

CHAPTER 41:06:61

MOUNTAIN LION HUNTING SEASON

Section

- 41:06:61:01 Mountain lion hunting season established.
- 41:06:61:02 ~~Open units -- Number of licenses available~~ Black Hills Fire Protection District -- Harvest quota -- Season dates -- Season closure.
- 41:06:61:03 Repealed.
- 41:06:61:04 Season extension -- Commission resolution required.
- 41:06:61:05 Repealed.
- 41:06:61:06 Application requirements -- License and season restrictions -- Special conditions -- Carcass check-in procedures.

41:06:61:01. Mountain lion hunting season established. The mountain lion hunting season is open statewide the year around from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset each day ~~beginning on January 1 and remains open to March 31, inclusive~~, except as provided in §§ ~~§~~ 41:06:61:02 and 41:06:61:04.

Source: 32 SDR 45, effective September 20, 2005; 33 SDR 1, effective July 18, 2006; 35 SDR 47, effective September 8, 2008.

General Authority: SDCL 41-2-18(1)(2)(17).

Law Implemented: SDCL 41-2-18(1)(2)(17).

41:06:61:02. ~~Open units -- Number of licenses available~~ Black Hills Fire Protection District -- Harvest quota -- Season dates -- Season closure. The mountain lion hunting season is open in the following unit:

~~(1) Unit MTL-ST1: statewide. An unlimited number of resident licenses, each valid for one mountain lion of either sex, may be issued.~~

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The season harvest quota for ~~Unit MTL-ST4~~ the area within the Black Hills Fire Protection District is ~~70~~ 100 mountain lions or ~~50~~ 70 female mountain lions. The mountain lion hunting season in the Black Hills Fire Protection District is open December 26 to March 31, inclusive. However, ~~The~~ the department shall close the mountain lion hunting season in ~~Unit MTL-ST4~~ the Black Hills Fire Protection District if the harvest quota for that ~~unit~~ area is reached prior to March 31. Custer State Park is closed to mountain lion hunting except for ~~90~~ 162 mountain lion licensees who possess a valid mountain lion license and a temporary access permit ~~issued free-of-cost,~~ structured to include:

- (1) Five hunting intervals each having thirty access permits, valid for fourteen to sixteen consecutive days, in which hunting with dogs is not allowed; and
- (2) Three hunting intervals each having four access permits, valid for seven consecutive days, in which hunting with dogs is allowed.

The temporary access permits are issued free-of cost and may be issued by a random drawing. ~~Subject to the limitations and restrictions imposed by § 41:06:61:06, a properly licensed landowner hunter may hunt mountain lion on private property owned or leased by the landowner located outside of the Black Hills Fire Protection District from January 1 to December 31, inclusive.~~

Source: 32 SDR 45, effective September 20, 2005; 33 SDR 1, effective July 18, 2006; 34 SDR 67, effective September 10, 2007; 35 SDR 47, effective September 8, 2008; 36 SDR 31, effective September 3, 2009; 37 SDR 112, effective December 8, 2010; 38 SDR 101, effective December 5, 2011.

General Authority: SDCL 41-2-18(1)(2)(17).

Law Implemented: SDCL 41-2-18(1)(2)(17).

41:06:61:06. Application requirements -- License and season restrictions --

Special conditions -- Carcass check-in procedures. The following requirements, restrictions, special conditions, and procedures apply to all applications for license and to all licenses issued under this chapter:

(1) Only residents of the state may apply for a license;

(2) No person may harvest more than one mountain lion in a season;

(3) No person may harvest or attempt to harvest a mountain lion with a spotted coat (kitten) or any mountain lion accompanying another mountain lion;

(4) ~~No~~ Except those specified hunting intervals in Custer State Park that allow the use of dogs, no person may hunt mountain lions with the aid of dogs, traps, or bait;

(5) No person may release dogs on tracks indicating multiple mountain lions traveling together;

(6) A person using dogs shall attempt to harvest the first legal mountain lion they have a reasonable opportunity to harvest, except under the condition where the lion pursued shows obvious signs of lactation;

~~(5)~~ (7) A person may use any firearm, muzzleloader, or bow and arrow established by statute or administrative rule as legal implements for the taking of deer;

~~(6)~~ (8) Wind Cave National Park, Jewell Cave National Park, and Mount Rushmore National Memorial are closed to mountain lion hunting; and

~~(7)~~ (9) All mountain lions harvested shall be presented to a department representative within 24 hours of harvest for inspection.

Source: 32 SDR 45, effective September 20, 2005; 33 SDR 1, effective July 18, 2006; 34 SDR 67, effective September 10, 2007; 37 SDR 112, effective December 8, 2010; 38 SDR 101, effective December 5, 2011.

General Authority: SDCL 41-2-18(1)(2)(14)(17).

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Cross-References:

"Hunting guide" defined, SDCL 41-4-12.

Hunting guide activities barred from certain state-owned or state-managed areas -
Violations, SDCL 41-4-13.

Dogs prohibited in hunting big game -- Exception -- Violation, SDCL 41-8-15.