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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: Muzzle loader antelope season

Describe Change: I would like to see the first week or possibly the first 9 days of the rifle antelope season to become a separate muzzle loader season.

Reason for Change: I feel that one of the big problems with the antelope seasons is the amount of pressure on public lands which hinders the quality of the hunt. Having a separate muzzle loader season and taking some of the rifle tags out and making them muzzle loader tags would greatly reduced the pressure. Also, muzzle loader success rates would be much lower than rifle so you could put more hunters in the field each year. Also with the limited places to Lodge or west it would allow the hotels to free up space and possibly increase their revenue. Also, since a muzzle loader deer tag is so hard to come by, you may be interesting the sales of muzzle loader to retailers by adding another opportunity to hunters to hunt with this weapon. In all matters I believe this would be a win for everyone. More tags sold for the state, more opportunity for hunters and more sales for Western towns. Thanks, Seth Vant Hof Dell Rapids, SD