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If any you can't believe that 2017 is already upon us, don't worry you're not alone! It seems like just yesterday we were wrapping up our 2016 banquet and looking forward to what the rest of the year had in store for us.

For those of us on the Board, this time of year means one thing, its Banquet Season. We are excited and confident that the 2017 Annual Banquet will be our best one yet. We are moving locations to the Boise Centre on the Grove so we can accommodate more guests while providing a comfortable atmosphere for all of you! We have been hard at work looking for donations and volunteers to provide our guests with a first-class event and based on our current commitments it is looking very promising.

To our valued life members, we will be raffling off an Alberta Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep Hunt. In addition, we are selling 500 raffle tickets for a Fannin Sheep and the lucky winner will be drawn at the banquet. We have enclosed some information on both hunts along with our banquet registration form. The past two years we have sold out so if you are interested in coming get registered early as you won't want to miss it!

In addition to our banquet prep, we have been working hard to provide our members with a revitalized newsletter. We have some great stories about successful ventures into Sheep country this past fall. If you're like me, it's these stories that fuel my passion for our conservation efforts for wild sheep. As you will read, each one of these hunts has made a lifelong impact on the individuals and that is what hunting is all about. We would love to hear from you, our members, by sharing your successes, trials, and triumphs in the field. Although we are an organization focused on wild sheep we will not discriminate if you would like to share some stories of your hunts this past fall, regardless of species.

From all of us on the board we would like to wish you a Happy and Safe 2017 and we hope to see you at our banquet!

Zach Higgins
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LIFE MEMBERS RAFFLE



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 April 1, 2017
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Guest Speaker Dan Adler

Outfitter, Guide/Professional Hunter, TV Personality & Author



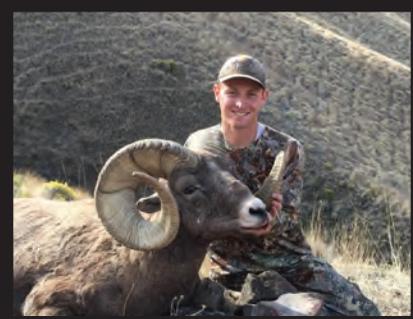
Dan is the owner of Diamond Outfitters of Arizona and a TV co-host for The Best of the West on The Outdoor Channel. Dan is a veteran Captain of the United States Air Force and graduate of the University of Arizona. An accomplished archer and rifleman, Dan has harvested elk, mule deer, coues deer, eastern whitetail, antelope, black bear, grizzly bear, turkey (Easter, Rio's, and Merriam's), javelina, wild boar, alligator, Asian water buffalo, axis deer, Sika deer, Stone Sheep (Ireland), Ibex, exotics, and more. Dan's hunting expeditions encompass Arizona, Alaska, Illinois, Kansas, California, Colorado, Wyoming, Texas, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, Virginia, New Mexico, Ireland, and South Africa.

Fannin Sheep Hunt Raffle in the Yukon

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Idaho Wild Sheep Foundation
32nd Annual Banquet and Fundraiser
April 1, 2017 ■ Boise Centre, Boise, Idaho



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- \$90 ID WSF Member *(Includes 2017 membership renewal)*
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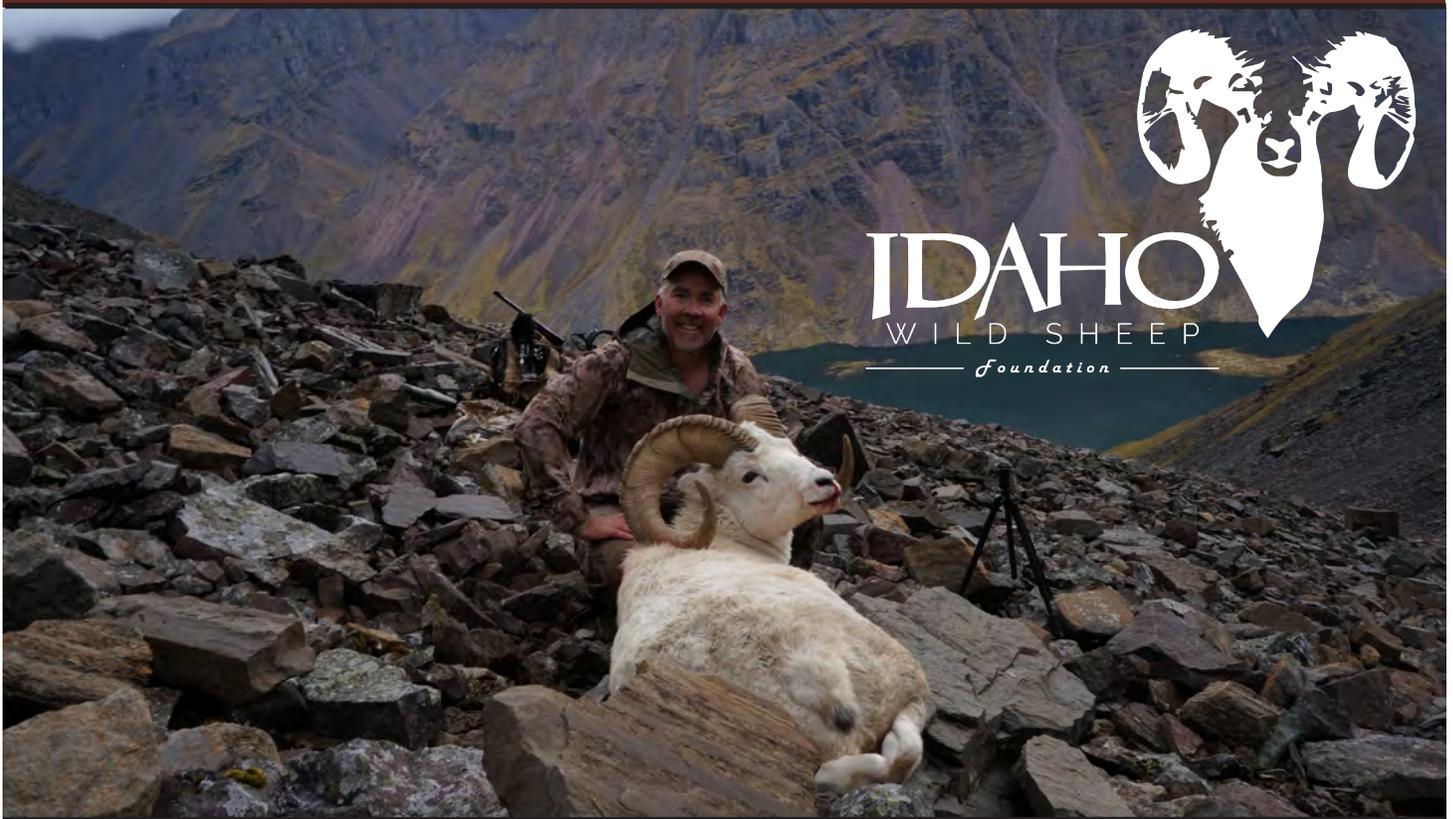
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RAFFLE



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2017 - 12 day Fannin Sheep Hunt

12 day Fannin Sheep Hunt with Midnight Sun Outfitters in Yukon, Canada. Hunt dates are August 10—August 21, 2017. Includes Fannin/Dall/Stone sheep—whichever color phase is encountered plus mountain caribou and wolverine/wolves. Winner can add more days for \$1,000 per day if desired and grizzly bear are a \$7,500 trophy fee. Winner responsible for air charter, tags, permits and gratuities. Need not be present to win. Drawing will be held at the Idaho WSF Banquet, April 1, 2017. Donated by The Young Family. *This hunt can be transferred or sold from winner, with approval of Idaho WSF BOD.*

Only 500 tickets will be sold!

Tickets are \$100 each or 6 for \$500.

2017 - 12 day Fannin Sheep Hunt



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Email: _____

Tickets:

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_____ 6 tickets \$500

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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

“*The mission of Idaho Wild Sheep Foundation is to enhance wild sheep populations in Idaho, and with partners in adjacent states, for public enjoyment, education, and fair chase hunting; to promote professional wildlife management, and protect sportsmen's rights.*”

Succinct and to the point, or one would think so. Every few years an event comes along that creates such a furor and fragmented viewpoint it serves to do nothing other than dilute the stated objective above. Without getting into too much detail, the issue surrounding Doug Sayer, as disclosed by the Idaho Wildlife Federation, through a Freedom of Information Act (FOYA) request, revealed e-mails and communications sent by Mr. Sayer to various parties (google the subject for more in depth details).

Many members of our chapter contacted myself and other Idaho WSF board members to express their opinions on the matter. They felt that due to the fact Mr. Sayer sits on the Board of Directors for the National WSF, it was wrong of him to come out publicly with his personal expressions about auction tags and retention of Fish and Game Commissioners and Department staff. Many others, when solicited for an opinion, thought Mr. Sayer was entitled to express his opinion, regardless of his position on the National BOD. The Idaho WSF, through an e-mail to our membership, clarified that Idaho WSF had no knowledge or involvement in the actions or recommendations of Mr. Sayer. In order to help resolve the different opinions on the subject, Idaho WSF requested an ethics review of the bylaws and ethics codes by the National WSF to determine if a violation had occurred. After an intensive review of the current bylaws by the ethics committee, they and the full BOD determined that, “no bylaws had been violated and Mr. Sayer’s actions were that of a private citizen.” A proactive recommendation from that review process was to strengthen the bylaw language to more clearly define what constitutes a violation and the acceptable latitude of a BOD member. Regardless, the debate by some members is still active on the subject and continues to pull all of us away from the primary purpose of managing wild sheep for viable and sustainable populations. **We need to move on.**

The Idaho WSF will focus on the annual banquet to raise funds and continue our efforts to help provide separation between bighorn and domestic sheep on public lands, support research in better understanding the pathogens involved in this deadly association between the two species, and to educate our public about the low populations of bighorn sheep in Idaho. To accomplish the fundraising required to drive those objectives, we invite hunters and bighorn advocates to come support our **annual banquet on April 1st, 2017 at the Boise Centre on the Grove**. We have moved the venue to this larger facility to accommodate more supporters and more room for additional exhibits. With the consternation among various wild sheep supporters, it is time for everyone to put their personal differences aside and focus on this all-important effort to raise funds to fuel our projects and efforts for wild sheep in Idaho. Let’s keep our eyes on the ball and not make Idaho’s bighorn a larger victim as a result of our inaction. Now, more than ever, Idaho WSF needs sponsors, donors and members to help promote and support this fundraising effort. If interested in becoming a sponsor or donor, please contact our support office at 208-345-6171.



JIM JEFFRESS
Idaho WSF President

UNDER THE MIDNIGHT SUN



A FATHER-DAUGHTER DALL HUNT

I had hunted **Alaska** and discovered something only fellow sheep hunters know. I had experienced **grit, perseverance, shale, bushwhacking, river crossing**, and getting up one more day to do what it takes to find and stalk a legal ram. We shared the honorary title **SHEEP HUNTER.**

by Erika Putnam

My father, Dave Putnam, has a gesture that means something is wrong or he is deep contemplation, he brings his hand to his mouth and bites the back of his thumb. It was at the February 2016 Idaho FNAWS banquet in Boise, Idaho when I returned from the other room that I found him sitting at our table with an overwhelming look as he made his signature gesture. I was immediately concerned. Worry soon turned to elation as the folks around us shared with me that he had just won the Ida-



ho FNAWS raffle for a dall sheep hunt donated by Midnight Sun Safari Outfitters in Healy, Alaska. He had purchased and held the very first ticket sold and it was the winner. No wonder he was shocked, speechless, and I think, choking back a manly tear.

After three long days of thinking, my dad finally said to me “Erika, if you want, you can go on this sheep hunt, otherwise I am going to donate it back.” It only took me one breath to say, “That’s super generous dad to consider donating it back but...yea... I really want to go!” My father had taken a dall sheep over 20 years ago and at 76 years old, he wasn’t sure how he would handle the demand of a 10-day hunt.

I have been putting in for a sheep hunt in Idaho for over twenty years and not drawn a tag.

I have been attending the national and state FNAWS banquets with my dad since I was 14 years old. I got misty eyed when I drove through Zions National Park three years ago and saw sheep. I heard the words in my head “putting sheep on the mountain” like it was the language of my heritage. This was finally going to be my chance to hunt sheep, and even better, hunt sheep with my dad. I knew that to be with my dad, engaged in something he loves and cares about, was the chance of a lifetime.

We set out for Healy, Alaska on August 19, 2016. After a 15-day extended hunt, I walked into camp and from around the corner came my dad. His gun was slung over his shoulder and as he walked towards me he was waiting for me to smile or show some sign of success. I enthusiastically gave him the thumbs-up and a tired smirk and he started jumping

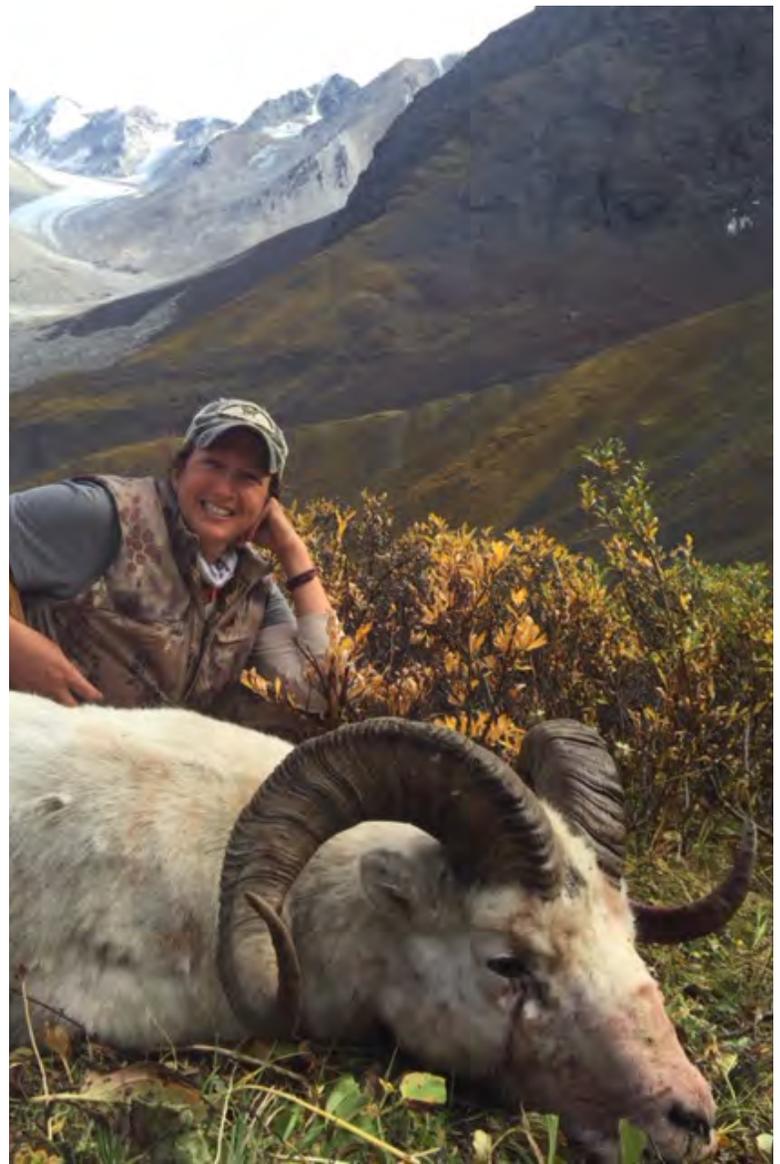


and skipping toward me, jiggling with as much excitement as a Labrador puppy. We had a big rifle to rifle hugging fest. Success! I had joined his kind. I had hunted Alaska and discovered something only fellow sheep hunters know. I had experienced grit, perseverance, shale, bushwhacking, river crossing, and getting up one more day to do what it takes to find and stalk a legal ram. We shared the honorary title "sheep hunter".

Coke and JoAnn Wallace were the generous donors of our hunt. I can't thank them enough for their hospitality, encouragement, quality guides, and heart for their hunters. When I came back to camp with my head hanging on day ten, they had already decided I would be on a plane out to another camp in the morning, graciously extending my hunt five more days

The best part of our trip was seeing rams every day.

The most ridiculous part of our trip was wearing every awesome piece of Kryptek gear I had to bed because my sleeping gear was inadequate. The hardest part of the hunt was riding out of camp on horseback with my guides on day 8 and looking back waving goodbye to my dad while he stayed in camp. I saw him standing there, biting his thumb, and this time it was me choking back the tears. The hunt went from a father-daughter experience to solely my first hunt without my dad. It upped the ante in every way. And, for the first time I could really know what hunting meant to me alone. This hunt and experience was the winning gift of a lifetime! Buy yourself a ticket this year or book with the Wallace's. Rams, Bears, Moose galore! Way to go ticket #1! ■





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Unit 11



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- ◆ Applicants must be eligible to purchase a hunting license in Idaho in order to obtain these special tickets.
- ◆ Applicants must be at least 18 years old to purchase a lottery ticket.
- ◆ Void where prohibited.
- ◆ This tag is non-transferrable. No purchase necessary. Hunting license and tag will be provided to winner.
- ◆ Drawing will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. MDT, on Wednesday July 26th at the Idaho Department of Fish & Game Headquarters.
- ◆ **Once-in-a-lifetime rule is waived for this raffle tag.**
- ◆ Need not be present to win.
- ◆ Additional rules apply.



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Receipt

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No. of tickets _____

Drawing to be held on Wednesday, July 26th. Winner will be notified by phone.

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IDAHO UNIT 41 DRAW

A HUNT IN THE IDAHO OWYHEES

by Jay Weaver

First, I have to give credit to my wonderful wife who encouraged me to put in for a tag and kept telling me ‘next time’ when I came home empty handed.

I have been hunting in Idaho my entire life and dreamed of this hunt since the beginning. Over the years I have put in for a sheep tag in Unit 41 with no success. I resigned myself to it never happening and was happy to continue with the mule deer, antelope, and elk I did draw for.

This year it seemed the signs to try for a sheep again were all around me. From the photo of a big horn I took in Hells Canyon being the first thing I saw in the morning and other sheep reminders popping up all around me. Jokingly, I told my wife I should try again and she said to go for it then kept asking me if I had. That prompting was what I needed. During the wait until the day of the draw I continued to have sheep images pop up at unexpected times and in unexpected places. Still, you could have knocked me over with a tap when the results were posted and there it was —

CONGRATULATIONS YOU DREW

with my name staring at me from the screen. I had to have Betty go in and read it to make it real! Now the task of planning and scouting occupied all my waking hours.

To be honest, scouting was a bit discouraging. In 30 years of hunting that area for various other game I don't remember not having seen sheep. This time, nothing was spotted at all except for a possible group of sheep on the other side of the canyon so far away it was hard to even confirm they actually were sheep at all. I spent several more days scouting with still no luck spotting sheep and began asking where the sheep gods were hiding everybody!

Finally, opening day and I thought I had packed and prepared for all weather — all but the rain that came after months of clear blue skies. Normally I enjoy listening to the rain hit the truck shell, but not this time. I spent the morning glassing and then decided to hike down into the canyon. I began hiking in and got caught in another rain storm. I watched it rain while remaining dry under a rock overhang then witnessed a stunning rainbow appear in the canyon as the rain finally subsided! Another two days followed and still no sheep.

The next weekend the weather was warm and clear. It was also the first sheep sighting, a single ewe and nothing else. Finally, I started to see sheep and had the pleasure of watching a herd of 23 only 200 yards away. I spent an enjoyable two hours watching them; it was unforgettable even with no rams in sight. Where are the rams? became my mantra. The following weekend I hunted alone because my best friend had to work. He joked, “You had better

not shoot one without me!” I told him I would try not to.

The day started out great when I located a radio collared ewe and with her a second ewe and two lambs. I enjoyed watching them feed for several hours then took one of the wonderful midday naps that only seem to happen on hunting trips. When I went back out I had a gut feeling to go back to the location of the morning's sighting. I strolled down to the rim to glass for the evening. I didn't really expect to see anything, but it was a great location to enjoy the scenery if nothing else. There was a small hill between the truck and the rim and as I paused briefly at the top I looked down and there was the most beautiful thing I've ever seen —

FOUR RAMS IN THE DRAW AND I WAS IN THE PERFECT LOCATION!

I ducked down while backing off to begin the 30 minute game of cat and mouse. When they disappeared from sight I stood up over a small draw and was busted! They were as surprised to see me as I was to see them, just 80 yards in front of me. I raised my Ruger Express 30/06 and committed hunting's cardinal sin — I overthought it. As I squeezed the trigger they were

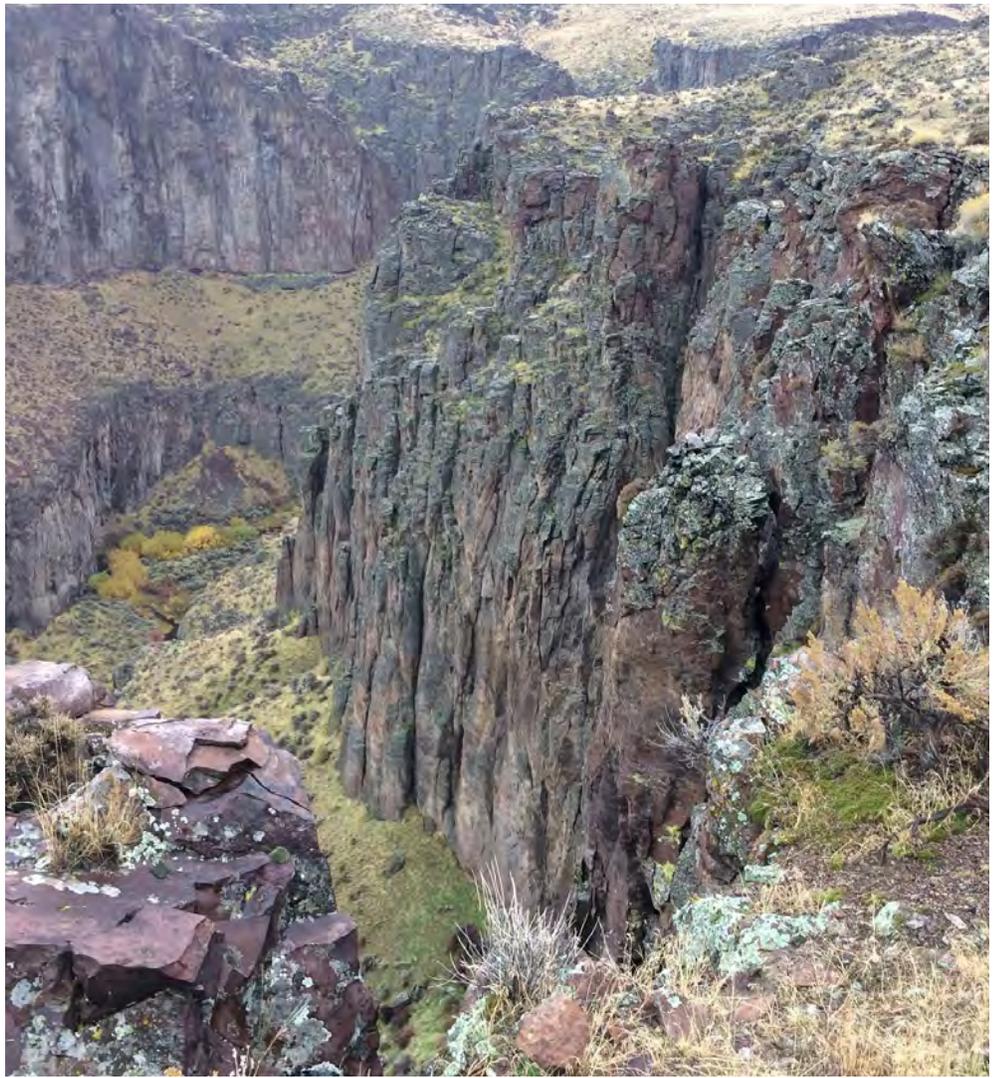


“ THE RAMS TURNED UP A DRAW
AT A DEAD RUN ABOUT 200
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TOOK OVER.”



off, resulting in a clean miss. That was when all those years of hunting fast-flying birds and rabbits at a full run paid off. The rams turned up a draw at a dead run about 200 yards from me and pure instinct took over. Rifle up, sight picture right, focused on the ram with the most mass and BOOM. I fired and then I heard the thud. I didn't see him go down (stupid corner), but I knew he was hit as the sound is unmistakable. I ran up the hill as fast as these old legs could go and watched three sheep go over the ridge. Where was the fourth? When I rounded the corner there he was. I knew that my dream of a lifetime was complete seeing my ram lying in a gentle swale.

I admired the old warrior and took photos, then began the real work, field dressing the ram. As I worked, it hit me that I was using a Damascus knife I had made myself and it worked beautifully. After finishing, I began the hike back to my truck and spied the 3 other rams. They were standing less than 100 yards in front of the truck! They stood there looking at the truck for over 10 minutes I just shook my head and laughed — what a way to end a lifelong dream. ■



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Kryptek Altitude in the mountains of Azerbaijan

The Q&A

KRYPTTEK ALTITUDE

Interview by Zach Higgins

If you haven't heard of Kryptek yet, it's time you learned about this innovative, in-your-face brand. Not only are they a veteran-owned company, but they are based right here in Eagle, ID. With a unique take on camouflage, co-founders, Josh Cleghorn & Butch Whiting, are committed to providing hunters everywhere the best gear and the best service in the industry. In 2017, they sat down to talk to me about their launching of what could be the perfect gear for the avid sheep hunter. They call it **Kryptek Altitude**.

Why did you design Kryptek Altitude? We wanted to utilize the best fabrics in the outdoor mountaineering market, and specifically Schoeller® fabric from Switzerland. Their fabrics and technologies are the premium blend of both performance and durability, which is what the sheep hunter truly needs. We are the only pure "hunting" brand that Schoeller® is working with.

What was your field testing process? The past two years we have hunted with our new Altitude line all over the world in very extreme and austere environments...This has included two separate Argali hunts in Mongolia, sheep hunts on Tiberon Island, Dagistan Tur hunts in Azerbaijan, as well as Idaho, Colorado, and Nevada. It has been extensively tested on numerous sheep hunts in the Northwest Territories by Clay Lancaster of Lancaster Family Hunting and I am sure he would be happy to speak to any Idaho hunters about how it has performed for him

personally, especially if they are booking a hunt with him!

Is it 100% waterproof or do you have a rain gear shell? Yes we have a 100% Waterproof Jacket and pant... 100% waterproof laminate rated at 19,500mm H2O. This means you get maximum protection in wet conditions. In addition, we added Schoeller® C-Change® technology which reacts to your body's activity levels to ensure a pleasant body climate. The technology in this jacket is able to react to changing temperatures and moisture levels by means of an advanced polymer fabric structure. The structure contracts at periods of LOW activity levels keeping you warm and dry while expanding at periods of HIGH activity levels, allowing moisture vapor to be released to the outside air. This rain gear is truly on the forefront of fabric technology.

What's the difference between Altitude and Kryptek's Highlander line? The first most obvious difference is the actual patterns themselves...The Macro and Micro structure in the Altitude pattern is exactly the same as the extensively government tested Highlander pattern, but we have used grays and greens that are often found above treeline. Also, the camo pattern printed on our Altitude line uses a wet print process for all pieces, and is printed in Germany. The next major difference is the extremely advanced fabrics from Schoeller® that I have already mentioned...Probably the most major difference is price. The Kryptek

Altitude line is very expensive compared to our Highlander line because the fabrics and technology used are extremely expensive.

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BEGINNER'S LUCK ON THE SHADOW RAM





“I HAD SEEN SHEEP MANY TIMES AND SPOTTED SOME VERY NICE RAMS, BUT THERE WAS A DIFFERENT FEELING OF ACTUALLY BEING ABLE TO HUNT THEM THIS TIME.”

by Matt Hansen

Every hunter it seems, at least in the Western States, has to deal with the frustration of the various state lotteries. Thus, I was again frustrated from lack of drawing out in Arizona and my home state of Idaho when I found out in the middle of May that I was not successful for applying for moose. At the time it looked like it would be general hunts only for me this year. A couple weeks later I received my reimbursement check in the mail. Along with that check was information about the Idaho Big Horn Sheep raffle from the Idaho Wild Sheep Foundation. I will be honest, I had no idea we even had a raffle in Idaho (FNAWS). I had seen information about raffles in other states before, but never here. My dad and I discussed it and thought what could it hurt? We went back and forth on it and finally decided at the last second to go ahead and put in.

We both agreed that we had no chance at all in drawing, but you can't win if you don't play. Weeks went by and the day of the raffle draw arrived, July 27th. I remember when I woke up that day and I had the thought that something is going to happen today. When I got to work that morning I remembered that today was the sheep lottery draw. I had read that the draw would be held at 2:00 P.M. I did my regular routine for the day and by the time the drawing rolled around I had kind of put it out of my mind. A few minutes after 2:00 P.M. I happened to glance down at my phone and there

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FOUNDATION LOTTERY
WINNER SCORES **BIG**

was a call coming in from Reno, Nevada. I thought, *there is no way this is happening...it has to be some wrong number*. Nevertheless, I had the most anxious feeling and I could hardly speak. I answered the phone and the man on the other end said, “Is this Matt Hansen? This is Jim Jeffress with the Idaho Wild Sheep Foundation.”

I couldn't believe what I was hearing — I had won the tag! A coworker was with me when I got the call and I am sure he thought I lost my mind because of how excited I was. I went over and told my Dad and he couldn't believe it; heck, I still couldn't believe it! I have wanted to hunt sheep very badly and I now had the opportunity to do it in my home state! Not only had I drawn the raffle tag, but it was also the year Unit 11 was included in the hunt, which is a very sought after area in northern Idaho, just outside of Lewiston.

After discussing all my options and area merits, we decided Unit 11 was the place to go. My Dad and I decided to hire Barker Outfitting as my guide. Jon Barker has a great track record for killing monster rams, and I am very glad we booked with him.

It was a long month before the opener. All I thought about was getting on the mountain and glassing for a big ram to go after. People were sending me pictures of sheep that had been killed and giving me advice. I spent many days practicing my shooting at the range. I did not want to miss a lifetime ram when I got him in the crosshairs. I wanted to make sure I was 100% ready to go when it came time to hunt in the infamous Hells Canyon. We decided to wait till the end of September—beginning of October to begin our hunt.

I headed over September 26th to start scouting. We did some scouting that night and all we saw were lambs and ewes. I would be lying to you if I said I wasn't a little bit bummed. The next day proved to be much better than the first. We found a group of six rams and one lone ram and we decided we wanted to look at them closer. We hiked in to look at the group of six and there were two nice rams in the group. I had seen sheep many times and spotted some very nice rams, but there was a different feeling of actually being able to hunt them this time. We watched them for a few hours to see what they did throughout the afternoon. When we could no longer see them we decided to go to an area where the guides had observed a nice ram during summer scouting. We were able to glass him up and the second I saw him I knew that was the ram I wanted to go after. He was everything I had dreamed of in a ram. He had heavy horns and a full curl. He knew he was the king of the mountain standing out there. As always, there was a major setback. The area he was living in at the moment was all private land and we didn't have permission to hunt there. He was very close to where we could

hunt him, and we decided to zero in on him and watch him till he made a mistake and moved to a place where we had permission. Wednesday morning we could not find the ram. It drove me nuts. We glassed all morning looking for him and couldn't find him. Around 11 A.M., Brian, the guide that was with me, broke the silence with, “THERE HE IS!”

I immediately was excited that we had found him again, but as we looked closer it was just two smaller rams lying next to each other. We were both really disappointed we had not been able to glass him up. We decided to get our gear and move down to a different vantage point. We set up with our spotting scopes and were chatting away about hunting. I moved my Vortex spotting scope around and just happened to land right where the ram was. I said to Brian, “I've got him!” He was lying on a cliff looking right in our direction, so suddenly apparent we couldn't believe we hadn't seen him the whole time. We watched him the rest of the evening. He would disappear suddenly then we would find him again. Each time we spotted him he was working toward the property line and we were very excited to see him moving that way.

The next morning we got ready just in case he moved onto the good land. We found him right where he bedded down the night before. I ranged him at 515 yards from where we lay watching him. All we could do was watch and wait for him to work toward us. We literally had no cover where we were and it was beyond hot for Brian and me. Every once in a while we would look at each other like what are we doing out here in this heat? The ram fed out so we could no longer see him. He finally came into view, but he was headed in the wrong direction. We were 500 yards from killing a ram of a lifetime and he decided to go all the way up the draw and over the ridge out of sight — a very long distance for him to go in such a short time. We hurried down to the truck to drive to where we thought we could easily find him again. We were sorely mistaken. He had disappeared on us. We looked until dark and couldn't find him. We nicknamed him Shadow since he was so difficult for us to find at times.

Friday morning we went to a ridge to glass where we thought he would be. We found him, but he was very far from where we needed him. We kept a close watch on him that morning until I had to run back to town to get another hotel room so I could stay until Saturday, hoping the shadow ram would be where we left him. However, he lived up to his name and was gone. We both glassed for hours from two different angles and couldn't find him until finally he turned up headed in the right direction for us! Brian signaled me indicating he had found him. I raced up toward where Brian was glassing and on my way up there he motioned me to go to a different spot because the Ram had gone over the ridge. I got to the spot





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and couldn't find him again. From that point we changed his name to Turd because of his lack of cooperation. I was able to glass him up a few hours later. He he was lying down behind a rock pile where neither of us could easily see him. We watched him till dark, but he didn't bed down which was not typical. We watched him till we could no longer take the strain on our eyes. The decision was made to come back first thing in the morning.

Saturday we went through the same routine. We parked where we had the night before to begin glassing. Once again he was nowhere to be seen. I was starting to think we would never get this ram on the ground. We kept looking for 20-30 minutes and I saw a white bum, “I have him!”

He had moved closer to the area that was legal for us to hunt. Brian and I wanted to be up there and ready just in case he came over farther toward the property we could hunt. The way the sheep was standing, the head was up against the rocks. I thought I better look closer. After a closer look I realized this was not him. Both of us were down on ourselves a

bit, but we kept looking. I decided to look in a different area for him, an area where if he was there we could go after him. Within five minutes I found a sheep, but I knew immediately it wasn't Turd. I continued to look around and went back to that sheep and there were two more sheep there. I figured they were the lambs and ewes that had been hanging out in that area that week. I got my spotting scope on them and Turd was there!

I said, “Brian, I've got him and he's where we can get him.” Brian looked at him real quick and said lets go kill him right now. We grabbed our gear and started up the hill. We took our time getting up there so I wasn't tired or out of breath for the shot. As we walked up the very steep ridge with my 7MM Gunwerks rifle over my shoulder, I kept thinking to myself, *is this really going to happen right now or is he going to pull a move and shatter my hopes completely?* It took us an hour and 15 minutes to to a good spot. We eased over the hill and they were closer than we thought. We ranged him at 182 yards. I couldn't have asked for a better shot on the ram of a lifetime. After being alone all week he had joined up with two other

rams. With two extra pairs of eyes to be careful of we moved slowly in for the shot. The rams were fighting a bit as the rut was just beginning for sheep. I was ready to go and set up for the shot. All I had to do was wait for him to stand broadside.

He and another ram were just squaring off for a fight to determine who the king of the mountain was when I settled in right behind the shoulder, gained my composure, looked through the Nightforce scope, and let the 180-grain Berger bullet fly from my 7MM. I didn't hear the hit like I usually do, but I was very sure I had hit him. I loaded another bullet in for a backup. I was about to put another one in him and he tipped over and didn't move. I had killed my dream ram in my home state! Brian and I acted like two little kids because we had just won the lottery in reality. We had finally got the best of a ram that had been giving us fits for a whole week. I felt like I was on cloud nine. We couldn't get over to him fast enough. It was a fulfilling feeling being able to get my hands on his magnificent horns. We worked hard to get him down and experienced the euphoria of knowing that we did it!

I am very grateful for the chance to fulfill my dream of hunting a Rocky Mountain Bighorn sheep. I never thought it would happen in my life. I would like to thank everyone involved in this special experience, friends, family, and my parents; especially my dad for taking me hunting with him and teaching me how to do it, and most of all for making this happen. Special thanks to Jon Barker and Brian Johnston for getting me on such a magnificent animal and also to Mike for finding him over the summer. If you have a sheep tag, I highly recommend Barker Trophy Hunts. Miracles do happen. I am sure glad my dad and I decided to take our chances on a raffle. Beginner's Luck is a real thing. ■




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MOVING FORWARD WITH BIGHORN ON PUBLIC LANDS

by Jim Jeffress

As reported in our last newsletter, pathogen or disease transfer from domestic sheep to bighorn has been clearly established within the scientific community. The anecdotal instances of bighorn dying after exposure to domestic sheep has been well documented over the past 125 years, but only recently has the disease relationship been firmly established. Sample collections of domestic sheep and bighorn have been collected and analyzed all over the Intermountain West in hopes of finding a way to disrupt the disease process or find a vaccine. Vaccines have been ruled out, at least for the immediate future, and other research continues to determine why some bighorn are affected and some are not. The research on wild populations and captive wild bighorn continue to show a degree of hope, but no conclusive paths have been found or established.

In the interim, the only direct way to manage disease transfer to bighorn populations is to separate the bighorn from domestic sheep. In order to establish proper distances for separation, a model was developed by the US Forest Service to be applied to various habitats on a site specific basis. This process was developed by the USFS (Payette Division) in order to create a process where an assessment could be developed to help make land-use decisions. The USFS Risk of Contact model (ROC) was utilized in that land-use process and a few other processes around the West, always with the domestic sheep industry refuting the validity of it. Through numerous challenges in the judicial system, the Ninth Circuit Court recently upheld an earlier ruling that the ROC process was valid. In 2015, a congressional appropriations bill provided direction to both the USFS and BLM to complete Risk of Contact models for their areas of conflict. Congress also wanted a collaborative process of all interested parties to be used at various junctures of assessing the ROC models. In conjunction with that bill, an additional directive was given to both agencies to report back in 60 days as to the progress with the collaborative processes. Those actions by congress in 2015 and pending language in 2016 validate the disease issue and the need for the ROC model. For Idaho, the USFS reported that Idaho WSF and industry wanted to host a “roll out of the ROC” meeting among interest groups to potentially initiate

a collaborative process. That process was interrupted by Governor Otter’s office. The Governor did not believe his office had been looped into the process sufficiently and in conjunction with Idaho Fish and Game recommended that two new years of telemetry data be integrated into the models. In essence, the ROC process, from the public’s perspective, has been delayed and it may take a year or longer to complete the task. Congress has directed the models be completed, encouraged collaborative processes, and requested reports back to congress with updates. Yet, the state of Idaho, seems to have chosen a different path. It is important to note that the Idaho Fish and Game had provided all the previous information for the models before the Governor took his actions. Updated information will always be a factor, but that should not slow the initiation of the ROC model.

Idaho WSF in conjunction with all the WSF chapters and affiliates will be working to compel the USFS and BLM to complete the ROC’s and initiate collaborative processes as they move toward land use decision planning. Moving the ROC process forward and the allotment of retirements and/or conversions to other livestock are the viable options available to bring about meaningful results. We will keep our membership apprised of the ROC progress in Idaho and any allotment retirements.

On another note, the topic of public lands being marketed off for private use continues to be a serious point of conversation. Irrespective of state studies showing Idaho and other states could not start to manage the public lands from an economic standpoint; the issue continues to be pushed at the state and federal level. The privatization of much of our public lands could become a reality. This is a serious matter that should not be “left up to others to resolve.” If you value your freedom to use your public lands at will for hunting/fishing, camping, hiking, mountain biking, etc. then this is your issue! Idaho WSF is adamantly opposed to the transfer of public lands to the states. We encourage all members to become aware of this counter effort through the Idaho chapters of Back Country Hunters and Anglers and the Idaho Wildlife Federation. Both NGO’s have taken a stance and are coordinating counter efforts. ■



by Bruce Mincher

Coughing lamb on winter range, Cinnabar Basin, MT, Nov. 2014. Photo by author

BETWEEN THE BIGHORN AND A MICROBE

MICROBIOLOGY 101: CLUES TOWARD SOLVING BIGHORN PNEUMONIA

In 1979 an experiment was performed in which domestic ewes were introduced to a Washington State enclosure containing healthy bighorn sheep. [1] Within two months all the bighorns were dead. At the same time in California, domestic sheep grazed along the border of an enclosure containing bighorn sheep were allowed nose to nose contact,

**Within two months,
no live wild sheep
remained.**

Researchers speculated that domestic sheep were resistant to a disease agent that they could transfer to the wild sheep. The agent that was thought to have caused the deaths was a bacterium at the time called *Pasteurella haemolytica*, which has since been recognized to include several different species (*Mannheimia haemolytica*, *M. glucosida*, *M. ruminalis* and *Bibersteinia trehalosi*) within the Pasteurella family. However, since that time it's been recognized that wild sheep sometimes carry all of these microbes in

lower numbers without ill effect.

Then another bacterium with an important role in bighorn sheep pneumonia was identified, *Mycoplasma ovipneumoniae*. [2] Both *Mannheimia haemolytica* and *Mycoplasma ovipneumoniae* have been shown to trigger fatal pneumonia in healthy bighorn sheep after inoculation, but unless *Mycoplasma ovipneumoniae* is present, *Mannheimia haemolytica* does not spread from animal to animal. [3,4]

Mycoplasma ovipneumoniae:

- Is absent from nearly all healthy bighorn sheep populations
- Has been found in every bighorn sheep population pneumonia outbreak, including both initial large die-offs and also lamb pneumonia outbreaks that may follow for years afterwards
- Is the first bacterium to invade bighorn sheep lungs when the pneumonia begins
- Is present in nearly all domestic sheep populations, and can spread

to bighorn sheep when contact occurs

- Is the only bacterium that spreads to infect nearly every bighorn sheep within naturally occurring pneumonia outbreaks

The key role of *M. ovipneumoniae* was missed for a long time because the bacterium is very difficult to grow and identify in the laboratory and because by the time infected bighorn sheep start showing signs of pneumonia, many other bacteria, including the Pasteurella family bacteria, have invaded the lungs in high numbers. This is because *Mycoplasma ovipneumoniae* acts indirectly, destroying a critical part of the immune system of the lungs that normally keeps the bacteria always present in the throat and stomach, from invading the lungs.

Both *Mannheimia haemolytica* and *Mycoplasma ovipneumoniae* are transferred from domestic sheep to wild sheep following contact with domestic sheep.[4,5] The lungs of bighorn sheep that died of

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Deceased ram, cause of death attributed to bighorn sheep pneumonia. Photo found: bighornhealth.org

pneumonia after contact with domestic sheep have been shown, using unique DNA sequence markers, to contain strains of both of these bacteria that originated in the nose and throat of the domestic sheep. The results are conclusive and irrefutable. I thought about calling this short primer Bacteriology for Dummies, but the reader who has made it this far is no dummy. But the dummies who deny this science are still out there.

My personal experience with this unfortunate biology occurred in Montana. Cinnabar Basin was a great place to view tremendous rams on winter range from the roadway. They vied for the attention of ewes and vented their frustrations on each other in a place accessible to anyone. It was a true wildlife spectacle. But in November 2013 a Gardiner resident decided to keep about a dozen domestic sheep behind a simple rail fence on his private ground along the Yellowstone River, right in the middle of sheep winter range. A year after I watched a ram make nose to nose contact with

these domestic sheep, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks helicopter surveys reported that the lamb to ewe ratios for the Cinnabar Basin area were below average, at about 26 lambs per 100 ewes. Domestic sheep-free areas surveyed inside the Park had double that number of lambs. In the fall of 2014 I observed lambs coughing uncontrollably. By December, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks had issued a news release, “In the past two weeks FWP staff members have collected ten dead bighorn sheep—a mix of rams, lambs and one adult ewe.” A pneumonia outbreak was in progress. By March of 2015, 40 percent of the herd had died. The law, of course, protects the domestic sheep.

The problem has been understood by some for many years. In 1928, before we could even identify microbes, George Bird Grinnell wrote, “It seems possible that with the importation of domestic sheep ... some diseases new to wild sheep may have been brought in, and that these diseases proved to the native

species as fatal as measles, small pox and whooping cough were to the Indians when first they were exposed to them. From the diseases among the domestic sheep epidemics may have originated and spread to the wild sheep, and these may have decimated them ... [6] Almost 90 years later we are still struggling to contain *Pasturella* and *Mycoplasma*, while Idaho’s bighorn populations continue to melt away. The law, of course, currently protects the domestic sheep. It is up to us to change this and protect our bighorns. ■

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January 10, 2017

Dear Member,

We are excited to announce the implementation of a joint membership initiative between the Idaho Wild Sheep Foundation (IWSF) and our conservation partner Wild Sheep Foundation (WSF). The Wild Sheep Foundation enjoys a membership of 6,500 throughout North America and around the globe. In order to strengthen our ability in the effort to Put and Keep Sheep on the Mountain™, we are hopeful that this joint membership increases our collective voice.

Sheep do not observe borders and as such we must be vigilant to partner with those that can amplify our voices within our state, country, and internationally. About 4,000 sheep advocates belong to state or provincial chapters and affiliates, but do not yet belong to WSF. If the wild sheep community can band together under a common voice for the iconic species we are so passionate about, our impact for future generations will be so much greater.

Membership with the Idaho Wild Sheep Foundation will now include full membership in the Wild Sheep Foundation with all WSF membership benefits including voting rights and the quarterly Wild Sheep™ magazine at a discounted rate on both the IWSF and WSF dues. The Idaho Wild Sheep Foundation will also have a regular column in Wild Sheep™ as well as complimentary advertising to promote IWSF activities, conservation news and events throughout the wild sheep community.

WSF will provide the IWSF with all membership fulfillment services (online and mailed renewals, remittance processing of IWSF dues, membership credentials, membership reports, etc.) at NO charge to the IWSF. 100% of the dues for the IWSF Membership stay in our chapter. This is a synergistic partnership that we feel not only provides great membership benefits to you, our valued member, but will ultimately enhance Idaho's bighorn sheep.

WSF is in the process of a complete re-write of a comprehensive and state of the art website and membership service portal. Estimated launch and release will be late June 2016. Once fully implemented each IWSF member will be able to access his or her membership through a personal account within a secure cloud database on the WSF website. Members will be able to check their membership status, update address and contact details and renew their membership seamlessly online.

As a current Idaho Wild Sheep Foundation member in good standing we have enclosed a reduced rate WSF membership application for you to complete and return to initiate our new joint membership. You will receive, with our compliments, the summer issue of WSF's Wild Sheep™ magazine, but you will need to return the joint application with payment no later than April 1st to continue to receive Wild Sheep™.

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to Idaho's bighorn sheep through your membership. We are confident you will appreciate and enjoy the many benefits of this innovative and synergistic partnership.

Sincerely,

Zach Higgins, Director of Marketing/Membership
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