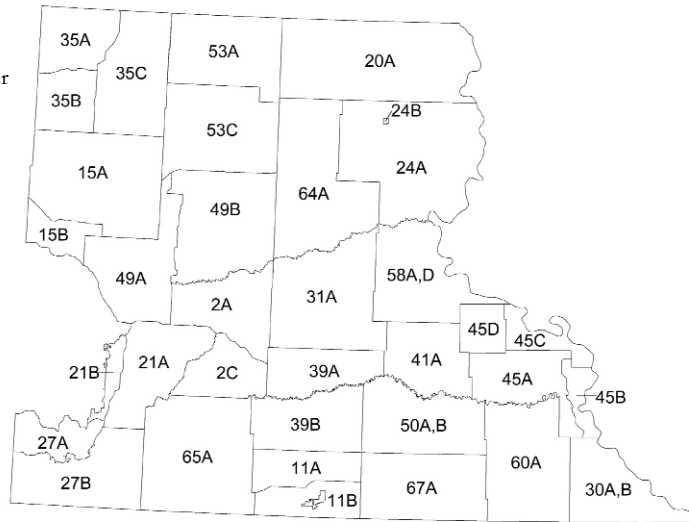


2009 WEST RIVER DEER UNITS

Type definitions:

- 01—any deer
- 03—any antlerless deer
- 06—any deer plus two any antlerless deer
- 07—three any antlerless deer
- 08—any deer plus any antlerless deer
- 09—two any antlerless deer
- 11—any whitetail deer
- 13—one antlerless whitetail deer
- 16—any whitetail plus two antlerless whitetail deer
- 17—three antlerless whitetail deer
- 18—any whitetail deer plus antlerless whitetail deer
- 19—two antlerless whitetail deer



Season Dates: Nov. 14-29, except Corson, Dewey, Ziebach, Gregory and Mellette counties (see below).

Corson County

20 A – Nov. 7-29

Gregory County

30A – Nov. 7-10 and Nov. 23-29

30B – Nov. 14-29

Ziebach County

64A – Nov. 7-29

Dewey County

24A & B – Nov. 7-29

Mellette County

50A – Nov. 7-10 and Nov. 23-29

50B – Nov. 14-29

NOTE: All west river antlerless tags will be valid in their respective units during the firearms antelope season. The season will reopen from Dec. 26-Jan. 3, 2010, for all unfilled and unsold tags, and all tags will serve as antlerless deer permits. This also includes West River Special Buck licenses that have been unfilled.

INDIAN TRUST LANDS. State licenses are valid on private, deeded lands within the exterior boundaries of an Indian reservation. Persons wishing to hunt on tribal lands should contact the appropriate tribal office concerning tribal lands.

WRD-02A- PENNINGTON and MEADE counties within a line beginning at I-90 at New Underwood, then north on Pennington County 160th Ave. and Meade County Rd 21 (Viewfield-Hereford Rd) to the Belle Fourche River, then east on the Belle Fourche River to the Cheyenne River, then east on the Cheyenne River to the Pennington-Haakon county line, then south on the county line to I-90, then west on I-90 to New Underwood, the point of beginning.

WRD-02C- PENNINGTON CO. south of I-90 and east of the Cheyenne River.

WRD-11A- BENNETT CO. north of US 18.

WRD-11B- BENNETT CO. south of US 18, excluding Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge.

WRD-15A- BUTTE CO. except that portion included in 15B below.

WRD-15B- BUTTE CO. south of US 212 and west of SD 79; and LAWRENCE CO. north of I-90.

WRD-20A- CORSON CO. Season dates Nov. 7-29.

WRD-21A- CUSTER CO. east of SD 79, and PENNINGTON CO. south of I-90 between SD 79 on the west and the Cheyenne River on the east.

WRD-21B- Portions of CUSTER and PENNINGTON counties within a line beginning at the junction of SD 79 and the section line between section 18 and 19, township 6 south, range 7 east, then north on SD 79 to the Rapid City city limits, then west along the Rapid City city limits to its junction with US 16, then southwest on US 16 to its junction with the Black Hills National Forest boundary, then south along the BHNFB boundary to its junction with the northeast corner of Custer State Park, then south along the eastern boundaries of CSP and Wind Cave National Park to the southeast corner of Wind Cave National Park, then west along the southern boundary of Wind Cave National Park to its junction with US 385, then south on US 385 to its junction with Custer County Road 101, then east on Custer County Road 101 to its junction with the section line between section 24 and 19, township 6 south, range 7 east, then north on this section line to its junction with sections 13 and 18, township 6 south, range 7 east, then east on the section line between section 18 and 19, township 6 south, range 7 east to its junction with SD 79, the point of beginning.

WRD-24A- DEWEY CO, excluding Little Moreau Rec. Area and Game Production Area. Season Dates Nov. 7-29.

WRD-24B- DEWEY CO. limited to only the Little Moreau Rec. Area and Game Production Area. Season Dates Nov. 7-29. This unit is all public land. No Landowner Preference applies.

WRD-27A- Portions of CUSTER and FALL RIVER counties within a line beginning at the junction of the SD-WY border and US 18, then east on US 18 to its junction with the Cheyenne River, then east along the Cheyenne River to its junction with US 18 and 385, then north on US 18 and 385 to its junction with SD 79 and continuing along SD 79 to its junction with the section line between section 19 and 18, township 6 south, range 7 east, then west on this section line to its junction with sections 13 and 24, township 6 south, range 7 east, then south on the section line between sections 19 and 24, township 6 south, range 7 east to its junction with Custer Co. Rd 101, then west on Custer Co. Rd 101 to its junction with US 385, then south on US 385 to its junction with Fall River Co. Rd 18 (Argyle Rd), then northwest on Fall River Co. Rd 18 and Custer Co. Rd 333 to its junction with SD 89, then south on SD 89 to its junction with Fall River Co. Rd 12, then west on Fall River Co. Rd 12 to its junction with Custer Co. Rd 319, then west on Custer Co. Rd 319 to its junction with Custer Co. Rd 715, then west on Custer Co. Rd 715 to its junction with Custer Co. Rd 769, then west on Custer Co. Rd 769 through Dewey to its junction with the SD-WY border, then south along the SD-WY border to its junction with US 18, the point of beginning.

WRD-27B- FALL RIVER CO. not included in 27A.

WRD-30A- GREGORY CO. Season Dates: Nov. 7-10 and Nov. 23-29.

WRD-30B- GREGORY CO. Season Dates: Nov. 14-29.

WRD-31A- HAAKON CO.

WRD-35A- HARDING CO. west of US 85 and north of SD 20.

WRD-35B- HARDING CO. west of US 85 and south of SD 20.

WRD-35C- HARDING CO. east of US 85.

WRD-39A- JACKSON CO. north of the White River.

WRD-39B- JACKSON CO. south of the White River.

WRD-41A- JONES CO., except for that area in unit WRD-45D (Ft. Pierre National Grasslands area).

WRD-45A- LYMAN CO. west of SD 47 and south of the southern boundary of the Lower Brule Indian Reservation. This unit also excludes that portion of the county within 45D (Ft. Pierre National Grasslands area).

WRD-45B- LYMAN CO. east of SD 47 and south of the southern boundary of the Lower Brule Indian Reservation.

WRD-45C- LYMAN and STANLEY counties. Lower Brule Indian Reservation, excluding tribal lands and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers lands.

WRD-45D- LYMAN, STANLEY and JONES counties U.S. Forest Service land and private land within a line beginning at the northwest corner of the Lower Brule Indian Reservation's exterior boundary, then west 18 miles, then south 20 miles, then east 19 miles, then north 1-1/2 miles to the southwest corner of the reservation boundary, then north along the reservation's western boundary to the northwest corner of the reservation, then point of beginning.

WRD-49A- MEADE County east of I-90, except the Fort Meade Bureau of Land Management South Unit and the signed portion of the North Unit, south of US 212, and west of a line beginning at the junction of US 212 and Meade Co. Rd 23 (Old 212 Rd), then south on Meade Co. Rd 23 (Old 212 Rd) to its junction with Meade Co. Rd 28 (Sulfur Cut Off Rd), then east on Meade Co. Rd 23-28, then south on Meade Co. Rd 23 (Fairpoint Rd) to its junction with SD 34, then south on Meade Co. Rd 21 (New Underwood Rd) to its junction with the Pennington County line and PENNINGTON County west of Pennington County 160th Avenue and north of I-90.

WRD-49B- MEADE CO. south of US Hwy 212, north of the Belle Fourche and Cheyenne Rivers and east of the line described for 49A above.

WRD-50A- MELLETTE CO. Season Dates: Nov. 7-10 and Nov. 23-29.

WRD-50B- MELLETTE CO. Season Dates: Nov. 14-29.

WRD-53A- PERKINS CO. north of SD 20.

WRD-53C- PERKINS CO. south of SD 20 and MEADE CO. north of US 212.

WRD-58A- STANLEY CO., except those areas in 45C and 45D.

WRD-58D- STANLEY CO. Limited to person who use a wheelchair for mobility. Licenses are valid for all of Stanley County as described in 58A above. Successful applicants will be allowed to take part in a special hunt Nov. 14-15 in the state park campground area below Oahe Dam as instructed.

WRD-60A- TRIPP CO.

WRD-64A- ZIEBACH CO. Season dates Nov. 7-29.

WRD-65A- SHANNON CO.

WRD-67A- TODD CO.

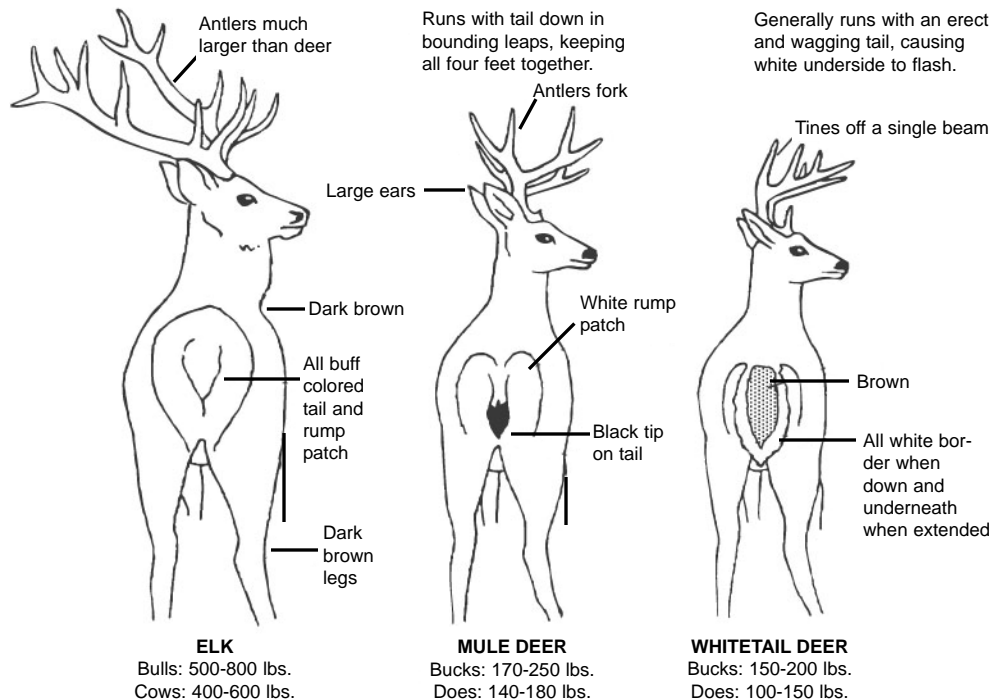
BIG GAME IDENTIFICATION

Because many West River deer licenses specify the species of deer; deer hunters need to be able to distinguish between mule and whitetail deer.

The diagrams should help you identify the two deer species. West River deer hunters, particularly those hunting in units bordering the Black Hills, should also be able to identify elk.

Please be sure of your target. If unsure, do not shoot.

In addition to the obvious safety and ethical questions involved with shooting an unintentional target, the State also imposes strict penalties for those involved. The maximum criminal penalty for shooting big game out of season is a \$1,000 fine and up to one year in jail. Additionally, civil penalties ranging from \$1,000 for a deer to \$5,000 for an elk may also be imposed.



CARE IN THE FIELD

Proper handling of game meat at each step from field to table helps ensure optimum eating quality. Keep the following tips in mind.

Be prepared for the hunt.

- Remember to take a sharp hunting knife, a small hatchet, a whetstone or steel, about 12 feet of light rope or nylon cord, plastic bags and clean cloths or paper towels.
- In warm weather you may want to take a can of ground pepper and some cheesecloth. Sprinkle the carcass with pepper and cover it with cheesecloth to repel flies.

Field dress and cool the carcass promptly. Improper temperature is meat's worst enemy.

- The surface of the carcass may be contaminated with bacteria that can spoil the meat unless the growth is stopped by chilling.
- Clean your hunting knife often with clean water and a cloth to prevent contamination of the meat.
- Usually it's not necessary to bleed the animal, because the arrow has caused enough hemorrhage to the animal to bleed it sufficiently.
- Cool the animal quickly. Cool the carcass by propping the chest open with a clean stick and allowing air to circulate. Filling the cavity with bags of ice will also enhance cooling.

Keep the carcass clean.

- Remove all foreign particles and loose hair. Remove bloodshot areas.
- Wipe out excess blood in gutted cavity with paper towel or clean cloth and clean water. Use as little water as possible, because damp meat spoils faster than dry meat.
- Do not use grass or snow to wipe out the carcass, because this may contaminate it.

The game may be processed commercially or at home.

- Be sure to keep the carcass cool until it reaches the locker plant. Keep the carcass out of direct sunlight and allow for adequate air circulation.
- If you choose to process your own game, don't cross contaminate during the processing. Wash your knife, hands and cutting board often with warm soapy water.

– Aging meat is the practice of holding carcasses or cuts of meat at temperatures of 34-37 degrees F. to allow the enzymes in the meat to break down some of the complex proteins in the carcass. Aging two to three days is sufficient.

- Aged meat is often more tender and flavorful.
- Aging is not recommended for carcasses with little or no fat covering. They may dry out during aging.
- If you intend to grind the meat into sausage, aging is unnecessary.
- Do not allow the carcass to freeze. Freezing may toughen the meat.

FIELD DRESSING

You may wish to wear plastic surgical gloves during field dressing.

1. Place the animal on its back with the front end elevated and spread the hind legs. Support carcass in position by placing rocks or sticks on each side.
2. Cut along the midline of the belly from the breastbone to the anus. Avoid cutting into the paunch and intestines by using the handle of the knife and the heel of your hand to crowd the guts away. Cut around the anus, loosening the bung so it will come out with the guts.
3. Cut the diaphragm (the thin sheet of muscle and connective tissue between the chest and the abdomen) free from the rib cage by cutting through the white tissue near the rib cage.
4. Reach forward to cut the windpipe, gullet and blood vessels at the base of the throat.
5. Pull the lungs, heart and guts out of the animal. If you like variety meats, save the heart and liver in a plastic bag and put on ice.

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