

**Memorandum of Understanding Between
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe Wildlife, Fish and Recreation Department and
South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks**

I. EXISTENCE AND PURPOSE.

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is hereby entered into this 1ST day of November, 2016, by and between the Lower Brule Wildlife, Fish and Recreation Department (LBWFR) and the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks (SDGFP) to provide guidance and memorialize collaboration between these parties to facilitate and enhance management of shared natural resources occurring in Lyman and Stanley Counties of South Dakota.

The purpose of this MOU is to formalize cooperative efforts by the Lower Brule Wildlife, Fish and Recreation Department and South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks where mutual interest exists to conduct collaborative operations. Collaborative operations between the parties may include, but not be limited to the following: conducting and sharing wildlife surveys, developing big game and small game harvest season recommendations, communicating wildlife and fisheries resource management concerns and conducting predator/nuisance animal control activities conducted in effort to safeguard domestic livestock operations.

II. PARTIES. The Parties to this MOU include:

- A. The Lower Brule Wildlife, Fish and Recreation Department is a wildlife management and law enforcement department under the umbrella of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe. LBWFR exercises tribal jurisdiction of game management and law enforcement on Indian Country lands and waters, excluding the Missouri River, within the Lower Brule Indian Reservation of Lyman and Stanley counties in South Dakota.
- B. The South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks is an executive agency of the State of South Dakota charged to perpetuate, conserve, manage, protect, and enhance South Dakota's wildlife resources, parks, and outdoor recreational opportunities for the use, benefit, and enjoyment of the people of South Dakota and its visitors, and to give the highest priority to the welfare of this state's wildlife and parks, and their environment, in planning and decisions. SDGFP exercises state jurisdiction of game management and law enforcement on deeded properties and waters throughout the State of South Dakota.

III. TERMS. The terms of this MOU include:

- A. The parties agree to work cooperatively to conduct wildlife surveys, management and research projects when mutual interest exists and to share information to assist in effectively managing shared big game, small game, and non-game populations.
- B. The parties will work together when appropriate to control predator or nuisance animals.
 - i). The SDGFP Wildlife Damage Specialist conducting predator control work or designee shall notify LBWFR when aerial predator operations will be conducted within, and adjacent to, the Lower Brule Reservation boundaries.