

2008 Calendar of Events

May 1, 2008

Grant-in-Aid Requests due for consideration
at Wyoming FNAWS 2008 Summer Meeting

May 5, 2008

Wyoming FNAWS Annual Banquet & Fundraiser Early Bird Reservation Deadline

June 2, 2008

Ballots for 2008-09 WY FNAWS Board Elections Due

June 7, 2008

Wyoming FNAWS 25th Annual Banquet & Fundraiser
Lander, Wyoming

June 19 & 20, 2008

WGFD/WY FNAWS Bighorn Sheep Summit

September 11-13, 2008

Hunting & Fishing Heritage Expo
Casper Events Center
Casper, Wyoming

November 1, 2008

Grant-in-Aid Requests due for consideration
at Wyoming FNAWS 2008 Winter Meeting

December 6, 2008

Wyoming FNAWS 2008 Winter Meeting
Location TBA

Wyoming FNAWS Board and Membership Meetings

Wyoming FNAWS holds its winter board meetings on the first Saturday of December and summer board meetings the first Saturday in June at the Wyoming Chapter's annual fundraiser. General membership meetings accompany both board meetings. Details and locations are listed in the Calendar of Events and online at www.wyomingfnaaws.org.

Funding requests for consideration at the winter board meetings are due no later than Nov. 1. Requests for consideration at the summer board/general membership meeting are due no later than May 1.

The Grant-In-Aid request form is available on the Wyoming FNAWS web site at and on pages 12 and 13 of this newsletter. The mailing address is Wyoming FNAWS, P.O. Box 845, Dubois, WY 82513.

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Laramie Bighorns Faring Well

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timing of spring moisture. "We warm up sooner, our temperatures are hotter and the timing of our growing season rainfall is different in southeast Wyoming than Whiskey Mountain. Consequently, our grasses green up sooner and cure or dry out earlier down here," said Hicks.

Wildlife evolve so that they give birth to young during the time of year that provides the best opportunity to successfully raise their young. Generally speaking it is better to give birth when the weather is warmer and food the most nutritious. Those individuals that give birth during the best time of year over time produce more offspring. With years of this type of selective pressure, eventually all of the young are born during a very narrow range of days the same time every year. "The sheep we brought down from Montana rut earlier in the fall and consequently lamb earlier in the spring, about three weeks earlier than sheep from Whiskey Mountain," said Hicks. At Whiskey Mountain this would probably be bad but in southeast Wyoming lambing earlier results in mother sheep, known as ewes, producing milk during a time when there is more nutritious forage and water available. "We think over time earlier lambing will result in higher lamb survival and consequently more bighorn sheep in the herd," said Hicks.

The 30 collars used were GPS collars. These collars are able to pick up a satellite signal and fix a location much like the hand-held GPS units many people now use. Once the location is fixed the collar stores the location, date and time in a microcomputer that is part of the collar.

The collars were programmed to take three locations per day. "In the 14 months they have been on these sheep that is 1,260 locations per animal taken and those locations were taken in good weather and bad," said Hicks. With thirty animals collared that is over 37,000 locations taken in little over a year. "Data sets like this are impossible to obtain using traditional collars and human observers."

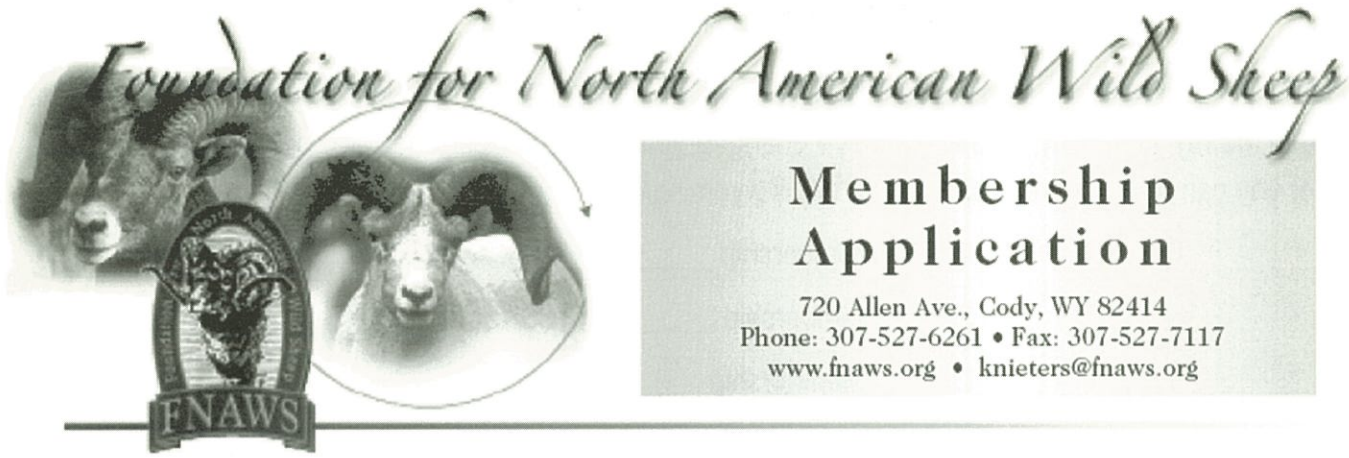
"We will use the location data to determine how these sheep move over the landscape throughout the year," Hicks said. "We will be able to identify where they have their lambs, where they spend the winter and how they are using burned versus unburned habitats. We hope to use these data as we work with local landowners and federal land managers to improve our management of this sheep herd."

The collars were built with an automatic drop-off mechanism and were programmed to fall off around July 1, 2008. "Collars equipped with a drop-off mechanism allows retrieval of the collar and all the data stored in them without the expensive, difficult and stressful task of having to recapture the sheep," said Hicks.

Ear tags were put on all 42 sheep. Hicks asks hunters and others who might find an ear tagged sheep to contact their local Department representatives or the Laramie Office at (307) 745-4046 to report the location.

This project would not have been possible without the help of many funding partners. "It cost over \$100,000 to capture these sheep, equip 30 of them with GPS collars and bring them from northwest Montana to southeast Wyoming," said Hicks. "The Department wishes to thank the Wyoming Chapter Foundation for North American Wild Sheep (FNAWS), National FNAWS, Eastern FNAWS, Iowa FNAWS, Minnesota/Wisconsin FNAWS, the Wyoming Governors Big Game License Coalition Bighorn Sheep Account and Dooley Oil of Laramie for their generous funding support. We also thank the Kennedy family for allowing us to cross their land in order to get to the release site and their support of wildlife on the Laramie Peak WHMA."

"We have high hopes that this transplant effort will be a great thing for sheep in the Laramie Peak herd unit and for those who enjoy seeing sheep and hunting sheep in southeast Wyoming," Hicks concluded.



Membership Application

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President's Message

We're already into April and Wyoming is beginning to wonder if spring will ever arrive. Many parts of the state continue to experience a long, snowy and cold winter season, and while we need the moisture, a little warm weather would be welcome.

As you will see in this edition of the *Rampage*, it's election time for Wyoming FNAWS. Nomination announcements were sent in late March for three open seats; five nominations were submitted. Please read the biographies and information on the five candidates on page 4, cast your votes and return your ballots by June 2nd. Results will be announced at our general membership meeting on June 7th in Lander – see page 3 for information on our annual fundraiser.

Two of the three open seats are those of two long-time Wyoming FNAWS board members: Jim Collins and Fritz Meyer. Both have decided to step down and make room for some "new blood."

Jim, a former President and Past President, has been tireless in his commitment to Wyoming FNAWS and Wyoming's bighorn sheep. Among his most noteworthy accomplishments are the successful negotiations to retire several U.S. Forest Service grazing allotments that placed domestic sheep in the proximity of bighorn sheep herds. As most of you know, co-mingling of domestic sheep and bighorns can be devastating and these buyouts were instrumental in protecting many bighorn herds in the state.

Fritz dedicated a great deal of his time to a multi-year predator control project to help defend our Whiskey Mountain bighorns in Dubois against predation by coyotes. Thanks to his involvement, the project was a great success. He also handled the coordination and sales of many of the Wyoming Game & Fish Commissioners licenses that Wyoming FNAWS was fortunate to receive – we couldn't have done it without him.

On behalf of the Wyoming FNAWS board, I want to thank Jim and Fritz for their invaluable contributions. They will both be missed, but we hope to continue to benefit from their experience.

This year's fundraiser is looking to be another success. In an effort to keep the next generation educated and involved in hunting, we will hold a drawing for a youth cow elk hunt. All attendees will be able to enter one's name of a youngster 12-16 years old and the winner will receive a guided cow elk hunt. It's an outstanding opportunity – don't miss out on it.

Hope to see you in June –

Bob Sundeen
 President

In Memoriam

Wyoming FNAWS lost two of our members this winter: Ed Novotny, life member #63, and member Jerry Shatzer, father of WY FNAWS Vice President Curt Shatzer.

Our deepest sympathies to the Novotny and Shatzer families.



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Wyoming FNAWS will not share your e-mail address with any third parties, nor will you receive solicitations or "spam" from our organization.

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Wyoming FNAWS Annual Convention and Fundraiser: Celebrating our 25th Year!

Wyoming FNAWS will hold its 25th Annual Fundraiser the first weekend in June. Announcements were mailed in late March. The schedule of events is as follows:

Friday, June 6th

9 am Board Meeting, **Inn at Lander** (Including funding requests)

Saturday, June 7th – The following events will be held at The Inn at Lander

7:15-8:45 am Life Member Breakfast, (*Life members only; reservations required by May 5th*)
 9 - 11 am Board/General Membership /Business Meeting (funding requests, election of board members and officers)
 11 am Depart from The Inn at Lander for Sinks Canyon (furnish your own vehicle(s); carpool if possible)
 11:25 am Sinks Canyon Bighorn Sheep Management Update – *Stan Harter, WGFD, Lander*
 12:05 pm No-host lunch at Sawmill Shelter (\$10/person) – *prepared by Tom Ryder et al. WGFD, Lander*
 1 pm Depart Sawmill Shelter, return to The Inn at Lander (Warbonnet Room) for afternoon seminars
 1:30 - 2 pm Whiskey Mountain Bighorn Sheep Update – *Greg Anderson, WGFD, Lander*
 2:05-2:45 pm Teton GPS Radiocollaring Project – *Aly Courtemanch, Wyoming COOP Unit, Laramie*
 2:50-3:50 pm Wyoming FNAWS Funded Projects Update – *Kevin Hurley, WGFD and Bob Sundeen, WY FNAWS*

The following events will be held at the Lander Community Center

4 - 5 pm Complimentary Wine and Cheese Party; Photo Judging
 5 - 6 pm Happy Hour (Cash Bar)
 6 - 7 pm Roast Beef & Shrimp Dinner
 7:30 - 11 pm Fundraiser Auction

Sunday, June 8th

9 am Board Meeting, **The Inn at Lander**

A block of rooms (under "Wyoming FNAWS") has been reserved (\$85/night/room) at The Inn at Lander: 307-332-2847. Make your reservations by May 5th and mention you are with "Wyoming FNAWS" to receive the special rate.

Banquet prices are \$50 per single, \$85 per couple and \$20 for children under 12. (*Note: Banquet prices include a one-year membership; life members can deduct \$25.*) Raffle tickets are \$20 per sheet (which includes 6 raffle tickets) or \$100 for six sheets (a total of 36 raffle tickets—a \$20 savings). Please send your reservation and payment to: **Wyoming FNAWS, P.O. Box 845, Dubois, WY 82513.**

**Send payment by May 5th to be eligible for the early bird drawing for \$100 auction credit!
 Questions? Call (307) 455-2094 or e-mail info@wyomingfnaaws.org**

Wyoming FNAWS 2008-09 Board of Directors Ballot

The following candidates have indicated an interest in serving a two-year term on the Wyoming FNAWS Board of Directors. A profile of each candidate is included; these profiles and letters of recommendation can be viewed on the Wyoming FNAWS Web site at www.wyomingfnaaws.org.

Vote for **no more than three** candidates and return your completed ballot **no later than June 2, 2008** to Wyoming FNAWS, P.O. Box 845, Dubois, WY 82513. Election results will be announced at the Wyoming FNAWS Annual Membership Meeting on June 7, 2008 in Lander, Wyoming.

David Bishop – Moran, Wyoming

David recently became a life member of Wyoming FNAWS and says he would look forward to joining the WY FNAWS board with a host of enthusiasm for Wyoming's wild sheep populations. He is a fourth-generation Wyomingite and was raised in Lander. In his 63 years, David has witnessed firsthand the many changes in the Northwestern Wyoming sheep numbers. He would strengthen membership numbers by approaching his numerous hunting acquaintances and encouraging them to become Wyoming FNAWS members.

Larry Hicks – Baggs, Wyoming

Larry has served on several conservation organization boards including the North American Pronghorn Foundation; a committee member for two chapters of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation in Wyoming; a board member and president of the Wyoming Riparian Association and the National Association of Conservation District - Water Resources Committee. Larry believes that his grant writing skills and knowledge in leveraging funding and sources of alternative funding would help generate more dollars for Wyoming FNAWS. He would like to see a public relations outreach campaign launched to generate additional funding and membership. Larry is a current Wyoming FNAWS member.

Steve Kozisek – Buffalo, Wyoming

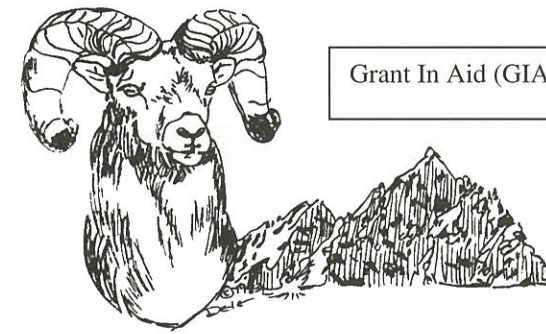
Steve is a current Wyoming FNAWS board member and chairman of this year's fundraiser committee. He is a Wyoming FNAWS life member. He also previously served on the boards of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and Pheasants Forever. Steve cites his fundraising efforts as his greatest strength as a board member. His goals are to improve media exposure and use it to increase membership by showing that what benefits wild sheep benefits all wildlife.

Greg Larsen – Riverton, Wyoming

Greg has served on the boards of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Wind River Chapter (seven years as chairman), Sportsmen for Fish & Wildlife and WTF. He is a life member of Wyoming FNAWS, believes the organization is doing an exceptional job and it is "the best organization going by far." His goals for improving WY FNAWS are educating fellow hunters on Wyoming FNAWS' accomplishments and increasing life memberships. Greg cites his open-mindedness, previous experience and a love for sheep and the world they live in as the strengths he would bring to Wyoming FNAWS.

Jack L. Morey, Jr. – Buffalo, Wyoming

Jack is a life member of Wyoming FNAWS. He has served on the board of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation's Buffalo Chapter, including board chairman for over three years and looks forward to sharing his knowledge from this experience. If elected, Jack says he will work hard to build the foundation that Wyoming FNAWS has already created to improve fundraising and membership. He also looks forward to continuing the work that the past Wyoming FNAWS boards have done.



Grant In Aid (GIA) Form

Wyoming Chapter
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Wild Sheep

Are you a current member of FNAWS? ___ Yes ___ No Member # _____

Are you a current member of WY FNAWS? ___ Yes ___ No

	Cost to be funded by WY FNAWS Grant	Cost to be funded by other cooperators
Equipment.....	\$ _____	\$ _____
Services.....	\$ _____	\$ _____
<i>(Permanent, full-time salaries will not be considered)</i>		
Publishing.....	\$ _____	\$ _____
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Please itemize then total		
Other (Specify).....	\$ _____	\$ _____
Totals	\$ _____	\$ _____

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ENDORSEMENT

I hereby agree to abide by the stated requirements of a WY-FNAWS grant. I also understand all WY-FNAWS funding stipulations and will provide all necessary reports if I receive a grant from WY-FNAWS.

Signature of Applicant _____

Title _____ Date _____

MEDIA CONTACTS

Please list one or more media sources in your area that we may contact with details of your project:



Grant In Aid (GIA) Form

**Wyoming Chapter
Foundation for
North American
Wild Sheep**

Project Title: _____

Project Type: _____
Waterhole/Transplant/Habitat/Research/Education/Other (Explain)

Affiliate: _____
Outfitter Organization/BLM/Game & Fish/Forest Service/Other (Explain)

Location Of Project: _____
State/Territory/Area

Description Of Project:

Problem to be Solved:

Describe How You Propose Solving Problem:

BIOGRAPHY OF APPLICANT

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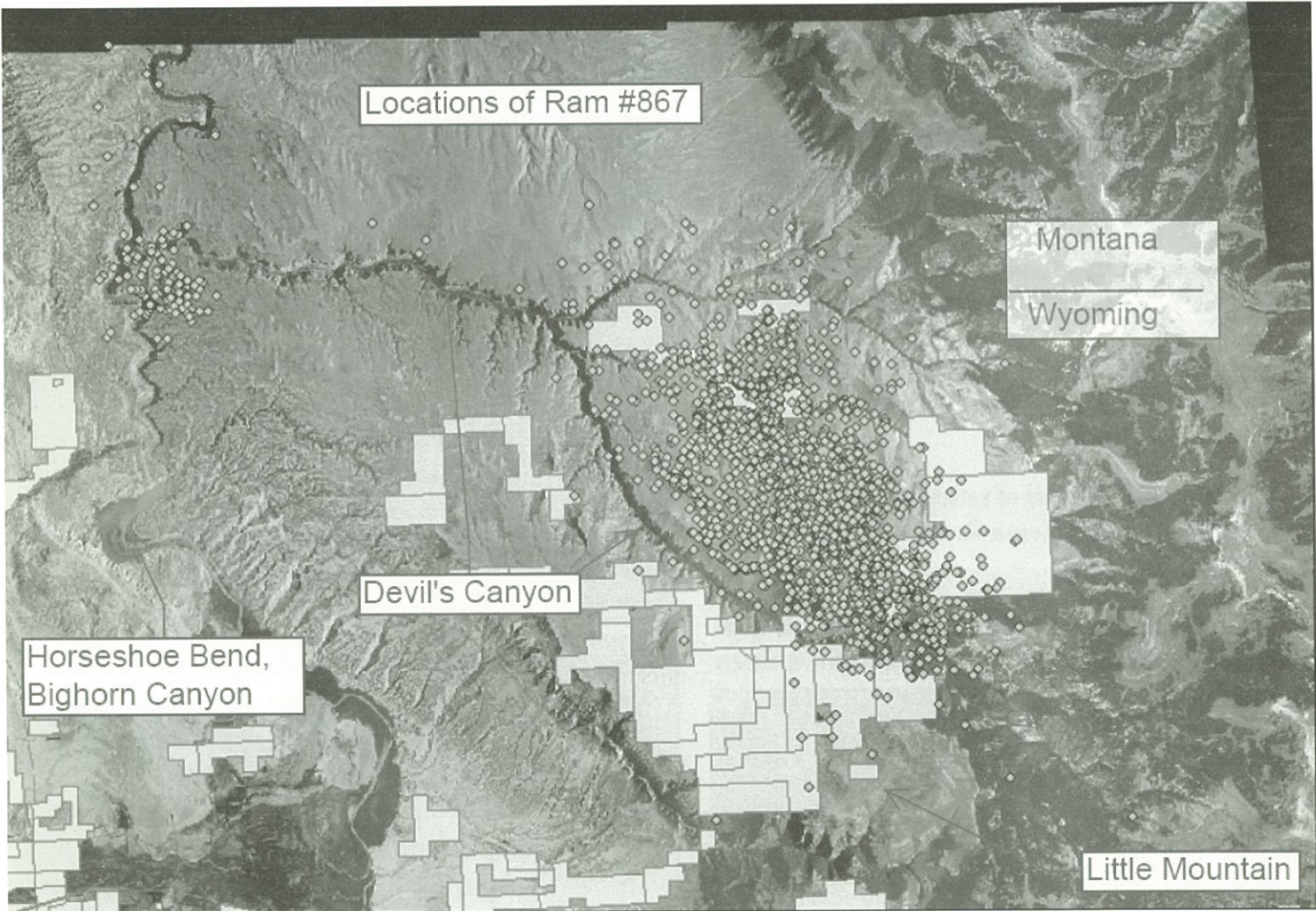
**On the Move:
Tracking the Travels of a Devil's Canyon Bighorn Ram**

Wyoming Game and Fish Department Greybull wildlife biologist Tom Easterly has been busy plotting relocation data from the Devil's Canyon bighorn sheep study using GPS radiocollars.

Below is a map showing the movements of a 4-year old ram that was collared in spring 2006. Given his age at the time of capture, this ram is a descendent of the Whiskey Mountain original transplant in 1973.

The December 2004 transplant from Oregon (N=20), plus the January 2006 transplant from Montana (N=20), along with the original stock from Whiskey Mountain, have grown to a population of 120-140 sheep.

Thanks largely to the Wyoming Governor's Big Game License Coalition and Wyoming FNAWS, the Devil's Canyon herd (Hunt Area 12) will be open for the hunting of 2 rams in fall 2008!



Teton Range Bighorn Sheep Project Winter 2008 Update



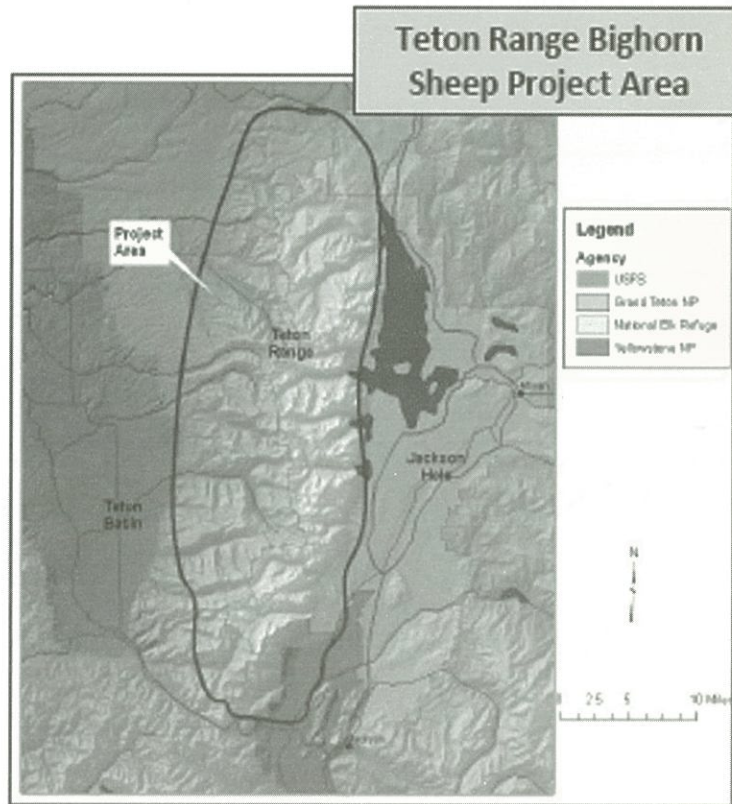
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This project is a collaborative effort involving the above cooperators. It was initiated in Fall 2007 to address the following objectives outlined in the Teton Range Bighorn Sheep Working Group's Strategic Plan (1996).

Project Objectives

- Compile and map the historic distribution of the Teton Range bighorn sheep herd using historical data sources
- Document locations, characteristics, and use patterns of seasonal habitats and movement corridors
- Quantitatively assess that habitat selection patterns of the herd (in winter and summer)
- Quantitatively assess the avoidance of seasonal habitats by bighorn sheep due to human activities
- Evaluate the effects of retiring domestic sheep allotments on the Teton Range bighorn sheep herd
- Determine lamb production and lamb survival to mid-summer for radio-collared bighorn sheep



The Teton Range bighorn sheep herd resides year-round at high-elevation areas in Grand Teton National Park and Bridger-Teton and Caribou-Targhee National Forests. This herd currently winters almost exclusively in designated Wilderness Areas. This is Wyoming's smallest and most isolated native bighorn sheep herd. It has lost most of its historical winter range and migration routes due to human development.



Wyoming Chapter Foundation for North American Wild Sheep

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The drawing will be held June 7, 2008 at the Wyoming Chapter FNAWS annual banquet in Lander, Wyoming. For more information and for the number of remaining tickets, log on to wyomingfnaws.org.

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HUNT REPORT

The Buck That was Worth the Wait

After faithfully applying for 14 years for Dubois' late season deer tag, I finally got lucky and drew out for the 2007 season.

The deer really started showing up early this year, even in the early season general hunt. I saw a few really good bucks in the days leading up to the opener of November 1, and then it kind of dried up a little bit. During the first 10 days of season, I looked at several bucks in the 145-160 class, but none that excited me too much. On the 14th of November, I finally saw one that was a no-brainer; however, some other hunters had spotted him just ahead of me. I don't know what they were thinking, but they decided to pass him up.



At this point in time, the does that had this buck's attention had moved off, so they were unreachable now. I was very disappointed that such a trophy had gotten away. "Oh well," I thought, so my brother and I traveled onward searching for another. Several more bucks found their way into our binoculars, but none like we had looked at that morning.

It was getting late in the morning and we decided to go back to town and get some food in our stomachs to prepare for an afternoon hunt. We had no idea what we were in store for. As we travelled back to town and reached the point where we had seen the trophy earlier in the morning, we joked about him being right out in the open where he had been earlier. My brother hollered at me, "That's him!" I looked through my binos and sure enough, it was. I couldn't believe it. We made a quick plan and started our stalk. Shortly afterwards, I was in shooting position, resting over a downed cottonwood tree. "About 90 yards," my brother whispered. One shot from my .338 Rem. Ultra Mag, and he was down.

After walking up to my buck, my excitement grew; he was bigger than we had thought. I never dreamed of getting this good of a buck, although I knew that there were some killed every year in this class. He's an 8x7, 31-1/2 inch outside spread, and 25-inch inside spread with a gross score of 203 6/8.

Cody Brown
Life Member #173
Dubois, Wyo.

Share Your Hunt Story!

If you have a hunt story that you'd like to share, we want to print it! Just send it to Wyoming FNAWS and we'll publish it in *The Rampage*. Photos are also welcome. Send your story and photo to:

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Stories can also be e-mailed to: info@wyomingfnaws.org. E-mailed photos should be in jpeg format, 300 dpi.

Example map of location data produced by GPS radio-collars. This map is the movement of a bighorn ram from the Clark's Fork herd, March 2006-June 2007, provided by the Wyoming Game and Fish Department.

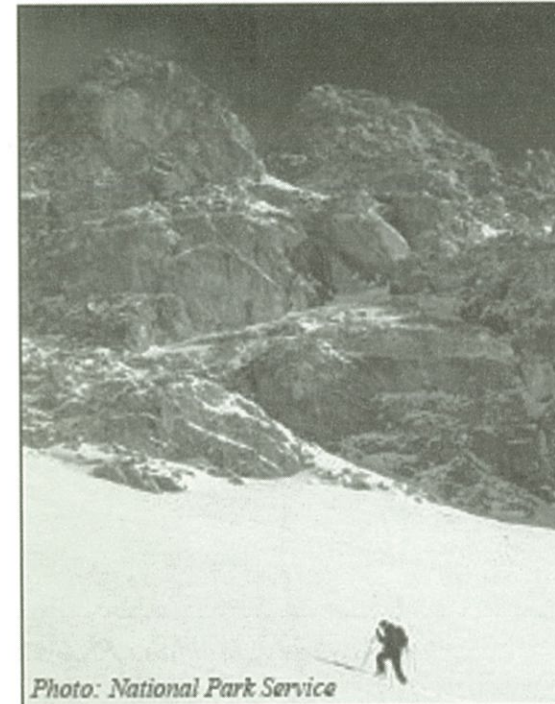
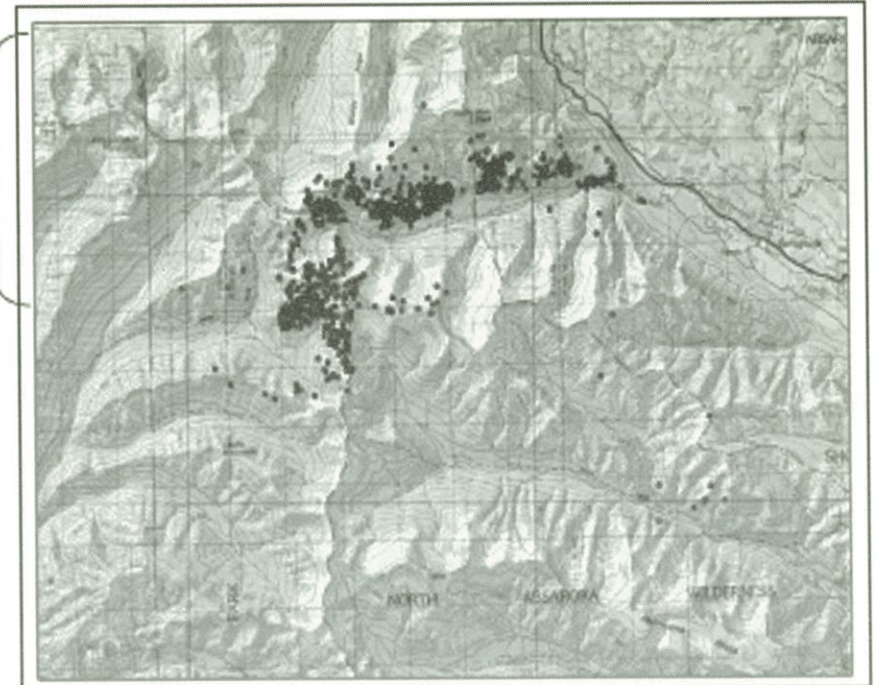


Photo: National Park Service

Radio-collar data for the Teton Herd will provide location and seasonal movement information that will be used to identify and map crucial bighorn sheep habitat areas throughout the Teton Range.

Additionally, radio-collars will allow researchers to track bighorn ewes throughout the summer to determine lambing rates and survival.

We will also compare radio-collar winter location data with winter human recreation intensities and locations in the Teton Range to assess potential human use and bighorn sheep winter range overlap and inform accurate mitigation strategies.



Photo: Steve Cairn

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Working Together:

Wyoming FNAWS contributes to Montana FNAWS Bighorn Transplant

Montana FNAWS recently completed a bighorn transplant, where a total of 104 sheep were transplanted from Montana's Sun River winter range and Wild horse Island to supplement existing herds in the Highland Mountains and Kootenai Falls.

Several Chapters, including Wyoming FNAWS, provided grant-in-aid funds to enable the transplant to take place. This is just one of many ways our groups work together to benefit wild sheep. A complete listing of projects funded by Wyoming FNAWS is available at www.wyomingfnaws.org.



Photos courtesy Montana FNAWS

Alaska SCI Fighting Ballot Measure to Ban Aerial Predator Hunting

A ballot measure that would ban aerial hunting of wolves and other predators will appear on the Alaska's ballot in the upcoming primary elections. The Alaska Chapter of Safari Club International and Alaskans for Professional Wildlife Management are fighting to have this ban defeated.

According to the Alaskans for Professional Wildlife Management web site, "This ballot measure is being supported by outside animal rights extremists, like Defenders for Wildlife as a first step towards their larger agenda to ban all hunting." The web site goes on to say that overcrowded wolf and predator populations have resulted in 80% of all moose and caribou deaths in an average year.

Wyoming FNAWS supports this fight to have the ballot measure defeated and made a monetary contribution to help support the campaign. To learn more about the ballot measure and the steps being taken to defeat it, log on to the APWM web site at www.protectmoose.com.

Bighorns Released Near Laramie Peak Faring Well

On January 31, 2007, forty-two bighorn sheep from near Plains, Montana, were released on the Laramie Peak Wildlife Habitat Management Area west of Wheatland in bighorn sheep hunt area 19. Thirty of these sheep were fitted with GPS radio collars. Over fourteen months later twenty-nine of those sheep are still alive.

According to Wheatland wildlife biologist Martin Hicks, these sheep have inhabited the over 19,000 acres of habitat burned in the 2002 Split Rock and Reese fires since the day they were released. Local Department personnel have been surveying habitats in the burned areas since the fires were put out. "These fires created ideal bighorn sheep habitat," said Hicks. "The fires opened up the country so the sheep can see and also resulted in a highly nutritious food base of perennial grasses for the sheep. Of course, there has always been plenty of rocky escape cover in the area, another component of excellent bighorn habitat."

There were several other reasons the Laramie Peak WHMA was chosen for this release.

"First, we simply wanted more sheep on the mountain," said Hicks. This herd had been stagnant and below the post-season population objective for several years preceding the release. "Releasing these forty-two sheep gave this population an immediate boost equivalent to years of natural reproduction and recruitment."

The second reason involves the type of sheep. The Laramie Peak herd was reestablished through the release of 186 sheep from Whiskey Mountain near Dubois between 1964 and 1989. "Those sheep were migratory in nature, moving from high elevation alpine summer habitats down to lower elevation winter ranges each year," said Hicks. "This type of habitat distribution really doesn't exist in the Laramie Peak area." The sheep from Montana were

non-migratory in nature, meaning they lived in one area all the time. "Our thinking was that we could put sheep in what we think is ideal habitat and if they stayed there that would be great. Non-migratory sheep give us the best chance of achieving that goal, and the results of the first year indicate the sheep have done just that."

Small populations of animals can eventually become inbred. Put another way, they lose their genetic diversity. The Laramie Peak herd is isolated from other bighorn sheep populations in the Rocky Mountain west and no new blood has been brought to this herd since the last release in 1989.

"Bringing in new sheep and more importantly new sheep from a completely different source population will increase the genetic diversity of the Laramie Peak herd and hopefully make this population more viable, or more genetically fit, in the long term," said Hicks. It also won't hurt that the sheep from Montana are generally bigger bodied and have larger horns than Whiskey Mountain sheep.

The timing of the annual growth cycle of plants varies with differences in local temperatures and the



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