



# Rapid City Shooting Range

South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks

## Overview

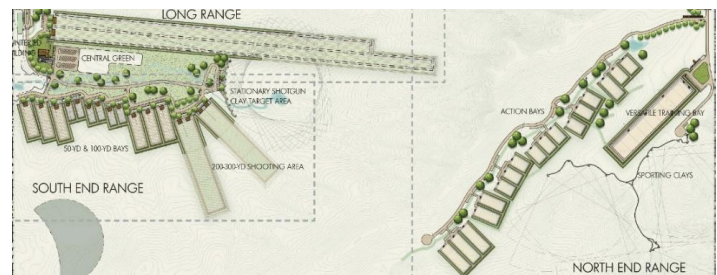
Governor Noem’s recommended budget includes \$2,500,000 in one-time funding to support a new firearm range near Rapid City, SD. South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) is in the process of planning the finest and largest outdoor shooting range ever constructed in South Dakota.

GFP has a history of promoting safe and accessible shooting sports opportunities for our residents and visitors. We have a commitment to providing shooting range opportunities on public lands and a shooting range grant program to assist with maintenance and development of private ranges in exchange for public access to those ranges. GFP is currently operating 18 shooting ranges throughout the state.

In the late 1930s, the Pittman-Robertson (PR) Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act redirected an existing excise tax on firearms and ammunition to state fish and wildlife agencies for wildlife species restoration and has since provided over \$12 billion to states since it was put in place. PR funds have been used by states for wildlife management as well as to build and maintain shooting ranges. Now, with the Target Practice and Marksmanship Training Support Act signed into law in 2019, states have even more flexibility to use these funds to construct and enhance public shooting ranges.

## Project Description

The range will be constructed on 400 acres of rolling topography. Solitude and natural beauty offer the perfect site for sporting enthusiasts within minutes from Rapid City. Organized in two separate areas (north and south), the complex offers a variety of options for all levels of hunters and recreational shooters and for law enforcement training.



Project goals:

- To create one complex that provides all amenities.
- To design a complex that feels convenient, safe, and easy to use - just a few minutes from town.
- To build a range that supports the R3 efforts: To recruit, retain, reactivate outdoor enthusiasts.
- To build a community partnership project.

## Funding

Design and construction budget estimates the total cost of the firearm range to be roughly \$12 million. Along with the \$2.5 million in general funds in Governor Noem’s recommended budget, GFP has also committed \$2.5 million for this project and has \$2.5 million in donation pledges from private donors. GFP is actively seeking private funding partners for this project to fund the remaining costs.