

Ascher, Debra

Subject: FW: West River Deer Season Dates for Corson County

From: Austin F [<mailto:afalkingham@adamsthermal.com>]
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2015 8:56 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: West River Deer Season Dates for Corson County

Hello,

I would like to comment on the proposed change of 2015 deer season dates for Corson county. For the past many years, Corson county has always opened two weeks before the regular west river deer season. As you may know, there isn't much in Corson county for lodging, and as such, we have to get our lodging booked many months in advance. We have been accustomed to booking our lodging as soon as the GF&P posts the tentative west river deer season dates on their website, assuming that the Corson dates will remain the same as they have in the past. I would understand and be okay with changing the dates for Corson if we were given more advance notice, but announcing that change this late in the year will be very difficult for us to deal with, and I would imagine there are multiple others in our same situation.

I would also ask to help understand the reason for the season to be changed for Corson county. I always understood that the reason the season opened a few weeks earlier, was to give the state hunters an opportunity to hunt before the tribal hunters harvested all of the deer. As I'm sure you are aware, the tribal season typically opens early October for tribal hunters and mid-October for non-member tribal hunters. Moving the Corson dates back by two weeks will put us state hunters at a disadvantage as the deer will have already been hunted for over a month by the time we are allowed to start hunting.

Please take these comments into consideration when setting the West River Deer season dates at your June meeting.

Regards,

Austin Falkingham
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Tea, SD 57064
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Ascher, Debra

Subject: FW: 2015 Black Hills deer seasons.

From: grntjones@aol.com [<mailto:grntjones@aol.com>]

Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2015 10:29 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: 2015 Black Hills deer seasons.

The deer population has exploded!!

I've spent a lot of time Turkey hunting from Deadwood to South of Custer. From I90 to the Wyoming border.

We saw multiple herds of Deer every mile, even during the day. both Mule and whitetail.

And the fawns haven't even dropped, yet!! With an early spring and an abundance of green grass, there will be a huge population of fawns.

The herd could almost double, which will be a problem next winter.

I urge you to increase the number of firearm Licenses for residents even more that you already have., especially for antlerless deer both Whitetail and Mule. We need to reduce the antlerless deer population.

I was unable to determine what you have done with Black Hills Muzzle loader, but again, you should issue many, many more resident, any deer license tags and increase the length of the season.

Again....please issue many more any deer resident licenses and antlerless resident licenses for firearms and Muzzle loaders.

And for Pete's sake, reduce the cost of non-resident deer bow license!!!

It should be reduced to be only about double that of a resident archery license. We are losing hunters and revenue to other states.

I guarantee that will get more archery revenue than we're getting now, and we won't be tagging that many more deer. Plus all of the incidental revenue that we'll get with having more hunters.

Having our non resident archery tag being the same cost as a non resident firearm tag is an embarrassment!

The Turkey Population? Bleak. And we have lost most of the first hatch eggs due to the cold and snow.

We're hoping for a decent second hatch. There are some jakes around, but there is are very few mature toms.

Thanks, Grant Jones

11838 Hardscrabble, Deadwood, SD 57732

Ascher, Debra

From: Joshua DeLaRosa <sanchez7182@email.phoenix.edu>
Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2015 11:37 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Against change

Hello,

I am a concerned hunter for Ziebach county. This is because if you change this date, the tribe will still stay the same and the deer may be scattered by the time state licenses are valid. This would cause me not to be a participant of west river deer season. Thanks for hearing me out.

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From: Steve <snanderson13@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2015 9:53 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Deer proposal comments

I don't agree that reducing tags in all of west river is a good idea. We need to manage the does in 2A. Lots of young deer and no shortage of bucks. Wet springs that last 2 years and mild winters kept a lot of deer alive. My suggestion is maintain or increase the number slightly.

Thank you.

Steven Anderson
Rapid City, South Dakota

Sent from my iPhone

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Subject: FW: Deer proposal comments

From: mmgebes@gwtc.net [<mailto:mmgebes@gwtc.net>]

Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2015 9:27 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: Deer proposal comments

I am sorry to hear that you are considering removing the nine day antlerless season. I have 3 to 4 friends that do a New Year Day hunt with me for several years. I know of several others hunters that use this time to gain access to hunting areas that are paid buck hunting. Since the buck season is over landowners open these areas to antlerless hunters to reduce the doe numbers on their property. The property that we hunt has around a hundred antlerless deer on it after the any deer season. I feel that you would be doing a real disservice to your resident hunters by removing this season. You have already removed the conversion of the any deer tag and the double antlerless tags from this season. This is a season that we enjoy to hunt for meat and do not have to be in compete with out of state buck hunters.

Michael Gebes
PO Box 781
Philip, SD 57567

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Subject: FW: Deer proposal comments

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

From: ronald waterfall [<mailto:mr02son@hotmail.com>]

Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2015 6:50 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: Deer proposal comments

I am in favor of the proposed changes. I have confidence in our management and I am sure they have made a recommendation based on facts. Thank you for all your hard work.

Ron waterfall, milbank,SD

Ascher, Debra

From: Miranda Blumhardt <mirranda.blumhardt@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2015 6:48 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Deer proposal comments

I believe that you should not get rid of the nine day antlerless season because that gives us hunters extra time to hunt if we didn't fill our tags during the first three weeks. As I used to live out of town from where I go hunting at I was only able to hunt one weekend out of the three and then I would come home again for this second season. Please consider in keeping this nine day season!

Thanks Miranda Blumhardt
Aberdeen SD

Ascher, Debra

From: Chad Feistner <chadfeistner@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2015 10:25 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Deer proposal comments

Dear SDGFP,

I hope you will not remove the 9 day deer extension season. I live in Minnesota (I grew up in the Wessington Springs area), and it's just simply nice to have that second season available to help in case one doesn't get a deer during the first half of the season and also if one has scheduling conflicts. To take away the nine day extension would be unfortunate for all those who hunt deer in South Dakota. Thank you for your consideration.

Chad Feistner
Mankato, MN

Ascher, Debra

From: John Morris <john.morris@morris-inc.com>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2015 10:00 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Deer proposal comments

John Morris
Pierre, SD

I would like to comment on the removal of the 9 day antlerless season. I realize that there may be a reason for doing this that is related to such things as deer management or other reasons that I am not aware of or that are outside of my area of expertise. However, I would like to make a few comments why I see this has a great reason to keep in place. First, this additional season has allowed me time to take a first time adult deer hunter out to fill an antlerless tag the past 2 years because there is more access to private land that isn't accessible during the normal season. Second, during this additional season I have allowed hunters to hunt our private land that normally wouldn't have access to land during the normal season. I don't own a lot of land but the additional season allows hunters who are looking to only fill an antlerless tag to have access to land that was being hunted by others trying to fill buck tags. The additional antlerless season allows so many people who are just trying to put meat in their freezer an opportunity to do so that they normally can't do due to access of private land.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my comments. Once again, I don't know all of the details for eliminating the season and I will support a decision made either way but I feel it essential for the Department to also know the benefits of the additional season from a hunters point of view.

Thanks, John

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Ascher, Debra

From: Lees, Michael
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2015 10:05 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Deer proposal comments

In regard to the Commission's proposal to remove the nine day antlerless season for both East and West River deer hunting seasons.

I oppose this change. I generally hunt East and/or West River deer about 2 days/year during the post-Christmas antlerless season. In ~ 10 years of hunting the late antlerless season, I don't think I've ever harvested a deer during this time, largely because the deer don't move around nearly as much that late in the year; but I've thoroughly enjoyed getting out and hunting after the busyness of the pre-holiday season. If too many antlerless deer are being harvested, I'd prefer to have fewer antlerless tags available than to remove the 9-day antlerless extension season.

Sincerely,

Mike Lees
Pierre, SD

Ascher, Debra

From: Jon Heck <jheck.goldeng@midconetwork.com >
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2015 10:44 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Deer proposal comments

I am writing to oppose the elimination of the 9-day antlerless deer seasons for east and west river. This season has given myself and my two sons the opportunity to hunt private ground that we do not have access to during the regular season. The timing of this season fits well for college and high school students to hunt over their semester break with family. The landowners have always been glad to have us come out and harvest whitetail does off their property during this hunt, and I believe that it is a good tool to help control the deer population. Personally, hunting during this extended season is always more enjoyable as the hunting pressure is far less, and it gives me the opportunity to collect some venison that I can enjoy until the next season.

I would urge the commission to keep this extended season in place.

Jon D. Heck
Sioux Falls, SD

Ascher, Debra

From: trelectric.com, dean.eimers
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2015 9:02 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Deer proposal comments

I am in full favor of eliminating the 9 day antlerless deer season. Thanks.

Dean Eimers
Madison, SD
270-1952

Ascher, Debra

From: Gregg J Simon <mr45110@abe.midco.net>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2015 9:34 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Deer proposal comments

I would ask the commission to please consider continuing the after Christmas antlerless season. Having hunted in the Mobridge area since 1971 the quality of the hunting experience during the regular east and west river seasons has declined significantly because of the number of hunters in the field. I like to "spot & stalk" then plan my hunt based on the patterns that the deer establish. The increased number of hunters traveling in the area that I get permission to hunt on totally destroys any patterns that the deer may develop. Prior to the antlerless season I typically go out ahead of this season and am able to determine those patterns because of the lack of hunters. Additionally, the antlerless season also provide me with the addition recreational/hunting opportunity that I enjoy.

Thank you,
Gregg J Simon
Mobridge, SD
845.2576

Ascher, Debra

From: Bruzelius, Kevin
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2015 8:42 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Deer proposal comments

Kevin Bruzelius
825 S Grant
Pierre, SD 57501
Hughes Co

Dear Sirs,

I would like to comment on the additional 9 days doe hunting;

I would be in favor of continuing this excellent/beneficial additional hunting season for at least two reasons. Busy schedules/everyday living is very sporadic and hectic and the additional time helps to get deer tags filled. The other reason is the weather doesn't always cooperate with the first season, recently we had a 90 mile an hour wind that blew snow into all the tree belts and virtually shut down the deer moving, it was a very hard time to hunt, and without the additional time frame, the freezer would have been empty. I have younger hunters as well and it gives more opportunities to get out there with them as well.

I would be in favor of keeping this additional deer hunting time, and appreciate all you guys do to keep our hunting privileges alive and well. Thank You!

Kevin

Bruzelius (kevin.bruzelius@state.sd.us) 605-224-6369

Ascher, Debra

From: Steve Halverson <halverson@pie.midco.net>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2015 7:55 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Deer proposal comments

Dear Commission members,

I am opposed to eliminating the nine day antlerless season west river. I have found this to be a very good tool for deer herd management. I allow many friends, neighbors and youth hunters to harvest deer during this time frame. If this season were eliminated, these hunters would not be given an opportunity to put meat in their freezer as I cannot accommodate them during the regular(buck) season.

I urge you to continue this important deer management season.

Thank you,

Steve Halverson
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Pierre SD 57501
605-222-0270

Ascher, Debra

From: Richard Beuttell <beuttellr@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2015 8:59 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Deer proposal comments

I agree with the decision to restrict antlerless harvest. Having hunted VA, FL & AL more extensively than SD, my feeling has always been that game officials tell hunters to shoot does but they HARDLY EVER tell us to stop. As land owners, we have self regulated in VA (Franklin Co.), where I have hunting land, we lost probably 80% of our herd 3 years ago to blue tongue. We have restricted our harvest accordingly and have only taken 2 bucks and NO does since that time. The population has been rebounding and I expect may be back to previous densities in another 2 seasons. It will take several seasons for your restrictions to work.

When hunting my wife's family farm in Gregory Co., SD, I see as many bucks as does however it has been 3 years since I have seen a mule deer antlered or antlerless.

Richard Beuttell
4429 16th St.
Vero Beach, Fl. 32966

Sent from my iPad

Ascher, Debra

From: Troy Gilman <trooperhailey@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2015 12:24 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Deer proposal comments

Hello my fellow gfp officers,

I am writing about the proposal of cutting the nine days off after Christmas. I know you are trying to save man hours and decrease money spent on those days but as a concerned hunter those days are the only days I am able to go deer hunting. The reason I cannot go during the regular season is because I work at the post office here in Sioux Falls. During the busy season of course, when there are a lot of people having the day off I have to sacrifice giving up the things I like to do in order to get the mail to our customers. I would appreciate it if you would not get rid of those days so I can enjoy time with my wife and kids doing what we enjoy most. Thank you for considering not cutting the days.

Sincerely,
Troy Gilman

Sent from my iPad

Ascher, Debra

From: David Meyer <davidam605@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2015 8:32 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Deer proposal comments

David Meyer
170 North St. East
Monroe SD

If this helps increase the deer numbers. I'm all for limiting this season.

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From: Randy Routier <huntsd@sdplains.com>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2015 7:51 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Deer proposal comments

I would strongly suggest you end the antlerless deer season in January. The deer do not need the extra pressure and we need to recoup some numbers to the herd. Thank you for your consideration.
Randy Routier Buffalo South Dakota

Ascher, Debra

From: Dick Pearson <pearsondp@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2015 6:46 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Deer proposal comments

I'm a landowner in Day County and support stopping the late season.
Richard Pearson
Webster,SD

Ascher, Debra

From: Bill Menne <billmenne@ymail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2015 7:18 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Deer proposal comments

I do not understand why you would remove the antlerless season?
I travel throughout the state and see many deer in a daze time and many car deer kills.
I would agree only if the state made it that all residents are guaranteed a deer tags for east and west river seasons.
I came from Mn and WI and all residents get a buck tag and non residents apply! or they
get a tag at an up charge cost.

William Menne
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Doland SD 57436

Ascher, Debra

From: Tom Hoffman <tomandeva@goldenwest.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2015 9:03 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Deer proposal comments

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the GFP's proposed changes to the West River Deer Hunting Seasons. For several years now, I have been successful in drawing and filling a two-tag license for Unit 15A. There has been a few years where I took advantage of the extended antlerless deer hunting season after Christmas, primarily because I had to cut my hunt short and was not able to fill both tags during the general hunt. I love hunting white-tails and have long ago decided that they are by far the best red meat available. Hence, I strive to fill both tags.

If the antlerless season after Christmas was eliminated, I doubt that it would reduce the harvest, since many hunters like myself would make every effort to fill his/her two-deer tag during the general season. The number of hunter-days might not change. There could be more effort during the general season to get that extra tag filled. Eliminating the antlerless season might save some early-shed bucks, which I have harvested during this season.

Question: Why did this issue surface in the first place? I try to follow the GFP efforts in managing our deer herds, and I was under the impression that the West River population was starting an upward swing. What data has been presented to the Commission for them to even consider this?? If it is an issue of saving mature bucks, I would like to see the data that shows that early-shed bucks are being taken in excess.

I regret that the press release did not share more information and that the GFP does not share more biological information with the public. I have found that they are not very transparent in these areas. However, I do want to express my opinion that the GFP is doing a fine job in managing our deer populations.

I can not support this proposal without seeing more data.

Again, thank you for allowing me to comment.

Sincerely,

Thomas Hoffman
Hot Springs, SD

Ascher, Debra

From: Richard Coykendall <taglimitod@live.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2015 8:59 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Deer Proposal

Hi, my name is Richard Coykendall, I have been hunting West River for several years. I think changing dates and shortening the season is not a good idea, my son and I hunt Corson County and also hunt the Standing Rock for about 12yrs. I think it could be devastating to the economy, it is already hard enough finding a place to stay and now it would take a whole week away from your small motels and restaurants. As a small business owner of sporting good store, I know how bad that could be. For us, we would have to cancel our reservations because we might not be able to hunt Corson County this year with the change proposal. Thanks for letting us have some input, Rich

Thank you,

Rich Coykendall
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Ascher, Debra

From: Travis Halsey <smiley350cc@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2015 7:38 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Deer proposal comments

To whom it may concern,

I do not see any benefit in eliminating the 9 day antlerless portion of the East River Deer Season. I also feel that with the slight increase in tags given that also it should go back to any unfilled "any deer" tags being converted into "any antlerless" tags for the 9 day antlerless deer season. The reason for this is an overpopulation of deer that are constantly being hit by cars. I know many hunters who receive an "any deer" tag that try the entire regular season to fill with a buck, and would still use their tag on a doe if it would convert to an "any antlerless" tag for the 9 day antlerless season. Thank you for hearing my commits.

-Travis Halsey
Huron, SD

Ascher, Debra

Subject: FW: Don't change the season dates for ziebach, corson, and Dewey counties

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

From: Jarrett Perry [<mailto:perry.jarrett9@gmail.com>]

Sent: Friday, May 22, 2015 7:35 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: Don't change the season dates for ziebach, corson, and Dewey counties

If the dates are change to November 14th rather than it being the same as it always has been November 1st. We who own deeded land in those counties would have to hunt 13 days after tribal season starts. The people who hunt in those counties should have the same opportunity to harvest a great deer as the tribal member. A game warden can not be in every spot at once to stop tribal members from hunting deeded land but The people that hunt the land can make sure that no tribal member is on their land. That is why it was great to have the tribal season and the state season at the same time is because we were all equal and we can make sure that tribal members stay on tribal land. If the dates where change you would see a decrease in tags being sold in those counties because we would know that the tribal members had the first opportunity at great bucks. Please give us the same opportunity as the tribal members to harvest a great deer this season and many season after

Sent from my iPhone

From: Jarrett Perry [<mailto:perry.jarrett9@gmail.com>]

Sent: Friday, May 22, 2015 7:35 PM

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From: Jarrett Perry <perry.jarrett9@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2015 12:43 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Don't change the season dates

First I want to say thank you about thinking about get rid of the late deer season for does it is not smart to shoot does that late when they possibly could be pregnant. Changing the dates for ziebach corson and Dewey county is not a smart decision. If these dates were changed then we would have to hunt 14 days after the tribal season. That is not fair for the people that have to hunt deeded land. We should have the same chance to harvest a good buck as the tribal members.

Luther perry rapid city sd

Sent from my iPhone

Ascher, Debra

From: Kevin Hansen <kevjhans@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2015 7:05 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: East and West River Deer Season Changes

I think it is a great idea to do away with the 9 day antlerless deer seasons in both the East and West River units. Please proceed with these plans to do so.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Kevin J. Hansen
17104 375th Ave.
Zell, SD 57469

Ascher, Debra

From: Gary Colbath <Gary_Colbath@fd.org>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2015 10:06 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: East/West River Deer

Commissioners,

My name is Gary G. Colbath, I live in Rapid City, SD. I am an avid outdoorsman and have hunted our great state for the last 30+ years. I spend dozens of days a year in the field across the state bow and gun hunting big game. I am on the Board of Directors for several sportsman and conservation groups including SD Bowhunters Inc. Please follow through with recommendation to eliminate the 9 day antlerless season statewide. Our herd is way down as you know and the deer need time to recover. There will be little to no impact on those who need to harvest a deer by eliminating this portion of the season but it may keep many adult does alive for another year to help rebuild our herd.

Thank You for your efforts and service.

Gary

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From: Miller, LouAnn
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2015 9:46 AM
To: Kiel, Emily
Subject: FW: Deer proposal comments

From: Charles Brewer [<mailto:brewerhorses@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2015 9:19 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Deer proposal comments

Please consider keeping the antlerless season open for counties with abundant deer populations. I feel Hand county has a very good deer population, at least in our area, and would like to see the season still available.

Thank you
Charles Brewer
Wessington, SD

Sent from Windows Mail

Ascher, Debra

From: Miller, LouAnn
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2015 10:18 AM
To: Kiel, Emily
Subject: FW: Deer proposal comments

From: Saeger, Glenn - DOT [<mailto:Glenn.Saeger@dot.wi.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2015 9:55 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Deer proposal comments

Can you delay the date change till next year.

We are from out of state and have to put in for vacation in January, by you moving the date from what it has been in the past messes up our vacation.

Don't change hunting dates midyear. Set them up for next year.

Not all of us are retired, we are the working class and we have to schedule our time off and they don't allow us to change them.

Thanks for letting me comment.
Been hunting South Dakota west river deer for over 30 years, we love it.
We also enjoy the people we meet.

Glenn Saeger

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"The road to success is always under construction."
-Lily Tomlin

Ascher, Debra

From: Miller, LouAnn
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2015 2:09 PM
To: Kiel, Emily
Subject: FW: Deer proposal comments

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

From: Bigbuck [<mailto:bigbuck@santel.net>]
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2015 1:16 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Deer proposal comments

I approve both of these new changes. Especially the removal of the antlerless 9 days. The deer have already been stressed and pressured enough. It also removes the possibility of bucks being taken illegally.

rick boettcher, rph
parkston, sd

Ascher, Debra

From: Miller, LouAnn
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2015 1:50 PM
To: Kiel, Emily
Subject: FW: Deer proposal comments

From: fred septka [<mailto:fredelandiii@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2015 1:20 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Deer proposal comments

To whom it may concern:

I do not think the season should be changed. If it is, public lands should not be affected (At least not the Mirror Lake unit.). I live in Spearfish. I hunt the unit Mirror Lake is located in. Unfortunately, when I log on the GFAP website I cant view the unit because deer tags are unavailable. I hunt the Mirror Lake unit because it is close to me. I have asked many ranchers in this unit if I can hunt on their land, but I have always been told no. There are ranchers I haven't asked but I am discouraged. Ask enough times and get told no, you become discouraged and stop asking. (Probably so that the rancher can get his check from the government for crop damage caused by deer). Mirror Lake is a very small area and it is the only public land in this unit. So I am competing with a number of hunters to hunt this area. Numerous times I go out there to hunt and it is over crowded so I leave. Sometimes I go out there to hunt, I get there before sun up, just to have someone walk in front of me after the sun comes up. No point sitting there now because all of the deer have been scared of because someone is out there walking around about the time the deer start moving. When January comes around and it is cold, there are not many hunters out there. That is when I get my deer. I put in for an any deer tag for this unit. It becomes a Doe tag in January. I do not hunt horns. I will shoot the first thing that comes along because I hunt meat. If you take away the nine days in January, I will not get my deer. I understand why you are trying to keep the deer at an optimal level. However, from my experience, there not many hunters in this unit in January because it is cold. The ones that are, want and hunt meat. Please don't take away these days in January. If you do take away the nine days after Christmas, do not apply it to all areas. However, I also wonder, If the unit Mirror Lake is located in does allow the nine day season and other units do not, will the number of hunters increase in Mirror Lake

Thank you,

Fred Eland Septka III

Ascher, Debra

From: Miller, LouAnn
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2015 11:04 AM
To: Kiel, Emily
Subject: FW: Deer proposal comments

From: Scott Madsen [<mailto:aptcaberdeen@gmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2015 10:59 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Deer proposal comments

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I would like to offer my comments concerning your proposal to discontinue the nine day antlerless season for East and West river deer hunting seasons.

My oldest of five children participated in her first mentored deer hunt last fall. The weather was unseasonable warm well into November so we avoided the early youth season and never hit the field until the opening weekend of 'regular' East River deer season. I spent the first two weekends mentoring her in harvesting her first deer. I was then left with only the last weekend of regular season to try to fill my 5 tags consisting of one any deer and four antlerless only tags. While I was successful in filling two of those tags, had it not been for the 'doe only' season, I would not have been able to fill my remaining three doe tags.

My family has always relied on deer meat as a staple in our diet. Without the opportunity to fill those last three tags, my family would already be running low on meat for the year. From an economic standpoint, those extra 'doe only' hunting days have been instrumental in helping me to put meat on my family's dinner table.

From a sporting viewpoint, I would like to continue to mentor my children as they come of hunting age and help them to love and grow in the sport of hunting. Doing this takes a considerable time commitment from a father (or other guardian). I find that I have little time for my own hunting until late in the year when my children have had the opportunity to get out in the field. While the early youth and mentor seasons are intended to solve this predicament, it does not always pan out that way. If temperatures are too warm during those pre-season periods, I elect to wait for cooler temperatures when I know my game can be preserved without the need for immediate cooling or refrigeration measures.

Lastly, I get great pleasure in hunting during the last few days of the extended 'doe only' season when few other hunters are around. I greatly enjoy stalking deer when every section line doesn't have a rattling pickup truck driving down it in the pursuit of a monster buck. Late season hunting, whether for pheasant, duck, goose or deer, is a relaxing, beautiful experience that is unlike that of any early season or regular season hunting experience. If I had my choice between hunting in November or December, I would certainly choose the later.

While I understand that there may be legitimate reason(s) for eliminating the late doe season, I would ask you to consider the aforementioned reasons for keeping it. I've been hunting for 33 years. I'm a father who is passionate about involving my children in that experience. Hunting puts food on my table and provides an outdoor recreation experience for families like no other I know. For a variety of evolving reasons, 3 weekends in and around Thanksgiving does not always work for every person nor family. Those extended days later in

the season matter. To the guy who drives aimlessly around in his new pickup truck looking for the biggest buck so he can mount the horns and give the meat away to some stranger, those days don't matter at all. To the guy who lays out in fence line or stubble field for hours on end during a late December blizzard with a smile on his face and the hope of dragging a fat doe a half mile back to the road, those late season days matter more than you could imagine.

Thank you so much for your time. Sincerely,

Scott Madsen
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Ascher, Debra

From: Miller, LouAnn
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2015 9:58 AM
To: Kiel, Emily
Subject: FW: West River Deer Season Dates for Corson County

From: Austin F [<mailto:afalkingham@adamsthermal.com>]
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2015 8:56 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: West River Deer Season Dates for Corson County

Hello,

I would like to comment on the proposed change of 2015 deer season dates for Corson county. For the past many years, Corson county has always opened two weeks before the regular west river deer season. As you may know, there isn't much in Corson county for lodging, and as such, we have to get our lodging booked many months in advance. We have been accustomed to booking our lodging as soon as the GF&P posts the tentative west river deer season dates on their website, assuming that the Corson dates will remain the same as they have in the past. I would understand and be okay with changing the dates for Corson if we were given more advance notice, but announcing that change this late in the year will be very difficult for us to deal with, and I would imagine there are multiple others in our same situation.

I would also ask to help understand the reason for the season to be changed for Corson county. I always understood that the reason the season opened a few weeks earlier, was to give the state hunters an opportunity to hunt before the tribal hunters harvested all of the deer. As I'm sure you are aware, the tribal season typically opens early October for tribal hunters and mid-October for non-member tribal hunters. Moving the Corson dates back by two weeks will put us state hunters at a disadvantage as the deer will have already been hunted for over a month by the time we are allowed to start hunting.

Please take these comments into consideration when setting the West River Deer season dates at your June meeting.

Regards,

Austin Falkingham
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Tea, SD 57064
605-351-4914

Ascher, Debra

From: Rick Bohn <rbohn@sio.midco.net>
Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2015 3:33 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: GFP Commission Proposals Objections

GFP Commission,

I wish to object to the removal of the 9 day antlerless hunting the Saturday following Christmas, I am not sure why you are considering this? I would like it to remain as it has! Not all people are able to hunt and or bag their deer during the normal season dates and this extra season helps those people! Also it is unfair to people living in the shaded areas for the muzzleloader antlerless season. People living in the SE and SW portions of the state are put at a big disadvantage and expense in having to drive so far in order to hunt for the muzzleloader antlerless season! Why are you penalizing us??

Thanks,

Rick Bohn
Sioux Falls, SD

Ascher, Debra

From: Shane Simon <kingofwildfrontier@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2015 8:15 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Oppose season closure

My name is Shane Simon and I live in Lawrence county near Nemo, SD. I am writing to express that I DO NOT want to see the 9 days of antlerless hunting for deer after christmas to be closed. Getting permission without having to pay during the "horn hunting" season is getting to be near impossible! My only option for hunting is to hunt for antlerless deer when land owners are assured that I will not harvest a deer with horns. I have relied for many years now on being able to hunt later in the year during this season when the hunting pressure is reduced. In short, please do not close the season for antlerless deer!

Shane Simon
578-1540

Ascher, Debra

From: Jarrett Perry <perry.jarrett9@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2015 10:48 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Please don't change the season dates

Changing the season dates to the same as all the other counties in the state is unfair for the people that hunt in ziebach, Dewey, and corson. All of the other counties don't have a tribal season in there counties. We should have the same opportunity as the tribal season to harvest a good buck.

Carol Perry rapid city SD

Sent from my iPhone

Ascher, Debra

Subject: FW: Deer proposal comments

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

From: Ken [mailto:deaddog_84401@yahoo.com]

Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2015 7:12 PM

To: Ascher, Debra

Subject: Re: Deer proposal comments

Ken Hehr

Spearfish, SD

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Ken [mailto:deaddog_84401@yahoo.com]

> Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2015 11:02 PM

> To: GFP Wild Info

> Subject: Deer proposal comments

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> Leave the antler less season the way it is. Make it earlier if you must change it.

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> Sent from my iPhone

Ascher, Debra

Subject: FW: Deer proposal comments

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

From: Rick Albrecht [<mailto:ralbrecht6480@comcast.net>]

Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2015 5:32 PM

To: Ascher, Debra

Subject: Re: Deer proposal comments

I currently live in Albuquerque, NM. I am originally from Aberdeen and moved to Sioux Falls after retiring from the US Navy. Another job brought me back to Albuquerque. Thank you for including my comments and the opportunity to be heard.

Sincerely,
Rick Albrecht

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Rick Albrecht [<mailto:ralbrecht6480@comcast.net>]

> Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2015 7:40 PM

> To: GFP Wild Info

> Subject: Deer proposal comments

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> To whom it may concern: I object to this proposal to remove the antlerless season. Last year traveling thru the state to Potter County for my hunt, I saw many deer, both alive and dead. With all the deer I saw I wondered why I (and others I would imagine) could only hunt one, as well as why prices doubled for that one deer. Word during conversations with land owners was deer population decline and revenue, however they sure were not seeing any decline. A couple of weeks ago I was looking at the upcoming season and noticed I could apply for a 2-tag any antlerless for \$120.00 and was happy to see this. I called to say thanks and get other information. Today I could not find that info online again. This year I was planning on my son also hunting with me. I feed my family on this meat and rely on this hunt. A number of years ago I had to move out of SD for work, but as a (now) non-resident this hunt remains important to me. I was surprised to see this latest proposal.

> To close, please do not decline us our ability to hunt these antlerless deer. Thank you.

> Sincerely,

> Ricky Albrecht

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> Sent from my iPhone, Rick

Ascher, Debra

Subject: FW: Deer season date changes.

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

From: Brent Roth [mailto:bhroth20@icloud.com]

Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2015 5:59 PM

To: Ascher, Debra

Subject: Re: Deer season date changes.

Bison South Dakota

Thanks

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Brent Roth [mailto:bhroth20@icloud.com]

> Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2015 8:06 AM

> To: GFP Wild Info

> Subject: Deer season date changes.

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> I would like to see the deer season dates in west river be left alone unless the reservation is going to change and start enforcing. If west river starts nov 14 the native Americans will have been hunting for 2 or 3 weeks already. Thanks

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> Sent from my iPhone6

Ascher, Debra

Subject: FW: FW: deer season

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

From: Jay Klusmann [<mailto:dindotklusmann@gmail.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2015 6:16 PM

To: Ascher, Debra

Subject: Re: FW: deer season

Jay Klusmann Hurley, SD

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Jay Klusmann [<mailto:dindotklusmann@gmail.com>]

> Sent: Friday, May 22, 2015 11:34 AM

> To: GFP Wild Info

> Subject:

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> Received email re: proposed changes deer hunting. I support them and

> am encouraged that you are being mindful of the low deer numbers I

> have seen the past several seasons, by cutting the doe seasons.

Jay > Klusmann

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Ascher, Debra

Subject: Deer proposal comments

From: Matt Thompson [<mailto:matt32hd@gmail.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2015 5:58 PM

To: Ascher, Debra

Subject: Re: FW: Deer proposal comments

Sorry.

Mitchell sd

But I hunt in jerauld county

I use the late season to hunt my doe tags and my son's tags to have a longer season for bucks in the early season and not cram all our tags into the early season.

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

From: matt32hd@gmail.com [<mailto:matt32hd@gmail.com>]

Sent: Friday, May 22, 2015 10:55 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: Deer proposal comments

Please do not get rid of the 9 day deer season in January.

Matt Thompson

Sent from my iPad

Ascher, Debra

Subject: FW: FW: Deer proposal comments

From: Mark Meyer [<mailto:MMeyer@BBUmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2015 5:43 PM
To: Ascher, Debra
Subject: Re: FW: Deer proposal comments

I live in Menomonee Falls WI as originally from Watertown SD. Thanks

From: Mark Meyer [<mailto:MMeyer@BBUmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2015 8:34 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Deer proposal comments

What are the main reasons for closing the 9 day late season antlerless season is it simply a down population issue or land owners tired of the long hunting season in general????? Reason I ask is I live out of state and have participated in the late season hunt many times as much easier to get on land as the residents have filled their doe tags by that time so nice when we drive that far and get on quality land....

Have a Great Day!!!

Mark Meyer
Account Executive
Bimbo Bakeries USA
Cell # 1-479-586-3310

Ascher, Debra

Subject: FW: West River 9 Day Antlerless Season

From: Michael Krug [<mailto:michael.s.krug@gmail.com>]

Sent: Friday, May 15, 2015 5:12 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: West River 9 Day Antlerless Season

SD GFP Commissioners,

I would please like you to consider leaving the 9 day antlerless deer hunt for West River as is. I really enjoy having those extra days to spend in the great outdoors and allows me to compete with much less hunting pressure to fill my doe tags. I hunt public lands during this time and thank South Dakota for the great opportunity to hunt these lands. The extended doe season has become a tradition between my best friend and I. I see no reason to take a great opportunity away from the hunters of South Dakota, unless there is biological data to justify it. Thank you for your consideration.

Michael Krug
Rapid City, SD

Ascher, Debra

Subject: FW: east river deer proposals

From: jgruber148@yahoo.com [<mailto:jgruber148@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2015 10:58 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: east river deer proposals

east river deer: Dear commission:

as a land owner in brookings county, I continue to see very little change to the ever shrinking in area of whitetail deer and season .. the lack of hunting opps. is on the decline with more and more crp disappearing every season. and with the advancing farming practices little remain for wildlife to survive in or on. u yet we continue to offer landowner tags at a n alarming rate/ and the only criteria to obtain a lic annually is by being a member of a farming family.. who maybe farms or does nothing and still qualifies.. for a lic.. as does all the members of the family.// and why? just because they own farm ground. and by the end of dec. the only t hing left is back dirt and stocks

as now take a family of four. they auto get 4 any deer cry baby tags... they then apply for 4 muzzle tags, then 4 bow tags, do the math,,, 4 bucks rifle 4 bucks bow 4 bucks muzzle that's twelve bucks alone supposedly shot on their own land, which seldom happens and we all know that... I just feel it is time to treat all the same.. give each applied landowner one any tag free for the year... you can use it for rifle , muzzle , bow.. but you ony get one.. the rest of the family will have to go into the common draw like all else. and for the rest of us,, you too can apply, but you will only get one buck license per yr.. shoot it with a rifle, muzz, or bow, but only one buck in a year. does are your remaining choices with the other seasons.

and it is finally time for someone in the legislature or gfp to really start enforcing the drive around bunch.. it has only gotten worse partly do to the concentration of deer in certain areas due to the farming practices.. so drive, harrasss, shoot from the truck window , truck bed, off the 4 wheeler.. its all out there and only getting worse.. fines alone wont stop it.. but immediate loss of license for rest of the season and two more would... many a day bow hunting I wil see the same vehicles sometimes once an hr. all day long. and if one is spotted it quickly, due to soc. media. becomes a full blown circus of trucks and the chase begins end all the seasons on dec. 31st.. no need for a longer season... the muzzle is basically a single high power and the colder that it gets the more of truck driving happens.. a month is long enough.

jgruber148@yahoo.com 3202498466

jim gruber 148 sunset park dr. Estelline. s.d. 57234

Ascher, Debra

Subject: FW: Black Hills Any Whitetail License

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

From: Michael Rudebusch [<mailto:rudy338@wat.midco.net>]

Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2015 8:24 AM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: Black Hills Any Whitetail License

Any whitetail license should be increase by 500. I have seen they rebounded in numbers the last few years.

Thanks, Mike

Sent from my iPhone

Watertown, SD

Ascher, Debra

Subject: FW: 500 extra licenses

From: Koistinen, Kelly -FS [<mailto:kkoistinen@fs.fed.us>]
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2015 6:01 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: 500 extra licenses

To whom it may concern. With deer numbers as low as they are across the state, with the decrease in the number of West River deer tags the last two years due to EHD, and low success rates across the state, why is it that the Commission thinks that they should increase the number of Black Hills Deer tags this year? The population is still trying to rebound from everything that has been going on the last four years. We shouldn't increase the number of tags yet! The population has been devastated by EHD, Cats, car collisions, etc. Let's not get too hasty about increasing the number of tags in the Black Hills just yet. The money will just have to come from somewhere else! I realize that the budgets have gone down lately, but our deer population hasn't recovered enough yet for an increase in tags. Use good judgement on maintaining consistent and responsible deer numbers not just in the Black Hills, but all across the state. If it means less tags for a few years, then so be it.

On another note; if you do increase those licenses, then South Dakotans deserve to have a reduction in the costs of our deer tags. We used to get W. River double tags for \$35, then it went to \$45 for two, now it's \$45 for one! We are constantly getting charged more and more for our tags, and frankly, I'm sick and tired of paying more every year for our heritage and pastime! I can't afford to go other places to hunt. Please use better judgement on these items. I've been commenting almost every year about some of the proposals, and this one burns me up. Try and realize what you're telling the people of this state. Every time you increase costs, you are limiting the number of South Dakotans hunting here. Please, look at the costs of such items. South Dakota elk=\$175 +\$10 application fee, ridiculous. Compare with the costs Wyoming residents spend on their elk and deer. Elk=\$52 Deer=\$38



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Ascher, Debra

Subject: FW: East River Antlerless deer season extension

From: umn.edu, rista001

Sent: Monday, May 11, 2015 4:47 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: East River Antlerless deer season extension

Dear SDGF&P:

The East River Antlerless deer season extension over the Christmas holiday has been a great opportunity for my daughters to get into deer hunting.

I urge you to continue this wonderful tradition for younger hunters who are unable to participate during the regular season (and who may not be all that welcome to join the "regular" season hunters who predominantly are buck hunting during the November-early Dec regular season.

Sincerely,

Eric Ristau, (originally from rural Aberdeen)

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Eric Ristau

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Ascher, Debra

Subject: FW: Deer tags

On May 4, 2015, at 4:34 PM, miller28@rap.midco.net wrote:

Hello Commission Members,

I feel if our deer numbers are down everywhere, that non-resident should not take president over resident hunters.

If the doe numbers are so bad why are you still issuing doe tags to be used in December?

It is very frustrating as a resident of South Dakota who hunts to provide meat for my family to be turned down 3 times last year. As a father who learned to and enjoyed hunting with his father it is a tradition that I would love to be able to carry on with my sons, however with the difficulty in getting a tag issued this too seems to be a tradition of the past.

I understand in these trying economics times that the non-resident hunters bring the money to South Dakota, however there is something to be said about taking care of your own.

I feel this year non-resident tags should be issued on the third draw instead of the 1st draw.

Thank you for taking the time to hear my concerns.

Sincerely,

Mark A Miler

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Ascher, Debra

Subject: FW: West River 9 Day Antlerless Season

From: Ross Swedeen [<mailto:reswedeen@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2015 2:12 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: West River 9 Day Antlerless Season

SD GFP Commissioners,

I would please like you to consider leaving the 9 day antlerless deer hunt for West River as is. I really enjoy having those extra days to spend in the great outdoors. It allows me more time to put needed venison on my family's dinner table. I have hunted that extended season every year since it has been allowed. I hunt public land. It is nice to go out and compete with much less hunting pressure to fill my doe tags. The extended doe season has become one of my favorite hunts, that I very much look forward to every year. I see no reason to take a great opportunity away from the hunters of South Dakota, unless there is biological data to justify it. Thank you for your consideration.

Ross Swedeen
Rapid City, SD

Ascher, Debra

Subject: FW: Deer proposal comments

From: Steve Rausch [<mailto:steve@focusedmotion.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2015 8:20 PM

To: Ascher, Debra

Subject: Re: Deer proposal comments

Thank you.

Steve Rausch
Harrisburg SD.

From: steve@focusedmotion.com [<mailto:steve@focusedmotion.com>]

Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2015 8:55 AM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: Deer proposal comments

Hello

These comments are for the consideration of the commission for their June 4-5 meeting.

Removal of the 9 Day Anterless season:

I do not support this move. Having this additional window allows me a "second chance" or "last chance" to fill a tag. The last few seasons I have had to either miss the standard season entirely or only spend 2 days hunting due to professional commitments. Having this opportunity is nice because it allows me to more time in this field if I am not successful in the short window earlier in the season. I have filled tags during this extended time before. I have also filed miserably, but having the opportunity to even get out and do so was more important and rewarding than just filling a tag.

Please consider not removing these dates. They are enjoyed by those of us who put them to use.

Steve Rausch
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605.321.5009

Ascher, Debra

Subject: FW: FW: East and West River Deer Season Date Changes Proposed

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

From: RAY PEARCE [<mailto:clanhead1@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2015 11:05 PM

To: Ascher, Debra

Subject: Re: FW: East and West River Deer Season Date Changes Proposed

I am in Spearfish, SD.

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

From: RAY PEARCE [<mailto:clanhead1@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Friday, May 22, 2015 3:41 PM

To: SDGFPINFO

Subject: Re: East and West River Deer Season Date Changes Proposed

If you remove the separate antlerless season, will you extending the regular season to 2 weeks long?

On Thu, 5/21/15, South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks <sdgfpinfo@state.sd.us> wrote:

Subject: East and West River Deer Season Date Changes Proposed

To: clanhead1@yahoo.com

Date: Thursday, May 21, 2015, 5:44 PM

Ascher, Debra

Subject: FW: Deer proposal comments

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

From: Wiederholt, Brent (IHS/ABR/FYH) [<mailto:brent.wiederholt@ihs.gov>]

Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2015 7:26 AM

To: Ascher, Debra

Subject: RE: Deer proposal comments

Mobridge, SD.

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

From: Wiederholt, Brent (IHS/ABR/FYH) [<mailto:brent.wiederholt@ihs.gov>]

Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2015 7:13 AM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: Deer proposal comments

I think these are good changes. I do hunt Corson county. It has been ridiculous the amount of pressure placed on these deer because of the earlier season and the extended tribal season. It will also likely result in easier enforcement. At some point there needs to be a complete crackdown, a sting of sorts, in these counties with dual tags (tribal and state). A message needs to be sent that trespassing will not be tolerated. I witness multiple events each year and it is just too much for one and sometimes two CO's to try and cover.

Ascher, Debra

Subject: FW: Deer proposal comments

From: Dick Stotz [<mailto:DStotz@glaciallakesenergy.com>]

Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2015 8:05 AM

To: Ascher, Debra

Subject: Re: Deer proposal comments

Tolstoy South Dakota

From: Dick Stotz [<mailto:DStotz@glaciallakesenergy.com>]

Sent: Friday, May 22, 2015 7:45 AM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: Deer proposal comments

In Potter Co. we need the 9 day antlerless season because of the over population of whitetail deer.

Ascher, Debra

Subject: FW: Deer proposal comments

From: matt bones [<mailto:mjbones2007@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2015 9:06 AM

To: Ascher, Debra

Subject: Re: Deer proposal comments

Parker SD

From: matt bones [<mailto:mjbones2007@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2015 9:45 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: Deer proposal comments

ABSOLUTELY!! Get rid of the extra antlerless season. Beings we are so low on deer numbers we need to harvest less antlerless deer. If someone can't harvest a deer in 2 weeks with a rifle then let it be. Should lower the antlerless tags all together!!!!

Ascher, Debra

Subject: FW: Deer proposal comments

From: Cody & Sarah Hanten [<mailto:cshanten@nvc.net>]
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2015 7:28 AM
To: Ascher, Debra
Subject: RE: Deer proposal comments

Ok thanks. I live in Groton, South Dakota and we love to hunt in Corson County.

Cody

From: Cody & Sarah Hanten [<mailto:cshanten@nvc.net>]
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2015 7:20 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Deer proposal comments

I have been hunting in Corson county for around seven years and really like the earlier season, it gives me and my brother-in-laws that go some flexibility as to when we can all get together for a weekend and go. The proposed start put it only 1 weekend before East River season, which does not allow much flexibility. I would really like to see the season dates for Corson, Dewey and Ziebach Counties to stay the same.

Cody Hanten

Ascher, Debra

Subject: FW: FW: Deer proposal comments

From: Kevin Stoterau [mailto:kstoterau@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2015 9:58 AM
To: Ascher, Debra
Subject: Re: FW: Deer proposal comments

I Live near Tea, S.D. 57064

Respectfully,
Kevin L. Stoterau

From: Kevin Stoterau [mailto:kstoterau@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2015 11:03 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Deer proposal comments

To whom it concerns,

I find this date change very irrational. State hunters having both east and west river deer season at the same time is going to cut down on our harvests. I live east river, and hunt both east and west. At least with different season dates South Dakotan's can effectively hunt both sides of the State successfully with a couple weeks to hunt both sides of the State. Thus making more money for the State, by State residents and not out of State residents. Many of them don't even know our States laws and are and can be very reckless and endangering. I guess someone there is looking at the aspect of out of State people paying more than State residents??? Try looking out for the residents that live and hunt here. I am a career Veteran and I find this absurd!!

Respectfully,

Kevin L. Stoterau

Ascher, Debra

Subject: Second antlerless deer season

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

From: Whirlwind [<mailto:whirlwind@venturecomm.net>]

Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2015 9:30 AM

To: Ascher, Debra

Subject: Re: FW: Second antlerless deer season

This would be a repeat because after sending this email I sent a second with all the information that you requested.

Sorry my mistake, I should have read the entire email before responding. Thanks Todd Brandt Bowdle, SD

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> FROM: Janel Brandt [<mailto:whirlwind@venturecomm.net>]

> SENT: Tuesday, May 26, 2015 4:45 PM

> TO: GFP Wild Info

> SUBJECT: Second antlerless deer season

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> I wanted to share my thoughts on the second short antlerless deer season. I would not be in favor of removing the 9 day season starting the Saturday after

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> Christmas. Think about all the college kids that come home for Christmas vacation. Sometimes that is the only time they are able to hunt. Also the competition is very high in the earlier part of the first deer season. Pheasant hunters hunt hard and have deer stirred

> up

> and pushed out of many of the CRP acres and tree groves. Many times we

> fill our tags during the second season as the pheasant hunters have slowed down some by then and the deer are more relaxed. Also that is when our girls come home from college and get to spend several days hunting instead of coming home late Friday night, hunting Saturday, for a short time on Sunday and then are headed back to school again.

> Thank You for listening to my opinion. Todd Brandt

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