

Public Comments

Deer Seasons

Nancy Hilding

Black Hawk, SD

Position: other

Comment:

Nancy Hilding To Commissioners,

REDRAW DEER HUNTING BOUNDARIES AROUND BELLE FORCHE RIVER

As I remember the last Commission meeting, there was discussion of an issue related to mule deer in the area of the Belle Fourche River. As I remember it, landowners along the River are concerned about mule deer depredations and want the deer hunting increased. I thought the Department wanted to increase mule deer in the larger hunting area/district of which the Belle Fourche River is a subset. The Commission discussed redrawing the boundaries of the hunting area to somehow split off the area immediately next to the River from other areas, but decided not to do it and "watch and wait". The Commission also discussed worry about making changes that had not been public noticed. The Interim Rules Review Committee, allows the Commission to make changes to a proposed rule that is based on testimony received from the public, even if the changes suggested by the public were not in the public notice. I therefore suggest that the Commission redraw the mule deer hunting districts around the Belle Fourche River to allow the Commission to set different harvest limits in the larger area or otherwise allow for different/contrasting hunting pressure on the deer along the Belle Fourche River when compared with areas beyond the River that are currently in the same hunting districts/areas. I suggest the Commission look at and consider reducing harvest limits for various types of deer hunting and deer hunting licenses to address the issue of increasing mule deer west River..

Nancy Hilding

Black Hawk SD

Position: oppose

Comment:

I like to watch animals in the wild. It is rare to see mule deer in western SD. I wish for more opportunity to see mule deer. I do not want you to increase mule deer by increasing hunting of non-human predators. I want you to reduce hunting of mule deer by human predators. Please reduce human hunting of mule deer for the sake of "wildlife watchers" and photographers. When you are discussing the effect of the rule on the 3Rs please discuss the effect of mule deer hunting on wildlife watchers and photographers ability to see such.

Nonresident Landowner Own Land

Robert Eddy

Rapid City SD

Position: oppose

Comment:

Please vote no on these issues. That is why we have the 8% non resident rifle tags, the non resident archery tags, and the non resident special buck tag. How many more way do we need to allow non residents to hunt. Also, deny the petition for "Special Antelope Tags" being proposed. Everyone is looking for a way around the regulations to supplement their outfitting business. Let the tax paying residents have an opportunity before nonresidents. Please!

Other

Nancy Hilding

Black Hawk SD

Position: oppose

Comment:

I object to increased hunting of deer or grouse on our National Wildlife Refuges (NWR). The NWR should be managed more for the wildlife watchers. When discussing the 3 Rs and rule making please consider the competition for use of wildlife by the watcher vs. hunters.

Upland Game Seasons

Nancy Hilding

Black Hawk, SD

Position: oppose

Comment:

Nancy to SDGFP

I wish to be able to see grouse when I am outdoors. I wish you to reduce the hunting pressure on sharp-tailed grouse and greater prairie chicken so wildlife watchers have better opportunity to see them. I object to increasing the length of the grouse hunting season in the whole state or at La Creek National Wildlife Refuge. I am concerned for the on going loss of the greater prairie chicken across it range and SD should do more to protect it, especially from exotic pheasants who compete with it. Please increase hunting of exotic pheasants in areas where they would compete with greater prairie chicken, so as to give the chickens a better future.