

**GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL**

**Mountain Lion Hunting Season
Chapter 41:06:61**

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	August 7-8, 2014	Ft. Pierre
	Public Hearing	October 2, 2014	Sturgis
	Finalization	October 2-3, 2014	Sturgis

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

- Season Dates:** December 26, 2014 – March 31, 2015
Open Area: Statewide
Licenses: Unlimited resident only
Harvest Limit: 75 mountain lions or 50 female mountain lions (includes Custer State Park)

Requirements and Restrictions:

- Residents may harvest no more than one (1) mountain lion in a season.
- No person may hunt mountain lions with the aid of traps or bait. The use of dogs is allowed in Custer State Park during specified hunting intervals.
- Shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.
- No mountain lion with a spotted coat (kitten) and no mountain lion accompanying another mountain lion may be harvested.
- A person may use an electronic call to hunt mountain lions.
- All firearms, muzzleloaders, and archery equipment must meet the same minimum requirements as established in rules for deer hunting.
- The Game, Fish, and Parks Commission, by resolution, may authorize the mountain lion season to extend beyond March 31.
- All mountain lions harvested within the Black Hills must be presented to a department representative at the Rapid City Regional Office or Custer State Park Headquarters within 24 hours of harvest for inspection and pelt tagging. Any person who harvests a mountain lion outside of the Black Hills region must present the mountain lion to a conservation officer, wildlife damage specialist, or other department representative within 24 hours of harvest.
- Any properly licensed hunter can harvest one mountain lion year round outside the Black Hills Fire Protection District.

Recommended changes from last year: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Mountain Lion Harvest Statistics

Year	Licensed Hunters		Mountain Lions Harvested		
	Black Hills	Prairie	Males	Females	Total
2005	2,294	303	6	7	13
2006	3,016	290	8	8	16
Statewide					
2007	4,070		3	16	19
2008	No Season				
2009	2,428		11	15	26
2010	2,082		16	24	40
2011	2,335		22	27	49
2012	3,482		27	46	73
2013	4,351*		26	35	61
2014	3,293*		22	31	53

*Number of licensed hunters at the close of the BHFPD season.

2014-15 Custer State Park Mountain Lion Hunting Season Interval Schedule

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DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					26	27
28	29	30	17 Days 31			

JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	7 Days 14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	17 Days 28	29	30	

FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						31
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	7 Days 11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	17 Days 25	26	27	

MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						28
1	2	3	7 Days 4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	17 Days 18	19	20	21
22	23	24	7 Days 25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

- Four (4) hunting intervals with 30 access permits (no dog hunting allowed).
- Four (4) hunting intervals with 4 access permits (dog hunting allowed).

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