

Public Comments

Other

Joseph Carda

Tyndall SD

Position: other

Comment:

I believe it is time to change the rules regarding having a scope on a muzzleloader. The one power scope is outdated and should be changed. If anything 3-9 power should be allowed for those of us that have poor sight.

Mark Papka

Sioux Falls SD

Position: oppose

Comment:

This is in regards to the Bureau of Reclamation requiring the permit fees for the cabin/trailer permits at Shadehill Recreation area be increased by 17% from 2023 to 2024. I believe an increase of that magnitude is unwarranted. Citing the Bureau of Reclamations own literature stating that since the early to mid 1980's construction projects have decreased and have flattened over the last few periods. The Mortenson national nonresidential construction cost increased this quarter by +1.28% , slowing to +2.94% over the previous 12 months yet the (BOR) wants an increase of 17 %. This is especially excessive since the South Cabin area of the Shadehill Recreation area is very primitive with little to no improvements for years. I believe it is unrealistic and unfair to lump all cabin/trailer permit fees the same when some areas are remote and primitive with no services.

Sincerely, Mark Papka

Loren Luckow

Hettinger ND

Position: oppose

Comment:

I have been a cabin owner at the West Cabin Site at Shadehill Reservoir for 42 years. The first 35 years the annual lease provided reasonable access to the lake. Then the lease went from \$440 per year to \$2100 per year, a 377% increase. Only a government agency can get away with that. Now you are proposing another increase in the annual lease. Where will it end. Recreation at Shadehill has become a game for the rich. I have enjoyed every moment that I spent at my cabin over the years but as a retiree on SS the expense has become too much. The landowner to the west of my cabin site has sold 1/2 acre lots for \$30,000 and 1 acre lots for \$55,000. Those new owners have free access to the improved dock area at the Crappie Hole which was funded in part by our increase in the annual lease. Here's hoping we can get back to affordable recreation for the average working man.

Thomas Ecker

Lead SD

Position: other

Comment:

I am submitting comment regarding the GFP's proposal to raise the current cabin lot lease at Angostura Recreation Area by 17%. I realize that the rate hike is not actually up for debate. If the BOR requires it take place, it will take place. However, I would like GFP to give serious consideration to adjusting the annual lease rates according to location of the cabin lot. I fail to understand why a cabin owner within steps of the water lakefront pays the same annual lease fee amount as a cabin owner four rows back and hundreds of yards from the water. Though we're all told that the property is all public access, it's actually very awkward to cross through the yards of three neighbors in order to reach the lake, use your boat, and access the bike and hiking trail. Lake front cabins have been selling for jaw-dropping prices over the past few years. It's become obvious that new owners did not buy the cabins for the beauty of the cabin itself. Those cabins are being torn down and replaced with beautiful new homes in addition to large double garages. I appreciate the opportunity to provide my comment. My wife and I have owned our cabin for the past 32 years. We've seen lots of changes, some good, some not so good. We miss the more positive relationship(s) we have had in the past with local park management. We hope that can improve. Thanks again!

Matthew Hill

Dante SD

Position: other

Comment:

I realize this suggestion is not tied to any current proposal/finalization and I may be submitting this proposal in the wrong spot on the website. I would like the commission to strongly consider a year round statewide coyote bounty related to earning deer preference points. My initial thoughts would be if an individual turned in 20 coyote tails no matter the period of time that they would be granted a year preference point to use towards certain deer units. With low fur prices we have less and less people trapping and hunting our predators and I think this would be a very good way to gain ground on controlling our predators, specifically coyotes, which in turn will help the deer and our pheasant populations. If people choose to circumvent going out and harvesting a coyote themselves and buy tails it will only result in increasing fur prices, which will also give more reason for the folks that have been trying to make some extra money through trapping more reason to get out there. Thank you

Bill Plattner

Biwabik MN

Position: other

Comment:

Being harassed by farmers when hunting on shoulders of roads and minimum maintenance roads. Probably won't go back to South Dakota

Joseph Carda

Tyndall SD

Position: support

Comment:

Need to change the rules for muzzle loading when it comes to scopes. Should be allowed to use a scope. Helps with those who are older.