

**From:** [Cary, Joe](#)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT]  
**Date:** Friday, August 11, 2017 1:52:09 PM

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Thank you,

**Joe Cary** | *Secretary*

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**From:** duke remitz [mailto:dukeremitz@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2017 1:02 PM

**To:** GFP Wild Info

**Subject:** [EXT]

I'm for it. Waterfowl need undisturbed resting areas. Thanks.

**From:** [Cary, Joe](#)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Boat Closure Petition  
**Date:** Friday, August 11, 2017 3:02:15 PM

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**From:** DOUG BUTALA [<mailto:BUTALAD@lakeareatech.edu>]

**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2017 2:52 PM

**To:** GFP Wild Info

**Subject:** [EXT] Boat Closure Petition

To whom it may concern:

I am strongly against the boating closure Petition for Swan Lake on the dates of October 20<sup>th</sup> thru December 31<sup>st</sup>. For the reason this time in the fall is some of the best fishing on Swan Lake for Large walleyes. I as a Licensed South Dakota Sportsman do not want to give up the right to fish that body of water with my boat. As far as the Migratory Ducks and Geese go there is more than enough (hundreds) of area sloughs and large private pot holes for these birds to congregate on and not get harassed. Please vote against this closing for us fisherman in South Dakota that love to fish with our boats in the fall.

Thank you

Doug Butala

Maintenance Director

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[butalad@lakeareatech.edu](mailto:butalad@lakeareatech.edu)

**From:** [Miller, LouAnn](#)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Boat Closure Petition on Swan Lake  
**Date:** Friday, September 01, 2017 8:03:44 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Deb C [<mailto:dj27193@gmail.com>]  
Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2017 7:44 PM  
To: GFP Wild Info  
Subject: [EXT] Boat Closure Petition on Swan Lake

Commissioners

Please vote NO on this petition. Swan Lake is largely publicly owned and closing this lake will not benefit most residents of South Dakota only a few land owners. Fall is a great time in South Dakota to enjoy boat fishing and on-the-water waterfowl hunting.

Thank You  
Jeff Clow  
Harrisburg, SD

**From:** [Cary, Joe](#)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Boating Restriction Rebuttal  
**Date:** Monday, August 14, 2017 8:11:14 AM

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**From:** Pam Koch [mailto:[yourvoice5272@gmail.com](mailto:yourvoice5272@gmail.com)]

**Sent:** Saturday, August 12, 2017 10:46 AM

**To:** GFP Wild Info

**Subject:** [EXT] Boating Restriction Rebuttal

I believe this is a mistake! Many seniors choose this lake for it's peaceful, uncrowded fishing. These are small boats, they will not disturb wildlife & allow individuals to safely watch & observe this wildlife in it's on habitat. Please reconsider this action!

**From:** [Cary, Joe](#)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Closing of Boat Traffic on Swan Lake  
**Date:** Monday, August 14, 2017 8:10:21 AM

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**From:** Ed Nelson [mailto:dakotalabs9@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 12, 2017 9:50 AM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** [EXT] Closing of Boat Traffic on Swan Lake

Dear Sirs: I'm very much opposed on closing ANY South Dakota lake for ANY reason after the fiasco of The Non-Meandering Lake issue last Spring. The water in this State belongs to everyone. As a Fisherman and a Sportsman, I'm opposed to closing a Public Water for ANY reason, private or Landowner.

Don't you think the Fisherman have lost too much already?

Ed Nelson  
Erwin, South Dakota  
57233  
605-323-5072

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

**From:** [Miller, LouAnn](#)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Closing public access to swan lake  
**Date:** Thursday, August 24, 2017 8:03:11 AM

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Kraig [<mailto:kraigkapp@yahoo.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 23, 2017 6:33 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** [EXT] Closing public access to swan lake

Closing access to Swan lake is a bad idea, there are so many better places to hunt waterfowl!  
Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Miller, LouAnn](#)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Cottonwood Lake (lake Yankton) motor access  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 16, 2017 1:20:17 PM

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**From:** Ralph Hartley [mailto:rjhartley4@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 16, 2017 10:19 AM  
**To:** gary.m.ledbetter@usace.army.mil  
**Cc:** tim.McCoy@nebraska.gov; GFP Wild Info; GFP Park Info  
**Subject:** [EXT] Cottonwood Lake (lake Yankton) motor access

Dear Mr. Ledbetter,

This letter is in response to the proposed changes in watercraft access on Lake Yankton. I have been enjoying both Lewis & Clark Lake and Lake Yankton for approximately 20 years, making the trip from Lincoln, Ne. to our boat in a slip at the marina on the South Dakota side of the lake. We use Lake Yankton primarily for kayaking and bird watching. I'm writing to express my concern for the proposed permitting of combustion motors on Lake Yankton. Having worked for the National Park Service for over 34 years, I'm well acquainted with the ever changing social and economic considerations necessary on public recreational lands. I'm also aware that the location of Lake Yankton is somewhat unique in its proximity to both Lewis and Clark reservoir and the Missouri River where watercraft of many sizes and configurations have almost unlimited access to mobility.

While a formal impact study may not be required prior to consideration of the proposed "no-wake" 5 mi per hour motor traffic on Lake Yankton I'm concerned that such permit would have an adverse impact on non-motorized watercraft and their operators, while adding noise, fumes, and turbulence resulting from 20 inch or more motor shafts to a very shallow lake. The relatively quiet ,calm environment on and around Lake Yankton appears to be amenable to a healthy, diverse wildlife population extending from the overall riverine environment -- in an increasingly dense atmosphere of human activity.

With these basic considerations in mind I want to express my interest in rejecting the proposed combustion motor traffic on Lake Yankton and strongly recommend that this small body of water remain limited to electric motors only.

Thank you for consideration in this matter,

Sincerely,

Ralph J. Hartley

**From:** [Miller, LouAnn](#)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Elk & drought  
**Date:** Friday, September 01, 2017 8:30:37 AM

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**From:** Skip Guindon [mailto:skip.guindon@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, August 31, 2017 7:14 PM

**To:** GFP Wild Info

**Subject:** [EXT] Elk & drought

As I would like to apply for & draw a antlerless Elk tag, as I have them in my yard everyday here on O'Neal pass, the Elk are not the problem for the lack of grass / feed. It is the cow leeses! They have free roaming and the ranchers have a cheap feed source. I was very disappointed last year when the cows grazed the land that Rocky Mtn Elk set aside for elk feed..not the dam cows.

Skip Guindon

10350 S. Rapid Creek Rd

Lead S.D.



**From:** [Miller, LouAnn](#)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] elk contingency licenses  
**Date:** Friday, September 01, 2017 8:29:38 AM

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**From:** Dave & Cristina [mailto:dblackfo@gwtc.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 31, 2017 5:29 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** [EXT] elk contingency licenses

As a preface to my comments I will give you my background and experience in the Black Hills. I was a District Ranger on the Black Hills National Forest for ten years and have considerable experience with all resources including timber, fire, range, wildlife, fisheries, soils, air and water quality. I was also a Resource Staff Officer for ten years with responsibility for the afore mentioned resource programs. I retired on the Black Hills National Forest from the position of Resource Staff in the Supervisors office with primary responsibility in range management, wildlife, fire and timber management.

It is my professional assessment that there is more than adequate forage in the primary elk range to support the existing population. While parts of the state are in a drought that is not the situation in the Black Hills. The grasses are near waist high in some areas and is plentiful. The reason for the excellent conditions are due to the very aggressive timber harvest program over the past 15 years. The thinned timber stands are producing more forage now than has been the case in decades. I am certain the ranchers have been complaining they haven't cut as much hay as in previous years. That is true on the prairie but doesn't equate to the circumstance here in the hills. Also there is not a direct correlation from tons of hay produced to forage produced in a forested ecosystem.

I spend considerable time in the Jasper fire area which is primary winter range for the elk herd. The current forage conditions are excellent for this time of year. I suggest you encourage your biologists to get out of Pierre and actually look at conditions on the ground. My opinion is additional elk tags are not needed and you are developing a solution in search of a problem.

As a side note, I observed a group of 14 Bighorn rams within the Jasper burn about a mile west of Lightning Creek road

David Blackford

USFS retired

**From:** [Miller, LouAnn](#)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Elk contingency tags comment  
**Date:** Friday, September 01, 2017 8:29:19 AM

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**From:** Mike Sliper [mailto:mike.sliper@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 31, 2017 5:18 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** [EXT] Elk contingency tags comment

Based upon my personal observations and admittedly no technical data, it appeared like the Black Hills (primary elk range) did not suffer from the drought like the rest of the state. A rain gauge on private land in the 6 Mile Road area indicated on average 1/2" of rain nearly every week this summer. Sometimes more, sometimes a little less. I made similar observations in the northern Hills as well. Also, based upon personal observations, it appeared there were far more cattle in the Hills this year. If so, this could probably be attributed to the drought conditions experienced on private range land elsewhere. If this is accurate, reducing the elk population more than will already be done this year with the additional cow tags due to address current forage concerns in the Hills does not seem to be the appropriate solution. I fear we will be reliving history when more elk tags were issued (around 2008-09) and it took many years for the elk to recover. I assume it would be highly unpopular with a financially strong and vocal group but perhaps reducing the number of private cattle on Forest Service land would be more beneficial to South Dakota's wildlife. Thank you for allowing my input.

Thanks,  
**Mike Sliper**

**From:** [Miller, LouAnn](#)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Elk  
**Date:** Friday, September 01, 2017 8:29:58 AM

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**From:** David Lewton [mailto:davidlewtton60@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, August 31, 2017 5:39 PM

**To:** GFP Wild Info

**Subject:** [EXT] Elk

Stop slaughtering the elk herds for financial gain!!!! Reduce the cattle grazing permits. Having multiple drawing for elk tags in nothing but a scam to make more money for sdgfp. Wishful hunters shouldn't have to spend \$10-\$15 ( x3 separate drawing)x other units. It adds up in a hurry and just to be let down by not drawing a tag. Quit making hunting a rich mans sport. I have not witnessed any starving elk either. Stop the Scam!!!

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**To:** [Comes, Rachel](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] GFP News :: GFP Commission to Review Boat Closure Petition on Swan Lake  
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**From:** Gale Paulson [<mailto:gale@psinternational.com>]

**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2017 12:18 PM

**To:** SDGFPINFO

**Cc:** Kiel, Emily; Russell, Rhet; Petersen, Arden (GFP); Robling, Kevin (GFP)

**Subject:** RE: [EXT] GFP News :: GFP Commission to Review Boat Closure Petition on Swan Lake

I would also strongly recommend that the public boat dock be removed and all boating stopped on Reid Lake in northern Clark County—by at least the opening of waterfowl season because [this is an important Waterfowl Refuge](#). Reid Lake has been a very important waterfowl refuge for many years—and becomes even more important as other area sloughs dry up. If geese and ducks do not have a safe place to stay (which is the purpose of the refuge), they will not stay around.

I think this boat dock should actually be removed completely because this boat dock is located on public land which is in a grassland easement. This easement states; **“The purpose of this easement is to protect the habitat quality of the lands and such land shall be maintained to provide cover, especially nesting cover, and food for a varied array of aquatic, terrestrial, and avian wildlife, particularly waterfowl and threatened and endangered species.”** A public boat ramp and parking lot for trucks and boat trailers and vehicles coming and leaving the area throughout the day is definitely a violation of this easement contract. In the past, I have personally witnessed boats arriving early in the morning (sometimes before sun up) and chasing geese and ducks off the lake---and this happens throughout the day. I thought the purpose of the GF&P was to protect wildlife and try to enhance cover.

If this public boat dock is not removed, legal action may be initiated (by a few parties).

Gale Paulson,

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**From:** South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks [<mailto:sdgfpinfo@state.sd.us>]

**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2017 11:23 AM

**To:** [gale@psinternational.com](mailto:gale@psinternational.com)

**Subject:** GFP News :: GFP Commission to Review Boat Closure Petition on Swan Lake

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** August 11, 2017

**CONTACT:** Emily Kiel at [Emily.Kiel@state.sd.us](mailto:Emily.Kiel@state.sd.us)

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**PIERRE, S.D.** – The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) Commission will take action on a petition proposal to designate Swan lake in Clark County as a “no boating zone” from Oct. 20 to Dec. 31 at their upcoming meeting in September.

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The petition can be found online at:

<http://gfp.sd.gov/agency/commission/docs/2017/august/docs.pdf>.

The Commission will take action on this petition proposal at their Sept. 7-8 meeting, at the Ramada in Sioux Falls. Written comments can be sent to [wildinfo@state.sd.us](mailto:wildinfo@state.sd.us). To be part of the public record, comments must be received by 12 p.m. CDT on Sept. 7. Please include a full name along with the city and state of residence. To comment in person, the public hearing will be held Sept. 7, at 2 p.m. CDT at the Ramada in Sioux Falls.

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**From:** [Miller, LouAnn](#)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] GFP News :: GFP Commission to Review Boat Closure Petition on Swan Lake  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 29, 2017 7:45:53 AM

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**From:** Michael Schaefer [mailto:msbigking@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 28, 2017 5:39 PM  
**To:** SDGFPINFO  
**Subject:** Re: [EXT] GFP News :: GFP Commission to Review Boat Closure Petition on Swan Lake  
I support the Swan Lake boat closure petition Michael Schaefer Pierre S D

On Friday, August 11, 2017 11:23 AM, "South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks" <[sdgfpinfo@state.sd.us](mailto:sdgfpinfo@state.sd.us)> wrote:



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** August 11, 2017

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**From:** Mark Richardson [mailto:Mark.Richardson@daktronics.com]

**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2017 12:58 PM

**To:** GFP Wild Info

**Subject:** [EXT] GFP News :: GFP Commission to Review Boat Closure Petition on Swan Lake

I am strongly opposed to this proposal. It looks to benefit private landowners and guides. I don't know how you would close down a public shooting area for one type of hunting to benefit another style of hunting.

**From:** [Miller, LouAnn](mailto:Miller, LouAnn)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](mailto:Comes, Rachel)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] petition to restrict boating on Swan Lake  
**Date:** Monday, August 21, 2017 8:50:50 AM

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**From:** george vandel [mailto:gvan3@pie.midco.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 19, 2017 11:44 AM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** [EXT] petition to restrict boating on Swan Lake

Dear Commissioners:

I am opposed to the proposed petition to restrict fall boating on Swan Lake for the following reasons:

- 1) Swan Lake is a non-meandered lake of which some 80% is publically owned – much of it by our Wildlife Division as a GPA.
- 2) GPAs were purchased with sportsmen (women) funds, are managed and maintained with these funds and the annual property taxes are paid by sportsmen.
- 3) This water has been historically used by both hunters and anglers, especially lately with the high water levels.
- 4) This area has a good boat ramp. It has been modified to provide ideal public access to an area open to public access.
- 5) Good public access, especially to waters with good duck hunting and fall fishing is very limited in SD. Wildlife Division staff work hard and spend significant funds to secure and develop this type of access.
- 6) With recent changes to state water access law combined with increases in nonresident waterfowl licenses, access to good duck hunting has been significantly reduced this year.
- 7) These proposed boating restrictions will eliminate both good hunting and good fishing at a time when access is at a premium.
- 8) This restriction closes access on public water to only benefit an adjoining private landowner. This may be a win for the adjoining landowner but it represents a great loss to the public – on an area they currently have good access to and one they bought, paid for, manage and pay taxes on.

In summary this proposal sets a horrible precedent – restricting hunting access on a GPA only to exclusively benefit an adjoining private landowner. It is a bad idea and needs to be killed. I urge you to vote no on this bad petition.

George Vandel  
Pierre, SD



**From:** [Cary, Joe](#)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Petition  
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**From:** DARRIN CHRISTENSEN [mailto:CHRISTED@lakeareatech.edu]

**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2017 2:52 PM

**To:** GFP Wild Info

**Subject:** [EXT] Petition

Please do not allow this petition to be passed!

There are far too many reasons not to allow this to pass, the main one being it is a backdoor to try and shut public waters down to the public!

Please do not allow this to pass!

Darrin

**DARRIN CHRISTENSEN**

**BOOKSTORE ASST. MANAGER**

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**From:** [Miller, LouAnn](#)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Please Help Maintain Traditional Public Access to Swan Lake  
**Date:** Monday, August 28, 2017 2:49:55 PM

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-----Original Message-----

From: mailagent@thesoftedge.com [<mailto:mailagent@thesoftedge.com>] On Behalf Of d61pesicka@msn.com  
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 2:02 PM  
To: GFP Wild Info  
Subject: [EXT] Please Help Maintain Traditional Public Access to Swan Lake

Dear South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks Commission:

South Dakota sportsmen urge you to stand with us in maintaining traditional public access to Swan Lake by voting no on the proposed seasonal closure, which would set a dangerous precedent of allowing neighboring private landowners to create a private hunting refuge on public waters.

Swan Lake should be enjoyed by us all!

- 1) Swan Lake is a phenomenal public waterfowl hunting and fishing destination that has been enjoyed by generations of sportsmen. Approving this petition would allow a few neighboring private landowners to rob this public opportunity from future generations of sportsmen.
- 2) Through sportsmen-generated funds, Game, Fish and Parks has purchased more than 75% of Swan Lake, which it manages as a Game Production Area. Allowing private individuals to privatize access on publicly financed waters is both legally questionable and socially wrong.
- 3) Game, Fish & Parks has made incredible investments to facilitate hunting and fishing access on this lake, though the installation of a boat ramp and purchase of property around the lake. Limiting public access during peak migration is not in line with the original intent of these investments or traditional management goals.
- 4) Game, Fish & Parks has an obligation to manage our public wildlife and waters to benefit the public to the greatest extent possible. This petition would benefit a few and be a loss of opportunity to many.

Thank you for your work to sustain our public hunting and fishing opportunities.

Sincerely,

Dawn Pesicka  
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Sioux Falls, SD 57106

**From:** [Miller, LouAnn](mailto:Miller, LouAnn)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](mailto:Comes, Rachel)  
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From: mailagent@thesoftedge.com [<mailto:mailagent@thesoftedge.com>] On Behalf Of jon.duesterhoeft@gmail.com  
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 2:07 PM  
To: GFP Wild Info  
Subject: [EXT] Please Help Maintain Traditional Public Access to Swan Lake

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Sincerely,

Jon Duesterhoeft  
2324 S Blauvelt Ave  
Sioux Falls, SD 57105

**From:** [Miller, LouAnn](#)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](#)  
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Sincerely,

Zach Pawlowski  
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Alcester, SD 57001-6123

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From: mailagent@thesoftedge.com [<mailto:mailagent@thesoftedge.com>] On Behalf Of Jessepkurt@icloud.com  
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Petitioning this seasonal closure to close boating access to Swan Lake to make it a "waterfowl refuge" is ploy to improve private land hunting via pass shooting from adjacent waterfowl pits. Swan Lake is also a very productive Fall Fishery. This petition would be taking away opportunities to the public land/water sportsman.

- 1) Swan Lake is a phenomenal public waterfowl hunting and fishing destination that has been enjoyed by generations of sportsmen. Approving this petition would allow a few neighboring private landowners to rob this public opportunity from future generations of sportsmen.
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- 3) Game, Fish & Parks has made incredible investments to facilitate hunting and fishing access on this lake, though the installation of a boat ramp and purchase of property around the lake. Limiting public access during peak migration is not in line with the original intent of these investments or traditional management goals.
- 4) Game, Fish & Parks has an obligation to manage our public wildlife and waters to benefit the public to the greatest extent possible. This petition would benefit a few and be a loss of opportunity to many.

Thank you for your work to sustain our public hunting and fishing opportunities.

Sincerely,

Jesse Kurtenbach  
755 Stage Run Road  
Deadwood, SD 57732-8500

**From:** [Miller, LouAnn](mailto:Miller, LouAnn)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](mailto:Comes, Rachel)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Please Help Maintain Traditional Public Access to Swan Lake  
**Date:** Monday, August 28, 2017 2:57:22 PM

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From: mailagent@thesoftedge.com [<mailto:mailagent@thesoftedge.com>] On Behalf Of kevin@pech.com  
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 2:56 PM  
To: GFP Wild Info  
Subject: [EXT] Please Help Maintain Traditional Public Access to Swan Lake

Dear South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks Commission:

South Dakota sportsmen urge you to stand with us in maintaining traditional public access to Swan Lake by voting no on the proposed seasonal closure, which would set a dangerous precedent of allowing neighboring private landowners to create a private hunting refuge on public waters.

I take my family to SD each year just to ice fish. Being non residents and fairly close in Iowa we make the trips 4 or 5 times a winter, buying bait, staying at motels and eating out. Love the small towns and friendly people. If you close access to the previously public waters I will not be able to continue bring my family trips to SD ice fishing. As simple as that. Thanks for listening, Kevin Wilmes.

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Sincerely,

Kevin Wilmes  
3104 So Lemon Court  
Sioux City, IA 51106

**From:** [Miller, LouAnn](mailto:Miller, LouAnn)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](mailto:Comes, Rachel)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Please Help Maintain Traditional Public Access to Swan Lake  
**Date:** Monday, August 28, 2017 2:57:31 PM

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From: mailagent@thesoftedge.com [<mailto:mailagent@thesoftedge.com>] On Behalf Of ashleykurtenbach@hotmail.com  
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 2:56 PM  
To: GFP Wild Info  
Subject: [EXT] Please Help Maintain Traditional Public Access to Swan Lake

Dear South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks Commission:

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For everything that South Dakotan sportsmen and women and non-resident sportsmen & women have done for this state; how could you take something away from them?

By allowing this petition you are setting a precedent for all non-meandered waters. Due to the fact there were no amendments added to the open water compromise there is no public process to open these waters if you close them. That is indefinitely taking away from the public sportsmen and women.

If you personally don't care for hunting & fishing that's one thing, but please do care about our future generations and what this State offers to the youth who are passionate about the outdoors.

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Sincerely,

Ashley Kurtenbach  
Box 237  
Deadwood, SD 57732

**From:** [Miller, LouAnn](mailto:Miller, LouAnn)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](mailto:Comes, Rachel)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Please Help Maintain Traditional Public Access to Swan Lake  
**Date:** Monday, August 28, 2017 3:45:34 PM

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From: mailagent@thesoftedge.com [<mailto:mailagent@thesoftedge.com>] On Behalf Of Jonderuyter@hotmail.com  
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 3:21 PM  
To: GFP Wild Info  
Subject: [EXT] Please Help Maintain Traditional Public Access to Swan Lake

Dear South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks Commission:

South Dakota sportsmen urge you to stand with us in maintaining traditional public access to Swan Lake by voting no on the proposed seasonal closure, which would set a dangerous precedent of allowing neighboring private landowners to create a private hunting refuge on public waters.

Fishing and hunting are primary reasons why I live in SD and teaches my kids good habits in life and gets them away from TV and technology. My tax dollars are not spent to support items like this. Fishing and hunting bring in hundreds of millions for this state and it's a shame this is even being considered.

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Sincerely,

Jon Deruyter  
415 W St nicholas st  
Tea, SD 57064



**From:** [Miller, LouAnn](mailto:Miller, LouAnn)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](mailto:Comes, Rachel)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Please Help Maintain Traditional Public Access to Swan Lake  
**Date:** Monday, August 28, 2017 3:45:43 PM

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From: mailagent@thesoftedge.com [<mailto:mailagent@thesoftedge.com>] On Behalf Of Msmcknight2912@gmail.com  
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 3:31 PM  
To: GFP Wild Info  
Subject: [EXT] Please Help Maintain Traditional Public Access to Swan Lake

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Sincerely,

Michael McKnight  
2912 S. Duchess Ave  
Sioux Falls, SD 57103

**From:** [Miller, LouAnn](#)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Please Help Maintain Traditional Public Access to Swan Lake  
**Date:** Monday, August 28, 2017 3:45:51 PM

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From: mailagent@thesoftedge.com [<mailto:mailagent@thesoftedge.com>] On Behalf Of ritten70@gmail.com  
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 3:31 PM  
To: GFP Wild Info  
Subject: [EXT] Please Help Maintain Traditional Public Access to Swan Lake

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Sincerely,

Paul Ritten  
3542 Westview Dr  
Spearfish, SD 57783

**From:** [Miller, LouAnn](mailto:Miller, LouAnn)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](mailto:Comes, Rachel)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Please Help Maintain Traditional Public Access to Swan Lake  
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From: mailagent@thesoftedge.com [<mailto:mailagent@thesoftedge.com>] On Behalf Of Kaitwest320@gmail.com  
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 3:36 PM  
To: GFP Wild Info  
Subject: [EXT] Please Help Maintain Traditional Public Access to Swan Lake

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Sincerely,

Kait West  
9334 E. Bobcat Haven Ln  
Brighton, UT 84121

**From:** [Miller, LouAnn](mailto:Miller, LouAnn)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](mailto:Comes, Rachel)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Please Help Maintain Traditional Public Access to Swan Lake  
**Date:** Monday, August 28, 2017 3:47:32 PM

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From: mailagent@thesoftedge.com [<mailto:mailagent@thesoftedge.com>] On Behalf Of clint\_hay@live.com  
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 3:46 PM  
To: GFP Wild Info  
Subject: [EXT] Please Help Maintain Traditional Public Access to Swan Lake

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Sincerely,

Clint Hay  
807 Rapid Valley St  
Brookings, SD 58006

**From:** [Miller, LouAnn](mailto:Miller, LouAnn)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](mailto:Comes, Rachel)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Please Help Maintain Traditional Public Access to Swan Lake  
**Date:** Monday, August 28, 2017 3:58:49 PM

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From: mailagent@thesoftedge.com [<mailto:mailagent@thesoftedge.com>] On Behalf Of Garner670@gmail.com  
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 3:57 PM  
To: GFP Wild Info  
Subject: [EXT] Please Help Maintain Traditional Public Access to Swan Lake

Dear South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks Commission:

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We have paid for the right to god given resources . We do not need to close swan lake just so people can guide hunts right next to public water that all the birds roost on . What about the you kids that want to hunt and fish the water and don't have thousands of dollars to hunt ??? What a joke

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Sincerely,

Derek Garner  
2505 w Costello rd  
Sioux Falls , SD 57105

**From:** [Miller, LouAnn](mailto:Miller, LouAnn)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](mailto:Comes, Rachel)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Please Help Maintain Traditional Public Access to Swan Lake  
**Date:** Monday, August 28, 2017 4:01:46 PM

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From: mailagent@thesoftedge.com [<mailto:mailagent@thesoftedge.com>] On Behalf Of Daniel.Buresh@gmail.com  
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 4:01 PM  
To: GFP Wild Info  
Subject: [EXT] Please Help Maintain Traditional Public Access to Swan Lake

Dear South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks Commission:

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Water should always remain public because all water in the country is held in the public trust doctrine.

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Sincerely,

Daniel Buresh  
412 S Lincoln Ave  
Madison, SD 57042

**From:** [Miller, LouAnn](mailto:Miller, LouAnn)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](mailto:Comes, Rachel)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Please Help Maintain Traditional Public Access to Swan Lake  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 29, 2017 7:50:22 AM

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From: mailagent@thesoftedge.com [<mailto:mailagent@thesoftedge.com>] On Behalf Of jzeck2@sio.midco.net  
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 6:01 PM  
To: GFP Wild Info  
Subject: [EXT] Please Help Maintain Traditional Public Access to Swan Lake

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This is what happens when the legislature drops the ball. I have fished this body of water for years both in open water and through the ice. The loss of this opportunity is very much **SOMETHING I AM CONCERNED ABOUT**

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Sincerely,

JAMES ZECK  
4108 S. Judy Avenue  
Sioux Falls, SD 57103-7603

**From:** [Miller, LouAnn](mailto:Miller, LouAnn)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](mailto:Comes, Rachel)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Please Help Maintain Traditional Public Access to Swan Lake  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 29, 2017 7:50:34 AM

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From: mailagent@thesoftedge.com [<mailto:mailagent@thesoftedge.com>] On Behalf Of jay.hotchkiss13@gmail.com  
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 6:01 PM  
To: GFP Wild Info  
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Sincerely,

Jay Hotchkiss  
1402 Yellowstone Dr  
Brookings, SD 57006



**From:** [Miller, LouAnn](mailto:Miller, LouAnn)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](mailto:Comes, Rachel)  
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Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 7:31 PM  
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Sincerely,

Adam Nichols  
2301 S Ollerich ave  
Sioux Falls, SD 57106

**From:** [Miller, LouAnn](mailto:Miller, LouAnn)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](mailto:Comes, Rachel)  
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Our lakes and access are being threatened never more than today. Loss of access will prevent many outdoor recreational opportunities to many. I believe this will not be the first lake that will be threatened, but we the sportsmen and woman, the people will not stand by and let this go on. This is why we will all stand united and speak to keep access open and available to the public.

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Sincerely,

Kyle Kaskie  
105 West Pine Street  
Aurora, SD 57002-2029

**From:** [Miller, LouAnn](mailto:Miller, LouAnn)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](mailto:Comes, Rachel)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Please Help Maintain Traditional Public Access to Swan Lake  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 29, 2017 7:51:24 AM

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From: mailagent@thesoftedge.com [<mailto:mailagent@thesoftedge.com>] On Behalf Of talkwithoutspeaking@hotmail.com  
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 9:46 PM  
To: GFP Wild Info  
Subject: [EXT] Please Help Maintain Traditional Public Access to Swan Lake

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Sincerely,

Mark Miller  
1024 Park Hill Ct  
Rapid City, SD 57701-5800

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From: mailagent@thesoftedge.com [<mailto:mailagent@thesoftedge.com>] On Behalf Of bashoreb@hotmail.com  
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 9:51 PM  
To: GFP Wild Info  
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Our outdoor heritage is the what make's SD a place that people want to visit, live and retire too. It's clearly noted that it is also our largest economic driver. This Bill that was passed a few months ago is unconstitutional and not very well thought out. This is not a difficult issue and it can be resolved by incorporating Ag, Sportsmen and landowners all together to come to a common solution. Leadership is what we need and a true leader can make this happen.

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Sincerely,

Brian Bashore  
2512 S. Moss Stone Ave  
Sioux Falls, SD 57110

**From:** [Miller, LouAnn](mailto:Miller, LouAnn)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](mailto:Comes, Rachel)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Please Help Maintain Traditional Public Access to Swan Lake  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 29, 2017 7:51:49 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: mailagent@thesoftedge.com [<mailto:mailagent@thesoftedge.com>] On Behalf Of dn1stop@hotmail.com  
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 10:21 PM  
To: GFP Wild Info  
Subject: [EXT] Please Help Maintain Traditional Public Access to Swan Lake

Dear South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks Commission:

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Please keep our public access on Swan Lake open.

thank you

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Sincerely,

DOUG Nelson  
1106 s courtland  
Chamberlain, SD 57325

**From:** [Miller, LouAnn](mailto:Miller, LouAnn)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](mailto:Comes, Rachel)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Please Help Maintain Traditional Public Access to Swan Lake  
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From: mailagent@thesoftedge.com [<mailto:mailagent@thesoftedge.com>] On Behalf Of  
Dakotaqball@goldenwest.net  
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 10:41 PM  
To: GFP Wild Info  
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Sincerely,

Randall Schleuter  
409 E 12th St  
Dell Rapids , SD 57022

**From:** [Miller, LouAnn](mailto:Miller, LouAnn)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](mailto:Comes, Rachel)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Please Help Maintain Traditional Public Access to Swan Lake  
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Sincerely,

Jake Worthington  
1013 S 33rd St  
Spearfish, SD 57783-9401

**From:** [Miller, LouAnn](mailto:Miller, LouAnn)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](mailto:Comes, Rachel)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Please Help Maintain Traditional Public Access to Swan Lake  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 29, 2017 8:41:32 AM

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From: mailagent@thesoftedge.com [<mailto:mailagent@thesoftedge.com>] On Behalf Of tnovak@henrycarlson.com  
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 8:31 AM  
To: GFP Wild Info  
Subject: [EXT] Please Help Maintain Traditional Public Access to Swan Lake

Dear South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks Commission:

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I grew up in Minnesota. My family and I would take trips to South Dakota to hunt pheasants and fish walleyes. Everyone of those trips were possible because of public access to lands and waters. When I decided to go to South Dakota State University it was because South Dakota is one of the last great places for free lance hunting and fishing.

While at state, a group of friends and I would hunt and fish every chance we had. Again, majority of those trips were on public lands.

Since my time at State I've lived in Wyoming, Colorado, North Dakota and Texas. I wasn't happy being anywhere else but South Dakota.

Don't allow hunting, fishing and outdoor opportunities to continue to become only for those who can afford it.

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Sincerely,

Thomas Novak  
4205 N. Alaska Ave  
Sioux Falls, SD 57107



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**To:** [Comes, Rachel](mailto:Comes, Rachel)  
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Sincerely,

Terry Lee  
309 n chicago ave  
Madison, SD 57042-2536

**From:** [Miller, LouAnn](#)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Please Help Maintain Traditional Public Access to Swan Lake  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 29, 2017 12:45:26 PM

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From: mailagent@thesoftedge.com [<mailto:mailagent@thesoftedge.com>] On Behalf Of sfaheysd@gmail.com  
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 12:41 PM  
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Sincerely,

Sean Fahey  
2803 Hoefer Ave  
Rapid City, SD 57701

**From:** [Miller, LouAnn](mailto:Miller, LouAnn)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](mailto:Comes, Rachel)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Please Help Maintain Traditional Public Access to Swan Lake  
**Date:** Friday, August 25, 2017 12:57:08 PM

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-----Original Message-----

From: mailagent@thesoftedge.com [<mailto:mailagent@thesoftedge.com>] On Behalf Of scotthed@hotmail.com  
Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 12:41 PM  
To: GFP Wild Info  
Subject: [EXT] Please Help Maintain Traditional Public Access to Swan Lake

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Sincerely,

Scott Hed  
217 Calumet Ave NW  
De Smet, SD 57231

**From:** [Cary, Joe](#)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Public Water Safety Zone in Clark County.  
**Date:** Friday, August 11, 2017 11:56:09 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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**From:** Brett Andrews [mailto:[Brett@huffconstructioninc.com](mailto:Brett@huffconstructioninc.com)]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2017 11:51 AM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** [EXT] Public Water Safety Zone in Clark County.

To whom it may concern.

I support the restriction of boating access on Swan Lake in Clark County from Oct 20-Dec 31.

\*By Oct 20 most fall fishing is done with and people have changed their focus to pheasants, deer and waterfowl.

\*Outboard motors can annoy and be used to harass resting and loafing waterfowl. With the restriction of boating access on the lake it could create a "refuge like body of water", where waterfowl can be less disturbed.

\*The public hunting land under and around Swan Lake could still be hunted by way of walk in access, if an individual or hunting party wanted to hunt the public land of Swan Lake. And it will most likely be a better hunting opportunity if boats (even waterfowl hunting boats) are not scaring the birds off the lake.

I think these boating access restrictions between Oct 20-Dec 31 are great for waterfowl hunting. I wish there were more of them throughout eastern SD.

Thank you.

**Brett Andrews**

Huff Construction-Project Manager

11 N. Dakota Street

Aberdeen, SD 57401

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**From:** [Kiel, Emily](#)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](#)  
**Cc:** [Leif, Tony](#); [Kirschenmann, Tom](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] ramp closure  
**Date:** Monday, August 14, 2017 8:07:34 AM

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**From:** curt koepp [mailto:[ckoepp@abe.midco.net](mailto:ckoepp@abe.midco.net)]

**Sent:** Sunday, August 13, 2017 6:55 PM

**To:** Kiel, Emily

**Subject:** [EXT] ramp closure

This is nothing more than an attempt to close off the lake for the good of them and their clients both In state and out of state hunters. Leave it alone!!!!

**From:** [Cary, Joe](#)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Swan Lake boat closure  
**Date:** Monday, August 14, 2017 8:07:49 AM

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**From:** R E BOB KROELL [mailto:bkroell1287@msn.com]

**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2017 8:01 PM

**To:** GFP Wild Info

**Subject:** [EXT] Swan Lake boat closure

I think ducks would have a really good lake to rest and recuperate on if no waterfowl hunting was allowed on or around Swan Lake during this time period also. Let's give them a really nice rest.

Robert Kroell  
Abdrdeen, SD

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**From:** [Cary, Joe](#)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Swan Lake  
**Date:** Monday, August 14, 2017 9:22:32 AM

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**From:** Mike Reilly [mailto:wefish@santel.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 12, 2017 2:43 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** [EXT] Swan Lake  
8/12/17

GFP Commission

I see there is a proposal to designate Swan lake in Clark County as a "no boating zone" from Oct. 20 to Dec. 31 at their upcoming meeting in September.

At a point in time when there is more water in Clark Country than the land owners know what to do with, this make little to no sense at all. There are all kinds of pot holes for the waterfowl to rest on without restricting Swan Lake.

Some of the best fishing takes place during this fall time period, please do not restrict this water.

Sincerely,

Mike Reilly

1808 Indiana SE

Huron, SD 57350

Mike Reilly

[www.mikesmaps.com](http://www.mikesmaps.com)

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**From:** [Cary, Joe](#)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Swan Lake "no boating zone" Proposal  
**Date:** Monday, August 14, 2017 8:10:43 AM

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**From:** MARK KOUPAL [mailto:markkoupal1@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Saturday, August 12, 2017 9:51 AM

**To:** GFP Wild Info

**Subject:** [EXT] Swan Lake "no boating zone" Proposal

Members of the Commission,

I oppose the proposal to restrict boat access on Swan Lake or any location in SD during a waterfowl hunting season. I have hunted waterfowl and FISHED Swan Lake many times in October and November. The majority of the land around the lake is open to public hunting. This restriction would prevent ethical retrieval of downed waterfowl and once again remove sportsman's access. I see this as another attempt to commercialize hunting and fishing in SD. Please vote no to this proposal!

Thank you

Mark Koupal

1010 West Birch Av

MITCHELL, SD



**From:** [Miller, LouAnn](mailto:Miller, LouAnn)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](mailto:Comes, Rachel)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Swan Lake Adjoining Landowners Petition Regarding Fall and Winter Boating Access  
**Date:** Friday, August 25, 2017 8:22:34 AM

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**From:** Reg@gmail.com [mailto:reg.lindholm@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, August 24, 2017 5:35 PM

**To:** GFP Wild Info

**Subject:** [EXT] Swan Lake Adjoining Landowners Petition Regarding Fall and Winter Boating Access

Dear Game, Fish and Parks Commission Members,

I would ask that you vote for non-approval of the current petition by the adjoining land owners on Swan Lake that would restrict public access by eliminating boating access from October thru December to establish a waterfowl sanctuary. My reasoning for this request is as follows:

- 1) Swan Lake is a non-meandered lake of which approximately 80% is publically owned – much of it by our Wildlife Division as a GPA.
- 2) GPAs were purchased, managed and maintained with sportsmen funds. In addition, it is my understanding that the annual property taxes are also paid with sportsmen's funds.
- 3) Historically, Swan Lake has been used by both hunters and anglers.
- 4) Swan Lake has a serviceable boat ramp located off Highway 25 allowing ideal public access to an area open to the public.
- 5) Good Quality public access, especially to waters with fall waterfowl hunting and fishing is limited in South Dakota. Wildlife Division staff expended significant human and financial resources to secure and develop the access on Swan Lake.
- 6) With recent changes approved by the South Dakota Legislature to state water access law, combined with increases in nonresident waterfowl licenses, access to waterfowl hunting has been significantly reduced this year.
- 7) These proposed boating restrictions will eliminate both public hunting and fishing on Swan Lake at a time when access to such waters is at a premium.
- 8) This petition request appears to close access on public water to primarily benefit adjoining private landowners.

Thank you for your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

Reg Lindholm

P.O. Box 33

Webster, SD 57274

**From:** [Cary, Joe](#)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] swan lake boat closure  
**Date:** Monday, August 14, 2017 9:23:58 AM

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**From:** Bruce [mailto:[bmagee@wat.midco.net](mailto:bmagee@wat.midco.net)]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 12, 2017 7:17 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** [EXT] swan lake boat closure

The boating closure on Swan Lake should not be granted. The lake has been open to boating since well before M and E purchased the land. The only hunting opportunity M and E wish to enhance is their own.

Bruce Magee  
Watertown SD

**From:** [Cary, Joe](#)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Swan Lake boat restriction  
**Date:** Monday, August 14, 2017 7:53:13 AM

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**From:** Bill Koupal [mailto:billk@koupal-communications.com]

**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2017 4:40 PM

**To:** GFP Wild Info

**Cc:** Peterson, Cathy; Jensen, Barry; Boyd, Mary Anne; Dennert, Paul H.; Jensen, Gary; Olson, Russell; Sharp, Doug; Phillips, W. Scott

**Subject:** [EXT] Swan Lake boat restriction

Members of the Commission,

I oppose the restriction of over-the-water access to Swan Lake or in any location in South Dakota. Creating refuges concentrates the waterfowl population. The concentration creates the perfect opportunity for commercial operators. They lease the surrounding fields, exclude ordinary hunters and make profits from the resource. There is no data to show that hunting over water drives birds south. There is, however, data to show that it may move birds to different sloughs or lakes. That's bad for commercial operators with leased fields and customers, but good for hunters who can't or are unwilling to pay. I urge you to vote no on this petition.

Bill Koupal

117 South Monroe Ave

Pierre, SD 57501

**From:** [Cary, Joe](#)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Swan Lake boating closure.  
**Date:** Friday, August 11, 2017 4:14:15 PM

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Thank you,  
Joe Cary| Secretary  
South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks  
20641 SD Highway 1806 | Fort Pierre, SD 57532  
605.223.7683 | Joe.Cary@state.sd.us

-----Original Message-----

From: Bob Marquardt [<mailto:bmarquardt@iw.net>]  
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 4:08 PM  
To: GFP Wild Info  
Subject: [EXT] Swan Lake boating closure.

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I am writing this is response to the request by John C Wiles for the M&E Land Company to close Swan Lake for boating from Oct 20 to Dec 31. I would like to go on record in opposition to this request and to remind the commission that they are representative of all the people of South Dakota not just one land owner. Swan Lake has far more acres of land that is owned by the residence of South Dakota than the land that is owned my one Mike Meyer. The public, owners of this land and water should have there rights to use this water and land for hunting and fishing not restricted by the desires of one owner of a small portion of this lake for his own use. By the new law that was passed in the summer of 2017 Mike Meyer can petition to close his property if he so desires.

I will also address the reasons for petition:

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Respectively submitted on this day of Aug 10, 2017.

Bob Marquardt

915 1st St Nw

Watertown, SD 57201

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**To:** [Comes, Rachel](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Swan Lake boating closure.  
**Date:** Friday, August 11, 2017 4:11:32 PM

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**To:** [Comes, Rachel](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Swan lake boating restrictions  
**Date:** Monday, August 14, 2017 10:29:34 AM

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**From:** Charles Bot [mailto:[charliebotner@gmail.com](mailto:charliebotner@gmail.com)]

**Sent:** Sunday, August 13, 2017 8:36 AM

**To:** GFP Wild Info

**Subject:** [EXT] Swan lake boating restrictions

I am opposed to restricting boating priveledges on swan lake during the waterfowl season. This will set a precedence that cannot be undone. If this passes we will see more people petition to close lakes during the waterfowl season to improve their personal hunting situation. If the state wants to use swan lake as a refuge it should be designated as such and hunting should not be allowed within 1 mile of it's shores.

Charles Bot  
Brookings SD



**From:** [Miller, LouAnn](#)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Swan Lake Clark County No Boating Zone  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 15, 2017 8:19:31 AM

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**From:** Scott [mailto:[scottclements@nutelecom.net](mailto:scottclements@nutelecom.net)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 15, 2017 7:31 AM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** [EXT] Swan Lake Clark County No Boating Zone

As a non-resident waterfowl hunter last season our group struggled to find ducks near where we usually hunt which is west of Aberdeen.

The sloughs that normally hold numbers of birds had all but dried up, which is what I also suspect this season.

We found a great bunch of ducks in the Webster area but it is all but impossible to obtain permission to hunt the land in that area.

We thought we found an awesome niche in hunting Swan Lake.

We load the boat with decoys and drive that to the hunting spot while the others walk to it.

The boat aids in setting decoys and picking up birds that were shot.

Seeing this possible ban really made us feel dejected. Our thought was Reetz lake, just down the road, was a lake the birds could use a resting area.

What if we compromised and allowed boats to ONLY set up decoys and retrieve downed birds?

The boats would help get every single duck shot into our bag. If we shoot one and don't retrieve it, it counts as our limit and the meat would not go into the freezer.

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**From:** [Cary, Joe](#)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Swan Lake closed ? Crazy !!!  
**Date:** Monday, August 14, 2017 9:22:05 AM

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**From:** randy hermansen [mailto:rrhermansen@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 12, 2017 2:38 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** [EXT] Swan Lake closed ? Crazy !!!  
Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S7 active, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

**From:** [Cary, Joe](#)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Swan Lake closure petition  
**Date:** Friday, August 11, 2017 1:51:52 PM

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Thank you,

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**From:** Daniel Schneiderhan [mailto:dansmail@gwtc.net]

**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2017 1:41 PM

**To:** GFP Wild Info

**Subject:** [EXT] Swan Lake closure petition

I am opposed to the petitioned closure of boat traffic on Swan Lake during the fall migratory bird hunting season for the purposes of enriching M&E Land Company and its owners and clients at the expense of the general public.

The continual and continuing pressure on government by one group of people to limit the freedom and opportunities of other groups is degrading to the human condition. Carried to its logical conclusion, a few groups would enjoy a fulfilling life at the expense of all of those less fortunate or less endowed by natural ability, education, success in life, or by aspiration. People who live simple lives, whether by choice or chance, have the same rights in this country as everyone else; however, they may be depended upon to be less likely to insist on those rights because they lack the personal tools, drive, and power to do so.

The value of the recreational opportunities at and on Swan Lake and places like Swan Lake are not simply the value of the real activities of hunting, fishing, boating, or wildlife viewing. Perhaps the greatest and most valuable aspect of Swan Lake, and places like it, lie in their very existence and in people's knowledge and their imagination's use of the facts of existence. The lake and its potential opportunities exists in the minds and imaginations of people everywhere. These places represent wonderment, possibilities, and potentially peaceful enjoyment of creation.

The Swan Lake closure petition is a perfect example of a group of well-endowed people attempting to further constrain those who, for whatever reason, feel powerless to oppose their own worsening condition in life. This is a selfish act undertaken by selfish people. If this action were simply an act of aggression against the environment, I might still be opposed, but not appalled by it. But these kinds of actions are acts directly against people and their enjoyment of a simpler lifestyle. I understand that protecting a natural resource having great value to a large number of citizens may be an important function of government. What I don't understand or condone is a government that allows a group of people with strong personalities and personal assets to bully it into disadvantaging less aggressive citizens for the sake of political expediency.

I am assuming that M&E Land Company somehow profits from revenues derived from waterfowl hunting in South Dakota, in particular the area surrounding Swan Lake. If this is correct, I can imagine that the petitioner(s) would want to lock out activities that may make the lake unattractive for a long term autumn occupancy by masses of migrating waterfowl. However by so doing, they (through the State legal process) would also be limiting the freedom of common citizens to freely recreate on public lands and waters.

Under current rules, I believe that Swan Lake provides a certain level of waterfowl hunting experience for the general hunting and fishing public, a public that has some personal access to

watercraft that the petitioners wish to prohibit in Swan Lake during the fall waterfowl migration as well as surrounding and extended areas of the state. If the overbearing, large, commercial hunting interests succeed in influencing rule changes that limit public hunting opportunities so that the general and landless public is locked out of access to traditional waterfowling and fishing activities, South Dakota will be providing a poorer life for its residents. This type of continuing degradation of quality of life in South Dakota will create adverse stress in an increasingly stressful state, nation, and world.

In conclusion: if there is a real threat to natural, biologic, or chemical regimes in Swan Lake and/or surrounding areas that would be ameliorated by limiting boating activity on the lake for any period of time, I would not oppose the active consideration to grant the petitioner's request for rule change. However, as it appears to me that the probable motives of the petitioner(s) are commercial in nature, and therefore, I am strongly opposed to the granting of petitioner's request for rule change regarding Swan Lake.

Sincerely,

Daniel Schneiderhan

Stanley County, SD

**From:** [Miller, LouAnn](#)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Swan Lake Closure to Boating  
**Date:** Monday, August 14, 2017 12:55:21 PM

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**From:** Carroll, Jon [mailto:JCarroll@sfgmembers.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2017 10:12 AM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** [EXT] Swan Lake Closure to Boating

I am writing in response to the proposal to close Swan Lake in Clark County to boating from Oct 20 to Dec 31<sup>st</sup>.

I regularly fish and hunt in this area of Clark County. Swan Lake is a good walleye lake and the later in the season the better for fishing. I also have hunted waterfowl on Swan with my last day being December 3<sup>rd</sup> last year.

There are very few boaters out on Swan October through December, but those that do go out there enjoy the lake, whether it be fishing or hunting. I have a strong concern if this proposal is being promoted by an individual or corporation who has commercial hunting interests in this area. I can envision someone who wants to lease land for their personal profit, would want the boating restricted so birds stay in this area for a longer time. But that would be restricting public access to a state area for private purposes. As I indicated above, there is not that much boating traffic that it would disturb the birds from resting there. There are many other large bodies of water around that house resting waterfowl.

I would hope the Game Fish and Parks does not give into commercial operators that promote leased land or pay hunting and approve restricting access for the general public. Please consider the true motivation behind this proposal and what message it would send the general population of people who hunt and fish this public resource should this be approved.

Thank you.

Jon Carroll

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**From:** [Miller, LouAnn](#)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Swan Lake Closure  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 15, 2017 8:48:30 AM

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**From:** tim amy [mailto:[amytim@hotmail.com](mailto:amytim@hotmail.com)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 15, 2017 8:41 AM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** [EXT] Swan Lake Closure

Hello,

I am writing to say I am against the closing of Swan Lake as of October 20th . This is lake is mostly public (own by people of SD) and gives us regular folks an opportunity to hunt ducks, geese and to fall fish. The birds have plenty of water to rest on in the area. Hegg lake is to the EAST, Long Lake to the NW. If you let this happen you are letting BIG MONEY win again. Please say no to this.

Thanks

Tim Amy

Watertown, SD

**From:** [Miller, LouAnn](#)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Swan Lake closure  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 23, 2017 11:47:52 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Jerry Larsen [<mailto:jlarsen@venturecomm.net>]  
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 11:45 AM  
To: GFP Wild Info  
Subject: [EXT] Swan Lake closure

I would like your careful consideration before adopting a policy for temporary closure of any public waters. You will be opening up another can of worms that will be a nightmare for the GFP as well as anyone who has land away from the closed areas that normally draws ducks or geese in the fall. I am sure everyone who has private land around a public water would love to have their own temporary refuge, even if they don't hunt or fish!!

Jerry A. Larsen  
419 East Chestnut Street  
Sisseton, SD 57262

**From:** [Cary, Joe](#)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Swan Lake Closure  
**Date:** Friday, August 11, 2017 1:51:35 PM

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Thank you,

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**From:** Michael Richardson [mailto:Michael.Richardson@avera.org]

**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2017 1:46 PM

**To:** GFP Wild Info

**Subject:** [EXT] Swan Lake Closure

I am very much opposed to the proposed closure of Swan Lake during the waterfowl migration. The person petitioning for the closure is nothing more than a greedy landowner wanting the waterfowl on Swan Lake for his personal hunting stock. A friend of mine has had problems with this guy before while he was hunting public land and water on Swan Lake. The landowner was very rude and tried to get him to leave. He wanted the birds on the water to be left alone claiming it was screwing up his field hunting. So we, as South Dakota waterfowl hunters, hunting public land and water, should give up our rights so one landowner can have his own private hunt club on private land? NO WAY. A lot of waterfowl hunters love hunting the water and have limited to no access to private land for field hunting.

Mike Richardson  
Fort Pierre, SD



**From:** [Miller, LouAnn](#)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Swan Lake closure  
**Date:** Monday, August 21, 2017 9:14:02 AM

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Tim Brown [<mailto:fowlhunter3@hotmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 20, 2017 2:36 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** [EXT] Swan Lake closure

My name is Tim Brown from Watertown SD. I agree with the proposed closure to give migrating waterfowl a place to rest on Swan lake. Thanks for your time.

Tim

**From:** [Miller, LouAnn](#)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Swan lake Closure  
**Date:** Thursday, August 24, 2017 8:04:02 AM

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**From:** doug otto [mailto:doug\_otto@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 23, 2017 10:19 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** [EXT] Swan lake Closure

I hope you will see this for what it is a group of hunters who want the ducks and geese for themselves purely special interest. There are hundreds of places for waterfowl to rest in the area Long Lake Lily Lake and lots of private places. More denied access to public open this up and it will never end you will have petitions on every public hunting area across the state.

Douglas Otto

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**From:** [Cary, Joe](#)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Swan lake closure  
**Date:** Monday, August 14, 2017 9:24:20 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Brianc@watertowncoop.com [<mailto:brianc@watertowncoop.com>]  
Sent: Saturday, August 12, 2017 8:36 PM  
To: GFP Wild Info  
Subject: [EXT] Swan lake closure

I vote no to this petition as we already have lakes with limited boating. Reid lake of Clark county is closed and holds no more birds than any other lake in the area. This body of water is large enough that the ducks and geese don't get bothered. Swan lake is an excellent fall walleye fishery and I would hate to lose my ability to continue the fall fishing.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Miller, LouAnn](#)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] swan lake closure  
**Date:** Friday, August 18, 2017 8:14:36 AM

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**From:** Yahoo [mailto:[jgruber148@yahoo.com](mailto:jgruber148@yahoo.com)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 17, 2017 9:09 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** [EXT] swan lake closure

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perhaps you received the email i sent earlier on this subject, but i received no verification.. so here it is.  
i am against the closure of swan lake. in my opinion it only creates a self interest issue which will only be duplicated by more who want their own private pay for play hunting establishment.. many of us like to fish in late october, it is only a lease for profit opportunity for a few.. we had a refuge here at dry lake by lake poinsett for years, and finally game and fish removed the status as it offered no benefit. so, why now create another one when we just removed one? makes no sense..... havent we gone through enough with the lake closure issue already without adding this to the mix... leave well enough alone.. then add in early ice fishing,, how is that going to work, are we going to restrict people from walking onto the ice, or using atvs til dec. 31st. enough... jim gruber 148 sunset park dr. estelline s.d. 57234 3202498466 jgruber [148@yahoo.com](mailto:148@yahoo.com)

**From:** [Miller, LouAnn](#)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] swan lake dispute  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 23, 2017 2:02:31 PM

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**From:** Jenzen Mark [mailto:jenz@bevcomm.net]

**Sent:** Wednesday, August 23, 2017 1:59 PM

**To:** GFP Wild Info

**Subject:** [EXT] swan lake dispute

I am greatly concerned about the possibility of once again losing the access to a lake in eastern SD. Access bought and paid for with sportsman's dollars. Please don't allow this action to again emerge for the benefit off a few at the loss for many. The threat to free outdoor activities will turn our beloved activities into a European rich mans agenda.

thank you

**From:** [Cary, Joe](#)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Swan lake no boating zone petition  
**Date:** Friday, August 11, 2017 1:52:45 PM

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Thank you,

**Joe Cary** | *Secretary*

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**From:** Chris Soukup [mailto:christopher.d.soukup@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2017 12:08 PM

**To:** GFP Wild Info

**Subject:** [EXT] Swan lake no boating zone petition

To whom it may concern,

As an avid angler and hunter, born and raised in South Dakota, I consider myself incredibly blessed to live in this state and to be able to experience all that it has to offer through outdoor recreation.

As with any management strategy, there is a constant tug of war between allowing access and preservation of the resource. Taking into consideration both aspects as they pertain to the swan lake petition, I would like to submit the following amendment for public record-

Rather than establishing a no boating zone, consider establishing a no motorized zone.

Allowing non-motorized watercraft (canoes, kayaks, etc.) Would both effectively reduce stress on resting waterfowl as well as provide a means of water access for those wishing to hunt or fish the area.

There has been a large surge in the popularity in the use of non-motorized craft for angling and hunting in the last few years and the bulk of users are in the young adult age group that the SD GF&P is seeking to recruit.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Thank you,

Christopher Soukup

**From:** [Miller, LouAnn](#)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Swan lake petition for boat closure  
**Date:** Friday, August 25, 2017 8:23:07 AM

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**From:** Doug Block [mailto:blockdoug@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 24, 2017 9:47 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** [EXT] Swan lake petition for boat closure

GF&P Commissioners,

I note that the commission is requesting public comment on the petition to close boating on Swan Lake during the low plains duck season.

The representation by the GF&P in the notice to the public is worded as such to strategically suggest approval of the adjoining landowners petition somehow will provide a benefit to the public waterfowl when in fact absolutely no evidence is even attempted to support that representation. That GF&P language is, "To provide a protected rest area for migratory waterfowl during the low plains duck season". This is nothing more than yet another example of landowners of adjoining nonmeandered bodies of public water attempting to legitimize their personal control over not only the public water, but with the petition, their control and private benefit of public waterfowl.

While certainly the public has affirmed hunting as an important and legitimate tradition, not all SD residents view it is necessary to kill the waterfowl to find value in their existence. I for one have a long history of both hunting waterfowl and as I age, much more enjoy quietly canoeing among them during the peak of their annual migration. I can very much appreciate that at times power boats under the control of less than scrupulous operators can and do needlessly harass the waterfowl on the water much to the distain of the adjoining landowners attempting to kill the very birds they are supposedly petitioning to "protect". If the petitioning landowners and the GF&P are truly so interested in providing a "protected rest area" for the waterfowl in this specific area than perhaps they should concurrently agree not to hunt the adjoining lands. If powerboaters are indeed harassing the waterfowl, than certainly they should be prosecuted. However, as with most such examples, it is a very few minority that are causing the problem yet the knee jerk reaction is to penalize the vast majority of the public that otherwise enjoy the public resource in harmony with the law, the landowners and frankly the waterfowl. Further, if the commission approves this thinly veiled petition,

precedence will be set and one can only expect many further such petitions to legitimize control of a public resource solely for the benefit of the landowners. (residents or otherwise)

I encourage you to deny the petition as drafted, change the misleading representation by the GF&P in the petition notice and also to consider that the petition is incomplete in that it incorporates an Exhibit A therein as a listing of the majority of the adjoining landowners when in fact it does not include that listing or even who exactly are the stakeholders behind the petition. I am formally hereby requesting a copy of said referenced landowners and as available, who exactly are the stakeholders of the petitioner.

Thanks for your consideration,

Douglas J. Block 35 Sunrise Dr. Watertown SD 57201 605-868-2139



**From:** [Cary, Joe](#)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Swan Lake petition to close boating during the waterfowl season and reopen after season closure.  
**Date:** Monday, August 14, 2017 11:47:10 AM

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**From:** Randy Hoff [mailto:[randy.hoff@hotmail.com](mailto:randy.hoff@hotmail.com)]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2017 6:22 AM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** Fw: [EXT] Swan Lake petition to close boating during the waterfowl season and reopen after season closure.

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**From:** Randy Hoff <[randy.hoff@hotmail.com](mailto:randy.hoff@hotmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2017 7:18 AM  
**To:** [WildInfo@state.sd.us](mailto:WildInfo@state.sd.us); Randy Hoff  
**Subject:** Swan Lake petition to close boating during the waterfowl season and reopen after season closure.

To Whom it may concern:

I am glad to see that the commission is considering the closure of boating on Swan Lake during the waterfowl season. I am in full support of the closure to boating on Swan lake during the waterfowl season and reopening after the closure of the waterfowl season. I am sure you are aware of the benefits of this boat closure! Some that come to mind are:

- A. Enhanced field hunting due to birds having a safe place to roost.
- B. The birds should stay in the area longer due to having the above mentioned safe place.
- C. The birds will migrate naturally due to weather conditions and other natural phenomenons. They will not get forced out of the area due to boat pressure.
- D. It is also my belief that the slough hunting will be enhanced because of more birds in the area. As the wind blows hard some of the birds will move off the big lake and move onto smaller more protected sloughs .

I am an outdoors person and enjoy fishing as much as waterfowl hunting. The fact of the matter is, I spend much more time fishing than I do waterfowl hunting. This proposed change to Swan Lake boating is a fair proposal to both the Waterfowl Hunter and the Angler. These type of boating restrictions are already working well on some of the local area lakes and should be implemented on Swan Lake as well.

Respectfully,

Randy Hoff

3115 Air Haven Rd

Watertown, South Dakota 57201

**From:** [Miller, LouAnn](#)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Swan Lake Petition  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 23, 2017 10:45:47 AM

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**From:** Lucas Nogelmeier [mailto:[lucas@lewsfireworks.com](mailto:lucas@lewsfireworks.com)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 23, 2017 10:07 AM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** [EXT] Swan Lake Petition

To Whom It May Concern,

I grew up less than 10 miles from Swan Lake. I spent a lot of time hunting and fishing the area. The petition to close boating during fall months amounts to using a public resource (Which over 80% of Swan Lake is GPA, purchased by the public) to benefit a few landowners who wish to use this public domain as their personal refuge to increase hunting quality on their land. Additionally, fall months can present an excellent fishing opportunity. To deny the public boating access to their lake is, well, insulting. We live in an age where the public is starting to get fed up with crony politics. I don't have a problem with anyone bringing forth a petition like this. The problem comes when the government rules in favor of those with the resources and political connections to make things like this happen for their benefit at the expense of the public.

Further, with the adoption of greater numbers of non-resident licenses, waterfowl hunting pressure will increase. Taking away boat access to Swan Lake would only further reduce opportunities for quality waterfowl hunting.

At the end of the day, South Dakota sportsmen and women have enough rules and regulations. We don't need more. Please deny this petition and keep Swan Lake open to boating year round. Thank you.

Lucas T. Nogelmeier  
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*Ephesians 4:32*

**From:** [Cary, Joe](#)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Swan lake petition.  
**Date:** Monday, August 14, 2017 10:30:47 AM

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**From:** Kelly Duncan [mailto:blaser815@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 13, 2017 1:23 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** [EXT] Swan lake petition.

**From:**  
Kelly Duncan  
505 N. James Ave.  
Tea, South Dakota 57064

**In response to:**

“M&E Land Company of Watertown filed a formal petition to the GFP Commission on July 20, 2017, to amend its existing rule for public water safety zones in Clark County. The petition was filed primarily to restrict boating access on Swan Lake to provide a protected rest area for migrating waterfowl during the low plains duck hunting season.”

This petition will benefit only a privileged few. It is simply another thinly veiled attempt to restrict hunting access by landowners for their own benefit. Surely we have seen enough of this with the “structuring” of certain counties for out of state license draws. Obviously we must also question why this petition addresses the issue of boating safety only during dates that coincide with the bulk of the waterfowl season. The entire thing becomes a bit much for anyone to take seriously. With both Sand Lake and Waubay in such close proximity, has anyone questioned why the petitioners feel the need for more “resting areas”? Flowery statements about boat “safety” and the benefits to waterfowl & hunters alike are poor camouflage indeed for more self-serving intensions.

I don't do very well with politically correct statements or verbiage engineered by lawyers to hide true intensions. The issue is simple...private landowners are seeking to increase their harvest of this natural resource with a deceptive petition. They mean to do so by restricting public access to this lake in order augment the “build up” of waterfowl adjacent to their private properties. Even more simply put...they want to shoot more, at the expense of my son and I shooting less. Unless, of course, we pay for the lofty privilege to access their fields. There is a bigger issue at work here. I have friends that have simply quit hunting over the 15

years. Worse yet, they have decided not to introduce their children to the sport. The reason is always the same: Access and cost. A polite request is not enough anymore...money is the bottom line and many simply cannot afford it. Let us not confuse the issue, however. Some landowners insist on payment to access their land. It is their land after all, but that discussion has no place with the issue at hand. However, when hunters of today are not introducing their children to the sport due to cost...our hunting heritage is in danger. Our sport is regularly under siege...not to mention our guns rights. Only support at the ballot box will keep hunting alive. Landowners would do well to remember that they will receive very little support at the polls from former hunters that have nowhere to hunt or that have been priced out of the sport. Why should they show support for a privileged few. Especially with efforts like this to restrict the few public opportunities they can enjoy. Likewise, the support for the more popular conservation groups will also dry up. I can go on...nothing good comes of this.

Supporting this petition is just speeding up this issue. I cannot see where anyone would believe it a good thing to restrict access to public hunting opportunities. Even more so when it is done only to enhance the value of hunts conducted on private lands. This would be a slap in the face of the average South Dakota sportsman of average ways and means. They cannot afford lawyers to support them. They simply quit hunting.

Do not support this petition.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kelly Duncan

**From:** [Cary, Joe](#)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Swan Lake Petition  
**Date:** Monday, August 14, 2017 8:08:23 AM

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**From:** Terry [mailto:tja19@abe.midco.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 12, 2017 7:51 AM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** [EXT] Swan Lake Petition

I am strongly against the proposal to stop boating on Swan Lake from Oct. 20 to Dec 31 for several reasons. There are plenty of lakes and sloughs in the area for waterfowl to rest on. You have Hegg slough and Long Lake(day county) nearby with little or no boat traffic on them. Also with the migration being later and later each year, Swan does not hold a large amount of waterfowl on it till much later in the year. I hunt and also fish Swan during this time of year and it is more like Nov 15<sup>th</sup> before decent amounts of waterfowl use this as a roost. This is an obvious attempt by this land company to try and limit access for hunting and fishing for citizens so they can charge more money for people to hunt on their land. Please stop this attempt to limit sportsmans recreation for private interest.

Terry Amy

Watertown SD

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

**From:** [Miller, LouAnn](#)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Swan Lake petition  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 29, 2017 8:01:10 AM

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**From:** Randy Crawford [mailto:rlcrawford3@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Monday, August 28, 2017 10:43 PM

**To:** GFP Wild Info

**Subject:** [EXT] Swan Lake petition

If we the public owns 80%, how can the people that own 20% expect to shut down this lake to be there private hunting/fishing. If this is allowed this is only a start of how many more lakes will be shut down to the public. We all know it they get it shut down for this fall, they will find out a way to keep it closed permanently.

I vote NO on the closing of this and any other lake that will follow.

Randy Crawford

NESDWC Member

**From:** [Kiel, Emily](#)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](#)  
**Cc:** [Kirschenmann, Tom](#); [Leif, Tony](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] swan lake petition for closure.  
**Date:** Friday, August 11, 2017 2:10:11 PM

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**From:** Yahoo [mailto:jgruber148@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2017 1:56 PM

**To:** Kiel, Emily

**Subject:** [EXT] swan lake petition for closure.

Personally i am opposed to any further action pertaining to the closure of swan lake... i think we have enough trouble already with lake closures without adding this into the mix.. it only creates another hurdle for the guides and private land owners to again limit hunting and fishing and encourages fee hunting in the area around swan lake.. leave well enough alone. sounds to me like a grab to create a refuge to attract waterfowl and create excellent private hunting and leasing of the land around the lake for personal gain... thank you jim gruber 148 sunset park dr. estelline. s.d. 57234

**From:** [Miller, LouAnn](#)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] swan lake water closure  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 16, 2017 8:58:51 AM

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**From:** Gemini Acoustical, LLC [mailto:[gemini@alliancecom.net](mailto:gemini@alliancecom.net)]

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 15, 2017 8:04 PM

**To:** GFP Wild Info

**Subject:** [EXT] swan lake water closure

To Whom it may concern:

I am a landowner in day county. I am also an avid sportsman. The proposal put forth by M&E land co. makes a lot of sense. Waterfowl hunting is much more productive and provides better hunting for all hunters if they have a safe waterway to congregate. This simply improves the hunting for everyone. It allows for good bird populations thru the season. If you burn out the water the waterfowl is gone. This is a common sense approach in my opinion.

Thank you,  
Rob Gardner  
Day County Landowner



**From:** [Kiel, Emily](#)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](#)  
**Cc:** [Kirschenmann, Tom](#); [Leif, Tony](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Swan Lake  
**Date:** Friday, August 11, 2017 2:20:10 PM

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**From:** Larry Baumgarn [mailto:baumins@itctel.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2017 2:06 PM  
**To:** Kiel, Emily  
**Subject:** [EXT] Swan Lake

My family owns part of Swan Lake and I see no reason to close this lake for boating, some of the best fishing occurs while some hunters are trying to shoot ducks and geese. Some of the land owners on Swan Lake want it closed so they can charge to guide hunts on their private land that surrounds Swan Lake, they have even gotten permission to hunt on private land they do not own saying it will be just a couple brothers hunting and then show up with 15 paid to guide hunts. Long Lake is a few miles to the west and has been closed all along and plenty of waterfowl rest on that body of water, the only problem is M&E Land Co has no private land surrounding that body of water and no access to guided private hunts. I feel by closing this it gives unfair advantage to those hunters who want to shoot diver ducks from a boat under cover and public access to this outdoor activity, therefore I would like to see this petition declined as they already have Reid Lake and Long Lake for sanctuary for waterfowl, eventually they will want them all closed, please leave some water for those who do not have big money to close water and have land next to closed water for their personal and friends gain. Waterfowl is enjoyed by all residents of SD and should remain that way. M&E Land does own all the water on Swan Lake and therefore should not be able to petition to close it to those who own a portion and not be able to recreate on our own property.  
Sincerely Larry Baumgarn, Webster.

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[www.avast.com](http://www.avast.com)



**From:** [Cary, Joe](#)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Swan Lake  
**Date:** Monday, August 14, 2017 7:50:50 AM

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Thank you,

**Joe Cary** | *Secretary*

South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks  
20641 SD Highway 1806 | Fort Pierre, SD 57532  
605.223.7683 | [Joe.Cary@state.sd.us](mailto:Joe.Cary@state.sd.us)

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**From:** tldanforth52 [mailto:tldanforth52@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2017 10:23 PM

**To:** SDGFPINFO

**Subject:** [EXT] Swan Lake

This group owns the land around Swan and the only reason they want it shut down is for themselves. Do not even consider this.

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S® 6, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

**From:** [Miller, LouAnn](#)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Swan Lake  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 23, 2017 12:17:56 PM

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**From:** Glen Ekeren [mailto:m870m77@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 23, 2017 12:12 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** [EXT] Swan Lake

Dear Commissioners,

I am totally opposed to the closing of public access to Swan Lake or any other public lake for that matter.

Thank you for your time!

Glen Ekeren

Volin S.D.

**From:** [Miller, LouAnn](#)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Swan Lake  
**Date:** Thursday, August 24, 2017 8:03:30 AM

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**From:** Richard Kornder [mailto:[jrkornder@abe.midco.net](mailto:jrkornder@abe.midco.net)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 23, 2017 7:58 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** [EXT] Swan Lake

Another misdirection for our fisherman. Keep the lake as it was meant to be open for fishing as the past allowed and nice facilities put in for our access.

**From:** [Miller, LouAnn](#)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Swan Lake  
**Date:** Monday, August 28, 2017 8:49:46 AM

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**From:** Steve H. [mailto:[sth@dailypost.com](mailto:sth@dailypost.com)]  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 27, 2017 7:07 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** [EXT] Swan Lake

Plain and simple

I do not want to privatize Swan Lake.

It is public and hunting and fishing should be allowed.

Steve Horning

**From:** [Miller, LouAnn](#)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Swan lake  
**Date:** Monday, August 21, 2017 8:39:19 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Billy Meyer [<mailto:bill.meyer.1983@icloud.com>]  
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 5:41 PM  
To: GFP Wild Info  
Subject: [EXT] Swan lake

I am for the closure of Swan Lake from October 20 to December 31. This will create a safe haven for waterfowl and improve the waterfowl hunting for everybody that hunts the area.

William Jay Meyer, Watertown, South Dakota

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Kiel, Emily](#)  
**To:** [GFP Wild Info](#)  
**Cc:** [Comes, Rachel](#); [Kirschenmann, Tom](#); [Leif, Tony](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Swan Lake  
**Date:** Friday, August 11, 2017 11:43:37 AM

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[For public comment on Swan Lake petition.](#)

**From:** Member Service [mailto:tweedlap@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2017 11:41 AM  
**To:** Kiel, Emily  
**Subject:** [EXT] Swan Lake  
Hello Emily,

I support No boating on Swan Lake to provide a roost for migrating waterfowl.  
Not only does it provide a safe place for waterfowl, it benefits hunters by holding birds  
for a longer period of time.

Great Idea !

Thanks,

Jim Erickson

**From:** [Cary, Joe](#)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] swan lake  
**Date:** Monday, August 14, 2017 8:09:25 AM

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**From:** Colton Wientjes [mailto:Colton.Wientjes@titanmachinery.com]

**Sent:** Saturday, August 12, 2017 8:38 AM

**To:** GFP Wild Info

**Subject:** [EXT] swan lake

in regards to the "no boating proposal on swan lake". I fully believe in the refuge programs for waterfowl but this is nothing close to that, Meyers own land and rent land on the west side of the lake and run a waterfowl guide service. They looking to close a natural resource for two months for self-gain. I don't think it's right that the public can't use this body water because they want better waterfowl hunting for their guide service. I love to fish also, swan lake is a very productive fishery for perch and walleyes. We all know fall fishing is some of the best fishing of the year! This is yet another privilege the public would be stripped off, if this passes.

Personally, I'm against this proposal.

Please vote No

Thanks!

Colton Wientjes

Watertown, SD



**From:** [Miller, LouAnn](#)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Comment on : GFP 2017 July Proposals - September Finals  
**Date:** Monday, August 14, 2017 12:37:22 PM

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**From:** Admin and Rules [mailto:GFPAdminRules@STATE.SD.US]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2017 7:00 AM  
**To:** GFP Admin Rules  
**Subject:** Comment on : GFP 2017 July Proposals - September Finals

Name: Jeffrey Liudahl,MD

Address: 2410 Ramona Beach Road

City: Grenville

State: SD

Zip: 57239

Email: [jeffreyliudahl@gmail.com](mailto:jeffreyliudahl@gmail.com)

Phone: 605-661-9093

Comment: I have read the petition submitted by M&E land company(Mike Meyer and Ed Spies) to repeal and replace ARSD 41:04:02:12 to create a no boating zone on Swan Lake,Clark County,SD from Oct.20-Dec.31.This petition basically will establish a waterfowl refuge on Swan Lake that will benefit cornfield mallard hunters like M&E land company and their cronies.It will exclude diver duck hunters,like myself,along with late season fisherman.I have hunted diver ducks on Swan Lake for over 50 years.I note that this petition was filed with reasons listed including enhancing hunting opportunities on game production areas and public lands surrounding Swan Lake.Maybe I am missing something,but I don't see how that enhances my diver duck hunting and that of other hunters.Does the SDGFP plant corn on these public areas or game production areas for late season mallard hunting by the public?? I would encourage the SDGFP Commission to reject this petition as it is not in the publics best interest.Thank you

**From:** [Kiel, Emily](#)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](#)  
**Cc:** [Leif, Tony](#); [Kirschenmann, Tom](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: [EXT] Swan lake  
**Date:** Saturday, August 12, 2017 1:23:07 PM

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Emily Kiel  
605.222.0277  
[Emily.Kiel@state.sd.us](mailto:Emily.Kiel@state.sd.us)

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Doug Brage <[dougbrage@gmail.com](mailto:dougbrage@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** August 11, 2017 at 10:11:33 PM CDT  
**To:** [Emily.Kiel@state.sd.us](mailto:Emily.Kiel@state.sd.us)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Swan lake

I'm against the closing of swan lake in the fall. Thank you Doug Brage.

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Kiel, Emily](#)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](#)  
**Cc:** [Leif, Tony](#); [Kirschenmann, Tom](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: [EXT] swan lake  
**Date:** Saturday, August 12, 2017 1:23:19 PM

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Emily Kiel  
605.222.0277  
[Emily.Kiel@state.sd.us](mailto:Emily.Kiel@state.sd.us)

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Andy Johnson <[farmerjohnson7@yahoo.com](mailto:farmerjohnson7@yahoo.com)>  
**Date:** August 11, 2017 at 10:33:07 PM CDT  
**To:** "[Emily.Kiel@state.sd.us](mailto:Emily.Kiel@state.sd.us)" <[Emily.Kiel@state.sd.us](mailto:Emily.Kiel@state.sd.us)>  
**Subject:** [EXT] swan lake  
**Reply-To:** "[farmerjohnson7@yahoo.com](mailto:farmerjohnson7@yahoo.com)" <[farmerjohnson7@yahoo.com](mailto:farmerjohnson7@yahoo.com)>

I farm in this area and it's one landowner that is stirring up all this closing the lake so he can waterfowl hunt I do not think a public body of water that was stocked with fishing license revenue should be closed there are many lakes in this area that are private and waterfowl have a place to rest and can we find out who landowner is that wants this closed I know a game fish and parks commissioner does alot of hunting on this land does he have ownership in it?

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

**From:** [Miller, LouAnn](#)  
**To:** [Comes, Rachel](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Please Keep Swan Lake Open to the Public  
**Date:** Thursday, August 17, 2017 8:10:46 AM  
**Attachments:** [Swan Lake Petition - Please Reject.docx](#)

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**From:** Tom [mailto:tom.fuller@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 16, 2017 5:05 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Keep Swan Lake Open to the Public  
Please find my attached letter requesting the SD GFP Commission to keep Swan Lake Open in the fall to the general public.  
Sincerely  
Tom Fuller  
Sioux Falls  
Sent from my Verizon 4G LTE smartphone

August 16, 2017

To: South Dakota GFP Commission

RE: Boat Closure on Swan Lake, Clark County

Dear GFP Commission,

I strongly encourage you to reject the petition to close boating access on Swan Lake in Clark County during the prime late season fishing season and duck hunting season. While I totally respect the petition process M&E Land company is legally following, it saddens me that valuable Commission time will be consumed with deciding something that makes absolutely no sense for the broader fishing and hunting public that you so well serve, and is totally a move to benefit an extremely small group that is privilege enough to field hunt areas close to Swan Lake.

I, like many of my friends, am an avid fisherman and hunter that truly enjoy living in South Dakota and enjoying our great public resources. I have had the opportunity to enjoy both great late season fishing and duck hunting on Swan Lake by completely following the rules and regulations of South Dakota and by using my boat. I can only assume it is the same group of local field hunters that have put this petition together that regularly monitors the boat landing at Swan Lake and routinely intimidates and trash talks anyone who tries to legally access Swan Lake by boat in the fall. Clearly this is illegal and allowing this petition only solidifies their poor behavior.

There are only so many places average guys like me with limited resources can access to hunt. That generally includes our public hunting areas like Swan Lake. There are great access points and an island owned by the State of South Dakota, that are best utilized by boat and this restriction would eliminate one great place to hunt, let along stop any late season fisherman from utilizing this great public resource.

Please vote to keep Swan Lake open to the general public.

Tom Fuller

Sioux Falls, SD

**Robert B. Marx**  
103 East Pleasant Street  
Castlewood, SD 57223

August 13, 2017

To: Those Listed

**South Dakota GFP, Commission, 523 E. Capitol Ave., Pierre, SD 57501**

✓ **Kelly Hepler, Secretary, South Dakota GFP, Commission, 523 E. Capitol Ave., Pierre, SD 57501**

**Ann Mines Bailey, Office of the Attorney General, PO Box 1302, East Hwy 14, Pierre, SD 57501**

**Doug Sharp, Commissioner, PO Box 1654, Watertown, SD 57201,**

**Mike Klosowski, South Dakota GFP, Watertown Regional Office, 400 West Kemp, Watertown, SD 57201**

**Tony Leif, Director of Wildlife, SD GFP, Commission, 523 E. Capitol Ave, Pierre, SD 57501**

**Michael F. Meyer, President, M&E Land Co., 312 9<sup>th</sup> Ave., SE, Watertown, SD 57201-4856**

**John C. Wiles, Attorney for Defendant, PO Box 227, Watertown, SD 57201-0227**

**Ladies and Gentlemen:**

**In RE: PETITION TO REPEAL and AMEND ARSD 41:04:02:12**

First of all I would like to thank persons responsible for providing myself with an e-mail in regards to the proposed PETITION of M&E Land Company for an Administrative Rule Change pursuant to SDCL 1-26-4!

Next, I would direct your attention to the following, namely:

- A. M & E Land Co. is the name of the Domestic Business Corporation as initially filed by incorporator John C. Wiles of WILES & RYLANCE in which the corporation has continuously filed under that name since corporation inception; Petitioner's name is at variance!
- B. M & E Land Co. has filed its actual street address since corporation inception as **312 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, SE, Watertown, SD 57201-4856** which is in variance of the address listed on the PETITION AS 312 9<sup>th</sup> Street SE, Watertown, SD 57201;

The PETITION indicates it is filed for the following reasons:

1. It is supported by a majority of the land owners lying contiguous to Swan Lake. See Exhibit A, attached. The exhibit attached to the e-mail received is void as to an Exhibit A but included a July 20, 2017 letter from Steven Rounds to the Commissioners?
2. Precedence for restricted boat access has been established for resting migratory waterfowl on the Missouri River and on McKilligan Lake, Horseshoe Lake, and a portion of Long Lake in Codington County pursuant to SDCL 41:04:02:14. Petitioner's statement that Precedence has been established is at variance with ARSD 41:04:02:12 in which (2), (3), and (4) address a "no boating zone" year round (2), during open season on migratory waterfowl on (3) and (4) with Petitioner proposing a change in ARSD 41:04:02:12 from October 20 to December 31, inclusive when the existing ARSD provides for a "no boating zone" from September 1 to December 31, inclusive!
3. The requested restriction is the least restrictive enforcement tool the State of South Dakota has to provide a protected rest area for migrating waterfowl during the low plains duck season. Petitioner's Petition would force a change to ARSD 41:04:02:12 reducing the "no boating zone" in Reid Lake by 48

days while further eliminating boating days on Swan from October 20 to lake freeze up without any proof provided that the changes would be the "least restrictive enforcement tool".


4. It enhances hunting opportunities on the state-owned game production area on the south end of Swan Lake. Here the Petitioner by its' petition if approved would eliminate access to the south end of Swan Lake by boat while eliminating water access to the fisherman from October 20 to lake freeze up.
5. It benefits resident and non-resident field hunting surrounding Swan Lake on approximately 700 acres of public lands. Here Petitioner is quick to acknowledge benefits that are unproven and in which the Petitioner has provided no statistics as to the number of field hunters to benefit from the "no boating zone" versus the fall fisherman no longer able to access the lake for fall fishing.
6. It does not adversely impact early season fishing and duck hunting for locally produced waterfowl. Here Petitioner addresses early season fishing without commenting on late season fishing where fisherman would be adversely impacted by not being able to access the lake after October 20. The petitioner further assumes locally produced waterfowl will not be adversely impacted without any statistical data regarding same.
7. It is a compromise that minimizes trespass issues during the federal waterfowl season. The only compromise for Hunters accessing the lake by boat during the waterfowl season will be they are compromising any lake access after October 19 due to the Petitioner's request to make the lake a "no boating zone" from October 20 to December 31.
8. It reduces law enforcement demands for regulatory personnel on a non-meandered body of water. Implementing a "no boating zone" from October 20 to December 31 may increase law enforcement demands for regulatory personnel for which no statistical data has been provided by Petitioner in support of its requested proclamation.

The signed petition reflects again the name of Petitioner other than its' incorporated name to make the Petition "informationally insufficient", while the address under the agent's name reflects the company's address on file with the State or one correct address with one incorrect address on the Petition.

There appear to be a number of issues certain of which relate primarily to housekeeping but significant enough to require Petitioner to "revisit" the intended Petition and redraft its' Petition to eliminate and or adjust for variances noted.

Thank you for providing a copy of this Petition for my review and response. We live approximately forty miles from Swan Lake and have enjoyed many, many years of fall fishing on the lake up until freeze up which the proposed Petition if approved would eliminate. The lake is known for its' trophy walleye fishery and although classified as a non-meandered lake has been accessible to fisherman until 2017 to include us 75 year olds!

Sincerely,

  
Bob Marx

(605) 868-2575

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Dept. of Game, Fish & Parks  
Pierre, SD 57501

Dear GFP Commissioners,

My name is Mike Meyer and I am the President of M&E Land Co. My partner and I want to explain the reasoning behind our petition for a boating restriction on Swan Lake.

M&E Land Company owns land adjacent to and underlying Swan Lake. We are recreational waterfowl hunters, fishermen, sportsmen, and landowners. Over the last several years we have had discussions with various GFP personnel, and with fellow waterfowl hunters about 2 issues. One is to protect the buildup of migrating waterfowl on this lake. The other is how best to limit trespassing by hunters on privately owned shoreline. The private landowners around Swan Lake were all contacted regarding this petition. 6 of the 8 signed on in support. The remaining 2 were not opposed to the restriction but did not want to sign on.

We have enclosed some information regarding the confusing signage and the lack of clear boundaries on this lake. Photo #1 shows signage of the entrance to the boat ramp on the east side of Swan Lake. Photo #2 shows a close up of the sign stating that the lake is open to hunting. Photo #3 shows the view from the boat ramp. As you can see, the only huntible areas are the shorelines, most of which are private property. Item #4 is a map of Swan Lake taken from GFP's hunting app. You will see a large area of this lake is publicly owned, but most of the public area consists of open water. This map points out the majority of shorelines on this lake are private property. To the hunter at the boat ramp, it appears every area is open to the public. But as you can see on the map, most of the shorelines are not open to hunting without permission.

We believe that a boating restriction from Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> to Dec 31<sup>st</sup> is the most effective and the least restrictive enforcement tool to provide a roosting area for migrating waterfowl while also solving the issue of trespassing by boat hunters. There is precedence for boating restrictions on several lakes in South Dakota.

Migrating waterfowl are attracted to safe areas during their migrations. A restriction on Swan Lake could provide more opportunities for hunters in the same way other boating restricted lakes do. Item #5 shows pages 39 and 40 of the 2017 GFP Hunting Handbook. More than 40 lakes in 27 counties are listed with restrictions of some kind. Please note that these restrictions apply to both meandered and non-meandered waters. To point out a few examples, Silver Lake in Hutchinson County and Island Lake in McCook County have no boating during the Spring Snow Goose season in addition to the entire fall waterfowl season. Long Lake in Codington County has a year round boating restriction. Areas such as these are well known among waterfowl hunters and the boating restrictions serve to ensure the birds have a place to build up.

The state and federal government own approximately 300 acres on the south end of Swan Lake. This consists of shoreline, grasslands, sloughs, an abandoned farm yard, and a large cornfield. This public shooting area is accessible by gravel road west from SD Hwy 25, and/or north from SD Hwy 20. Both my partner and I traveled these access roads within the last week without issue.



Restricting boating on Swan Lake after Oct 20<sup>th</sup> keeps hunters off private shorelines at the time of year that is most sensitive to landowners. The trespassing issue is a source of frustration for landowners because we see the same behaviors repeated over and over, year after year. Trespassers, whether intentional or not, violate landowner's basic property rights.

This solution allows for fishing and hunting by boat until Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>. It does not restrict shore fishing or hunting on public ground or private ground with permission. This petition puts no additional restrictions on fishing regardless of the date. It does not restrict vehicles during ice fishing. The only difference would be no boating for the few weeks of late fall into early winter.

We have no knowledge of any pay to hunt landowner adjoining Swan Lake. M&E Land Co. and its owners have not and will not allow commercial waterfowl hunting on its property.

In closing, we recognize that some duck boat hunters and some fishermen will be disappointed if this petition is approved, but we sincerely believe that many more sportsmen will benefit from the opportunity created with its passage. We think this a reasonable compromise. Sportsmen, landowners, and the GFP need to find common ground. This is a way to achieve that.

Respectfully,



Mike Meyer and Edward Spies

M&E Land Co.















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## 2017 GENERAL LAWS

### Artificial Light

During the time from sunset to sunrise, no person may use or possess night-vision equipment or throw or cast the rays of a spotlight, headlight, or other artificial light on any highway, or in any field, pasture, woodland, forest, or prairie, for the purpose of spotting, locating, or taking or attempting to take or hunt any animal while having in possession or control any firearm, bow or other implement whereby any game could be killed.

However:

- A person may use a hand held light while on foot, to take raccoons after they have been freed by dogs;
- A landowner or occupant and no more than two guests accompanied by the landowner or occupant may use an artificial light and night vision equipment on the owner's or occupant's land, with a shotgun using shot shells only or a firearm using a rimfire cartridge in the taking of jackrabbits, coyotes, beaver during its hunting season, foxes, raccoons, opossums, badgers, skunks, or rodents; and
- A landowner or occupant, eighteen years of age or older, and no more than two guests accompanied by the landowner or occupant may use night vision equipment on the owner's or occupant's land, a firearm using a cartridge with a bullet diameter below .225 inches, in the taking of jackrabbits, coyotes, beaver during its hunting season, foxes, raccoons, opossums, badgers, skunks, or rodents.

For the purposes of this section, night-vision equipment is an optical device utilizing light amplifying circuits that are electrical or battery powered.

### Recreational Artificial Light Law

To minimize disturbance to wildlife and rural residents, state law prohibits a person from using an artificial light other than headlights to spot or locate any wild animal between the hours of 10 p.m. and sunrise from Sept. 1 to Jan. 31. During this time frame, a person who has no weapons in possession may only use their vehicle headlights to spot or locate wild animals. Hand-held spotlights and other lights otherwise attached to the vehicle are not legal. The three exceptions to this law are the same as those found under "Artificial Light" above.

### Boating Restrictions

Hunters and trappers must follow all state and federal boating regulations when operating boats

on public waters in South Dakota. Those using a boat for hunting or trapping purposes should verify they have all required boating equipment on board and their vessel is currently and properly licensed.

The 2017 South Dakota Boating Handbook is available from regional wildlife offices and from county treasurer offices or online at: [gfp.sd.gov/fishing-boating/boating/default.aspx](http://gfp.sd.gov/fishing-boating/boating/default.aspx).

The following list includes water bodies in South Dakota with boating or boat motor restrictions that may impact hunters and trappers. On waters with motor restrictions, boats with motors exceeding the maximum horsepower can be operated with alternate motors under the maximum horsepower. A complete listing of public water safety zones by county may be found online at: [legis.sd.gov](http://legis.sd.gov).

- **Aurora County:** Wilmarth Lake, no wake zone.
- **Beadle County:** Staum Dam, no wake zone.
- **Bon Homme County:** Lake Henry, no wake zone.
- **Brookings County:** East Oakwood Lake Waterfowl Refuge, no boating Oct. 20 - Dec. 31.
- **Brown County:** Willow Dam Wildlife Management Area, no motor boats or motor vehicles; Putney Slough Game Production Area, no boating Oct. 15 - Dec. 31 in Secs. 7, 8, 17 and 18 in T124N, R61W.
- **Clark County:** Reid Lake, no boating Oct. 20 - Dec. 31.
- **Codington County:** McKilligan Lake, no boating during waterfowl seasons; Horseshoe Lake, no motors during waterfowl seasons; Long Lake in Secs. 11, 12, 13 and 14 of T117N, R55W, no boating year-round; Blythe Slough in portions of Secs. 27 and 28 of T117N, R55W, no boating from March 1 - Aug. 31.
- **Custer County:** Sylvan and Legion lakes electric motors only; Center Lake, no wake zone.
- **Day County:** Hillebrand's and Spring lakes and Swan Pond, no boating; Waubay Lake, no boating in Windgate Arm; Blue Dog Lake on waters fronting the Lakeside Use Area starting at east property boundary and extending 300 feet west along shore in a no wake zone.
- **Deuel County:** Lake Oliver, no wake zone.
- **Fall River County:** Cold Brook and Cottonwood reservoirs, electric motors only
- **Hand County:** Wall Lake, no motors during waterfowl seasons.
- **Hanson County:** Hanson Lake, no wake zone when lake elevation is 12" or greater over the spillway elevation.

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- **Hughes County:** Hipple Lake west of the buoy, electric motors only.
- **Hutchinson County:** Silver Lake, no boating during fall and spring waterfowl seasons; Dimock, Tripp and Menno lakes, no wake zone.
- **Jerauld County:** Crow Lake lying west of the north/south section lines between Secs. 22 and 23 and Secs. 26 and 27, T106N, R66W, no motors Oct. 20 - Dec. 31.
- **Kingsbury County:** Spirit Lake and waterfowl Refuge, no boating Oct. 20 - Dec. 31.
- **Lake County:** Meandered portion of Milwaukee Lake in Sec. 33 of T107N, 51W and Sec. 4 of T106N, R51W, no motors Oct. 20 - Dec. 31; Long Lake, no wake zone except during July and August; the waters of Sunset Harbor, including the entrance canal, no wake zone.
- **Lincoln County:** Lake Alvin and Lake Lakota, no wake zone.
- **McCook County:** Island Lake, see Minnehaha County; the waters of Lehman Game Production Area, in Sec. 32, T103N, R56W, no boating during the Light Goose Conservation Order as well as any open season for migratory waterfowl.
- **Meade County:** Bear Butte Lake, no motors over 25 hp.
- **Minnehaha County:** Clear Lake, no boating Oct. 20 - Dec. 31; Island Lake, no boating north of McCook County Road 6 and Minnehaha County Road 110 Oct. 20 - Dec. 31.
- **Moody County:** Lake Campbell, no wake zone south of Moody County Road 1; Battle Creek, no wake zone from Lake Campbell south to the steel bridge one mile south of Moody County Road 2.
- **Pennington County:** Deerfield Reservoir, no wake zone.
- **Roberts County:** Secs. 20, 28, 29, 32 and 33 of T128N, R49W of Cottonwood Lake Waterfowl Refuge, no boating zone during waterfowl seasons; and Secs. 11, 12 and 14 of T127N, R48W of Mud Lake, only boats using electric motors during waterfowl seasons.
- **Turner County:** Swan Lake, no motors on waters south and west of Christian Camp; and the waters at the eastern end of Swan Lake within an area starting at a point along the shoreline approximately 60 feet south of the concrete retaining wall that is located on the north side of the beach on a line to a point 100 feet westerly, then on a line to a point 100 feet southerly, then on a line in an easterly direction back to a point on shore are a no boating zone.

- **Yankton County:** Marindahl Lake, no wake zone; Lake Yankton, electric motors only of the north/south section lines between Secs. 22 and 23 and Secs. 26 and 27, T106N, R66W, no motors Oct. 20 - Dec. 31.

### Civil Damage Liability

Violations of most big game regulations are Class 1 misdemeanors, punishable by fine and/or imprisonment and mandatory loss of hunting privileges for one year. In addition to criminal penalties, a person taking or killing big game illegally may be assessed civil damages in the amount of \$100 for each game bird, \$200 for each turkey, \$1,000 for each non-trophy deer, non-trophy antelope or bobcat, \$5,000 for each non-trophy elk, mountain lion or buffalo and \$10,000 for each mountain goat or bighorn sheep.

Cases involving "trophy" antelope or deer, civil damages will be at least \$2,000 and not more than \$5,000 for each animal; cases involving "trophy" elk, civil damages will be at least \$6,000 and not more than \$10,000 for each elk. If a person has taken or is in possession of more than two times the lawful daily or possession limit of a regulated wild animal, such person may be liable for twice the civil damages. In addition, individuals charged with the illegal taking of a trophy big game animal are subject to loss of all preference points for the lottery license drawing for that season.

### Closed Areas

The following are illegal:

- Hunting without permission of landowner on legally vacated section lines.
- No person (except the landowner or anyone with landowner permission) may hunt on public waters that inundate private land within 660 feet of livestock, occupied dwelling, churches or schoolhouses.
- Discharging firearms or hunting road rights-of-way within 660 feet of a occupied dwelling, church, schoolhouse, or livestock without written permission from the owner of such property. **NOTE:** Hunters often violate this state law when trees obscure feedlots, livestock, buildings and dwellings. A violation of the 660-foot law carries a one-year suspension of hunting privileges when the distance is clearly and accurately posted
- Hunting waterfowl within state waterfowl refuges or game birds (including waterfowl) within state game bird refuges except as provided in season regulations.
- Hunting during the waterfowl seasons along Brown County Road 16 adjacent to the Sand