GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL

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West River Deer Hunting Season
Chapter 41:06:20

Commission Meeting Dates:	**Proposal**	**May 1-2, 2014**	**Custer State Park**
	Public Hearing	**June 5, 2014**	**Yankton**
	Finalization	**June 5-6, 2014**	**Yankton**

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Season Dates:

Units 30A (Gregory) and 50A (Mellette):	November 1-4 and November 17-23, 2014
Units 24A (Dewey), 64A (Ziebach), 20A (Corson):	November 1-23, 2014
All Other Units:	November 15-30, 2014
Antlerless Tags Only:	December 27, 2014 – January 4, 2015

Open Area: See the attached map

Licenses: Residents: 16,990 one-tag, 1,620 two-tag, and 0 three-tag licenses
Nonresidents: 1,339 one-tag, 130 two-tag, and 0 three-tag licenses

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. 500 resident and 500 nonresident "any deer" licenses are available through the "Special Buck" application.
2. One-half of the licenses allocated in each unit are available for landowner/operator preference applicants.
3. Landowners may also purchase an "any deer" or "any deer + any antlerless deer" license that is valid only on their property as long they do not hold a regular West River deer license that allows the harvest of a buck.
4. Only persons using a wheelchair may apply for the licenses in Stanley County (Unit 58D) designated as a special "Hunters with Disabilities Unit."
5. Only unfilled "any antlerless deer" and "antlerless whitetail deer" tags are valid for 9 days beginning on the Saturday after Christmas.

Recommended changes from last year:

1. Adjust resident license numbers by increasing one-tag licenses by 13,825, decreasing two-tag licenses by 13,855 (27,710 tags), and decreasing three-tag licenses by 3,745 (11,235 tags) compared to 2013.
2. Adjust nonresident license numbers by increasing one-tag licenses by 1,107, decreasing two-tag licenses by 1,110 (2,220 tags), and decreasing three-tag licenses by 300 (900 tags) compared to 2013.
3. Eliminate 53L (limited access unit) and include with 53A (Perkins North).
4. Eliminate Unit WRD-ZZ1.
5. Eliminate Unit WSD-ZZ1.

Year	Resident "Any Deer" Tags	Resident "Antlerless Deer" Tags	Resident Total Tags
2013	17,750	27,000	45,050
2014	16,075	3,855	19,930

Any Deer Tags (-9%)
Antlerless Deer Tags (-86%)

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SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Table includes harvest data from West River Deer, West River Special Buck and West River Landowner-Own Land licenses.

Year	Licenses Sold	WT Bucks Harvested	WT Does Harvested	MD Bucks Harvested	MD Does Harvested	All Deer Harvested	Success
2009	31,390	10,319	10,036	7,224	7,281	34,862	49%
2010	31,914	11,009	11,665	5,759	5,537	33,970	49%
2011	29,895	11,139	12,301	4,456	3,901	31,797	48%
2012	25,654	8,606	8,946	3,650	2,391	23,594	47%
2013	22,838	7,000	5,632	2,729	1,567	16,927	36%

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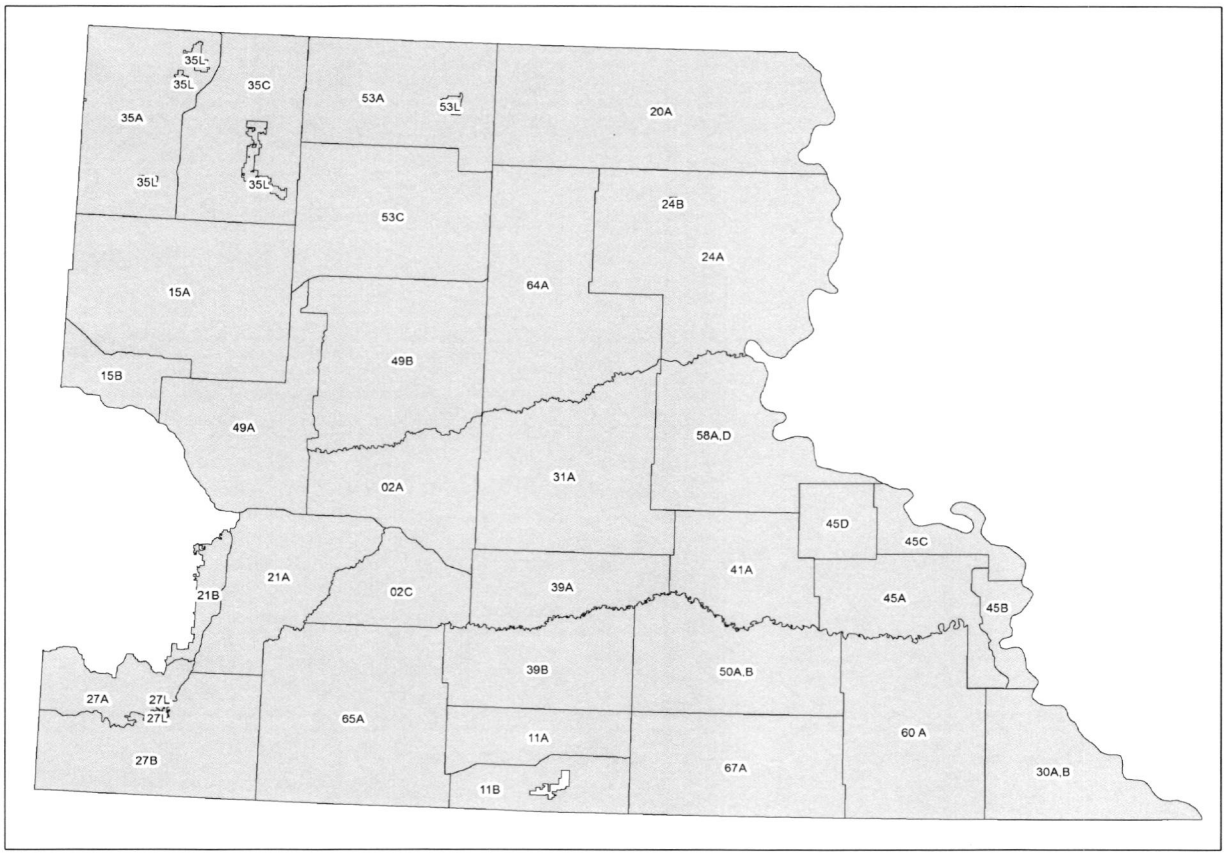
WEST RIVER DEER UNITS



West River Deer License & Tag Numbers

Unit	Resident		Nonresident		Unit	Resident		Nonresident	
	Licenses	Tags	Licenses	Tags		Licenses	Tags	Licenses	Tags
02A	700	900	56	72	**39A**	350	350	28	28
02C	150	150	12	12	**39B**	300	300	24	24
11A	250	250	20	20	**41A**	700	700	56	56
11B	200	200	16	16	**45A**	800	1,400	64	112
15A	800	1,500	64	120	**45B**	300	300	24	24
15B	750	850	60	68	**45C**	50	70	5	7
20A	400	400	32	32	**45D**	90	90	8	8
21A	350	350	28	28	**49A**	850	850	68	68
21B	100	100	8	8	**49B**	1,100	1,100	88	88
24A	450	450	36	36	**50A**	450	450	36	36
24B	20	20	2	2	**50B**	600	600	48	48
27A	100	100	8	8	**53A**	650	650	52	52
27B	400	400	32	32	**53C**	1,100	1,100	88	88
27L	15	15	2	2	~~**53L**~~	0	0	0	0
30A	800	800	64	64	**58A**	550	550	44	44
30B	800	800	64	64	**58D**	10	10	2	2
31A	900	900	72	72	**60A**	1,800	1,800	144	144
35A	300	300	24	24	**64A**	500	500	40	40
35C	300	300	24	24	**65A**	75	75	6	6
35L	100	100	8	8	**67A**	150	150	12	12

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Unit #	Unit Name	Resident Licenses												Nonresident Licenses												License Totals									
		AnyD	AtlD	AD+2AtlD	3 AtlD	AD+AtlD	2 AtlD	AnyW	AtlW	AW+2AtlW	3 AtlW	AW+AtlW	2 AtlW	AnyD	AtlD	AD+2AtlD	3 AtlD	AD+AtlD	2 AtlD	AnyW	AtlW	AW+2AtlW	3 AtlW	AW+AtlW	2 AtlW	RES	RES	RES	RES	RES	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
		01	03	06	07	08	09	11	13	16	17	18	19	01	03	06	07	08	09	11	13	16	17	18	19	1-tag	2-tag	3-tag	Licenses	Tags	1-tag	2-tag	3-tag	Lic	Tags
02A	Pennington	500										200		40										16		500	200		700	900	40	16		56	72
02C	Pennington	100						50						8						4						150			150	150	12			12	12
11A	Bennett	150						100						12						8						250			250	250	20			20	20
11B	Bennett	100						100						8						8						200			200	200	16			16	16
15A	Butte	100										550	150	8										44	12	100	700		800	1,500	8	56		64	120
15B	Butte	650											100	52											8	650	100		750	850	52	8		60	68
20A	Corson	100						300						8						24						400			400	400	32			32	32
21A	Custer	150						200						12						16						350			350	350	28			28	28
21B	Custer	100												8												100			100	100	8			8	8
24A	Dewey	100						250	100					8						20	8					450			450	450	36			36	36
24B	Little Moreau							10	10											1	1					20			20	20	2			2	2
27A	Fall River	100												8												100			100	100	8			8	8
27B	Fall River	200						200						16						16						400			400	400	32			32	32
27L	Fall River	15												2												15			15	15	2			2	2
30A	Gregory	150						600	50					12						48	4					800			800	800	64			64	64
30B	Gregory	150						600	50					12						48	4					800			800	800	64			64	64
31A	Haakon	600						150	150					48						12	12					900			900	900	72			72	72
35A	Harding	150						150						12						12						300			300	300	24			24	24
35C	Harding	50						250						4						20						300			300	300	24			24	24
35L	Harding	100												8												100			100	100	8			8	8
39A	Jackson	200						100	50					16						8	4					350			350	350	28			28	28
39B	Jackson	200						100						16						8						300			300	300	24			24	24
41A	Jones	300						250	150					24						20	12					700			700	700	56			56	56
45A	Lyman	200										450	150	16										36	12	200	600		800	1,400	16	48		64	112
45B	Lyman	50						200	50					4						16	4					300			300	300	24			24	24
45C	Lyman	30											20	3											2	30	20		50	70	3	2		5	7
45D	Lyman	30						60						3						5						90			90	90	8			8	8
49A	Meade	700						150						56						12						850			850	850	68			68	68
49B	Meade	700						400						56						32						1100			1,100	1,100	88			88	88
50A	Mellette	150						200	100					12						16	8					450			450	450	36			36	36
50B	Mellette	250						250	100					20						20	8					600			600	600	48			48	48
53A	Perkins	300						350						24						28						650			650	650	52			52	52
53C	Perkins	500						300	300					40						24	24					1100			1,100	1,100	88			88	88
53L	Perkins																																		
58A	Stanley	150						200	200					12						16	16					550			550	550	44			44	44
58D	Stanley	5	5											1	1											10			10	10	2			2	2
60A	Tripp	600						700	500					48						56	40					1800			1,800	1,800	144			144	144
64A	Ziebach	300						200						24						16						500			500	500	40			40	40
65A	Shannon	75												6												75			75	75	6			6	6
67A	Todd	150												12												150			150	150	12			12	12
	TOTAL	8,455	5					6,420	1,810			1,200	420	679	1					514	145			96	34	16,690	1,620		18,310	19,930	1,339	130		1,469	1,599
Unit #	Unit Name	AnyD	AtlD	AD+2AtlD	3 AtlD	AD+AtlD	2 AtlD	AnyW	AtlW	AW+2AtlW	3 AtlW	AW+AtlW	2 AtlW	AnyD	AtlD	AD+2AtlD	3 AtlD	AD+AtlD	2 AtlD	AnyW	AtlW	AW+2AtlW	3 AtlW	AW+AtlW	2 AtlW	RES	RES	RES	RES	RES	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
		01	03	06	07	08	09	11	13	16	17	18	19	01	03	06	07	08	09	11	13	16	17	18	19	1-tag	2-tag	3-tag	Licenses	Tags	1-tag	2-tag	3-tag	Lic	Tags
																								RES & NR:		**18,029**	**1,750**		**19,779**	**21,529**					

WEST RIVER DEER
2013--2014 Comparison

Unit #	Unit Name	2013 Resident Licenses	2014 Resident Licenses	# Change	% Change	2013 Resident Tags	2014 Resident Tags	# Change	% Change
02A	Pennington	900	700	-200	-22%	1,800	900	-900	-50%
02C	Pennington	250	150	-100	-40%	250	150	-100	-40%
11A	Bennett	300	250	-50	-17%	600	250	-350	-58%
11B	Bennett	250	200	-50	-20%	500	200	-300	-60%
15A	Butte	950	800	-150	-16%	1,800	1,500	-300	-17%
15B	Butte	900	750	-150	-17%	1,800	850	-950	-53%
20A	Corson	550	400	-150	-27%	1,100	400	-700	-64%
21A	Custer	350	350	0	0%	350	350	0	0%
21B	Custer	100	100	0	0%	100	100	0	0%
24A	Dewey	500	450	-50	-10%	1,000	450	-550	-55%
24B	Little Moreau	20	20	0	0%	40	20	-20	-50%
27A	Fall River	150	100	-50	-33%	150	100	-50	-33%
27B	Fall River	750	400	-350	-47%	1,300	400	-900	-69%
27L	Fall River	15	15	0	0%	15	15	0	0%
30A	Gregory	1,150	800	-350	-30%	2,500	800	-1,700	-68%
30B	Gregory	1,150	800	-350	-30%	2,500	800	-1,700	-68%
31A	Haakon	850	900	50	6%	1,700	900	-800	-47%
35A	Harding	350	300	-50	-14%	500	300	-200	-40%
35C	Harding	400	300	-100	-25%	700	300	-400	-57%
35L	Harding	100	100	0	0%	100	100	0	0%
39A	Jackson	350	350	0	0%	500	350	-150	-30%
39B	Jackson	450	300	-150	-33%	900	300	-600	-67%
41A	Jones	700	700	0	0%	1,650	700	-950	-58%
45A	Lyman	800	800	0	0%	2,100	1,400	-700	-33%
45B	Lyman	325	300	-25	-8%	875	300	-575	-66%
45C	Lyman	50	50	0	0%	120	70	-50	-42%
45D	Lyman	100	90	-10	-10%	160	90	-70	-44%
49A	Meade	900	850	-50	-6%	1,800	850	-950	-53%
49B	Meade	1,500	1,100	-400	-27%	3,000	1,100	-1,900	-63%
50A	Mellette	500	450	-50	-10%	1,350	450	-900	-67%
50B	Mellette	800	600	-200	-25%	2,050	600	-1,450	-71%
53A	Perkins	850	650	-200	-24%	1,700	650	-1,050	-62%
53C	Perkins	1,000	1,100	100	10%	2,000	1,100	-900	-45%
53L	Perkins	15	0	-15	-100%	30	0	-30	-100%
58A	Stanley	650	550	-100	-15%	900	550	-350	-39%
58D	Stanley	10	10	0	0%	10	10	0	0%
60A	Tripp	2,000	1,800	-200	-10%	4,600	1,800	-2,800	-61%
64A	Ziebach	650	500	-150	-23%	1,300	500	-800	-62%
65A	Shannon	100	75	-25	-25%	150	75	-75	-50%
67A	Todd	350	150	-200	-57%	1,050	150	-900	-86%
	TOTAL	**22,085**	**18,310**	**-3,775**	**-17%**	**45,050**	**19,930**	**-25,120**	**-56%**

Note: An additional 8% of the number of licenses will be available to nonresidents.