

**South Dakota Department of Game, Fish & Parks
FY2016 Budget Summary Responses**

i. What are the major goals of your Agency (not mission statements, but major goals for FY16)?

Wildlife

- Enhance wildlife habitat on private land through strengthened public/private partnerships with non-government organizations and landowners.
- Implement a system of setting hunting seasons for multiple years.

Parks & Recreation

- Complete park visitor center construction projects at Good Earth State Park and Custer State Park.
- Initiate the environmental impact study (EIS) process required to allow construction of a connector trail between the George S. Mickelson Trail and Mount Rushmore.

ii. What are some of the measures your Agency uses to judge your Success in meeting your Goals? Measures should tell efficiencies (e.g. percentages) and effectiveness (e.g rates)

- Performance measures for the Division of Wildlife include, but are not limited to: 1) hunter/angler satisfaction surveys, 2) harvest surveys, 3) license sales, 4) angler and hunter days, 5) acres of publicly accessible lands, 6) acres of land in wildlife habitat programs, 7) wildlife population levels, and management plan implementation progress.
- Performance measures for the Division of Parks & Recreation include but are not limited to: 1) park and recreation area visitations, 2) reservation/occupancy levels of available camping units, 3) revenue levels, and 4) visitor satisfaction surveys.

iii. How did you do last year (related to performance measures)? Did your measures show improvement over the previous year? What do you intent to do differently?

Wildlife

- Drafted, modified and/or adopted management plans for mountain lions, pronghorn antelope, sage grouse, elk and fisheries in the Black Hills, West River, East River and the Missouri River.
- Implemented or initiated implementation of 37 of 43 action items for improvement in agency operations in response to the independent review of big game management conducted in 2013.

Parks & Recreation

- Visitation to state park areas, camping units and revenue generated, all exceeded previous year numbers with camping units in 2014 being an all-time record.

iv. ***Does the FY16 Budget Recommendation address areas where outcomes were negative?***

- No. The Department's FY2016 budget adjustments do not directly address specific performance indicators in decline. However, the FY2016 budget adjustments do align the Department's funding priorities with the Department's goals and missions for the upcoming year.

v. ***Federal Fund Disbursements: Attachment C:***

- Submitted by the Department as a separate document on January 9, 2015.