

41:06:61:06. Application requirements -- License and season restrictions --

Special conditions -- Carcass check-in procedures. The following requirements, restrictions, special conditions, and procedures apply to all applications for license and to all licenses issued under this chapter:

(1) Only residents of the state may apply for a license;

(2) No person may harvest more than one mountain lion in a season;

(3) No person may harvest or attempt to harvest a mountain lion with a spotted coat (kitten) or any mountain lion accompanying another mountain lion;

(4) ~~Except those specified hunting intervals in Custer State Park that allow the use of dogs, no~~ No person may hunt mountain lions with the aid of ~~dogs~~, traps, or bait;

(5) The use of dogs to hunt mountain lions is only allowed during those specified hunting intervals in Custer State Park that allow the use of dogs and year round outside of the Black Hills Fire Protection District on private land with permission of the landowner or lessee. However, a pursuit of a mountain lion by dogs that originates on private land may cross over or culminate on property owned by the Office of School and Public Lands or the United State Bureau of Land Management other than the Fort Meade Recreation Area;

~~(5)~~ (6) No person may release dogs on tracks indicating multiple mountain lions traveling together;

~~(6)~~ (7) A In Custer State Park, a person using dogs shall attempt to harvest the first legal mountain lion they have a reasonable opportunity to harvest, except under the condition where the lion pursued shows obvious signs of lactation;

(8) Licensed hunters must accompany the dog handler when the dogs are released and must continuously participate in the hunt thereafter until the hunt is completed;

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~~(7)~~ (9) A person may use any firearm, muzzleloader, or bow and arrow established by statute or administrative rule as legal implements for the taking of deer;

~~(8)~~ (10) Wind Cave National Park, Jewell Cave National Park, and Mount Rushmore National Memorial are closed to mountain lion hunting; and

~~(9)~~ (11) All mountain lions harvested must be presented to a department representative within 24 hours of harvest for inspection.

Source: 32 SDR 45, effective September 20, 2005; 33 SDR 1, effective July 18, 2006; 34 SDR 67, effective September 10, 2007; 37 SDR 112, effective December 8, 2010; 38 SDR 101, effective December 5, 2011; 39 SDR 100, effective December 3, 2012.

General Authority: SDCL 41-2-18(1)(2)(14)(17), 41-8-15(1).

Law Implemented: SDCL 41-2-18(1)(2)(14)(17), 41-8-15(1).

Cross-References:

"Hunting guide" defined, SDCL 41-4-12.

Hunting guide activities barred from certain state-owned or state-managed areas -
Violations, SDCL 41-4-13.

~~Dogs prohibited in hunting big game -- Exception -- Violation, SDCL 41-8-15.~~