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Petition for Rule Change

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

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Rule Identification: Archery Elk Permit Allocation

Describe Change: Increase Archery Elk tag allocation to the equivalent percentage of archery first choice applications versus firearms first choice applications. Given review of the historical application vs. tag allocation data and the much lower average success rate, we request a review and change to add an additional 10% of opportunities for archery permits.

Reason for Change: The 10-year average of 1st Choice Archery Applications is 4,581. The 10-year average of available Archery licenses sold is 182. The average archery success rate over that period is 35%. You can also note that Average satisfaction has trended higher every year but one and the average days hunted has averaged 11.5 days, providing near double the hunter days afield compared to firearms elk hunters. The 10-year average of 1st Choice Rifle Applications is 11,792. The 10-year average of available Firearms licenses sold is 1,013. The average rifle success rate over that period is 65%. The average days hunted has averaged 5.7 days, providing about half the hunter days afield compared to archery elk hunters. The 10-year average of Archery tag allocation of total first choice elk permits is 15%, while total archery first choice applications average account for 28% of total first choice elk applications. Archery first choice applications were 45% of the Rifle first choice applications in 2020. The demand is definitely lower but the percentage of demand compared to the allocated permits is skewed heavily toward rifle permits. Over the past 10 years, Archery applications have increased by 65%, while rifle permit applications have only increased 10%. If approved, this 10% increase in archery permits available would result in an additional 20 permits and only an additional 9 elk taken. Request: Increase the permits available to archery drawings commensurate with the applications. There should be absolutely no need to decrease firearms opportunities, given the much lower harvest success of archery equipment. This should basically be a 10% increase in archery permit allocations per unit from historical allocations.