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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: Legal Firearms: turkey "Other shoulder held-firearms using ammunition that is factory rated to produce at least 700lbs of energy at the muzzle"

Describe Change: Change the 700lbs at the muzzle to " any rim or centerfire cartridge greater than 1 inch in length" Could include : "but less than 2.5 inches in length"

Reason for Change: Currently in the fall, this is an issue, some people do not like the idea at all of hunting with a rifle at all which is unfair to those who do, one reason stated is Safety and another is "you will just blow the bird up" I believe looking at this from a different way helps to address this issue. By opening this area, people (yes there are a few) can legally use a lower powered cartridge to harvest a turkey for which they hold a tag, in a format that does less potential destruction of the harvest, and at the same time makes it safer for all afield. Less power will mean less bullet travel, less pass-through energy, and shorter shot distances which also leads to more safety as the closer one is the less chance to mistake decoys for real birds etc. In addition, this makes things simple. Not many people, or conservation officers carry around the gear to determine the foot pounds of energy on a cartridge. A ruler is much more common and simple. Thus, is makes the rules simpler, expands the amount of people that can hunt and increases the safety of the sport for those who are afield. Thank you for your time and consideration.