

Ascher, Debra

Subject: FW: East River Proposal Changes

From: Paul Assmus [<mailto:passmus62@hotmail.com>]

Sent: Friday, May 29, 2015 1:07 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: East River Proposal Changes

Paul Assmus
White Lake, SD

I don't know why u would want to even think of cutting the antlerless season from the east river deer season dates since that season has been around i have seen more deer shot in that particular time of the season than in the regular season dates. And now with the speed limit being raised on the interstate highways deer are more likely to kill someone rather than just bang up a car and scare the hell out of people. Living along I-90 my entire life and being on the volunteer fire department where i go to accident calls on the interstate, I've seen what happens when people who were obeying speed limits and went to avoid hitting deer have totaled vehicles and in some cases severely injuring people. I know that not in all cases the extended season probably wont help but I don't think the extra 9 days is going the hurt anything, since GFP has already made the any deer tags invalid for the antlerless season which i think those should be aloud to use as well.

Ascher, Debra

Subject: FW: Deer proposal comments

From: Jeff Braulick [<mailto:jeffbraulick@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Friday, May 29, 2015 11:29 AM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: Deer proposal comments

HI,MY NAME IS JEFF BRAULICK, NEW ULM MN. 56073. I very much enjoy hunting in south Dakota,last year I did not get drawn for the west river hunt so my only option was to go out hunting during your 3rd season.I really enjoy venison ,we hunted the 3rd season in east river south of Ipswich and had very good luck. I really hope you reconsider closing down that 3rd season,hunting in southern Minnesota is not enjoyable at all for me. THANK YOU FOR THE MANY YEARS OF ENJOYABLE HUNTING IN YOUR STATE, JEFF.

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Subject: FW: 2015 Deer Seasons

From: Dianne Sejnoha [<mailto:ldsejnoha@wowway.com>]

Sent: Friday, May 29, 2015 9:30 AM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: 2015 Deer Seasons

Dear sirs:

Thank you for the tremendous job you do setting and controlling the deer seasons, keeping hunters as well as landowners happy. I do however question the reason for eliminating the extra nine day "antlerless only" season at the end of the year. That season is an enjoyable, more relaxed and less crowded season especially if you hunt in one unit and get leftovers in another unit. It also gives you more time to spend on your first preference tag. I feel that the late season also helps in deprecation of deer in the areas that have an excess of antlerless deer. I strongly disagree with the elimination of that season and would ask that it be further reviewed.

Thank you

Gary Sejnoha

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Yankton, South Dakota

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From: Jarrett Perry <perry.jarrett9@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2015 8:33 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Don't change dates

My name is Jarrett Perry and I hunt in ziebach county. If the dates were changed that would mean will have to hunt 14 days after the tribal season starts and that is not fair for the state hunters that have to hunt next to the tribal land. We should be able to have the same opportunity as the tribal hunters to harvest a good buck. It was also good to have the dates the same as the tribal season because then we can make sure that no tribal hunters are trespassing on our land. Trespassing happens a lot in this area and a game warden cannot be every where at once to make sure that tribal members are not trespassing. You can compare us to other counties because other counties don't have Indian reservation in their county, so those hunters have an equal opportunity to harvest a good deer. Thank you very much and don't change the dates.

Jarrett Perry of rapid city as

Sent from my iPhone

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: Jarrett Perry <perry.jarrett9@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2015 6:58 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Don't change season dates

Don't change the season dates for the three counties on the Cheyenne reservation and standing rock reservation. The best way is to keep the season date the same as what they are because of the tribal season dates. That way anyone who hunts in those counties will have an equal opportunity to harvest a great buck as the tribal members
James Nelson rapid city as

Sent from my iPhone

Ascher, Debra

From: James Waterson <jamesnelswaterson@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2015 6:30 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Deer proposal comments

Dear Sirs

I want to thank you for allowing people like myself to comment on your new proposals . My name is James Waterson and I now live in Wright Wyoming, but I grew up in the West river deer region 15b. I grew up on a ranch in that area and I still return when ever I can. I also return to hunt in that area as much as possible. It has always been my privilege to see many whitetail deer on the place and enjoy their presence. The last couple of years the number of deer seen are low compared to past years. In order for the deer herd to recover from disease devastation I believe it would be a good idea to cancel the nine day antler less hunt after the regular season is over. Thanks for allowing me the chance to express my feelings.

Sincerely
James Waterson

Ascher, Debra

Subject: FW: Deer proposal comments

From: Lowell Somsen [<mailto:lsomsen@fischerrounds.com>]

Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2015 1:18 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: Deer proposal comments

How about at least a few any doe tags in Hughes County instead of whitetail doe only?? Hunted 20 miles east of Pierre and saw 100 mule deer doe, but no white tail doe. Got areas that have too many mule deer doe.

Lowell Somsen
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Subject: FW: Antlerless Deer Season Central, SD

From: Bezdicek, Paul [<mailto:paul.bezdicek@irco.com>]

Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2015 9:57 AM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: Antlerless Deer Season Central, SD

Dear Commissioners,

I wanted to take a quick second and write you a letter about the proposed elimination of the 9 day antlerless deer season in December. I would like to let you know that I am against the proposed changes to the season for many reasons. In the past few years I have hunted in Sully county and have enjoyed harvesting deer where there are plenty to be had. I feel that the extended season is a great way for the state of SD to manage the deer heard in sully county specifically. They have had ample amounts of whitetail deer over the years and this season has helped keep the heard of animals at a reasonable level. I travel from Sioux Falls out to the Pierre area to hunt with family and friends.

Thanks for your consideration,

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From: tfinzen@mchsi.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2015 4:26 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Deer proposal comments

Dear Commission Members: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on proposed changes for the 2015 West River Deer season. If I read the information correctly, it looks like the West River Deer season would run from November 14-29, and for Gregory and Mellette Counties the proposed dates would be November 7-10 and November 23-29.

I am a non resident, and our group hunts pheasants on two annual trips and some of us have been lucky to occasionally draw a deer license. The Minnesota deer season has always started the week before the South Dakota West River season, so we have been able to hunt the opening South Dakota Pheasant season, hunt the Minnesota deer season, go to South Dakota for a second pheasant hunt during the opening weekend of the South Dakota deer season and if we are lucky, draw a South Dakota deer license.

I believe the November 7-10 dates will conflict with the Minnesota deer season. This would mean we would not be able to apply for a South Dakota license for first season and may not make a second pheasant trip, since the 2nd proposed season conflicts with Thanksgiving.

I would propose the following alternative for Gregory and Mellette Counties. Start the same date as the West River deer season. Run the season November 14-17 and November 23-29.

This would allow the same number of hunting days and allow Minnesota hunters a chance to participate in the South Dakota deer season and a schedule a second pheasant trip at the same time.

Thank you for you consideration.

Terry Finzen
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Subject: FW: West River proposed deer season

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

From: Shawn Olsen [<mailto:skolsen@lakotanetwork.com>]

Sent: Friday, May 29, 2015 8:41 AM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: West River proposed deer season

To whom it may concern,

I just read the proposed change to the West River deer season. To say the least I would be disappointed if this was to take effect. With the tribal season opening the first weekend in November it would put me at a major disadvantage when it came time for me to hunt. It was a major problem years ago when the seasons were not aligned. It was very difficult to find quality deer that had not been chased all over. If this passes will probably give up getting a state license and think about paying extra for a tribal tag.

Shawn Olsen
605-365-5985
Dupree, SD
Ziebach County

Sent from my iPhone

Ascher, Debra

Subject: FW: Deer proposal comments

From: Tony Russell [mailto:song_dog223@yahoo.com]

Sent: Friday, May 29, 2015 10:03 AM

To: Ascher, Debra

Subject: Re: Deer proposal comments

Isabel, South Dakota

From: Tony Russell [mailto:song_dog223@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2015 4:33 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: Deer proposal comments

about time the deer might be in rut when season opens instead of at the end of the season

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Subject: FW: FW: Deer proposal comments

From: Dan Williams [<mailto:7mmstwshooter@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2015 5:22 PM
To: Ascher, Debra
Subject: Re: FW: Deer proposal comments

Dan Williams Webster SD

From: Dan Williams [<mailto:7mmstwshooter@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2015 10:04 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Deer proposal comments

I would like to see if you could change Bennett counties season date to align with the pine ridge season as it is hard to hunt areas that we have permission to due to the fact that tribal members and nonmembers who purchase tribal tags feel they have free reign on any land and many of the deer get harassed and harvested earlier. West river hunters don't get a fair chance to hunt the same weekend they have to wait a week which in turn makes it harded.

Thank you Dan Williams

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Subject: FW: Anterless season

From: Marty Roghair [<mailto:mmr68@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2015 9:40 PM
To: Ascher, Debra
Subject: RE: Anterless season

Marty Roghair
Okaton, SD

From: Marty Roghair [<mailto:mmr68@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2015 10:38 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Anterless season

You need to keep the after Christmas anterless season especially for white tail deer. The whitetails are overpopulating and driving out the muleys in Jones County. The late season is the best way to cull whitetail does. I personally counted over three hundred whitetails in a two mile square area on multiple days. That cant be healthy for the whitetails or for the habitat.

Please consider keeping this season open.

Marty Roghair

Ascher, Debra

Subject: FW: Deer proposal comments

From: F [<mailto:frankdustdevil@msn.com>]
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2015 12:54 AM
To: Ascher, Debra
Subject: RE: Deer proposal comments

I live in Litchfield Park Arizona, but my folks live in Burke South Dakota. I've been thinking on the subject of changing the season dates. Three points. If the deer population needs to be increased with fewer deer harvested; I'd purpose fewer tags or limit the number of seasons an individual can get drawn for. Allow each hunter the opportunity to harvest one or two deer from the combination of archery, rifle, muzzle loader, west river, and east river seasons. If I'm not mistaken, currently a hunter may draw a combination of tags with the opportunity to harvest 5 deer. Most of the South Dakota hunters I know would gladly be given fewer tags to help increase the deer population. I know this because in 2012 during the drought and blue tongue outbreak they returned their tags in hopes the deer population would return to normal sooner rather than later.

If the split seasons are needed in the specified counties why are they not needed across the state.

If the lodge owners are pushing for the split seasons to maximize the number of hunters they can host, give the lodges "special exemptions" during the specified season. The non-guided hunter should not be denied the opportunity to go hunting for the benefit of the few guided hunters. The guided pheasants hunters already have exemptions for when they can start hunting in the morning and daily bag limits while not negatively impacting the non-guided hunter. Thanks again, Frank Wilson

From: F [<mailto:frankdustdevil@msn.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2015 3:38 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Deer proposal comments

My name is Frank Wilson. I am an Arizona resident. I have fished spring walleyes on the river, hunted pheasants, and west or east river rifle deer with friends and family as an out of state resident for the past 15 years. I have used bonus points and very expensive special buck tags to ensure I have the opportunity to continue the tradition of hunting with my family every year.

This year I have drawn a west river special buck tag and have already made travel arrangements and gotten the vacation time approved. I only want to draw one non-resident rifle deer tag a year so other folks can have to ability to hunt in South Dakota. The proposed changes to the 2015 Gregory county season will make my trip this year impossible.

The change have zero benefit for me or the resident hunters I know. The only benefit will be for guided outfitted hunts so they can book two groups of out of state hunters at their lodges. Hunters who want the split season dates already have the ability to put in for a season with the split dates to better suit their needs. I don't see the need for any change. I am assuming there are numerous hunting lodges owners in support of this change and unfortunately their financial support will win out over what is better for the individual hunter. Thank You, Frank L. Wilson.

Ascher, Debra

Subject: FW: Deer proposal comments

From: Britteny D [<mailto:marsmarv@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2015 8:06 PM
To: Ascher, Debra
Subject: RE: Deer proposal comments

Sioux Falls, SD

From: Britteny D [<mailto:marsmarv@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2015 10:21 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Deer proposal comments

I do not want my comments public but would like to voice my opinion about the proposal of eliminating the 9 day antlerless hunt.

My husband and I live in Sioux Falls and hunt West River tags. Filling those tags is what we use for our meat for our family of 4 for the year. We are not trophy hunters, we hunt for the sport and to feed our family. We only hunt public land and are limited on weekends to come out and hunt. Some of those weekends the public land is over crowded with other hunters so we rely on being able to fill our tags during the 9 day antlerless season. It is also more fun to hunt during that season as the deer have had a break from being chased around and are not as easily spooked.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice our opinion.

Britteny Dahler

Sent from Windows Mail

Ascher, Debra

From: GFP Admin Rules
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2015 9:57 AM
To: GFP Admin Rules
Subject: Comment on : 2015 GFP May Proposals - June Finals

Name: Cory

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Comment: I have read many comments by the public and by the commission on the proposed elimination of the doe deer extended season. I did not realize that so many hunters use this extended season as a family and friends time of recreation and to harvest and deer for meat. I know, as a land owner and a deer hunter, that the deer population is down tremendously in many areas. I propose to shorten the season in November to a nine day season, which would cover two weekends and one week. Then leave the nine day doe only season, as it is, in late December/early January. This would accommodate both seasons and their respective hunters. Also, any unsuccessful any deer tags would convert to a doe only tag in the late season. Thanks Cory Hansen

Ascher, Debra

Subject: FW: Deer proposal comments

From: billyrice@venturecomm.net [<mailto:billyrice@venturecomm.net>]

Sent: Friday, May 29, 2015 4:25 PM

To: Ascher, Debra

Subject: Re: Deer proposal comments

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From: William Rice [<mailto:billyrice@venturecomm.net>]

Sent: Friday, May 29, 2015 1:21 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: Deer proposal comments

I would like to see Corson dates left as they were in the past. We have had many years of trips to Corson during the holiday week in November and it has worked great. Not sure why it would need to be changed.

Thanks William Rice/

Ascher, Debra

Subject: FW: Comments on 2015 proposals

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

From: Mike Mattson [<mailto:sgtmike573@gmail.com>]

Sent: Friday, May 29, 2015 3:12 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: Comments on 2015 proposals

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

I am just concerned with the proposals that would increase tags for firearm hunters when archery tags remain without additional tag options.

I may be wrong, but statistically the success rate for bow hunters is significantly less than gun hunters. If you are going to increase tags for firearm seasons, why would you not afford the bow hunters the same opportunity knowing that the success rate is lower?

I understand and agree with managing South Dakota's deer population, but it should be done without prejudice.

I live in Turner county, however I hunt in central SD.

Thank you. I hope my comments are pertinent to the discussion.

Mike Mattson, Davis, SD

Sent from my iPhone

Ascher, Debra

Subject: FW: West River Deer Proposal, Antlerless season

From: justin allen [<mailto:kylerranch1234@gmail.com>]

Sent: Friday, May 29, 2015 3:44 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: West River Deer Proposal, Antlerless season

GFP and Commissioners,

It has been brought to my attention that GFP has proposed to eliminate the extended rifle antlerless season that opens after Christmas. I like the season. As landowner, farmer and cattle rancher I'm 100% against getting rid of the season. I personally believe the season serves as a good management tool for the state to harvest antlerless deer and believe it should continue to be used by GFP. We ranch/farm in two counties in central SD, Jones/Mellette. With talking with my local GFP guys, It is my understanding the GFP sets the number of deer tags per county based on departments/state population goals, so it doesn't matter when the deer are harvested.

As a ranch owner we allow some public access during the regular west river deer season but generally not a lot as we have family and friends that hunt. However, we have several folks that we allow hunt after Christmas. Basically we will let anyone that asks hunt. These folks are great people and are often hunting with their kids so it is great to see them get out. I myself love the late season because like many others in the region that makes a living off the land, we are extremely busy in Nov with harvest and cattle. The late season is the best time for me and my kids to get out and harvest some does. Many years by the time New Year's rolls around we already have whitetail deer depredation issues on cattle feed. This late season is great time to eliminate some of the problem by harvesting some does and allow folks onto our land to hunt as well. I know for experience that whitetail deer numbers can rise quickly in a year or two so I don't understand why the commission would want to take one of the best tools to harvest antlerless deer away. If certain landowners are not in favor of doe harvest on their ground they do not have to grant permission and I respect their decision but please do not take my opportunity and others away that would like some increase harvest on their ranches.

Kyle

Twisted M Creek Ranch

Murdo, SD

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