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Land & Natural Resource Office

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Dear Tribal Member & Non-Member Lessees,

Tribal hunting season has begun on the Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation. Just a reminder that Tribal members with a valid hunting license have the right to hunt within **any lease that consists of Tribally owned land**. Tribal hunters do not need consent from the Lessee(s) to hunt on Tribal land within an agricultural lease. If allotted lands are located within a farm pasture lease and are **NOT** fenced out due to the inclusion of the use under the agricultural lease, Tribal members have the right to hunt on those allotted lands.

With regard to the rights of Tribal members and hunting: Ordinance 78; Agricultural Leasing (Farm/Pasture) states as follows: "**Right of Ingress for Tribal members**. Leases of Tribally owned land shall be granted subject to the right of the members of the Tribe to hunt, fish, and gather firewood for their needs, provided such activities do not impose unreasonable burdens on lessees. As a courtesy to the lessees, and when possible, Tribal members shall inform the lessees of his/her intended activities. Littering is prohibited and all gates must be closed when both entering and leaving the area." (Ord. 78, §112, 9.)

Farm Pasture Lessees are prohibited from charging anyone to hunt on land within their leased lands and required to allow Tribal Members to hunt within the lease boundaries. Ordinance 78 considers these violations of the agricultural lease, which may be cause for cancellation of the lease, as follows:

- Failure to allow Tribal Members to hunt within the range unit. (Ord. 78, §110, 12.)
- Agricultural Lessees are prohibited from charging anyone to hunt on land within their grazing permit. (Ord. 78, §110, 13.b.)

Further, Ordinance 78, states that, "Violations of this lease may result in sanctions up to and including cancellation of the lease." (Ord. 78, §110.)

If you have any questions regarding this matter please call the CRST Land & Natural Resource Office at (605) 964-8961 or Game, Fish & Parks at (605) 964-7812.

Sincerely,

Carlee Medicine Blanket, Director
CRST Land & Natural Resource Office

Concurred,

Narcisse Rousseau, Director
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