





Hunt ID: SD-MDeerWDeerVarmint-All-ERIVERWHIT-QOY-ILLYB

Big Archery or Rifle Whitetails and Mule deer, this is not a hunt - this is a TROPHY Hunt !

This hunt takes place in the famous Mellette County, the county in South Dakota that has the most recorded trophy deer taken.

**Trophy Archery Mule Deer and Whitetail on Over the counter unlimited licenses. Life is better than good it is a warm rack between your fingers and a bloody arrow!**

**This is a archers dream with Mule deer and whitetail deer over the counter tags. The rest of the 60,000 acre ranch that is not set aside for archers is rifle country with the same big Mule Deer and Whitetail bucks that make great wall hangers. We have even had some Primitive archers tag out on there hefty bucks, how good are you with a bow?**

Here is a special archery only area that he hunts archery only. The ranch is over 60,000 acres so there is room for both. Glassing the archery only area the only time you can't see deer is mid-day.

How about archery deer in the am and pm while hunting prairie Dogs, Grouse, Pheasants or such during the mid-day when the deer bed? Now when it comes to archery is unlimited you just have to apply and they will mail it to you.

He gets his rifle season books early but the random South Dakota Draw requires a point to just get in the running and because of its random number generator system nothing is for certain until you have license in hand.

There is an option to put in for a number of “Special” buck licenses(Goes around the draw formality) that allow you to shoot a buck Mule Deer or a Whitetail Buck deer with a rifle. The application period begins in late March and the First Deadline is April 18<sup>th</sup>. The one you want to apply for is the “West Rive Special Buck License”. The Special Buck License is only good on private land. The county or the Unit is almost 100% private or tribal land so public land in this unit is extremely scarce. If you do put in for this license you must book the hunt first to get the endorsement from the landowner that is required to apply for the license. This license is \$ 530 instead of \$ 350 and somewhat bypasses the main draw because the license.

Big game licensees hunting with a firearm in South Dakota must wear at least one exterior garment of fluorescent orange while hunting. Garments include hat, shirt, vest, jacket, coat or sweater.

The main drawing is called the 1<sup>st</sup> West River deer draw with applications available in June and the 1<sup>st</sup> deadline is July 18<sup>th</sup>. I said 1st because this is the regular in most states. The following 3 are a way to disperse the leftover license from the 1<sup>st</sup> draw. If all of this sounds confusing ... it is. Call me and we will assist you in getting a license.

One thing to keep in mind is that if you don't draw a license you will get a point and they will keep \$5.

The week before rifle season has the rut in full swing with the rifle season usually beginning about mid-month. So the bucks are well into the rut by then.

**Big Deer Prairie Dogs and Turkey plus coyotes is what we are known for. Deer prices and details are below along with guided Prairie Dogs on 60,000 acres \$ 295 per person, bring a lot of ammo, and of course we have “Merriam’s Turkey” at only \$ 695, you can’t leave the ranch without one!**

Hunt a Guided Trophy Deer Hunt without paying the Trophy Deer hunt price. This guided hunt on this 60,000 acre ranch with everything from river bottom to flat prairie to sand hills is a sleeper in Mellette County, out of the small town of White River, (South Central) South Dakota. A one of **a kind was \$ 3995 hunt for only \$ 2295 with limited seats available**This is what they call a “smokin’ deal!” For the quality of the bucks this would be a \$ 4000 hunt every time. The downside is the lack of availability books this hunt up early every year.

If you are looking for a good time with friends and an experience to remember come with us! These services provide you with the most exclusive, private, and custom hunts available in the area, perfect for the ultimate retreat from the modern world and intrusions.

We offer hunts in Prairie Dog, Mule Deer, Whitetail Deer, Antelope, Turkey, Coyote, Pheasant, Hungarian Partridge, and Sharptail Grouse. We also cater hunts for rifle, muzzleloader, and archery

hunter with an archery only area with plenty of big bucks to fill it. ( Non-resident Muzzleloader is not a good option for non-residents, it is doe only.)

Lodging and meals are available in town upon booking you will be given the names and phone number to make your reservations. The outfitter has been known to allow you to stay at the ranch house if he takes a liking to you.

Average year hunting success is:

50% success rate on deer scoring 140 or better for archery

95% success rate on deer for black powder ( Resident only)

70% success rate on deer scoring 180 (mule deer) and 160 (whitetail deer )or better for Rifle

99% success rate on deer scoring under180 (mule deer) and 160 (whitetail deer )or better for Rifle

Hunting Licenses for Small Game, Varmint, and bird (except turkey) licenses can be purchased from [South Dakota Game Fish & Parks](#) or from the Gas Stop II in White River.

Big Game licenses (Turkey, Deer, & Antelope) can also be purchased online from the Game Fish and Parks. Please note the county is Melette (#50). Contact us to apply as a group to get landowner preference. Otherwise make sure to apply by the first drawing dates.

**Here is the key for a Resident and Non-resident to draw a South Dakota Deer license at Outback.**

**By selecting "A season" the season is 11/3/2012-11/06/12-11/19-12.**

**If you select the "B "season the season is 11/10-08 to 11/25-/2012.**

**Special Buck Rifle applications (\$ 605) are available in March and the deadline for the first drawing is April 20<sup>th</sup> 2012.**

**Regular Buck Rifle applications (\$ 335) are available in June and the deadline is July 20<sup>th</sup>.2012**

**Muzzleloader is over the counter. If you are a resident it is a either sex tag and if you are a non-resident it is a doe only tag. Archery is either sex for both resident and non-resident.**

**Below is the rifle drawing statics. The complexity comes in the multiple combinations. They are**

**(1) Resident or Non-resident**

**(2) Season A or season B**

**(3) Any type deer or Whitetail type deer.**

**(4) The other factor is with point(s) or not**

The last category is in some cases, usually resident only you will be able to put in for a point with your first choice and a whitetail as your second choice. In doing so you are able to get a license for a whitetail buck a point for next year all at the same time.

**License code for applications below:**

**WRD-50A-Millette County**

**WRD-50A 08:** Valid for one Any Deer and one Any Antlerless Deer

**WRD-50A 16:** Valid for one Any Whitetail Deer and TWO Antlerless Whitetail

**WRD-50B-Millette County**

**WRD-50B 08:** Valid for one Any Deer and one Any Antlerless Deer

**WRD-50B 16:** Valid for one Any Whitetail Deer and TWO Antlerless Whitetail

**WRD-50A-B-Millette County Doe only licenses**

**WRD-50A 07:** Valid for one and THREE Antlerless Whitetail

**WRD-50B 07:** Valid for one and THREE Antlerless Whitetail

**South Dakota Resident with no points**

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**( Licenses avail/ License left after the Draw)**

**Any Buck-First Apply for 50A/06 split season    50% chance of drawing    239 / 163**

Whitetail Buck Apply for 50A/16 season      100% chance of drawing    148 / 148

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**Resident With a point:**

Any Buck- Apply for 50B/06 split season      100% chance of drawing    ??? / ???

Whitetail Buck Apply for 50B/16 Split season    100% chance of drawing    ??? / ???

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**Non-resident with no points**

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Whitetail Buck Apply for 50A/16 season      100% chance of drawing    ??? / ???

**Non-resident with no point**

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Whitetail Buck Apply for 50B/16 season      100% chance of drawing    ??? / ???

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In this way you can hunt this year and have a point to draw a mule deer next year.

A Non-Resident can draw a whitetail buck as a second choice and collect a point while doing so 50 A or B 16

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These are no guarantees in the South Dakota Deer draw their or only the best odds. So it is easier to draw a whitetail doe, then a whitetail buck, followed by s the most difficult to draw is a Mule Deer buck, but with it you can shoot a mule deer or a whitetail. The question is not that you will draw the question is when will you draw.

The other option is to buy the Special Buck license in South Dakota Deer for \$560 that is good for any deer anywhere in the state. It will make your draw about 95% successful but you must put in earlier about mid-April, than the regular draw. The regular draw license is \$286 and the application date is in late May with any buck licenses running about 3 points and the whitetail buck running 2 points. As always the archery licenses is unlimited and over the counter on the internet.

Spring Turkey in Feb.

Rifle Deer- Late June

Archery Deer/Antelope- July

Muzzleloader- August.\*

There is no season on Prairie Dogs! Come get 'em anytime!

All hunts require a non- refundable deposit to reserve your date on the calendar \*

\* Please note if you reserve on a big game hunt and fail to draw your tag on the first drawing, we will refund your deposit!



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