

Public Comments

Deer Hunting Seasons

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Comment:

please reconsider this number. I grew up in the central hills and do not see a need at this time to control deer numbers by harvesting does. I have not read what your reasons are but don't believe there would be a valid reason at this time. the consultants that were hired by the governor several years ago indicated gfp was harvesting a considerable number of does, which they pointed out was a tool for directly controlling numbers. I just don't see that this is necessary at this time. thank you, Jeff

Public Water Zoning

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Comment:

Why would we want to shut down a waterfowl resting place? Also just to open the lake to these guys that have \$80,000 boats? Fish out the lake like a lot of other lakes in our area? I think you keep this closed and do not build a boat ramp for easy access! Keeps the lake protected and same for the waterfall. Please do not change this boating zone.

Resident Nonresident

Robert Rogers

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Comment:

I have had the privilege Archery hunting in South Dakota for at least 8 years now. It has been a wonderful experience even though I have not harvested a deer in those 8 years. I have had the opportunity to harvest a deer, but not a mature deer that meets my criteria. I thoroughly enjoy coming to South Dakota and have never had any issues with encroachment by other hunters, even though I have hunted public access land. Each year I'm in South Dakota, I look forward to supporting the local businesses (Hotels, restaurants, grocery store, convenient stores, etc.) in the area. I am by no means a wealthy person, but I do save my money all year to make this special trip. The entire journey cleanses my soul. After many years in military service and a career in Law Enforcement this trip is what I look forward to all year.

I can honestly say I have never had an issue with other hunters or a lack of game. I feel some who propose a reduction in licenses may be doing so in their own self-interest and not for the protection of the resource. I believe a reduction in Non-Resident Archery Licenses will have a negative impact on South Dakota businesses all over the state. In my experience, the negative issues raised are greatly exaggerated and are pushed by a narrow minded group that masquerades as supporting bow hunting in South Dakota.

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Comment:

There should be a cap on NR archery deer and antelope tags. Possibly 8%

Special Buck Licenses

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Comment:

This seems to just commercialize hunting in SD more and close more opportunities for residents to obtain permission on private land. If outfitters can lease the land or landowners themselves can charge m to allow hunting it closes the door for not-as-well off residents.

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Comment:

The whitetail special buck is a great way to add tag opportunities, without putting anymore pressure on public lands. More opportunities for everyone. Thanks again for taking sportsman's ideas seriously and implementing those that generate positive results for multiple groups.