

# GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

## Prairie Elk Hunting Season

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<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>March 6-7, 2014</b>	<b>Ft. Pierre</b>
	<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>April 3, 2014</b>	<b>Oacoma</b>
	<b>Finalization</b>	<b>April 3-4, 2014</b>	<b>Oacoma</b>

**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION**

<b><u>Season Dates:</u></b>	Unit 09A	September 15 – October 31 and December 1-31, 2014
	Unit 11A	July 15 – August 31, 2014
	Unit 11B	September 1 – October 17, 2014
	Unit 11C	October 18 – December 31, 2014
	Unit 11D	September 1 – December 31, 2014
	Unit 15A	September 13 – October 31 and December 1-31, 2014
	Unit 27A	September 1 – October 31, 2014
	Unit 30A	September 1 – December 31, 2014

<b><u>Open Area:</u></b>	Unit 09A	Portions of Butte, Lawrence and Meade Counties
	Unit 11A,B,C,D	Bennett County and portions of Mellette County
	Unit 15A	Portions of Butte County
	Unit 27A	Portions of Fall River County
	Unit 30A	Portions of Gregory County

<b><u>Licenses:</u></b>	Unit 09A	20 “any elk” and 10 “antlerless elk” licenses
	Unit 11A,B,C,D	15 “any elk” and 16 “antlerless elk” licenses
	Unit 15A	10 “any elk” and 10 “antlerless elk” licenses
	Unit 27A	10 “any elk” and 0 “antlerless elk” licenses
	Unit 30A	2 “any elk” and 0 “antlerless elk” licenses

**Requirements and Restrictions:**

1. No person may possess more than one (1) elk license of any type in a year.
2. No more than two persons may submit applications together.
3. Except for landowner/operator preference applicants, no person who receives a license in the first drawing for this season shall be eligible to apply for a prairie elk license in first drawings for the next 9 years.
4. One-half of the licenses allocated in each unit are available for landowner/operator preference. One member of each qualifying landowner/operator household may apply every year.
5. Each elk harvested must be inspected by a Conservation Officer or designee within 24 hours after kill.

**Recommended changes from last year:**

1. Adjust the number of licenses available from 45 “any elk” and 51 “antlerless elk” licenses (total of 96 licenses) to 57 “any elk” and 36 “antlerless elk” licenses (total of 93 licenses).
2. Modify Unit 9 boundary as indicated on map.
3. Adjust the season dates for Unit 9 from September 15 – October 31 and December 1-15 to September 15 – October 31 and December 1-31.

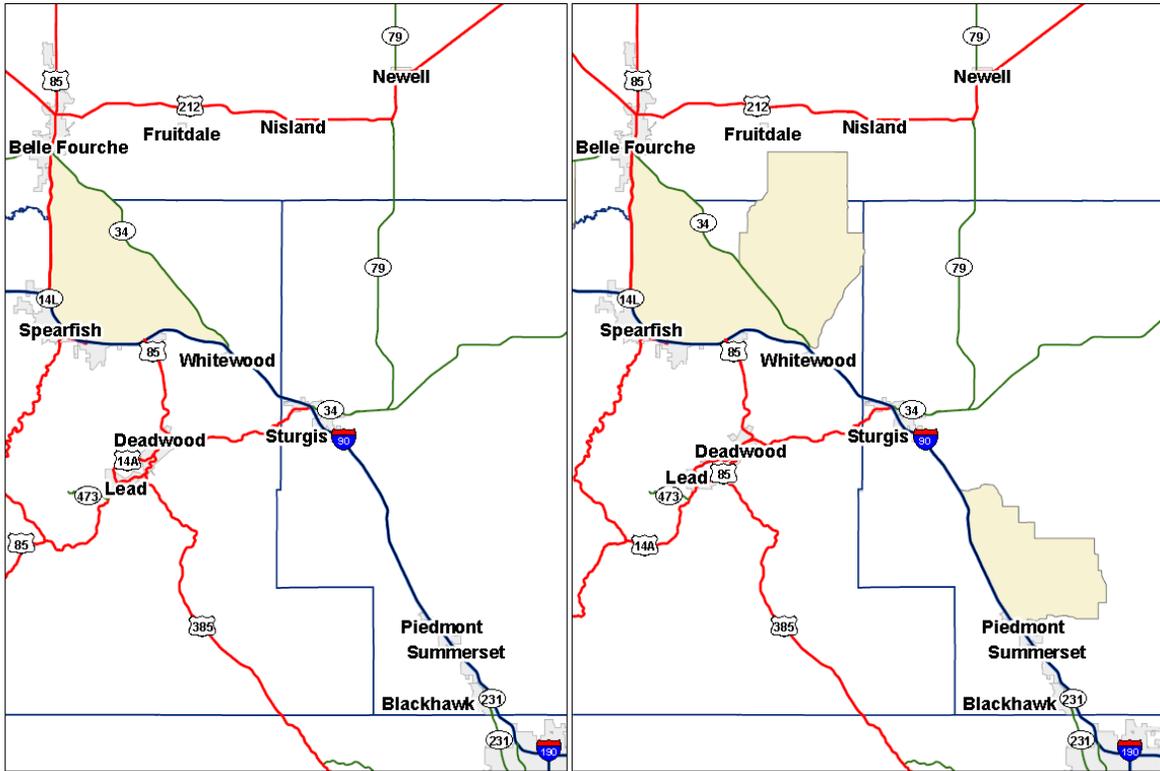
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# Prairie Elk - Unit 9A

**Current Unit**

**Proposed Unit Change**



**SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION**

Year	Licensed Hunters	Hunter Success	Bulls Harvested	Cows Harvested
2009	133	39%	26	22
2010	134	41%	24	31
2011	128	28%	19	17
2012	97	46%	24	20
2013	96	34%	18	14

2013	"Any Elk"				"Antlerless Elk"			
	Licensed Hunters	Harvest Success	Bulls Harvested	Cows Harvested	Licensed Hunters	Harvest Success	Bulls Harvested	Cows Harvested
09A	8	25%	2	0	8	25%	1	1
11A	NA	NA	NA	NA	10	40%	0	4
11B	10	70%	7	0	NA	NA	NA	NA
11C	5	0%	0	0	NA	NA	NA	NA
11D	NA	NA	NA	NA	10	33%	0	3
15A	10	50%	5	0	16	38%	0	6
27A	10	33%	3	0	5	0%	0	0
30A	2	0%	0	0	2	0%	0	0

**APPROVE** \_\_\_\_ **MODIFY** \_\_\_\_ **REJECT** \_\_\_\_ **NO ACTION** \_\_\_\_