong with shooting a doe! I do like that its free for them! But to me to pick up extra money you should raise prices on elk and deer if you check other states its alot higher and our out of state tags are way to cheap! Montana is way higher and so are the other boardering states! Also your not soloving the real problem is there are to many hunters in to little public land. I have a hard time off getting off the road (close the designated roads! And add more walk in programs)!

Steve Wiege

Rapid City SD

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Comment:

Although I was against any changes to the current draw, I would support this new proposal over all the others that hv been proposed thus far.

Roger Heintzman

Aberdeen SD

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Comment:

I could loose 2/3 of my hunting opportunities with the proposal.
Now you are using under 15 youth as pawns just to pass your pathetic proposal.
How stayed awake at night to come up with such a unwanted change.
Leave well enough alone.

Ryan Patterson

Aberdeen SD

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Comment:

Hello I am writing you tell you I am opposed to the deer allocation. The only benefit to this is to help kids get out into the field. No way does this new proposal help the deer population and it bad for South Dakota sportsman as there will be some sportsman go along with it because we all see the writing on the wall. We see that no matter how many sportsman speak up against the deer allocation are still going to make a change. The current "old" system we have works and there's no need to change it. Leave it as it is and if you want to try and get kids into hunting then go a head and pass the part for the kids but leave the rest as it is now.

Douglas Kingsbury

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Comment:

Need way more non resident west river deer rifle and antelope tags.

John Brockmueller

Irene SD

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Comment:

I think you should have stayed with your original proposal where they had to apply for 1 license in first drawing. Otherwise I support this current change.

Merris Miller

Lennox SD

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Comment:

Although it is disappointing that politicians kill an idea that most people are in favor of, at least GFP has continued to improve things with this compromise approach. Hopefully, this will pass. I hope with the passing of this, the GFP will work on the next issue that needs fixed with deer seasons in SD.....Landowner Preference tags. Anyone with a landowner preference tag, should be required to hunt on their own land. At the very least, they should not be able to hunt public land! This is an issue, and should be fixed. Thank you.

Brad Waage

Vermillion SD

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Comment:

Why do non resident hunters only get to apply for West river tags. There is no East river tags on the first draw.

Travis Hendricks

Vivian SD

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Comment:

support

Dusty Waldron

Pierre SD

Comment:

oppose

Jack Dokken

Pierre SD

Comment:

oppose

Ray Konz

Brandon SD

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Comment:

i see no reason to change to a new program.
please leave it as it has been.

Craig Ellman

Salem SD

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Comment:

Changes do not address greatest problem with current system. Rich Landowner special advantage set at 160 acres. See article 6 of state constitution. Every year,"out of county and out of state" hunters get licenses that in (county resident) hunters are denied.

Jason Van'T Hul

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Comment:

As a hunter in the state of South Dakota, it takes me 4 years to Draw a rifle tag under current rules. I only hunt public ground, so areas where large amounts of public ground exist get to be many hunters first choice.

I support the new allocation plan. I would even support those that what to buck hunt with additional tags can enter more then twice, but the cost of the additional tag is at non resident rates. Use th excess tag revenue to provide additional walk in areas in the state. I also suggest gfp increase tag costs across the board.

I realize people will complain about the cost of the tag, but no one complains about the \$200 sika pants and \$200 sika shirt and \$150 danner boots they bought to hunt with.

Good luck. GFP does a good job. I appreciate you listening to the public.

Robert Watts

Rapid City SD

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Comment:

1 Still dumps excess hunters in areas where locals can't get a tag in the unit they live in. 2 Still puts the burden of nonresident hunters in the BH's unit and west river units ,when are the east river hunters going to have to be burdened likewise.3 left over tag sales to people who all ready have multiple tags just crowds more hunters on what little public land there is.4 Whether anyone at the GFP thinks so or not it just makes them look like they don't care about anything but selling tags. 5 Mentor tags to teach kids to hunt without the pressure of competition is good for our kids but why sell these tags for \$10 to nonresidents for their kids, if they can come from Minnesota to hunt expense wise they can pay \$100 for the tag period.

David Jorgensen

Wagner SD

Comment:

Since you feel that you have gotten enough input that you feel the need change the current application process. I find the current proposal of applying for two tags in the initial drawing far more acceptable than your original proposal. I know you have gotten input on both sides of this, so if there is a need to change this is a decent compromise.

Bo Moysis

Utica SD

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Comment:

Why fix something that's not broken! Leave tag drawings the way they are! Thanks have a good day

Gary Larson
Deadwood SD
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Comment:

Keeping traditions on Family hunting kind of left along time ago when the draw started

Randell Kenner
Piedmont SD

Comment:

I am submitting my support for the GFP Commission proposal passed on 1/11/19. Allowing hunter to apply for two of the six deer seasons in the first drawing is an excellent compromise. Thank you.

James Benscoter
Parkston SD
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Comment:

I feel there should be no preference points so that everyone every year has a chance for a deer license. a game warden said that it costs more to keep track of preference points then the money you receive so why have it.

Harold Bartsch
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Comment:

My hunting partner and I have applied to hunt deer in West River zones for over twenty years, and seldom get picked on the first draw even with multiple preference points.
We pay full price for leftover licenses just to see our Ranching friends, but this change almost nullifies our chances of getting drawn.
Since my hunting partner will be 80 and I will be 79 this year, our chances of getting to use our preference points will be close to zero.

Steve Moses
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Comment:

Also have non residents archery start October 1 give residents a month to hunt with out getting ran over by non residents

Jerome Gau
Rapid City SD
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Comment:

I was in agreement with the original proposal. Increasing the first draw to two applications will not improve the odds for Black Hills hunters. With the decline in the numbers of hunters, its important to allow as many hunters as possible to obtain a license. For Black Hills hunters I believe the odds will remain at about 3 years to draw a license. Also since the wild game belongs to the state, as many hunters as possible should be allowed to harvest at least one animal.

Jerod Hudelson
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Comment:

I am against any changes to the deer allocation process. This process that GFP is doing on this proposal is the biggest mess I have ever seen.

Trent Neu
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Comment:

Seems like this is a better option than choosing just 1 season. Multiple reminders(emails) to apply before the deadlines would be appreciated. I like the current system that is in place, however I can understand how this will increase odds for success in some areas. It will be interesting to see how it is viewed in 2022 when it is reviewed. I still believe if you have 3,4,5 plus preference points you should be in a different bracket instead of just cubing the preference points. Each point increase in preference should be a different grouping. Someone with 2 points should not be in the same grouping as someone with 3. 3 shouldn't be with 4's etc. Thx Example the muzzleloader tag this past year.

Mark Clausen
Pierre SD
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Comment:

I would like to be given an explanation of how I will be able to use my existing preference points with the new system. Currently I have 4 preference points for WR deer and 3 preference points for ER deer. Can I only use them for the deer season I acquired them in, or would I be able to use them in different seasons (Ex. - say use 7 preference for ER deer)??

Bradley Beavers

Jefferson SD

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Comment:

This is more of a question than a comment. I am an East(Union Co.) and West(Gregory Co.) river landowner. I am also a part in a west river hunting lease in Butte county. Will I be able to get a Butte county tag and also get a landowner tag for Union and Gregory County. I do not see anything in the structure to address this. Thank You

Donn De Boer

Chamberlain SD

Comment:

The current system has worked well for years. No need to change something that is not broke.

Jim Detoy

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Comment:

Have quit deer hunting in SD after not getting a license in 3 years. Put it back to what it was .Paying for a point is not for me.

Louie Genzler

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Comment:

There are no deer on public hunting ground , and to get farmers and ranchers to give permission is next to impossible! I hunt in Potter county

Scott Nielsen

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Comment:

to many licenses sold for the number of deer in units as it is