



Please Join!

**WYOMING'S WILD SHEEP AND YOUTH
NEED YOUR HELP TO KEEP THEM ON THE
MOUNTAIN.**

**Our motto is "putting and
keeping KIDS and WILD
SHEEP on the mountain.**

Why would one invest in youth on the mountain? Simple, without their interest the future of wild sheep on the mountain is grim. Secondly, why invest in the conservation of a species that symbolizes remoteness, wilderness and rugged landscapes? Simple, it also symbolized who we are and what we stand for. Moreover, this iconic symbol, the bighorn sheep, once numbered 1.5 – 2 million and now only numbers about 85,000. Historically, Wyoming had 10's of thousands of bighorns, but now numbers only 6,500. Bighorns are high maintenance and they need your help.

Wy WSF was formed by an all-volunteer board in 1983. We are one of 17 state and provincial chapters of the

Wild Sheep Foundation. Our passionate members invest 10's of thousands of dollars annually in the conservation of bighorns and educational outreach for our youth.

Please review our success at <https://www.wyomingwildsheep.org/> and consider investing in the conservation of bighorns and our conservation-minded youth.

In our history, Wyoming WSF has directly funded \$1.43 million and leveraged for multiple millions in conservation efforts to put and keep kids and wild sheep on the mountain.

Working cooperatively with government agencies, Wyoming's school systems, the University of Wyoming, and other conservation organizations, the passionate members of Wyoming WSF have been a force in ensuring and enhancing bighorn herds on Wyoming's mountains.

Wyoming Wild Sheep holds two general membership meetings a year, one in early June and one in December.

Meeting locations and field trips/projects occur throughout the state.

Your membership provides you with two semi-annual "RamPage" magazines, updates on wild sheep issues, AND the pride associated with keeping Wyoming's wild sheep and youth on the mountain.

As a non-profit organization with 501 (c)3 status, contributions to Wyoming WSF are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

**Won't you please
consider joining us in
ensuring the future
of our youth and
Wyoming's wild sheep**

Membership Application

Annual Membership _____	\$ 40.00
3-Year Membership _____	\$ 100.00
Lifetime Membership _____	\$ 750.00
Senior Lifetime Membership Over 65 _____	\$ 500.00
Ramshorn Society Membership _____	\$500.00

*Optional payment plan: Contact us to set up payments to fit your budget at: (307) 213-0998.

E-mail: _____

Telephone # _____

Make checks payable to:

Wyoming Wild Sheep Foundation

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Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

YOUR MEMBERSHIP WILL ASSIST IN FUNDING THESE CRITICAL AREAS OF WILD SHEEP CONSERVATION:

CONSERVATION FUND

With the aid of a \$25,000 donation from the Butler family, a Conservation Fund has been established and has grown to over \$200,000. The corpus is invested and the interest will fund the future of youth and sheep on the mountain.

GRANT IN AID PROJECT FUNDING

We are proud of the fact that we have funded over 100 projects totaling over \$1.32M since 1983. Again, wild sheep conservation is complex. Thus, projects are diverse, ranging from education to research. Our 2018 commitments have totalled \$142,450 and funded 12 individual projects.

HABITAT CONSERVATION

We believe habitat is the “foundation” (rebar and cement) of wild sheep populations. Thus, we eagerly fund conservation easements, prescribed burns, fertilization, invasive plant species control, guzzler developments, fence modifications, and many other types of activities which conserve and enhance wild sheep habitat.

TRANSPLANTS

We have assisted with numerous transplants across the nation. Recent transplants from Oregon (2004) and Montana (2006) to Wyoming’s Bighorn Mtns. were tremendously successful. Because of exceptional herd growth, this herd has since served as a “source” herd for transplants, 69 individuals since 2016, to the Ferris Mtns. where a second herd is now thriving. More such transplants will occur.

WHISKEY MOUNTAIN BHS INITIATIVE

We are leaders in an initiative to revitalize this nationally renowned BHS herd. Once numbering 2,500, a catastrophic die-off 28 years ago has left the herd with only 750 individuals today. A public involved collaborative process is underway to explore management concerns, issues and opportunities to enhance and conserve the herd.

EDUCATION

We believe education IS the future of having youth and lambs on the mountain. We are close partners with the National BigHorn Sheep Interpretive Center in Dubois, WY. Their staff teach bighorn conservation to thousands of youth and adults across the nation.

POLICY AND REGULATION

We are continually working with federal and state agencies and organizations to conserve and enhance wild sheep habitat through policy and regulation. Additionally, we are in constant collaboration with the Wyoming Game and Fish Department relative to population management strategies and general wild sheep management.

DOMESTIC SHEEP ALLOTMENT BUY-OUTS

Pneumonia related pathogen transmission from domestic sheep to wild sheep, frequently resulting in catastrophic die-offs, is a major contributing factor limiting bighorn populations across the West. We have assisted in providing domestic sheep producers economic compensation to retire public land grazing allotments across important bighorn habitats in Wyoming.

RESEARCH AND SURVEILLANCE

Disease and nutrition are complex factors limiting populations across the West. We consistently fund research and monitoring directed towards unraveling the science behind them. We consistently fund cutting-edge research and monitoring conducted by the University of Wyoming, Wyoming Game and Fish Dept. and others.

OUR PROJECTS CAN BE VIEWED IN DETAIL AT:

**[HTTPS://WWW.WYOMINGWILDSHEEP.ORG/
GRANTS.ASP](https://www.wyomingwildsheep.org/grants.asp)**

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