

AGENDA
Game, Fish, and Parks Commission
January 9-10, 2014
Holiday Inn Express
110 E Stanley Road, Fort Pierre, SD 57532

Call to order 1 PM CT

Division of Administration

Action items:

1. Approve minutes of the December 2013 meeting
<http://gfp.sd.gov/agency/commission/archive/2013/december/minutes.pdf>
2. Additional Commissioner Salary Days
3. License List Requests

Information items:

4. License Sales Report
5. Legislation Update

Open Forum

Public Hearing at 2 PM

Finalization

6. Bighorn Sheep Hunting Season

Petition for Rule Change

7. Sale/purchase of cottontail rabbits and squirrels

Proposals

8. Special Buck Licenses
9. Public Lands
10. Public Waters
11. Refuges

Division of Parks and Recreation

Information items:

12. 2013 CSP Repair and Maintenance Final Report
13. 2013 Revenue and Visitation Report
14. Good Earth State Park Update

Division of Wildlife

Action items:

15. Private Shooting Preserve Permit Stipulation Agreement Consent Order
16. Brule County Land Addition to Chain Lakes GPA

Information items:

17. Land acquisition updates
18. Development and use of urban fisheries
19. Mountain Lion Hunting Season update
20. Pheasant Habitat Summit update
21. WMI Big Game Action Plan update
22. Elk management opinion survey results
23. Deer license refunds due to EHD
24. Review of bow hunting requirement rules
25. DOW Annual Report
26. Miscellaneous updates

2014 Election of Officers

Adjourn

Next meeting information:
March 6-7, 2014 Holiday Inn Express in Fort Pierre, SD

Division of Administration

Minutes of the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission
December 5, 2013

Chairwoman Susie Knippling called the meeting to order at 1:01 PM Central Time at the Plains Ballroom, in Huron, South Dakota. Commissioners Susie Knippling, John Cooper, Cathy Peterson, Jim Spies, Duane Sather, and Gary Jensen were present. Barry Jensen was absent. Department Secretary Jeff Vonk was present along with approximately forty, public, staff, and media.

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION

Approve Minutes

Knippling called for additions or corrections to the November 7-8, 2013, minutes or a motion for approval.

Motion by Cooper with second by Spies TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 7-8, 2013, MEETING AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

Additional Commissioner Salary Days

Knippling called for any additional Commissioner salary day requests and none were received.

License List Requests

Director Chris Petersen presented two license list requests at the reduced fee of \$100 per list.

The SD Ag Unity requested a list of the 2013 resident fishing license holders to mail information about flooded private lands and the legislation that may affect it.

Motion by Peterson with second by Spies TO APPROVE THE LICENSE LIST REQUEST FROM SD AG UNITY AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

The SD Wildlife Federation requested a list of 2013 Black Hills elk hunters, resident West River deer, resident antelope, and resident East River deer hunters to recruit membership to the organization and to sell gun tickets.

Motion by Sather with second by Gary Jensen TO APPROVE THE LICENSE LIST REQUEST FROM THE SD WILDLIFE FEDERATION AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

License Sales Report

Petersen presented the License Sales Report as of November 25 indicating the over-the-counter sales for 2013 end on December 15. The report showed an over all decrease in sales of 5.7% with resident small game sales down about 7,000 and nonresident small game license sales were down 19.6%.

Open Forum

Lee Peterson of Huron is a hunter and does not understand big and small game rules for retrieving deer on private land and wants to better understand why a small

game hunter can do unarmed retrieval and a deer hunter cannot retrieve deer in the same manner; as a landowner would not let him retrieve a buck. Cooper provided insight on property rights of landowners in regards to game retrieval. Cooper explained the difference with road right-of-way hunting of small game and that road right-of-way hunting is not allowed for big game.

Matt Rippentrop of Oelrichs, SD, expressed the bighorn sheep herd improvement has been great. The Bighorn Working Committee has met twice and had good discussion on some great ideas of where to spend the proceeds from the auction tag. Midwest Wild Sheep would encourage another auction tag for 2014 and the convention will be in Minneapolis in March.

Public Hearing Minutes

Public Hearing Officer Chuck Schlueter began the hearing at 2:01 PM Central Time by indicating there were no written comments received on the Spring Turkey Hunting Season, the Private Shooting Preserves, or the Captive Game Birds proposed changes. Schlueter invited oral comment on the items listed under Finalizations on the Agenda from those attending the public hearing. Anyone interested could approach the microphone and provide their name and address. No oral testimony was received and the public hearing ended at 2:03 PM.

FINALIZATIONS

Spring Turkey Hunting Season 41:06:13; 41:03:01

Chief Tom Kirschenmann presented and reviewed the proposed Spring Turkey Hunting Season changes and indicated a recommended change would be to adjust the unit number for the Oahe Downstream season to be consistent with the deer season number to WRD-58D.

Motion by Cooper with second by Jensen TO AMEND PROPOSAL TO INCLUDE UNIT NAME CHANGE FOR OAHE DOWNSTREAM TO WRD-58D AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Convert license types in 10 units from 2-tag "any turkey" licenses to 2-tag "male turkey" licenses, convert license type in 8 units from 2-tag "any turkey" licenses to 1-tag "male turkey" licenses, and adjust the number of licenses in 5 units. Overall, these changes and adjustments result in 186 fewer licenses and 2,976 fewer tags for resident hunters. For nonresident hunters these changes result in 15 fewer licenses and 207 fewer tags.
2. Establish Unit PST-58D: Stanley County, including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Land and the Oahe Downstream Recreation Area from April 5-30 (see attached map). Allow 4 resident "male turkey" licenses and 1 non-resident "male turkey" license to persons who use a wheelchair for mobility.
3. Modify 41:03:01:16. Restrictions on use of firearms and bows -- Exceptions. Uncased firearms and bows are prohibited in all state parks, state recreation areas, state nature areas, and state lakeside use areas with the following exceptions:
 - (5) From October 1 to April 30, inclusive, uncased firearms and bows are authorized for licensed hunters in all state parks, state recreation areas, nature areas, and lakeside use areas during established hunting seasons with the following restrictions:

(a) Uncased firearms and bows are prohibited the year around in all established campgrounds, designated day use areas, and at Beaver Creek Nature Area, Lake Herman State Park, Spring Creek Recreation Area, Spirit Mound Historic Prairie, Bear Butte State Park east of State Highway 79, Oahe Downstream Recreation Area except for a hunter who possesses a valid deer license for Unit WRD-58D as described in chapter 41:06:20 or a valid turkey license for Unit PST-58B as described in chapter 41:06:13, and Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve and Good Earth State Park except for a resident hunter who possesses a valid archery deer license and an access permit as described in chapter 41:06:22 or except for a resident hunter who possesses a valid archery spring turkey license and an access permit as described in chapter 41:06:13;

4. Modify 41:06:13:04. Application requirements and restrictions. The following applies to all applications for license and licenses issued under this chapter:

(5) Good Earth State Park is closed to spring turkey hunting except for ten turkey licensees who possess a valid spring turkey archery license and an archery turkey access permit. Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve is closed to spring turkey hunting except for ten licensees who possess a valid spring turkey archery license and an archery turkey access permit. The access permits may be issued by lottery drawing. Each access permit is valid from the first Saturday of April to April 30, inclusive.

Motion by Peterson with second by Spies TO FINALIZE CHANGES TO SPRING WILD TURKEY HUNTING SEASON 41:06:13 AND 41:03:01 AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Partridge allowed for release 41:09:01; 41:09:02

Chad Switzer presented the proposed changes to allow for all species of partridge to be released into the wild and on private shooting preserves. This change is to remove the names "Hungarian" and "Chukar" from rule and all other criteria for Private Shooting Preserves and Captive Game Birds remain the same. Staff has determined there is no biological reason to limit the release of these species of partridge. Switzer indicated there were no recommended changes to proposal.

Delete the words "Chukar" and "Hungarian" from rules 41:09:01:03; 41:09:02:04; and 41:09:02:06.1

Motion by Sather with second by Cooper TO FINALIZE THE DELETION OF THE WORDS CHUKAR AND HUNGARIAN FROM RULE AS PROPOSED. Motion carried unanimously.

Hunting Season Proposals

Director Leif requested Bighorn Sheep Management and Research Update PowerPoint by Lindbloom and Kanta be presented prior to recommendations and Chair Knippling granted the request.

Chief Kirschenmann presented the season dates, open area, licenses, requirements, and restrictions. The recommended changes are to modify the boundary in Unit 1 and for the auction tag to be valid in Unit 2 only.

1. Auction license is valid only in Unit 2.
2. Modify the current boundary description for Unit 1 to include the geographic area of the Rapid Creek bighorn sheep sub-herd population.

Motion by Jensen with second by Sather TO PROPOSE CHANGES TO THE BLACK HILLS BIGHORN SHEEP HUNTING SEASON AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Sheps Canyon Lodge

Director Doug Hofer handed out a map showing the two-acre parcel of land where the Sheps Canyon Lodge is located. Hofer then presented Resolution 13-16 designating the two acres for park and recreation use managed by the Division of Parks and Recreation. This resolution will allow the property to be recorded in the Fall River County Register of Deeds as exempt from property tax.

Motion by Peterson with second by Sather TO APPROVED RESOLUTION 13-16 AS PRESENTED (Appendix A). Motion carried unanimously.

Buffalo Auction Results

Director Hofer presented the 48th Annual Custer State Park Fall Classic Bison Auction results indicating 325 buffalo were sold for a total of \$478,150. The report showed the different classes, numbers of bison in each class, and average price per bison.

CSP Buffalo Hunts

Hofer provided information about the 2013 Custer State Park Bison Hunts showing the number of applications for residents and nonresident hunters, the number of licenses issued. Hofer believes better marketing resulted in the 1,424 applications received.

Chair Knippling called for a recess at 2:17 and meeting resumed at 2:35 PM.

DIVISION OF WILDLIFE

Bighorn Sheep Auction Tag

Chief Kirschenmann presented Resolution 13-17 indicating an application for the Bighorn Sheep Auction Tag was received from The Wild Sheep Foundation and meets all criteria for the auction tag.

Motion by Spies with second by Sather TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 13-17 AS PRESENTED (Appendix B). Motion carried unanimously.

2014 Season Setting Schedule

Director Leif presented the 2014 Season Setting Schedule showing the dates the Commission will be consider rule changes and the meeting where Finalization of

changes take place for hunting seasons. Changes from the 2013 schedule were moving the spring turkey and spring light goose recommendations to October, no recommendations in the November meeting, and move the December meeting a week later for the bighorn sheep recommendations. Commission accepted changes by consensus.

Bighorn Sheep update

Andy Lindbloom provided history and locations of the current bighorn sheep herds. Population survey data, harvest data, winter ground counts, and winter mark-resight survey information was presented. License applications for 2000-2013 had grown and showed additional demand for the new unit. Harvest data was preliminary for two herds showing that two rams were harvested so far. One license holder is still hunting. Wyoming has had one ram harvested this year. Lindbloom show the average score of harvested rams since 2000 and their age. The winter ground counts showed minimum number of rams in each of the different herds along with a diagram on how ram classification is arrived. Population estimation of the Elk Mountain herd is about 100 and the Rapid Creek herd has an estimate of 45.

John Kanta provided the history and future of program of the bighorn sheep transplant program. The Chippewa Creek herd at Rocky Boy in Central Montana have 40 sheep available and half will to go to the Elk Mountain herd and the other half go to Pine Ridge Reservation with the ewes to be collared. Sheep from Alberta is still in the works and in Jan or Feb 2015 plan to move sheep to form a new Deadwood herd and the paperwork is in process.

Disease concerns are the number one factor in SD and across the west especially with contact between bighorn sheep and domestic sheep and goats. A brochure has been developed about disease between the domestic sheep and bighorn sheep herds to help educate public and landowners in hopes to minimize risk to bighorn sheep herds.

Lindbloom shared current goals and action plan for about 250 sheep in the Rapid City herd and 200 sheep in the Hill City herd.

Land acquisition update

Paul Coughlin presented information about the purchase of an in-holding at the Chain Lakes Game Production Area in southeast Brule County. The 160 acres will consolidate the GPA to provide additional hunting opportunity. The funding comes from the Tony Dean's Acres NAWCA grant and may be ready for Commission consideration at the next meeting. Coughlin has extended an invitation to present this acquisition to the Brule County Commission and is waiting for a response.

Pheasant Habitat Summit update

Director Leif handed out the Governor's Pheasant Habitat Summit Agenda scheduled for December 6th. Game, Fish, and Parks staff met weekly, secured sponsors, and mapped out logistics for the Crossroads and Huron Arena. More than 550 individuals have registered for the event and each will receive a portfolio, a sack lunch, and a pheasant book. The Governor will be attending the entire Summit and

Senator Thune will be arriving during the plenary session. SD Public Broadcasting will be airing the summit along with other media in attendance.

Miscellaneous updates

Knippling asked for an update on elk calf survival in Custer State Park and Lehman indicated no change since last report. The calves are getting bigger and stronger and no more have been lost.

Lehman indicated the Wind Cave elk are moving away from the fence and that is encouraging.

Kintigh shared that a few deer were lost in the October blizzard and they were found in ravines where it would have been difficult for them to move out of. The antelope moved northward.

Lion mortality is down as are reports from landowners and currently 26 are collared.

Vonk indicated the action plan in response to the WMI review will be arranged in a manner that will show when action is to be completed and when each action item will be presented to the Commission for discussion.

Adjourn

Motion by Jensen with second by Peterson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 3 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey R. Vonk, Department Secretary

Appendix A

RESOLUTION 13-16

Whereas, on October 31, 2012, the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks (GFP) acquired for both wildlife and parks purposes the following described real property pursuant to a deed recorded in Book 138 of Deeds, Pages 541 and 542 office of Register of Deeds in Fall River County, South Dakota, to wit:

Hill Ranch Tract as recorded in Book of Plats 25, Page 3 office of the register of Deeds, Fall River County, South Dakota, located in the S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 25, and in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 26, Township Eight (8) South, Range Five (5) East, Black Hills Meridian, Fall River County, South Dakota, containing 52.11 acres, more or less.

Whereas, a two acre parcel within said property was purchased by the Parks and Recreation Division for the Sheps Canyon Lodge facility; and

Whereas, properties utilized by the Division of Parks and Recreation for public parks purposes are exempt from property tax per Article XI, § 5 of the South Dakota Constitution ; and

Whereas, the Commission recognizes this facility will be managed by the Division of Parks and Recreation as part of the Sheps Canyon Recreation Area; and,

Whereas, the two acre parcel has been platted and the plat, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, has been recorded with the office of the Fall River County Register of Deeds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission does hereby designate the above described two acre Sheps Canyon Lodge parcel for use by the Division of Parks and Recreation for public parks and recreation purposes.

Appendix B

RESOLUTION 13-17

BIGHORN SHEEP AUCTION LICENSE APPROVAL

Whereas, the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission has promulgated rules to provide for a bighorn sheep license to be auctioned by a nonprofit conservation organization dedicated to big game management providing that at least three bighorn sheep licenses are made available; and

WHEREAS, applications submitted by nonprofit conservation organizations to auction a bighorn sheep license must meet the criteria and requirements outlined in rule established by the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Wild Sheep Foundation – Midwest Chapter has submitted a letter of application and supportive information which meets the requirements outlined by the Commission in the Black Hills Bighorn Sheep Hunting Season rules (ARSD Chapter 41:06:56);

Now, therefore let it be resolved that, the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission accept and approve the application submitted by the Wild Sheep Foundation – Midwest Chapter.

Be it further resolved, that the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission approves and authorizes the Department Secretary to issue one bighorn sheep auction license to the successful purchaser as submitted by the Wild Sheep Foundation – Midwest Chapter to the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks.

License Sales Totals

(Final Sales Report)

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date updated: 20 December 2013

	2012	2013	% Change
Resident Predator/Varmint	1,669	1,576	-5.6%
Furbearer	4,050	3,971	-2.0%
Resident Small Game	27,876	21,015	-24.6%
Resident 1-Day Small Game	1,121	925	-17.5%
Resident Youth Small Game	5,746	4,949	-13.9%
Combination	46,183	45,788	-0.9%
Junior Combination	8,178	8,111	-0.8%
Resident Senior Combination	5,242	6,458	23.2%
Resident 1-Day Fishing	6,802	6,654	-2.2%
Resident Annual Fishing	68,304	65,634	-3.9%
Senior Fishing	13,335	12,538	-6.0%
Resident Gamefish Spearing/Archery	2,036	2,578	26.6%
Resident Migratory Bird Certificate	30,607	31,150	1.8%
Nonresident Predator/Varmint	5,374	5,012	-6.7%
Nonresident Furbearer	16	15	-6.3%
Nonresident Small Game	95,298	76,301	-19.9%
Nonresident Youth Small Game	3,064	2,401	-21.6%
Nonresident Annual Shooting Preserve	483	321	-33.5%
Nonresident 5-day Shooting Preserve	9,398	9,687	3.1%
Nonresident 1-day Shooting Preserve	1,109	1,113	0.4%
Nonresident Spring Light Goose	2,738	4,215	53.9%
Nonresident Youth Spring Light Goose	106	131	23.6%
Nonresident Migratory Bird Certificate	1,179	1,230	4.3%
Nonresident 1-Day Fishing	22,464	21,585	-3.9%
Nonresident 3-Day Fishing	22,176	24,042	8.4%
Nonresident Annual Fishing	20,378	22,343	9.6%
Nonresident Family Fishing	8,071	8,486	5.1%
Nonresident Youth Annual Fishing	1,155	1,264	9.4%
Nonresident Gamefish Spearing/Archery	321	601	87.2%
TOTAL ON FILE =	414,479	390,094	-5.9%

Nonresident

	2011	2012	2013	est 2013	+/- licenses	+/- revenue
Fishing						
annual	14,946	20,378	22,343	21,000	1,343	\$ 80,580.0
family	6,713	8,071	8,486	8,000	486	\$ 29,160.0
one-day	19,275	22,464	21,585	21,500	85	\$ 1,190.0
three-day	18,532	22,176	24,042	24,000	42	\$ 1,344.0
paddlefish tag	50	70	70	70	-	\$ -
spearing	317	321	601	500	101	\$ 505.0
youth	730	1,155	1,264	1,000	264	\$ 6,600.0
Small game						
ten-day	96,983	95,298	76,301	92,000	(15,699)	\$ (1,899,579.0)
youth	3,142	3,064	2,401	3,250	(849)	\$ (8,490.0)
Shooting preserve						
one-day	1,096	1,109	1,113	1,000	113	\$ 5,198.0
five-day	8,631	9,398	9,687	8,000	1,687	\$ 128,212.0
annual	542	483	321	425	(104)	\$ (12,584.0)
Waterfowl						
ten-day or annual	3,995	3,991	3,995	4,000	(5)	\$ (605.0)
three-day	1,084	1,126	848	1,200	(352)	\$ (30,272.0)
spring snow goose	3,644	2,738	4,215	3,250	965	\$ 44,390.0
youth spring snow goose	131	106	131	125	6	\$ 156.0
early fall Canada goose	379	526	373	2,000	(1,627)	\$ (74,842.0)
tundra swan tag	178	202	178	200	(22)	\$ (352.0)
Turkey						
spring one-tag	2,508	2,335	2,258	2,350	(92)	\$ (7,912.0)
spring two-tag	1,032	1,217	1,224	1,200	24	\$ 2,424.0
fall one-tag	125	110	92	50	42	\$ 3,192.0
fall two-tag	432	432	354	400	(46)	\$ (3,956.0)
Deer						
one-tag "any"	2,889	2,859	3,305	3,547	(242)	\$ (69,212.0)
two-tag "any+antlerless"	2,115	1,690	1,509	1,479	30	\$ 10,080.0
one-tag antlerless	947	932	836	834	2	\$ 112.0
two-tag antlerless	3,484	2,267	2,407	1,708	699	\$ 56,619.0
special buck	499	477	496	500	(4)	\$ (2,024.0)
youth	745	792	765	700	65	\$ 650.0
Antelope						
one-tag "any"	433	255	280	225	55	\$ 15,730.0
two-tag "any+doe-fawn"	198	-	-	-	-	\$ -
one-tag "doe-fawn"	45	-	-	-	-	\$ -
two-tag "doe-fawn"	90	-	-	-	-	\$ -
					-	\$ -
Furbearer						
	88	16	15	100	(85)	\$ (21,250.0)
Predator/varmint	5,045	5,374	5,012	5,000	12	\$ 420.0
						\$ (1,744,516.0)

State of South Dakota

EIGHTY-NINTH SESSION
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2014

400V0220

HOUSE BILL NO. _____

Introduced by: _____

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to provide for free resident fishing licenses for certain
2 entities teaching basic fishing skills.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That § 41-6-35 be amended to read as follows:

5 41-6-35. ~~A~~ Any resident fishing license ~~and a~~ or any resident senior fishing license ~~shall~~
6 ~~permit~~ permits the licensee to take fish, frogs, and turtles in the manner and to the extent
7 provided in chapters 41-12 and 41-13. Any resident who has served in the armed forces of the
8 United States and is a patient in any war veterans hospital in this state or a member of any war
9 veterans domiciliary unit in this state for the care of war veterans, groups with over ten
10 participants conducting a fishing event exclusively for persons with disabilities and their
11 attendants; any school, governmental entity, charitable or nonprofit organization conducting
12 an event, class, or program for the purpose of teaching basic fishing skills; and any person
13 residing as a patient in a developmental disability facility may, upon application to the secretary
14 of game, fish and parks, receive a resident fishing license without payment of any fee therefor.
15 Any resident who is sixty-five years of age or older, may receive a resident senior fishing license
16 upon payment of a reduced fee established by rules promulgated by the Game, Fish and Parks



- 1 Commission pursuant to chapter 1-26.

State of South Dakota

**EIGHTY-NINTH SESSION
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2014**

400V0221

HOUSE BILL NO. _____

Introduced by: _____

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to increase the nonrefundable application fee for resident
2 bighorn sheep, mountain goat, and elk licenses.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That § 41-6-19.6 be amended to read as follows:

5 41-6-19.6. The Game, Fish and Parks Commission may establish a nonrefundable
6 application fee not to exceed ~~five~~ ten dollars for any resident making application for a bighorn
7 sheep, mountain goat, or elk license. Successful applicants shall be selected by drawing.
8 Proceeds from the application fees collected shall be used for big game research and
9 management. The commission may promulgate rules, pursuant to chapter 1-26, for the purpose
10 of establishing a season and guidelines therefor and to establish the fee provisions.



Finalizations

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

**Black Hills Bighorn Sheep Hunting Season
Chapter 41:06:56**

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	December 5, 2013	Huron
	Public Hearing	January 9, 2014	Ft. Pierre
	Finalization	January 9-10, 2014	Ft. Pierre

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Season Dates: September 1 – December 31, 2014

Open Area: Unit 1: That portion of Pennington County within an area beginning at Hwy. 385 and the Pennington County line, then south on Hwy. 385 to Sheridan Lake Rd., then east on Sheridan Lake Rd. to Hwy. 79 in Rapid City, then north on Hwy. 79 to the Pennington County line.
Unit 2: Custer County west of Highway 79, except Custer State Park, Wind Cave National Park, and Jewel Cave National Park

Licenses: Unit 1: 1 "ram bighorn sheep" license
Unit 2: 2 "ram bighorn sheep" licenses

One of the 3 licenses shall be an auction "ram bighorn sheep" license valid in Unit 2.

Requirements and Restrictions:

- All licensees are required to attend an orientation meeting prior to the opening day of the season at the regional office in Rapid City.
- Except for the auction license, application for a license may be made by any resident hunter who has not been previously issued a bighorn sheep license in South Dakota.
- Hunters can only apply for one of the two Black Hills Bighorn Sheep units.
- Land operator preference is not applicable to these licenses.
- One bighorn sheep license shall be allocated as an auction license if a minimum of three bighorn licenses are approved by the Commission. The Commission shall determine in which unit or units the auction licenses if valid.
- All successful hunters must submit their bighorn sheep to a conservation officer or Department representative for inspection and permanent marking within 24 hours after the kill.

Proposed changes from last year:

- Auction license is valid only in Unit 2.
- Modify the current boundary description for Unit 1 to only include the geographic area of the Rapid Creek bighorn sheep sub-herd population.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

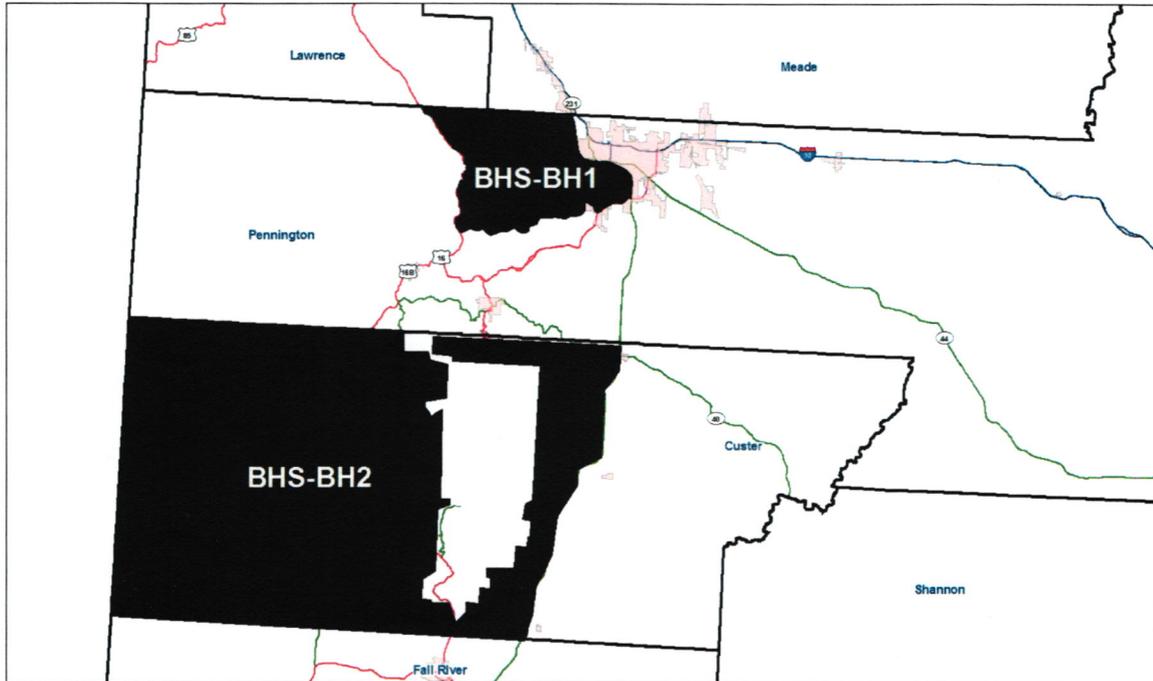
Surveys are conducted annually to determine population status and trend of bighorn sheep in the Black Hills. One survey is conducted during May and June on lambing grounds and another survey is conducted during the rut or on the winter range during November and December.

Year	Licensed Hunters	Rams Harvested	Ewes Harvested
2009	5	5	0
2010	5	5	0
2011	3	3	0
2012	2	2	0
2013	3	3	0

APPROVE _____ **MODIFY** _____ **REJECT** _____ **NO ACTION** _____

BIGHORN SHEEP UNITS

2014



BHS-BH1: That portion of Pennington County within an area beginning at Hwy. 385 and the Pennington County line, then south on Hwy. 385 to Sheridan Lake Rd., then east on Sheridan Lake Rd. to Hwy. 79 in Rapid City, then north on Hwy. 79 to the Pennington County line.

BHS-BH2: Custer County west of Highway 79, except Custer State Park, Wind Cave National Park, and Jewel Cave National Park.

Petition for Rule Change

Ascher, Debra

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From: Ascher, Debra
Sent: Wednesday, January 08, 2014 10:09 AM
To: Neill, Richard
Cc: Leif, Tony; Vonk, Jeff
Subject: FW: rule change

FYI for Jan 9 Commission meeting

-----Original Message-----

From: Knippling, Susie (GFP)
Sent: Wednesday, January 08, 2014 9:31 AM
To: Ascher, Debra
Subject: FW: rule change

From: Pete's Taxidermy, Inc. [petessd@gwtc.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 08, 2014 8:55 AM
To: Knippling, Susie (GFP)
Cc: jlcoop11@aol.com
Subject: rule change

I am writing to propose a change in the rule to include the buying and selling of cottontail rabbits and squirrels. We would like to propose that the rule include cottontail rabbits and squirrels as we have several requests to mount them. We would need to make it legal to mount and sell them the same as pheasants, prairie chicken, grouse, and hungarian partridge. The state law currently reads that it is legal for the sale of plumage and skins of lawfully taken Chinese ringneck pheasant, sharptail grouse, prairie chicken and hungarian partridge. We would like to include the cottontail rabbits and squirrels as they are also included in small game. Thank You.

Becky Hoffman, Secretary
Pete's Taxidermy, Inc.
28942 344th Ave
Burke, SD 57523
605-775-2180

Proposals

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

Use of Parks and Public Lands
Chapter 41:03:01

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	January 9-10, 2014	Ft. Pierre
	Public Hearing	March 6, 2014	Ft. Pierre
	Finalization	March 6-7, 2014	Ft. Pierre

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended change:

1. Prohibit bait stations (as defined in ARSD 41:06:04:03) on lands owned by the department and on properties managed and classified by the department as Game Production Areas, State Parks, State Recreation Areas, State Lakeside Use Areas, State Nature Areas, and State Water Access Areas.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Current rule does not allow a person to establish, utilize, or maintain a bait station (as defined in 41:06:04:03) from August 1 through February 1 to attract any big game animal. In recent years, there have been instances where persons have placed a bait station on a Game Production Area (GPA) or other department lands and later resulted in enforcement actions as individuals hunting over the stations have claimed not to be maintaining them. There are also instances where a hunter may not be aware of a bait station and place themselves in a precarious situation. To eliminate these situations and other associated concerns with bait stations, it is recommended by the Department that bait stations be prohibited on those lands described above.

41:06:04:03. Methods prohibited. A person may not establish, utilize, or maintain a bait station from August 15 to February 1, inclusive, to attract any big game animal, including wild turkey, and a person may not use an electronic call when hunting any big game animal except a mountain lion. A bait station is a location where grains, fruits, vegetables, nuts, hay, minerals, or any other natural food materials, commercial products containing natural food materials, or by-products of such materials are placed or maintained as an attractant to big game animals for the purpose of hunting. The use of scents alone does not constitute a bait station.

This section does not apply to foods that have not been placed or gathered by a person and result from normal environmental conditions or accepted farming, forest management, wildlife food plantings, orchard management, or similar land management activities.

A person is exempt from the bait station restrictions while participating in any depredation management activities directed by the department.

APPROVE _____	MODIFY _____	REJECT _____	NO ACTION _____
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PUBLIC WATER ZONING
41:04:02

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	January 9-10, 2014	Ft. Pierre
	Public Hearing	March 6, 2014	Ft. Pierre
	Finalization	March 6-7, 2014	Ft. Pierre

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Amend public water safety zones in Clark, Hughes and Perkins counties.

Requirements and Restrictions:

"No boating zone," an area in which boats of all types are prohibited. Department personnel or other persons specifically authorized by the secretary are exempt from this restriction while in the performance of their duties.

"No wake zone," an area in which boats may not create a wake by their passage. For the purposes of this article, a wake is defined as any type of wave action caused by the passage of a boat. At no time may the boat be operated at a speed greater than five miles per hour.

"Public swimming zone," an area in which public swimming and bathing are allowed. In these areas boats of any nature including sailboards, fishing, and other incompatible activities are prohibited.

"No swimming zone," an area in which public swimming and bathing are not allowed.

Recommended changes:

1. Amend the dates that boating is prohibited on Reid Lake (Clark County).

41:04:02:12. Clark County public water safety zones. The Clark County public water safety zone is the waters within Reid Lake designated as a "no boating zone" from ~~September 4~~ October 20 to December 31, inclusive.

2. Amend the existing "no wake zone" and "no swimming zone" at Spring Creek Recreation Area (Hughes County).

41:04:02:32. Hughes County public water safety zones. Hughes County public water safety zones are as follows:

(7) The waters inside the ~~two~~ floating breakwater protected ~~areas~~ area at Spring Creek Recreation Area are a ~~"no swimming zone" and a "no wake zone."~~ and the waters within 20 feet of the breakwater are a "no swimming zone."

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL



3. Amend the boundaries of the existing "public swimming zone" and "no wake zone" on Shadehill Reservoir (Perkins County).

41:04:02:52. Perkins County public water safety zones. Perkins County public water safety zones are as follows:

(1) Shadehill Reservoir:

(a) The waters fronting on the north side of the reservoir beginning at a point along the shoreline 150 feet from shore directly in front of the center of the bathhouse picnic shelter and extending 200 250 feet in each direction to the east along the shoreline are a "public swimming zone";

(b) The waters beginning approximately 300 feet south of the Ketterlings Point boat ramp and extending from the west shoreline to the east shoreline encompassing the bay where the Ketterlings Point boat ramp is located are a "no wake zone";

(c) The waters fronting the Ketterlings Point Recreation Area beginning 400 150 feet from shore in the center of the lodge on the east side of the point and extending around the south end of the point ending approximately in the center of the lodge on the west-facing side of the point are a "no wake zone."



GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

The Department recommends amending the period when boating is prohibited on Reid Lake (Clark County). The later start (from September 1 to October 20) to the boating closure will allow for additional fall fishing opportunity on Reid Lake during September and early-October, while still serving its purpose to minimize disturbance to waterfowl during the peak of the fall migration. The October 20 – December 31 closure is already utilized on several other eastern South Dakota lakes.

The Spring Creek Marina on Lake Oahe has been relocated to the bay that also houses the public boat ramp. An existing rule, 41:01:01:10, prohibits swimming within 50 feet of a public boat ramp. The department recommends that the water within 20 feet of the floating tire breakwater structure be designated as a “no swimming zone” because the cabling and anchoring system that holds the breakwater structure in place represents an underwater hazard that makes swimming unsafe near the breakwater. The department also recommends that the “no swimming zone” in the balance of the bay (excepting the boat ramp swimming restriction) be removed. The Spring Creek Marina concessionaire supports the proposed change and has the right to restrict swimming off of the marina boat slips if they feel it is needed. This is consistent with the water zoning at other marinas within South Dakota state park areas.

The Department recommends amending both the “public swimming zone” on the north side of the reservoir and the “no wake zone” fronting Ketterlings Point on Shadehill Reservoir (Perkins County). Shadehill Reservoir has seen an increase in recreational activity over the last several years. The area surrounding Ketterlings Point has become a popular spot for both swimmers and boaters. Ketterlings Point boat ramp sits on the east side of Ketterlings Point and once boaters leave the boat ramp, they tend to travel along Ketterlings Point. Department staff have received numerous complaints regarding boats, including personal watercraft, that travel too close to people swimming in the water. Most of these vessels are operating outside of the existing “no wake zone” that is set 100 feet from shore. Extending the existing “no wake zone” to 150 feet from shore would serve to better protect swimmers and water enthusiasts from boats that are underway.

The swim beach on Shadehill Reservoir is located east of Ketterlings Point on the north side of the impoundment. A boat ramp was installed several years ago on the east side of the swim beach. The swim beach no longer has a bathhouse associated with it, thus the need for a more accurate zoning description. The proposed changes would also create a buffer zone for people trying to launch boats.

APPROVE

MODIFY

REJECT

NO ACTION

MOTORBOATS AND WATERCRAFT

41:04:05

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	January 9-10, 2014	Ft. Pierre
	Public Hearing	March 6, 2014	Ft. Pierre
	Finalization	March 6-7, 2014	Ft. Pierre

WILDLIFE DIVISION RECOMMENDATION

1. Amend 41:04:05:06 to incorporate the federal navigation rules of the road by reference.
2. Repeal 41:04:05:10 thru 12 due to the incorporation of federal navigation rules by reference.
3. Create a new rule, 41:04:05:19, to address the overloading of boats.

Recommended changes:

41:04:05:06. ~~Applicability of traffic rules~~ Navigation rules. ~~The traffic rules of the road provided in §§ 41:04:05:07 to 41:04:05:16, inclusive, are applicable to a boat when underway, whether the boat has headway or sternway. The rules apply to boats that are adrift or not under control, regardless of how they are powered~~ The navigation rules for all boats underway on the waters of the state are those in 33 CFR § 83.01-83.19 (December 18, 2013).

41:04:05:10. ~~Overtaking -- Right-of-way.~~ ~~A boat is considered to be overtaking another boat when it is approaching from behind. The leading boat has the right of way and the overtaking boat has no right of way. In all instances an overtaking boat shall keep clear of an overtaken boat~~ Repealed.

41:04:05:11. ~~Procedure for passing oncoming boats.~~ ~~If two boats are approaching each other head-on or nearly so, each pilot shall swing the bow of the boat to starboard and pass port side to port side. If equipped with a horn, each pilot shall give a short blast of the horn and, in addition to the sounding of the horn, each pilot shall indicate what the pilot's course will be by swinging the bow sharply to starboard~~ Repealed.

41:04:05:12. ~~Passing of boat with tow.~~ ~~A boat with a tow is considered one boat. Boats passing a tow shall slow down if there is a chance their wash or wave will cause damage~~ Repealed.

41:04:05:19. Overloading prohibited. A boat shall not be loaded with passengers or cargo beyond its safe carrying capacity and the total horsepower of any inboard or attached outboard motor shall not exceed the total horsepower rating as stated on the capacity plate and affixed to the boat by the manufacturer.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

The navigational rules of the road are addressed in 41:04:05. However, the list is not all inclusive when compared to the federal listing. In order to better address navigational situations and educate the boating public on the rules of the road, the Department recommends adopting the inland navigation rules as listed in 33 CFR 83.01-83.19. Incorporating these rules by reference would allow for the repeal of three existing administrative rules.

Federal regulations have required capacity plates on monohull boats less than 20 feet in length (except sailboats, canoes, kayaks, and inflatables) since 1972. Unfortunately, there are still many boaters that are unaware that they exist, unsure of what they mean, or simply choose to ignore them. Law enforcement officers encounter vessels being operated while overloaded on a regular basis. Additionally, our department receives numerous calls from the boating public regarding the laws and regulations related to capacity plates on vessels. The adoption of this rule will allow law enforcement to better address overloading instances that occur on the water and enable agency staff to more effectively respond to inquiries from the boating public. At the same time, this regulation will reinforce the importance for the boating public to understand capacity plates, their meaning, and the potential safety issues that arise when boats are overloaded.

APPROVE **MODIFY** **REJECT** **NO ACTION**

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL

Refuges
Chapter 41:05:02

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	January 9-10, 2014	Ft. Pierre
	Public Hearing	March 6, 2014	Ft. Pierre
	Finalization	March 6-7, 2014	Ft. Pierre

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from last year:

1. Reclassify Reid Lake State Game Refuge to Reid Lake Waterfowl Refuge.

41:05:02:12. Clark County refuges. Clark County refuges are as follows:

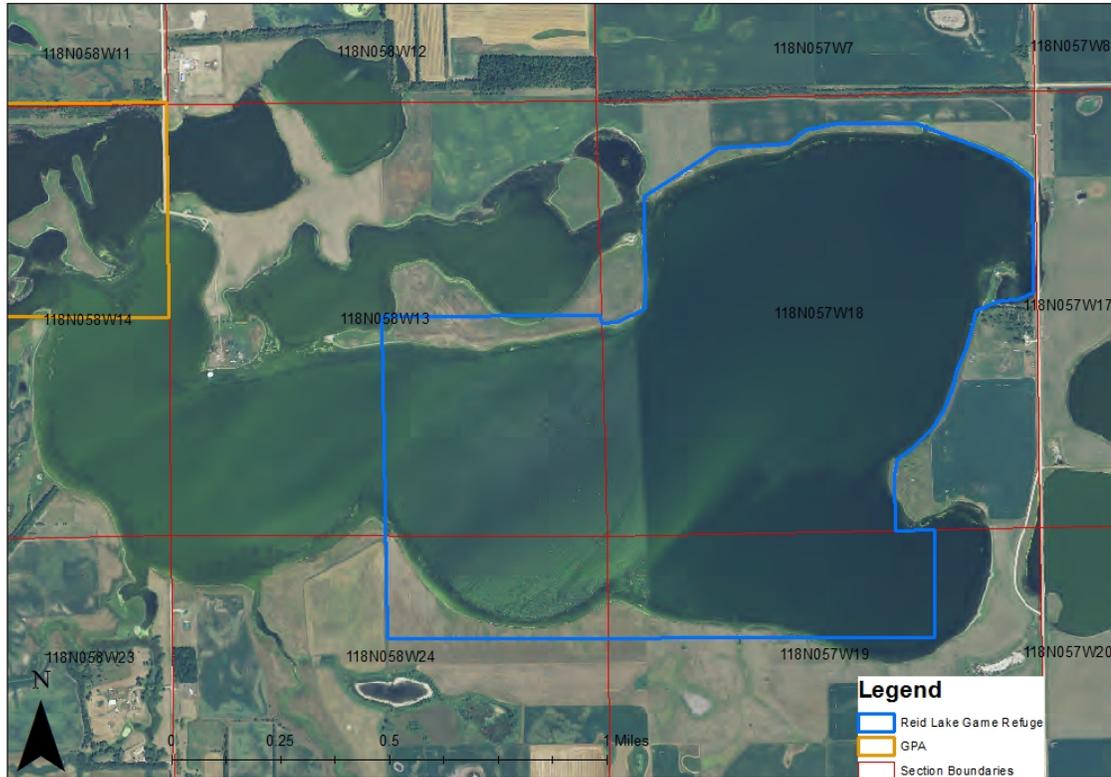
(1) The Reid Lake ~~State Game~~ Waterfowl Refuge comprises all of the land and water area within the meandered line around Reid Lake in section 18, township 118 north, range 57 west of the fifth principal meridian; in sections 13 and 24 in township 118 north, range 58 west; all of lots one, five, and six in section 19, township 118 north, range 57 west; all of lots one and two in section 24, township 118 north, range 58 west; all of lots one, two, and three in section 13, township 118 north, range 58 west; all of the land in section 18, township 118 north, range 57 west, between the meandered line and the following line: beginning at a point 2,984 and 52/100 feet, 45 and 22/100 chains, south from the northwest corner of section 18, township 118 north, range 57 west on the section line between section 18, township 118 north, range 57 west, and section 13, township 118 north, range 58 west; then 175 feet north along the section line between sections 18 and 13; then north 111 degrees east, 460 feet; then north 113 degrees east, 1,360 feet; then north 120 degrees east, 409 feet; then north 185 degrees east, 711 feet; then north 159 degrees east, 1,500 feet; then north 168 degrees east, 1,140 feet; then south 90 degrees east, 400 feet; then south 90 degrees east, 700 feet; then south 89 degrees west, 1,843 feet; then south 153 degrees west, 190 feet; then south 162 degrees 30 minutes west, 270 feet; then south 167 degrees west, 525 feet; then south 178 degrees west, 920 feet; then south 141 degrees west, 526 feet; then south 120 degrees west, 730 feet to a point on the section line between section 18, township 118 north, range 57 west and section 19, township 118 north, range 57 west, 1,755 feet west of the southeast corner of section 18, township 118 north, range 57 west;

STAFF COMMENTS

Though there are limited opportunities for upland and big game, reclassification of this refuge would increase hunter opportunity for this refuge. Landowners associated with this refuge feel the area is important for migrating waterfowl.

APPROVE _____	MODIFY _____	REJECT _____	NO ACTION _____
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Reid Lake Game Refuge - Clark County



DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from last year:

2. Reclassify White Lake State Game Refuge to White Lake Waterfowl Refuge and modify boundary description.

41:05:02:45. Marshall County refuges. Marshall County refuges are as follows:

Current

(1) The White Lake State Game Bird Refuge comprises the southeast quarter of section 25, and all of section 36, township 128 north, range 57 west of the fifth principal meridian;

Recommended

(1) The White Lake Waterfowl Refuge comprises the water area within White Lake in the southeast quarter of section 25, and all of section 36, township 128 north, range 57 west of the fifth principal meridian;

STAFF COMMENTS

This refuge currently includes 640 acres of White Lake Game Production Area and 40 acres of private land. Currently, this refuge is open to pheasant hunting the second Monday of December until the end of the season. Habitat enhancement for pheasants and other terrestrial wildlife has been completed and additional habitat management is planned for the near future. Private landowner is interested in reclassifying to waterline waterfowl refuge. This reclassification would provide additional upland hunting opportunities for the public.

Current Refuge

APPROVE _____ MODIFY _____ REJECT _____ NO ACTION _____

White Lake - Marshall Co.
Game Bird Refuge



Recommended Refuge

White Lake - Marshall County



APPROVE _____ MODIFY _____ REJECT _____ NO ACTION _____

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from last year:

- 3. Remove the Stink Lake State Game Bird Refuge.

41:05:02:45. Marshall County refuges. Marshall County refuges are as follows:

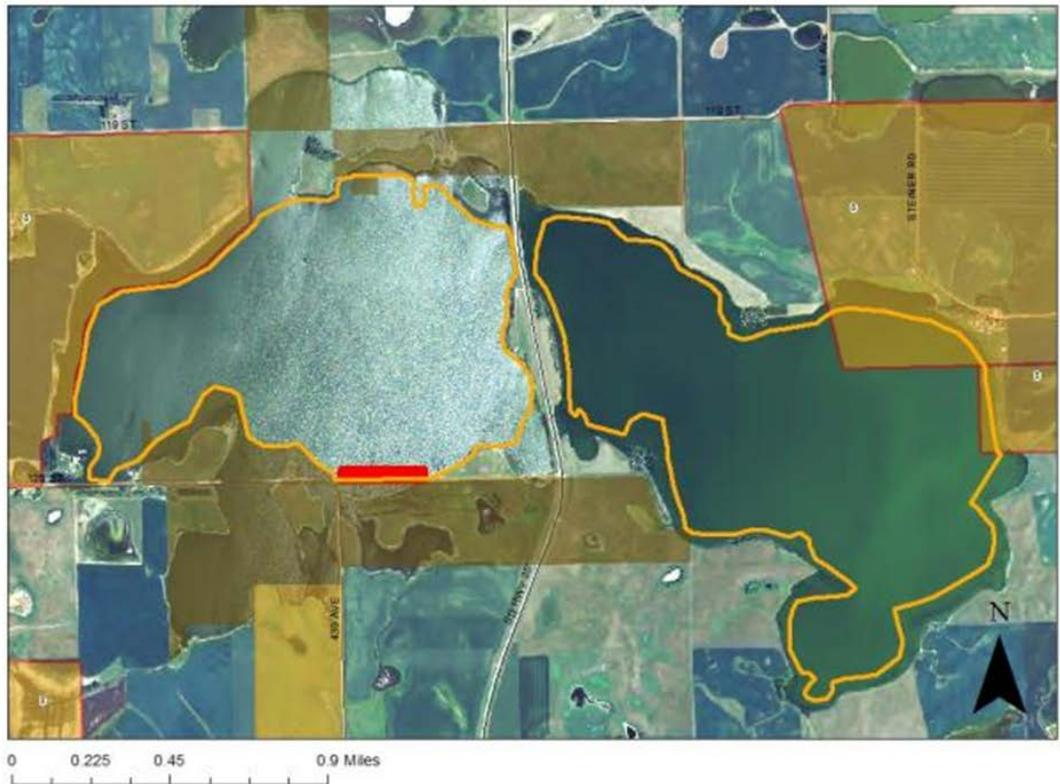
~~(2) The Stink Lake Waterfowl Refuge comprises the waters of East and West Stink Lake, including the island in West Stink Lake.~~

STAFF COMMENTS

Boating restrictions were removed on West Stink Lake several years ago and East Stink Lake in 2013. Canada goose feeding sites for crop depredation are no longer used on this particular location. With current water conditions, waterfowl have ample places to rest and this area is surrounded by Walk-In Areas and lands enrolled into the James River Watershed CREP.

Current Refuge

Stink Lake - Marshall Co.
Waterfowl Refuge



DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE ____ **MODIFY** ____ **REJECT** ____ **NO ACTION** ____

Recommended changes from last year:

4. Remove the Dry Lake State Waterfowl Refuge.

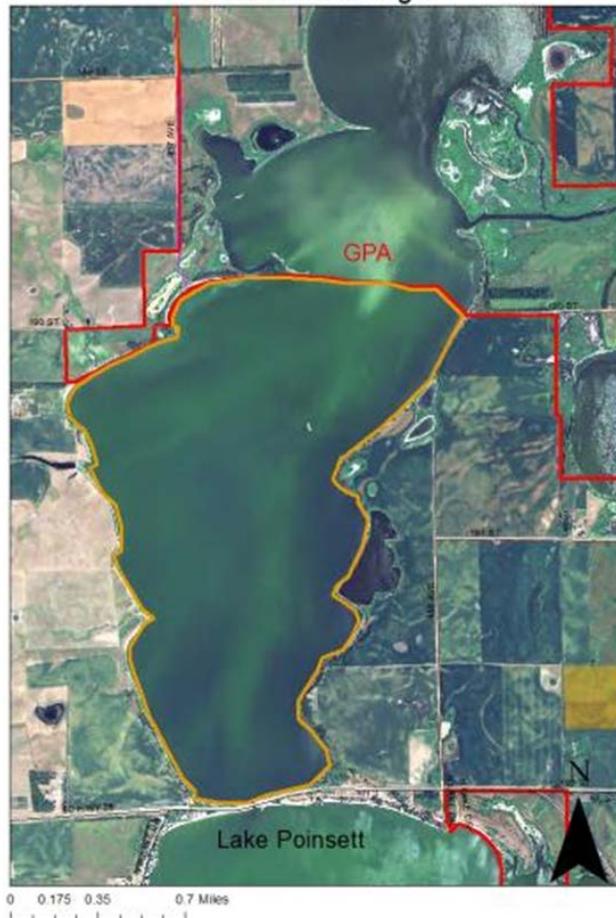
41:05:02:28. Hamlin County refuges. The following refuge is in Hamlin County: the Dry Lake State Waterfowl Refuge comprises the meandered area of Dry Lake.

STAFF COMMENTS

This refuge is surrounded by Game Production Areas and Lake Poinsett to the south. Pass shooting for geese does not occur like it did in the past, thus the refuge doesn't serve its intended purpose anymore. The current refuge area itself has not been a good fishery so there should be limited boating pressure on any waterfowl.

Current Refuge

Dry Lake - Hamlin Co.
Waterfowl Refuge



DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from last year:

APPROVE _____	MODIFY _____	REJECT _____	NO ACTION _____
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5. Remove the Bullhead Lake State Waterfowl Refuge.

41:05:02:54. Roberts County refuges. Roberts County refuges are as follows:

~~(2) The Bullhead State Waterfowl Refuge comprises all of Bullhead Lake within the waters edge in sections 25, 26, 27, 34, and 35, township 123 north, range 49 west of the fifth principal meridian, including all islands and bars within the waters edge.~~

STAFF COMMENTS

Given current water conditions in general area for waterfowl use, this waterfowl refuge is no longer needed.

Current Refuge

Bullhead Lake - Roberts Co.
Waterfowl Refuge



APPROVE _____	MODIFY _____	REJECT _____	NO ACTION _____
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Division of Parks and Recreation

JANUARY- DECEMBER 2013 REVENUE COMPARISON BY LICENSE TYPE

	2012		2013		% Change
	# Sold	\$ Sold	# Sold	\$ Sold	
Annual	48,673	\$ 1,362,835.10	47,512	\$ 1,330,332.30	-2.4%
Second Vehicle	14,118	\$ 197,648.00	14,122	\$ 197,703.19	0.0%
Combo	18,799	\$ 789,551.00	24,008	\$ 1,008,338.00	27.7%
Transferable	968	\$ 58,089.00	1,321	\$ 79,250.00	36.4%
Daily / Person (\$4)	31,114	\$ 124,455.18	28,225	\$ 112,899.39	-9.3%
Daily / Vehicle (\$6)	76,133	\$ 456,799.92	75,007	\$ 450,040.90	-1.5%
Unattended Vehicle Daily (\$4)	187	\$ 746.00	0	\$ -	-100.0%
Unattended Vehicle Daily (\$10)	1,543	\$ 15,427.00	1,225	\$ 12,252.00	-20.6%
Motorcoach Permit	14,126	\$ 42,377.00	7,453	\$ 22,359.00	-47.2%
GSM Annual Trail Pass (\$15)	2,534	\$ 38,010.00	2,915	\$ 43,730.00	15.0%
GSM Daily Trail Pass (\$3)	17,329	\$ 51,987.00	14,497	\$ 43,491.00	-16.3%
CSP Temp Daily / Vehicle (\$15)	136,725	\$ 2,050,870.00	140,293	\$ 2,104,400.72	2.6%
CSP Unattended (\$15)	1	\$ 15.00	67	\$ 1,010.00	
Bike Band (\$10)	17,901	\$ 179,010.00	18,332	\$ 183,320.00	
Rally Bike Band (\$10)	38,879	\$ 388,790.00	38,413	\$ 384,130.00	-1.2%
One-Day Special Event	N/A	\$ 15,278.00	N/A	\$ 8,901.00	-41.7%
2012 Online PEL sales		\$ 103,864.00			
	<u>419,028</u>	<u>\$ 5,875,752.20</u>	<u>413,390</u>	<u>\$5,982,157.50</u>	<u>1.8%</u>
Camping Services Permits		\$ 5,705,057.96		\$ 6,390,362.81	12.0%
Picnic Reservations		\$ 10,263.40		\$ 11,517.25	12.2%
Firewood	30,570	\$ 122,281.21		\$ 141,016.23	15.3%
Gift Card		\$ 9,020.00		\$ 23,752.00	
		<u>\$ 5,846,622.57</u>		<u>\$ 6,566,648.29</u>	<u>12.3%</u>
Totals:		\$11,722,374.77		\$12,548,805.79	7.1%

JANUARY - DECEMBER 2013 REVENUE COMPARISON BY DISTRICT

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Dis Park	2012	2013	% Change	Dis Park	2012	2013	% Change
1 Fort Sisseton Roy Lake Sica Hollow	\$242,572.87	\$215,277.18	-11.3%	10 North Point North Wheeler Pease Creek Randall Creek South Shore Whetstone Bay	\$479,486.11	\$523,235.95	9.1%
2 Richmond Lake Mina Lake Lake Louise Fisher Grove Amsden	\$219,811.87	\$236,076.79	7.4%	11 Farm Island West Bend	\$362,354.60	\$392,256.44	8.3%
3 Sandy Shore Hartford Beach Lake Cochrane Pelican South Pickerel Lake	\$449,030.00	\$465,556.62	3.7%	12 Oahe Downstream West Shore Cow Creek Okobojo Point Spring Creek East Shore	\$429,467.98	\$472,383.44	10.0%
4 Oakwood Lakes Lake Poinsett Lake Thompson	\$573,489.10	\$621,675.79	8.4%	13 West Whitlock Lake Hiddenwood East Whitlock Swan Creek Bush's Landing Indian Creek Revheim Bay Little Bend Bob's Landing Walth Bay West Pollock	\$353,460.10	\$357,380.67	1.1%
5 Lake Herman Walkers Point	\$244,497.61	\$238,709.89	-2.4%	14 GSM Trail Bear Butte	\$135,335.09	\$134,145.40	-0.9%
6 Snake Creek Platte Creek Burke Lake Buryanek	\$369,159.85	\$374,229.14	1.4%	15 Shadehill Llewellyn Johns Rocky Point	\$263,486.70	\$316,996.90	20.3%
7 Palisades Lake Vermillion Big Sioux	\$613,910.51	\$663,093.19	8.0%	16 Custer	\$4,402,428.99	\$4,826,212.64	9.6%
8 Newton Hills Lake Alvin Union Grove Adams	\$406,915.41	\$417,782.74	2.7%	17 Angostura Sheps Canyon	\$438,100.36	\$462,919.15	5.7%
9 Lewis & Clark Tabor Sand Creek Springfield Chief White Crane Pierson Ranch	\$1,564,098.62	\$1,611,325.86	3.0%	20 Pierre Office	\$174,769.00	\$219,548.00	25.6%
				TOTALS:	<u>\$11,722,374.77</u>	<u>\$12,548,805.79</u>	<u>7.1%</u>

JANUARY- DECEMBER 2013 CAMPING UNIT COMPARISON REPORT BY DISTRICT

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Dist	Park	2012 Units	2013 Units	%	Dist	Park	2012 Units	2013 Units	%
1	Fort Sisseton	1,501	1,390	-7.4%	9	Lewis & Clark	37,561	36,699	-2.3%
	Roy Lake	5,760	5,820	1.0%		Tabor	56	75	33.9%
	Sica Hollow	144	181	25.7%		Sand Creek	84	97	15.5%
		<u>7,405</u>	<u>7,391</u>	<u>-0.2%</u>		Springfield	1,081	1,078	-0.3%
2	Richmond Lake	1,364	1,580	15.8%		Chief White Crane	9,587	9,511	-0.8%
	Mina Lake	2,570	2,533	-1.4%		Pierson Ranch	<u>4,207</u>	<u>4,485</u>	<u>6.6%</u>
	Lake Louise	2,095	1,982	-5.4%			<u>52,576</u>	<u>51,945</u>	<u>-1.2%</u>
	Fisher Grove	0	662		10	North Point	7,032	8,365	19.0%
	Amsden	381	342	-10.2%		North Wheeler	465	471	1.3%
		<u>6,410</u>	<u>7,099</u>	<u>10.7%</u>		Pease Creek	1122	1324	18.0%
3	Sandy Shore	901	953	5.8%		Randall Creek	5,733	6,320	10.2%
	Hartford Beach	3,660	4,126	12.7%		South Shore	237	306	29.1%
	Lake Cochrane	1,835	1,719	-6.3%		Whetstone Bay	289	550	90.3%
	Pelican South	3,738	4,073	9.0%		White Swan	0	93	
	Pickerel Lake	5,977	5,912	-1.1%			<u>14,878</u>	<u>17,429</u>	<u>17.1%</u>
		<u>16,111</u>	<u>16,783</u>	<u>4.2%</u>	11	Farm Island	5,775	6,225	7.8%
4	Oakwood Lakes	7,577	7,667	1.2%		West Bend	6,467	6,739	4.2%
	Lake Poinsett	6,357	6,313	-0.7%			<u>12,242</u>	<u>12,964</u>	<u>5.9%</u>
	Lake Thompson	5,459	6,193	13.4%	12	Oahe Downstream	11,115	12,290	10.6%
		<u>19,393</u>	<u>20,173</u>	<u>4.0%</u>		Cow Creek	2714	2600	-4.2%
5	Lake Herman	5,012	5,254	4.8%		Okobojo Point	953	975	2.3%
	Walkers Point	2,807	2,603	-7.3%			<u>14,782</u>	<u>15,865</u>	<u>7.3%</u>
	Lake Carthage	611	637	4.3%	13	West Whitlock	4,605	4,349	-5.6%
		<u>8,430</u>	<u>8,494</u>	<u>0.8%</u>		Lake Hiddenwood	324	299	-7.7%
6	Snake Creek	8,629	8,410	-2.5%		East Whitlock	93	80	-14.0%
	Platte Creek	1,274	1,194	-6.3%		Swan Creek	551	485	-12.0%
	Burke Lake	74	83	12.2%		Indian Creek	5,487	5,603	2.1%
	Buryanek	2,320	2,307	-0.6%		Walth Bay	0	76	
		<u>12,297</u>	<u>11,994</u>	<u>-2.5%</u>		West Pollock	927	644	-30.5%
7	Palisades	4,005	4,182	4.4%			<u>11,987</u>	<u>11,536</u>	<u>-3.8%</u>
	Lake Vermillion	7,419	7,696	3.7%	14	Bear Butte Lake	756	1,065	40.9%
	Big Sioux	4,622	4,574	-1.0%			<u>756</u>	<u>1,065</u>	<u>40.9%</u>
		<u>16,046</u>	<u>16,452</u>	<u>2.5%</u>	15	Shadehill	4,295	4,445	3.5%
8	Newton Hills	9,528	9,531	0.0%		Llewellyn Johns	233	316	35.6%
	Union Grove	1,229	1,415	15.1%		Rocky Point	3906	4024	3.0%
		<u>10,757</u>	<u>10,946</u>	<u>1.8%</u>			<u>8,434</u>	<u>8,785</u>	<u>4.2%</u>
					16	Custer	44,399	46,413	4.5%
							<u>44,399</u>	<u>46,413</u>	<u>4.5%</u>
					17	Angostura	13,483	12,754	-5.4%
						Sheps Canyon	0	941	
							<u>13,483</u>	<u>13,695</u>	<u>1.6%</u>
					TOTAL FEE AREA				
					CAMPER UNITS				
							270,386	279,029	3.2%

**SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH & PARKS
DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION
PARK VISITATION AND CAMPER USE FOR JANUARY - DECEMBER 2013**

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State Park	Total Visitations
Bear Butte	35,731
Custer	1,902,577
Fisher Grove	15,518
Fort Sisseton	31,678
Good Earth	20,261
Hartford Beach	59,332
Lake Herman	94,568
Newton Hills	106,163
Oakwood Lakes	70,036
Palisades	56,906
Roy Lake	107,999
Sica Hollow	8,963
Union Grove	13,155
State Park Totals	2,522,887

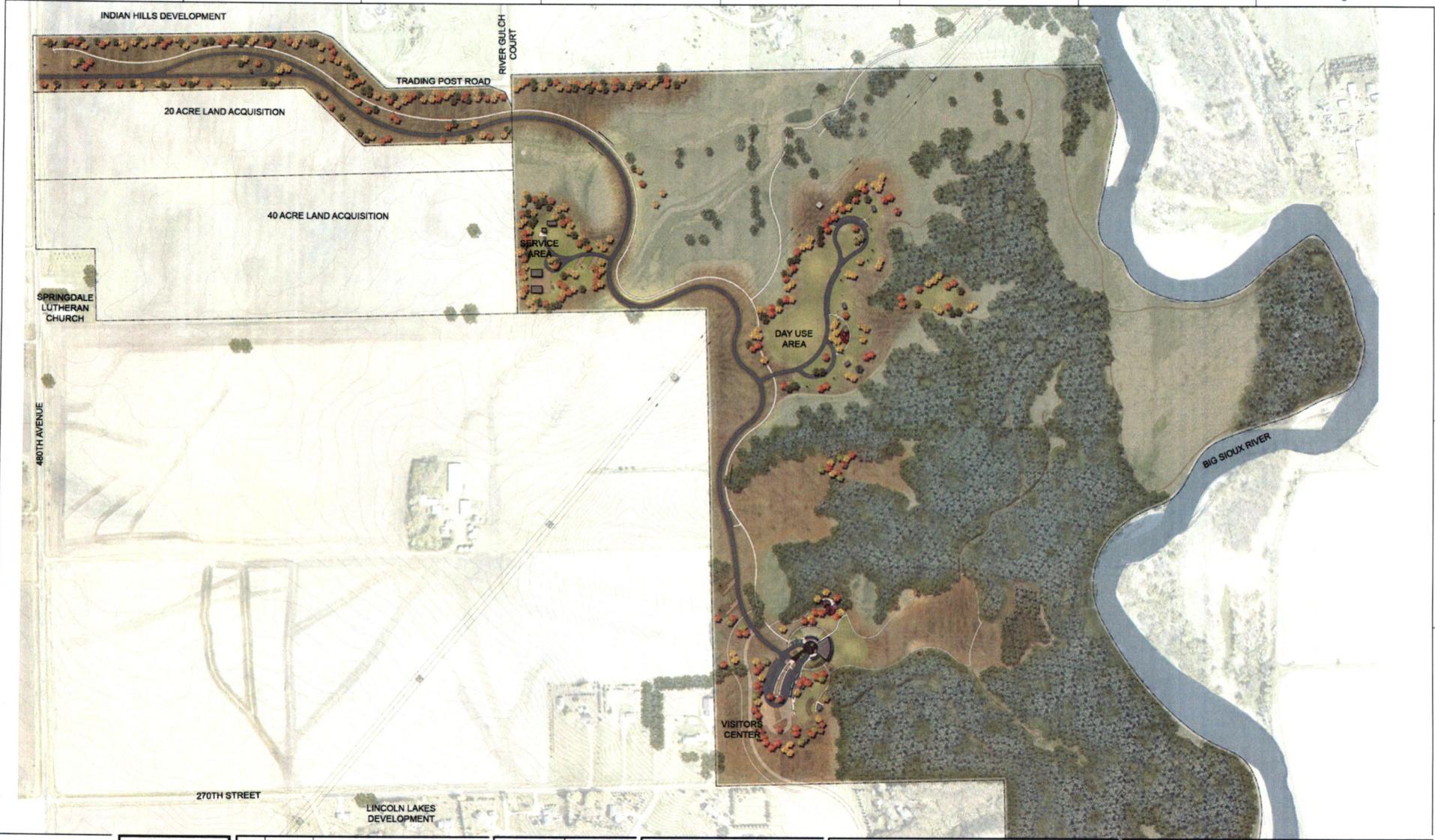
Recreation Area Cont.	Total Visitations
Shadehill	50,042
Sheps Canyon	48,183
Snake Creek	151,586
Spring Creek	138,513
Springfield	136,975
Swan Creek	23,920
Walkers Point	41,676
West Bend	37,893
West Pollock	18,321
West Whitlock	52,512
Recreation Area Totals	4,443,477

Recreation Area	Total Visitations
Angostura	193,591
Big Sioux	85,331
Burke Lake	22,899
Buryanek	36,372
Chief White Crane	101,912
Cow Creek	291,945
Farm Island	197,740
Ft. Randall Marina	20,542
Indian Creek	34,357
Lake Alvin	35,061
Lake Cochrane	24,370
Lake Hiddenwood	10,729
Lake Louise	37,025
Lake Poinsett	72,237
Lake Thompson	90,329
Lake Vermillion	130,752
Lewis & Clark	1,217,170
Little Moreau	8,198
Llewellyn Johns	3,071
Mina Lake	41,112
North Point	109,029
North Wheeler	23,314
Oahe Downstream	419,217
Okobojo Point	23,995
Pease Creek	30,874
Pelican South	28,134
Pickerel Lake	37,531
Pierson Ranch	64,534
Platte Creek	122,089
Randall Creek	56,384
Revheim Bay	21,892
Richmond Lake	57,889
Rocky Point	58,096
Sandy Shore	36,135

Nature Area	Total Visitations
Adams	29,653
Beaver Creek	22,060
LaFramboise Island	26,876
Spirit Mound	17,645
Nature Area Totals	96,234

SUMMARY OF VISITATIONS

	2012	2013	
State Park Totals	2,600,473	2,522,887	-3.1%
Recreation Area Totals	4,216,355	4,443,477	5.1%
Nature Area Totals	118,882	96,234	-23.5%
	<u>6,937,722</u>	<u>7,062,598</u>	1.8%



CONFLUENCE



HDR Engineering, Inc.

ISSUE	DATE	DESCRIPTION
12.04.2013	Owner Review Set	

PROJECT MANAGER	
PROJECT NUMBER	



Good Earth State Park
at Blood Run

Site Plan: Phase One

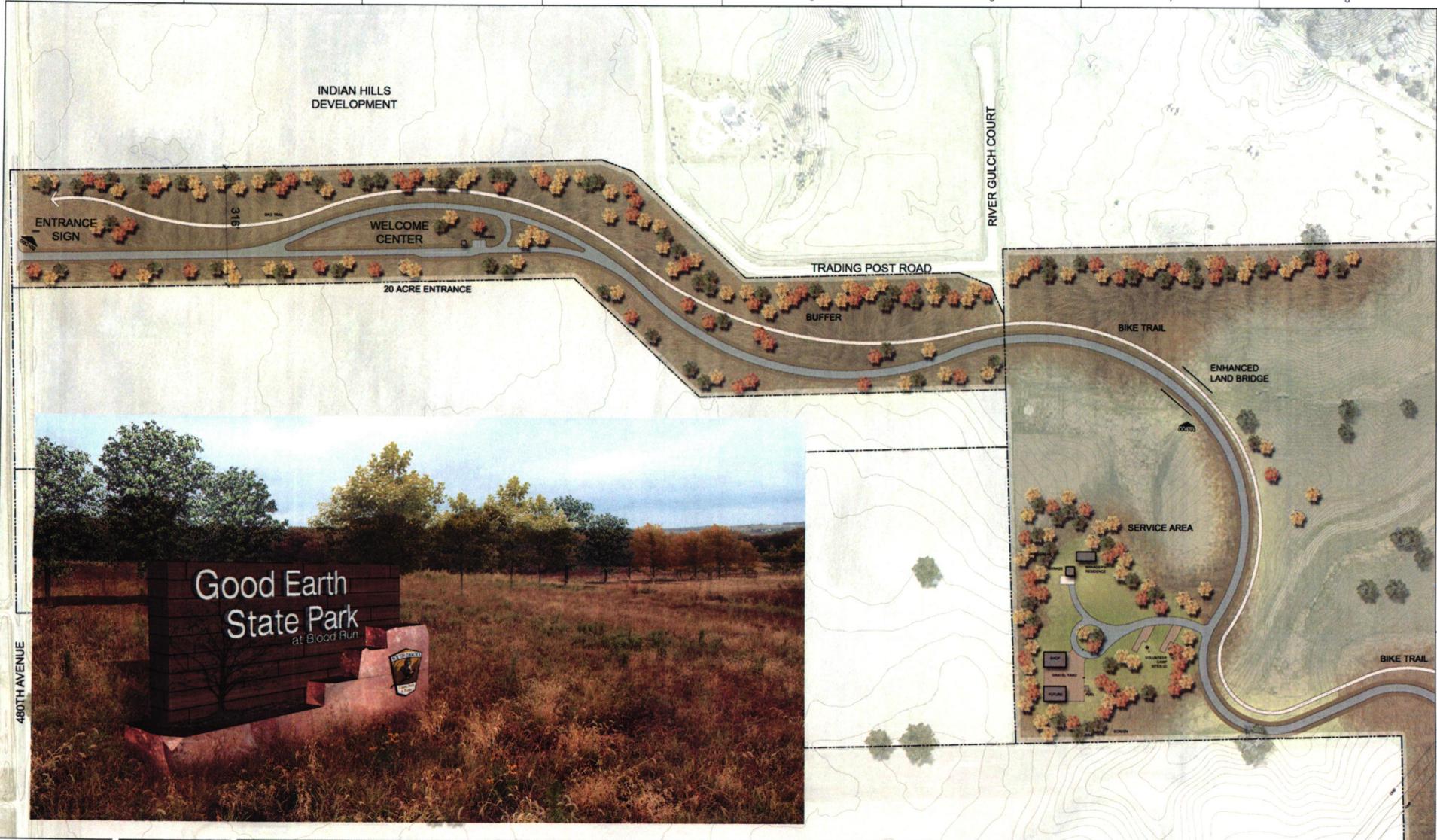


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SCALE 1"=250'



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CONFLUENCE



ISSUE	DATE	DESCRIPTION
	12.04.2013	Owner Review Set

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Good Earth State Park at Blood Run

Enlarged Plan: Entry Drive

SCALE 1"=120'

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State of South Dakota

**EIGHTY-NINTH SESSION
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2014**

400V0222

HOUSE BILL NO. _____

Introduced by: _____

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to authorize the South Dakota Building Authority to finance
2 the construction of a visitor center and associated interpretive displays at Good Earth State
3 Park at Blood Run for the Department of Game, Fish and Parks and to declare an
4 emergency.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

6 Section 1. It is in the public interest that the South Dakota Building Authority contract for
7 the construction of a visitor center and associated interpretive displays at Good Earth State Park
8 at Blood Run, including engineering and bonding services, site preparation, and construction
9 of improvements. The Building Authority may finance this project, including the issuance of
10 revenue bonds not to exceed two million dollars (\$2,000,000), in accordance with this Act and
11 chapter 5-12.

12 Section 2. No indebtedness, bond, or obligation incurred or created under authority of this
13 Act may be or may become a lien, charge, or liability against the State of South Dakota, nor
14 against the property or funds of the State of South Dakota within the meaning of the
15 Constitution or statutes of South Dakota.

16 Section 3. The Building Authority may accept and expend in addition to the amount



1 specified in section 1 of this Act for the purpose stated in the section, any funds obtained from
2 gifts, contributions, or other sources for the purpose.

3 Section 4. The design and construction of improvements shall be under the general charge
4 and supervision of the Bureau of Administration as provided in § 5-14-2. The Bureau of
5 Administration and the Department of Game, Fish and Parks shall approve vouchers and the
6 state auditor shall draw warrants to pay expenses authorized by this Act.

7 Section 5. Whereas, this Act is necessary for the support of the state government and its
8 existing public institutions, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Act shall be in
9 full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

Division of Wildlife

**GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

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IN THE MATTER OF THE PRIVATE SHOOTING PRESERVE OPERATOR PERMIT FOR JOHN CHAUNCEY d/b/a ROCK CREEK RANCH, 20913 Sundance Rd., Valentine, NE 69201.	CONSENT ORDER GFP _____

The Department of Game, Fish and Parks and John Chauncey d/b/a Rock Creek Ranch, ("Applicants"), by and through their authorized representatives, have executed a "Stipulation and Consent to the Issuance of a Consent Order" ("Stipulation and Consent") dated December 10, 2013. By this Stipulation and Consent, the terms of which are incorporated herein by this reference, the Applicants have agreed and consented to the issuance of this Consent Order by the Game, Fish and Parks Commission ("Commission").

Pursuant to the authority vested in it by the laws and administrative rules of the State of South Dakota including the Private Shooting Preserve Act, SDCL Ch. 41-10, the Commission hereby orders that:

The private shooting preserve operating permit issued to John Chauncey d/b/a Rock Creek Ranch, is hereby revoked and shall remain revoked for a period of 5 years from and after December 10, 2013, and during that period of time, he will not in any manner own, operate or participate in a private shooting preserve and he will not permit a shooting preserve to be operated on any property owned or leased by him.

The provisions of this Order are effective upon its being signed by the Commission Chair.

IT IS SO ORDERED, this _____ day of _____, 2013.

Susie Knippling, Chair
SD Game, Fish and Parks Commission

**GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE PRIVATE SHOOTING PRESERVE OPERATOR PERMIT FOR JOHN CHAUNCEY d/b/a ROCK CREEK RANCH, 20913 Sundance Rd., Valentine, NE 69201.	STIPULATION AND CONSENT TO THE ISSUANCE OF CONSENT DECREE

WHEREAS, the Department of Game, Fish and Parks ("Department") is charged with conserving and protecting wildlife, regulation of the hunting of game animals, and enforcement of the laws and administrative rules governing the operation of private shooting preserves; and

WHEREAS, John Chauncey d/b/a Rock Creek Ranch has applied for and received a private shooting preserve operating permit for the 2013-2014 preserve season; and

WHEREAS, John Chauncey has entered a guilty plea in South Dakota Federal District Court to the felony offense of Conspiracy – Lacy Act Violations, all in violation of 16 U.S.C 3372(a)(1), 3372(a)(2)(A), 3373(d)(1)(B), 18 U.S.C. 371, SDCL 41-6-20 and 41-14-32, and Rosebud Tribal Code 5-35-4(c); and John Chauncey has entered into a Plea Agreement with the State of South Dakota wherein he will enter guilty pleas to four misdemeanor counts of Unlawful Possession of Big Game Animals in violation of SDCL 41-14-32; and

WHEREAS, John Chauncey's plea agreement with the State of South Dakota requires that he enter into a separate written agreement with the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks, pursuant to terms and conditions established by the Department wherein he will not in any manner own, operate or participate in a private shooting preserve for five years; and that he will not permit a shooting preserve to be operated on his property.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the above-stated premises the Department, acting by and through its Secretary, and John Chauncey d/b/a Rock Creek Ranch, hereby stipulate to the following:

1. The Commission has jurisdiction over the parties and subject matter pursuant to Title 41 of the South Dakota Codified Laws.
2. John Chauncey d/b/a Rock Creek Ranch hereby consents and agrees to the issuance of a Consent Order by the Commission which incorporates the terms and conditions of this Stipulation.

3. John Chauncey d/b/a Rock Creek Ranch, being represented by legal counsel, has been informed of his right to a contested case hearing and a right to an appeal to the courts from any final decision of the Commission as provided by SDCL 41-10-20, and by signing this Stipulation is waiving these rights.
4. John Chauncey d/b/a Rock Creek Ranch, agrees that he will not in any manner own, operate or participate in a private shooting preserve for a period of five years from the date of this agreement and he will not permit a shooting preserve to be operated on any property owned or leased by him.
5. The Consent Order is intended to be, and shall be construed to be, a final order. The Consent Order and the Stipulation of Consent do not form and shall not be construed to form, a contract binding on the Commission, the Department, or the State of South Dakota. Notwithstanding the absence of mutuality of obligation, or of consideration, or of a contract, the Commission and/or the Department may enforce any of the commitments or obligations herein undertaken by John Chauncey d/b/a Rock Creek Ranch under his statutory authority, and not as a matter of contract law. John Chauncey d/b/a Rock Creek Ranch express and acknowledge that the Department has no intention to enter into a contract. John Chauncey d/b/a Rock Creek Ranch expressly acknowledges that no Department officer or employee has statutory or other authority to bind the State of South Dakota, the Department, the Commission or any other state agency or any officer or employee of those entities to a contract affecting the Department's or the Commission's exercise of their statutory responsibilities. The terms of the Consent Order are not subject to amendment or modification by any extraneous expression, prior agreements or arrangements, or negotiations between the parties, whether oral or written.
10. If the Commission should choose not to accept the parties' proposed Consent Order, this Stipulation and Consent shall be null and void.

FOR THE DEPARTMENT



Jeffrey R. Vonk, Secretary
SD Department of Game, Fish and Parks

Dated this 10TH day of ~~DECEMBER~~ 2013.

FOR JOHN CHAUNCEYD/B/A ROCK CREEK RANCH



John Chauncey d/b/a Rock Creek Ranch

Dated this 10th day of Nov., 2010. ²⁰¹³

South Dakota Department of Game, Fish & Parks - Wildlife Division
Land Acquisition and Disposal Report
January 2014

Action Items

Chain Lakes (Holoubek) GPA Addition

Location: Southeast Brule County

Description: 160 acre tract of grassland and wetland adjoining the Chain Lakes (Holoubek) GPA

Management Objective: Consolidate GPA holdings through purchase of an in-holding and enhance public hunting opportunities

Cost: \$160,000.00 – Acquisition will be funded through the Tony Dean's Acres NAWCA grant

Expected Closing: February 2014

Requested Commission Action: Adopt RESOLUTION 14-01 authorizing and approving the purchase the parcel

Information Items

None

Early Development Items

Moody County Property

Location: Northwest Moody County

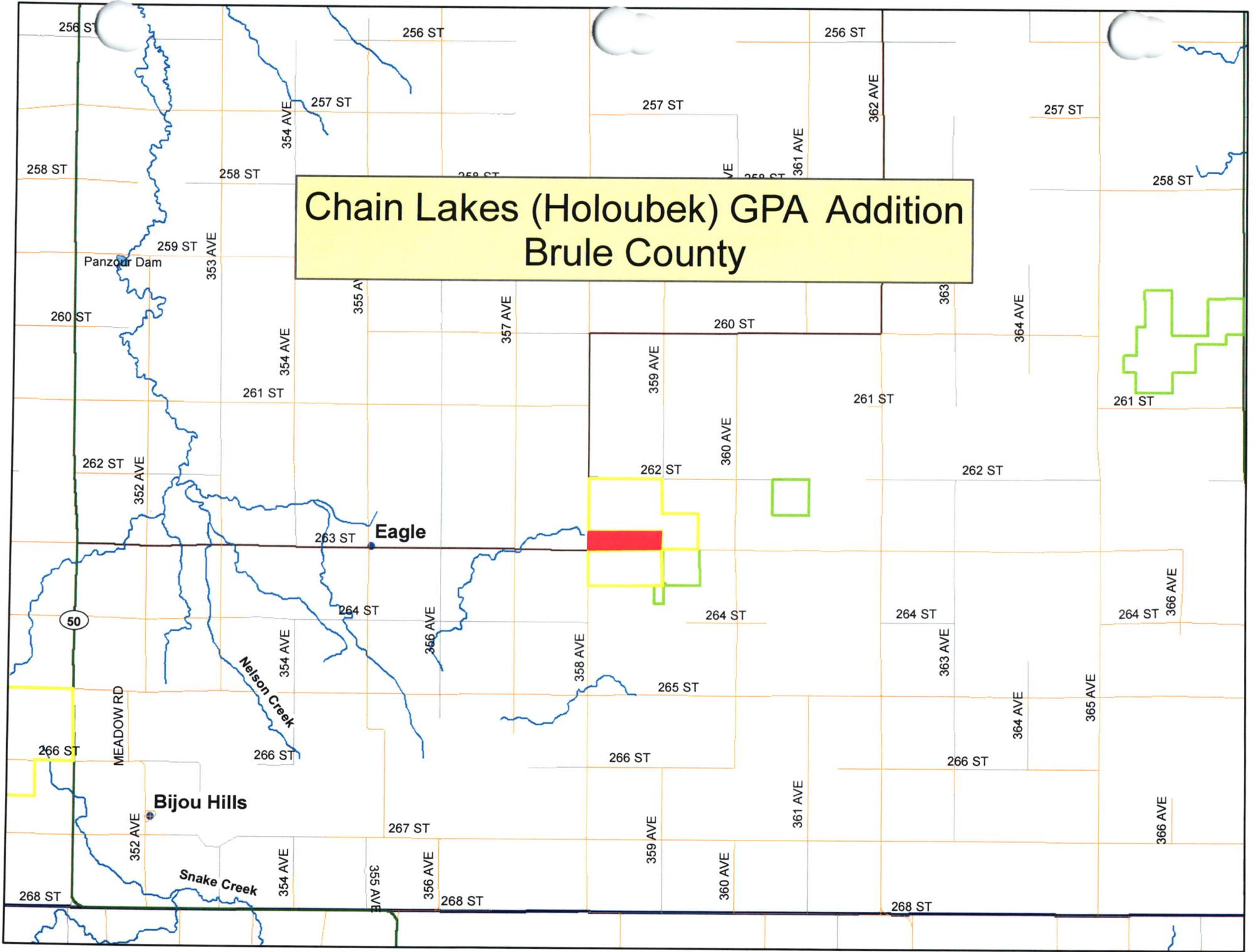
Description: 160 acre tract of restored grassland and wetland

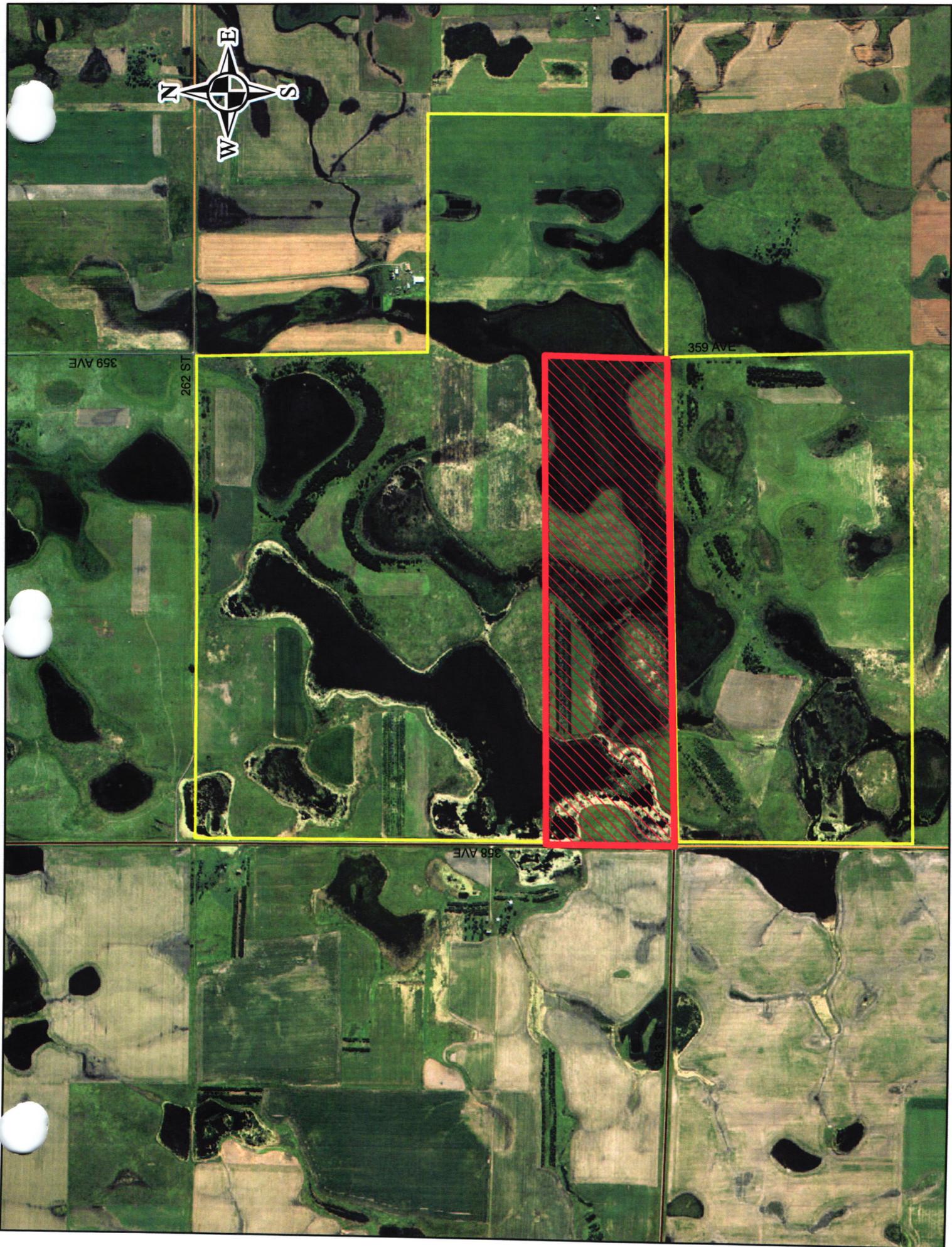
Management Objective: Wildlife management and public hunting

Cost: Property is being appraised

Expected Closing: Unknown

Chain Lakes (Holoubek) GPA Addition Brule County





North American Wetlands Conservation Act

Protecting, Restoring, and Enhancing Habitat for Migratory Birds

The North American Wetlands Conservation Act of 1989 provides matching grants to organizations and partnerships to carry out wetlands conservation projects in the United States, Canada, and Mexico.



Accomplishments

Since 1991, the North American Wetlands Conservation Act has conserved an area larger than the state of Tennessee across three countries. NAWCA grants have supported protection, restoration, and enhancement of wetlands in all 50 U.S. states, 31 Mexican states, 10 Canadian provinces, and multiple territories. More than 4,800 partners have matched grant funds two-to-one, tripling the impact on the ground.

Grant and matching funds support projects aiming to protect, restore, or enhance wetland and associated upland migratory bird habitats, benefiting priority species including waterfowl, shorebirds, waterbirds, and landbirds.



Northern Pintail is a North American Wetlands Conservation Act high priority waterfowl species. Credit: J. Kelly/USFWS

The Process

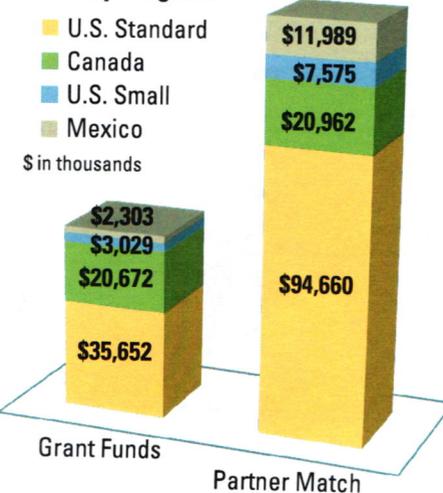
Applicants submit project proposals to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Division of Bird Habitat Conservation. Eligible proposals are presented to the North American Wetlands Conservation Council, which reviews, ranks, and recommends projects to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission for final funding approval. The Division of Bird Habitat Conservation awards and administers the approved grant projects.

Bird Habitat Impacts since 1991

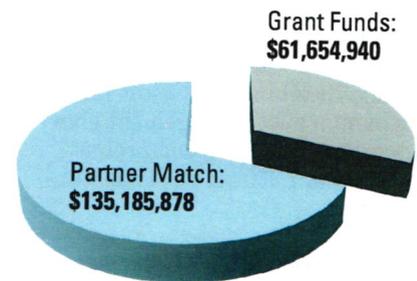
Grant Funding: \$1.2 billion
Match: \$2.6 billion
Projects: 2,305
Acres Affected: 27 million

2013 Grants

Grants by Program:



Grant and Match Totals:



Total Projects: 99

Acres to be Protected, Restored or Enhanced: 358,516



NAWCA benefits all migratory bird species, conserving key nesting, wintering, and stopover habitat. Credit: K. Adams/USFWS



The San Luis Valley, Colorado, provides migration habitat for tens of thousands of birds. A 2013 NAWCA grant will be used to protect and enhance 1,400 acres in the valley.
Credit: R. Moehring/USFWS

Migratory Bird Conservation Commission

Honorable Sally Jewell (Chair), Secretary of the Interior
Honorable Thad Cochran, Senator from Mississippi
Honorable John Dingell, Representative from Michigan
Honorable Mark Pryor, Senator from Arkansas
Honorable Robert Wittman, Representative from Virginia
Honorable Bob Perciasepe, Acting Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency
Honorable Tom Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture
A. Eric Alvarez (Secretary), Chief, Division of Realty, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

North American Wetlands Conservation Council

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Mark Elsbree (Ex Officio), The Conservation Fund
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June 2013



Project Highlights

In 2013, approved projects will invest nearly \$62 million in federal funds to 44 grantees throughout North America including:

U.S. Standard Grants Program

- \$999,504 to combat habitat degradation on 1,528 acres in the Mississippi Alluvial Valley, which supports overwintering and breeding for millions of migratory birds, including priority waterfowl species. (Foundation for Mississippi Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks)

Canada Grants Program

- \$566,518 to secure 4,390 acres of native prairie and wetland habitat to protect ducks and geese, and benefit at-risk species in the Canadian Prairie Pothole Region. (Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation)

Mexico Grants Program

- \$203,913 to conserve habitat for 88 percent of the wintering population of Pacific Brant in Baja California, implement a pilot management plan for over 200,000 acres, and protect an additional 4,950 acres. (Pronatura Northwest)

U.S. Small Grants Program

- \$75,000 to restore and enhance 24,748 acres and increase nesting cover on federally protected sites for migratory waterfowl in Minnesota. (Detroit Lakes Wetland Management District)

History

Over the past 22 years, the North American Wetlands Conservation Act has provided funds to protect and restore more than 27 million acres in the United States, Mexico, and Canada. The Act was originally passed to support activities under the North American Waterfowl Management Plan, an international agreement that provides a strategy for the long-term protection of wetland and associated upland habitats needed by waterfowl and other migratory birds. The Act has since expanded its scope to include the conservation of wetland-associated migratory birds listed in the U.S. Shorebird Conservation Plan, the North American Waterbird Conservation Plan, and the Partners In Flight Conservation Plans.

More Information

Please visit www.fws.gov/birdhabitat/grants/NAWCA/ or contact the Division of Bird Habitat Conservation, (703) 358-1784, dbhc@fws.gov.



American Black Duck is a NAWCA high priority species. Credit: P. McGowan/USFWS

2013 EHD Response

County	Licenses (tags)	Licenses (tags)	Total	Total
	Returned	Pulled	Licenses (tags) Reduced	Licenses (tags) Allocated
Bennett	111 (222)		111 (222)	594 (1188)
Corson	79 (158)		79 (158)	594 (1188)
Perkins	576 (1152)	41 (82)	617 (1234)	2015 (4030)
Sanborn		132 (132)	132 (132)	850 (850)
Todd	66 (198)	72 (216)	138 (414)	378 (1134)
Totals	832 (1730)	245 (430)	1077 (2160)	

2012 EHD Response

Totals	2624 (4354)	1061 (1273)	3685 (5627)
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