

NDG&F March 8th Newsletter

Hunting Guide and Outfitter Test Set for May 8

The next guide and outfitter written examination is May 8 at 1 p.m. at the North Dakota Game and Fish Department office in Bismarck. The test is given periodically to anyone interested in becoming a hunting guide or outfitter in the state.

In addition to passing a written exam, qualifications for becoming a guide include a background check for criminal and game and fish violations; certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and standard first aid; and employment by or contract with a licensed hunting outfitter.

Hunting outfitter eligibility requirements include the guide qualifications, as well as an individual must have held a hunting guide license for two years; and must have proof of liability insurance.

Interested individuals are required to preregister by calling the Game and Fish Department's enforcement office at 328-6604.

Nonresident Any-Deer Bow Licenses Remain

More than 200 any-deer bow licenses are still available to nonresidents in 2010, according to Carrie Whitney, licensing supervisor for the North Dakota Game and Fish Department.

The Game and Fish Department began issuing nonresident any-deer bow licenses March 1, and nearly 1,100 of the allotted 1,305 licenses for 2010 have been purchased.

Remaining licenses are issued on a first-come, first-served basis. Nonresidents can print out an application for mailing at the Game and Fish Department website, gf.nd.gov, or call (701) 328-6300 to request an application. Only one license is allowed per hunter.

The number of nonresident any-deer bow licenses available is 15 percent of the previous year's mule deer gun license allocation. The department issued 8,700 mule deer licenses in the 2009 deer gun lottery.

Bighorn Sheep, Elk and Moose Applications due March 17

Applications for this fall's bighorn sheep, elk and moose hunting seasons must be in the mail and postmarked before midnight March 17.

To apply online, including preferential landowner moose and elk applicants, access the North Dakota Game and Fish Department's website, gf.nd.gov. Applications are also available at Game and Fish offices, county auditors and license vendors.

Individuals mailing applications to the department are advised to mail early because some post offices use the following day's postmark for mail received after regular hours. The department's online application feature will be deactivated March 17 at midnight.

Bighorn sheep, moose and elk lottery licenses – including second choice cow elk licenses – are issued as once-in-a-lifetime licenses in North Dakota. Hunters who have received a license through the lottery in the past are not eligible to apply for that species again.