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Wyoming FNAWS Annual Fundraiser

June 5th—7th

Parkway Plaza in Casper

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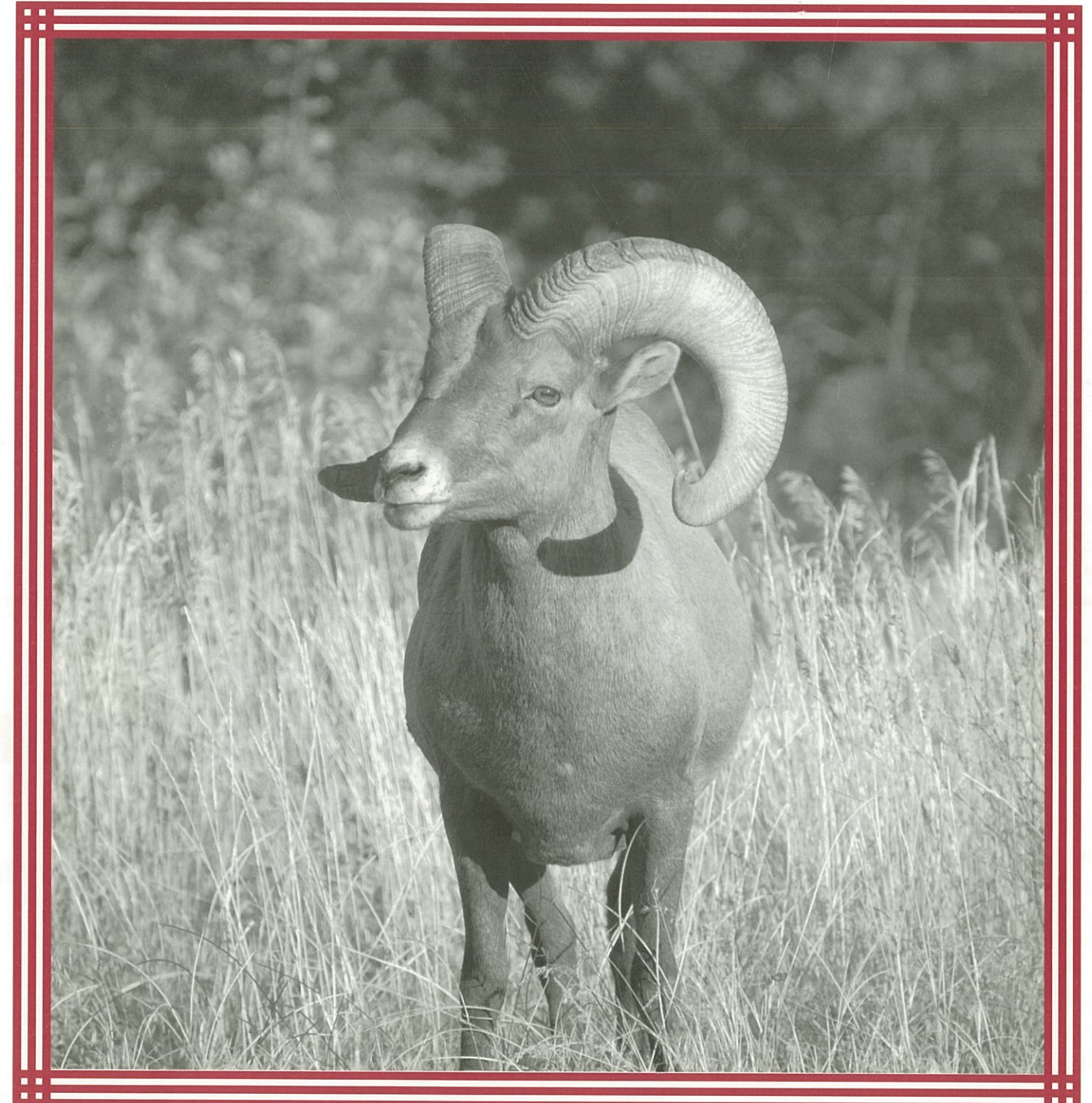


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2009 Calendar of Events

May 1, 2009

Grant-in-Aid Requests due for consideration
at Wyoming FNAWS 2009 Summer Meeting

June 5-7, 2009

Wyoming FNAWS 2009 Fundraiser & Banquet
Parkway Plaza, Casper

November 1, 2009

Grant-in-Aid Requests due for consideration
at Wyoming FNAWS 2009 Winter Meeting

December 5, 2009

Wyoming FNAWS Winter Membership Meeting
Location to be announced

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.wyomingfnaws.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 website 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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2008-2009 Membership Drive



Terms and Conditions

Wild Sheep Foundation Membership Drive!
Three Great Mountain Hunts – Four Ways to Win!
Contest Period: March 1, 2008 – February 8, 2009

Join as a new member and you could win:
A fannin sheep hunt with Midnight Sun Outfitting or a mountain goat hunt with Sikanni River Outfitters or a Rocky Mountain elk hunt with Prophet Muskwa Outfitters OR...Sponsor a new WSF member or renew your membership and you could win too!

Join the Wild Sheep Foundation as a new member between March 1, 2008 and February 8, 2009 and you could win one of three great mountain hunts with GOABC* member outfitters Midnight Sun Outfitting, Sikanni River Outfitters and Prophet Muskwa Outfitters. Or, sponsor a new WSF member or renew your membership during the contest period and you will be entered into the drawing as well! First drawn gets choice of hunts, second drawn get choice of remaining two and third drawn receives remaining hunt.

2008-2009 WSF Membership Drive Contest Rules

Contest rules: Contest period is March 1, 2008 through February 8, 2009. Retroactive credit for new members and their sponsors will be given to March 1, 2008. A new* member is one who has not been a WSF (formally FNAWS) member within the last 12 months.

Offer valid for:

1. New* Annual, International, Three-Year, Family and Life Memberships
2. Sponsors of new* Annual, International, Three-Year, Family and Life Memberships
3. Renewing Annual, International, Three-Year and Family Members
4. Current members wishing to purchase tickets for the hunt drawings

New and/or renewing Annual and International members receive 1 ticket in the drawing, Three-Year receive 3 tickets, Family 2 tickets and Life Memberships 10 tickets. Sponsors of new members receive 1 ticket for Annual and International, 3 tickets for Three-year, 2 for Family and 3 for Life Members they enlist. Drawing to be held in the Wild Sheep Foundation booth Sunday, February 8th, 2009 during the February 5-8 Western Hunting & Conservation Expo in Salt Lake City. Hunt dates are for the 2009 hunting season only or by mutual agreement between the winners and the donors. Wild Sheep Foundation is not liable for hunt outcome. Members of the Wild Sheep Foundation receive the industry acclaimed quarterly four color Wild Sheep magazine and quarterly Conservation Connection newsletter.

Need not be to present to win and void where prohibited by law.
*GOABC – Guide Outfitters Association of British Columbia



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For questions call: 307.527.6261

WSF salutes our hunt donors:

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Prophet Muskwa Outfitters
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kevin@prophetmuskwa.com

YES! I want to join the Wild Sheep Foundation

- Annual Member, \$45 (U.S.) **1 ticket in drawing**
- Three Year Member, \$120 (U.S.) **3 tickets in drawing**
- Family Membership, \$80 (U.S.) **2 tickets in drawing**
- Life Member, \$1000 (U.S.) **10 tickets in drawing**
\$750, age 59-64 \$500, age over 65
Payment Plans at \$100 per month or
Quarterly at \$250 per quarter.
(Please send photocopy of proof of age such as driver's license.)
- International Member, \$100 (U.S.) **1 ticket in drawing**
(Non-North American)

My check is enclosed for \$ _____ U.S. Funds

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If you are already a member of WSF you may buy tickets for the drawing.

1 ticket = \$25 3 tickets = \$50 7 tickets = \$100

As a **NEW** member, please note if you have been encouraged to join by a WSF member. He/she will receive a ticket(s) into the drawing.

Sponsor Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

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www.wildsheepfoundation.org

President's Message

This message will be my last as your Wyoming Chapter president. My term is up this June and I will be moving into the past president's slot for the next year. Cole Benton, who has held this position for the last year, will be leaving our board after many years of service. He has been a tireless force for this organization—we are sad to see him go and he will be missed.

We are also losing five other board members this year: Vice President Curt Shatzer, Secretary Lynn Stewart and Directors Jim Smith, Mike Turek and Jim Wetzel. I would like to thank each of them for their contributions to the Chapter and we wish them well in the future. Our longtime Treasurer, Dennis Claman, has agreed to run for another term. Thank you, Denny!

This brings us to this year's elections. We received seven nominations to fill the seven open seats—more information on each candidate can be found on page 3. Since the number of candidates equals the number of open positions, there will be no ballot election this year; and all candidates will be elected by acclamation. I want to thank these Chapter members who have agreed to volunteer their time by serving on the board—they will bring new ideas and fresh blood to Wyoming FNAWS.

Our 2009 annual convention and fundraiser will be held at the Parkway Plaza in Casper during the first weekend in June. We are excited to be returning to Casper—with a more central location, we anticipate a good turnout. We will be holding a special free drawing for one youth cow elk hunt and one youth antelope hunt, holding seminars with a variety of topics and this year, we are starting off the weekend with a "social" that WGFD/WY FNAWS liaison Kevin Hurley is putting together for us. Complete fundraiser details are listed on page 4.

Speaking of Kevin Hurley, I encourage you to take the time to read about the new position he has taken on, thanks to the support of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department and the contributions of many NGOs (non-government organizations). I am proud to say that Wyoming FNAWS took the lead on this effort to put Kevin's talents to even better use for the benefit of wild sheep. Kevin's new job is described in detail on pages 6 and 7. Congratulations, Kevin—there isn't a better man for the job and with your dedication and desire, we know you will be a great success in your new venture.

It's been a great ride. Thanks to everyone who has supported my presidency with this outstanding organization—all of you have made it an enjoyable and rewarding experience.

See you at the fundraiser—

Bob Sundeen

Wanted: 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:

Wyoming FNAWS
P.O. Box 845
Dubois, WY 82513

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



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Wanted: Your E-mail Address!

Wyoming FNAWS is looking for e-mail addresses from our membership so that we can convey important information and communications in the timeliest fashion possible. If you have not submitted an e-mail address or need to update the one we have on file, please send it to info@wyomingfnaws.org.

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

Membership Application

If you see a "***" next your name on the mailing label, your WY FNAWS has expired. Renew your membership today using the form below. If you've changed your address, use the form below to advise us of the change or you can email address changes to info@wyomingfnaws.org

Annual Membership _____ \$25.00

3-Year Membership _____ \$65.00

Lifetime Membership _____ \$500.00
(includes choice of a life member knife or plaque)

____ Renewal ____ New Member ____ Life Member

Name _____ Telephone # (____) _____

Address _____ State _____ Zip _____

City _____ Email: _____

Life Members Only: ____ Fixed blade knife ____ Locking blade knife ____ Plaque

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WY FNAWS Name Tags are available for purchase. The name tags are \$10 each. Life members who order them will have their life member designation included. To order a name tag, complete the form below and mail it along with a check made payable Lucy Turek to Lucy at 2225 West 45th St., Casper, WY 82604

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*Please fill out your name below as you would like it to appear on your nametag.
The other information is for mailing or questions.*



First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____ City _____

Zip Code _____ Phone Number _____

E-Mail Address _____

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23 Vincent Allegra	90 Richard Wobser	157 Brandon R. Edgeington	223 Jerry Galles	290 Justin Trail
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25 Cindy Reynolds	92 Todd Alley	159 Greg Murtland	225 Rosemary Turk	292 Shaun Friesen
26 Fred Mau	93 John Wilson	160 R. Mark LeFaivre	226 Greg Larsen	293 Daniel Clifton
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2009-10 Board of Director Candidates

The following candidates have indicated an interest in serving a two-year term on the Wyoming FNAWS Board of Directors. The number of candidates (7) equals the number of open positions (7) and these volunteers will be elected by acclamation at the General Membership Meeting on June 6th. A brief profile of each candidate is provided below; complete profiles and letters of recommendation can be viewed on the Wyoming FNAWS Web site.

David Bishop – Moran, Wyoming

David became a life member of Wyoming FNAWS in 2007. He is interested in expanding winter habitat and overall range for Wyoming's wild sheep populations. A lifelong hunter—he drew his first sheep tag at age 18 and his last three years ago at age 61—David has a vested interest in bighorn sheep and wishes to give something back to the sport. His past experience in conservation organizations include Ducks Unlimited and the Audubon Society.

Dennis Claman – Farson, Wyoming

Dennis is the current Wyoming FNAWS board treasurer. He has served on the Wyoming FNAWS board since 1997 and has been a life member since 2002. One of his goals is to see increased fundraising for Wyoming's wild sheep and to continue the emphasis of having local funds spent locally and to educate sportsmen and women on this aspect of Wyoming FNAWS. During his years as board treasurer, Dennis has gained a strong knowledge of Chapter business and financial records.

Meade Dominick – Cody, Wyoming

Wyoming FNAWS member Meade Dominick cites his love and passion for wild sheep as his greatest strength. He has worked to enhance his knowledge of wild sheep, Wyoming bighorns in particular. He pledges to bring hard work, commitment, energy and a good sense of humor to the board. His goal as a board member will be to continue improving the wild sheep populations and habitat in Wyoming and North America, and believes this goal can be accomplished by working with the fellow board members on fundraising, membership and projects that will enhance Wyoming bighorn sheep herds.

Daniel Hinz—Cody, Wyoming

Daniel has been a life member of Wyoming FNAWS since 2004. He has been involved with the Sacramento Chapter of Safari Club International and is currently involved with the Northwest Wyoming Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation. He brings experience in working with federal agencies such as the BLM, USFS and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service on various wildlife issues. Some of his goals to improve Wyoming FNAWS include seeking out sponsors to help offset costs of the annual fundraiser and continuing the effort of obtaining matching funds with other FNAWS/WSF chapters, as well as the parent organization (WSF), for large projects.

Katie Luthy—Sheridan, Wyoming

Katie recently joined Wyoming FNAWS and has already volunteered her time to help the Chapter at two recent events. She cites her enthusiasm as one of the strengths she will bring to the board and is very passionate about the organization and its cause. Concerned over the decline in youth hunters, Katie would like to implement a youth program and, if plausible, dedicate some fundraising efforts to establish a scholarship program to Wyoming graduates pursuing a degree in ecology or similar field.

Joni Miller—Lander, Wyoming

Joni, a Wyoming FNAWS life member since 2007, has served with the Red Canyon Chapter of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. She looks forward to becoming more involved with and bringing her organizational skills to Wyoming FNAWS to ensure its future and the future of Wyoming hunters. She is an avid hunter and enjoys every aspect of the outdoors.

Michael J. Porter—Casper, Wyoming

Mike recently became a Wyoming FNAWS life member and currently serves as a board member for the Central Wyoming Chapter of the Mule Deer Foundation. He brings a strong finance background and fundraising experience to the board. As a Wyoming FNAWS board member, Mike hopes to work toward improving and sustaining current wild sheep populations and to work on the partnership with the Wild Sheep Foundation. He also hopes to encourage Wyoming FNAWS members to be more active in the Chapter.

Mark Your Calendars for our 2009 Annual Fundraiser

June 5 - 7 at the Parkway Plaza in Casper

Wyoming FNAWS will hold its Annual Convention and Fundraiser during the first weekend in June. In addition to our regular agenda, we have brand new event to kick off the weekend: A Friday evening social with a cash bar, snacks and a 50/50 split-the-pot Wildlife Parts Quiz. Watch your mail for the announcement and be sure to reserve your spot before the early bird deadline. We'll see you there!

Friday, June 5th

9:00 am Board Meeting, Parkway Plaza, Casper (Including funding requests)
 7:00 - 9:00 pm Social (cash bar) and 50/50 split the pot "Wildlife Parts Quiz", Parkway Plaza

Saturday, June 6th

7:15 - 8:45 am Life Member Breakfast (*Life members only; reservations required by May 15th*)
 9:00 - 10:30 am Board/General Membership/Business Meeting (funding requests, election of board members and officers)
 10:45 am USFS Presentation: Bighorn Sheep Habitat Management in Wyoming - *Lynette Otto, Shoshone NF, Cody*
 11:15 am BLM Presentation: Bighorn Sheep Habitat Management in Wyoming - *Dennis Saville, BLM, Cheyenne*
 11:45 am No-host buffet lunch at the Parkway Plaza
Just added: Ladies' luncheon at the Petroleum Club (Reservations required by May 25th. Call Cindy Collins, 307.864.3929; Peggy Wetzel, 307.234.1622 or Sheri Howe, 307.455.2094)
 1:00 - 2:00 pm Bighorn Sheep on Elk Mountain/Hunt Area 20 - *Joe Sandrini, Dustin Shorma, WGFD, Nate West, BLM, Newcastle & Ted Benzon, SDGFP, Rapid City, SD*
 2:00 - 3:00 pm Laramie Peak Bighorn Sheep Transplant Update - *Martin Hicks & Ryan Amundson, WGFD, Wheatland*
 3:00 - 4:00 pm Wyoming FNAWS Funded Projects Update - *Kevin Hurley, WGFD & Bob Sundeen, WY FNAWS*
 4:00 - 5:00 pm Complimentary Wine and Cheese Party; Photo Judging
 5:00 - 6:00 pm Happy Hour (Cash Bar)
 6:00 - 7:00 pm Dinner
 7:30 - 11:00 pm Fundraiser Auction

Sunday, June 7th

9:00 am Board Meeting, Parkway Plaza

A block of rooms has been reserved for \$70 per night at the Parkway Plaza. Make your reservations at 307-235-1777 by May 25th and mention you are with "Wyoming FNAWS" to receive the special rate.

Announcements and reservation forms have been mailed to all current Wyoming FNAWS members. Reservation forms are also available online at www.wyomingfnaws.org. Banquet prices are \$60 per single, \$90 per couple and \$20 for children under 12. Raffle tickets are \$20 per sheet (which includes 6 raffle tickets) or \$100 for six sheets (36 raffle tickets—a \$20 savings).

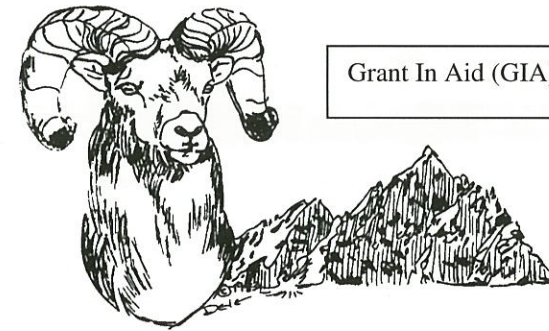
Please note the following:

Banquet prices include a one-year membership - no discounts will be given.
 Life members are welcome to donate their membership to another individual.

Early bird registration deadline: May 15th

Send in your payment and registration by the deadline and you will be entered into a drawing for \$100 auction credit!

Questions? Call (307) 455-2094 or e-mail info@wyomingfnaws.org



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.....	\$ _____	\$ _____
Monitoring.....	\$ _____	\$ _____
Supplies.....	\$ _____	\$ _____
Please itemize then total		
Other (Specify).....	\$ _____	\$ _____
Totals	\$ _____	\$ _____

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDING FINANCIAL AID OR SUPPORT OF THE PROJECT (Include any pending amounts applied for):

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

Name _____

Office Address _____

Daytime Phone Number (____) _____ Fax (____) _____ E-mail: _____

Informative Seminars on Tap for Fundraiser Weekend

Kevin Hurley, WGFD/WY FNAWS liaison, coordinated several seminars for our upcoming fundraiser weekend. The seminars will take place throughout the afternoon of June 6. Kevin provided the following descriptions of each seminar—take a look to see what may be of interest to you!

10:45 am U.S. Forest Service: Bighorn Sheep Habitat Management in Wyoming
Presenters: Lynette Otto, Forest Wildlife Biologist, Shoshone NF, Cody

11:15 am Bureau of Land Management: Bighorn Sheep Habitat Management in Wyoming
Presenters: Dennis Saville, State Wildlife Biologist, BLM State Office, Cheyenne

Both federal land-management agencies have been requested to give 20-minute presentations (followed by 10-minute Q&A sessions) on what each agency is working on, or has recently implemented, in terms of habitat management (e.g., prescribed burning, noxious weed control, water development, etc.) for bighorn sheep on public lands managed by their respective agencies. In addition to habitat enhancements, both speakers will address their agency's bighorn sheep management approaches, including domestic sheep/goat grazing, trailing, and other uses (e.g., weed control, recreational pack stock, etc.) in juxtaposition to occupied bighorn sheep habitat, and bighorn sheep considerations in recently-completed or current Forest Plan and Resource Management Plan revisions.

1:00 pm Bighorn Sheep on Elk Mountain/Hunt Area 20
Presenters: Joe Sandrini & Dustin Shorma, WGFD; Nate West, BLM & Ted Benzon, South Dakota GFP

Wyoming and South Dakota share an inter-state herd of bighorn sheep straddling the state border. An inter-agency effort is underway to identify seasonally important habitats and needed habitat treatments. GPS radio collars were affixed to 10 bighorn sheep (7 ewes, 3 rams) in late January 2009, to document seasonal/year-round distribution and habitat selection patterns. A new Hunt Area (20) has been established, and one resident hunting license is being offered for fall 2009. Come learn about Wyoming's newest bighorn herd, and the management efforts for this new population!

2:00 pm Laramie Peak Bighorn Sheep Transplant
Presenters: Martin Hicks & Ryan Amundson, WGFD

In January 2007, 42 bighorn sheep from Montana's Paradise-Perma herd (Hunt District 124) near Plains, MT were released at WGFD's Laramie Peak WHMA, to augment the existing population. Using GPS radio-collar data, and high-tech GIS mapping software, detailed information on survival, habitat selection, range fidelity, lambing chronology, predation, seasonal distribution/home ranges, and other population/habitat parameters has been analyzed. Habitat treatments have been identified and prioritized, and expectations are high that the Laramie Peak herd will come on strong in the coming decade.

3:00 pm Wyoming FNAWS Funded Projects
Presenters: Kevin Hurley, WGFD and Bob Sundeen, Wyoming FNAWS

Each year, a presentation is given to the WY FNAWS membership and other interested folks, to demonstrate where hard-earned dollars are put to work, for the benefit of Wyoming's bighorn sheep, resident/non-resident sheep hunters, and other wild sheep advocates. Multiple bighorn sheep projects are currently ongoing around the state, so come and learn what's "shakin'" in Wyoming's bighorn sheep world, and see where your money is going!

Hurley Begins New Job as Bighorn Sheep Coordinator

Beginning February 1, 2009, long-time Wyoming Game and Fish Department (WGFD) wildlife biologist and Wyoming FNAWS liaison Kevin Hurley assumed a new role with WGFD. Initiated at an April 1, 2007 meeting in Thermopolis, Wyoming FNAWS then-President Cole Benton, Past President Jim Collins, and incoming President Bob Sundeen met with Terry Cleveland, Jay Lawson, Gary Brown, and Kevin Hurley of the Department, to explore possible funding options to create a full-time Bighorn Sheep Program Coordinator position within WGFD.

Although acknowledged as an important and desirable position, given competing priorities and agency budgets, WGFD stated they could simply not fund this new position by themselves. Then WGFD Director Terry Cleveland indicated a willingness to commit 20% of the funding needed (\$300,000) for a new 24-month position, provided 80% of the funding could be raised from outside WGFD. This concept simmered on the back burner for about a year, then picked up momentum again in February 2008 with further contact and indications of support from other FNAWS chapters, most notably the MN/WI Chapter FNAWS.

In spring 2008, Kevin Hurley put together a \$240,000 budget and funding proposal which he sent to Wyoming FNAWS and 2 dozen other FNAWS (by then, Wild Sheep Foundation) chapters and affiliates. In a demonstration of commitment to this concept, Wyoming FNAWS stepped up first, conditionally obligating \$30,000 over a 2-year period to this position. During June-August 2008, 2-year conditional commitments were also obtained from MN/WI FNAWS (\$30,000), Eastern FNAWS (\$20,000), and Iowa FNAWS (\$10,000).

During July 2008, Kevin, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources Director Jim Karpowitz, UTDWR Assistant Director Alan Clark, and Wyoming Game and Fish Department Deputy Director John Emmerich presented a cost-share funding proposal to the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies' (WAFWA) Directors Business Meeting, seeking conditional commitment of \$3,000/year, for 2 years, from the 18 other fish and wildlife agencies in the western U.S. and Canada that manage a wild sheep resource. As chair of WAFWA's Wild Sheep Working Group (WSWG), Kevin's request was ultimately agreed to by 17 of the WAFWA fish and game agencies, and signed off on in January 2009 by the WAFWA Directors.

In the meantime, Kevin secured additional commitments from Utah FNAWS (\$20,000), Grand Slam Club/Ovis (\$10,000), the Wild Sheep Society of British Columbia (\$6,000), and the Conklin Foundation (\$6,000). All told, of the \$300,000 to be raised to cover all facets of this new 24-month WGFD position, the Wyoming Game and Fish Department/Commission committed \$60,000 (20%), while 17 other WAFWA agencies committed \$102,000 (34%), while 8 wild sheep conservation organizations, including Wyoming FNAWS, committed \$132,000 (44%). As of March 1, 2009, \$294,000 (98%) of the funds had been raised, so WGFD went ahead and started Kevin in his new position, effective February 1, 2009. That's the funding side of the story; now, the "rest of the story" (i.e., the workload).

Between February 1, 2009 and January 31, 2011, Kevin will remain a 100%, full-time WGFD employee, working almost exclusively on wild sheep issues and management, with 50% of his time focused within Wyoming, and 50% of his time focused outside Wyoming, as he continues chairing the WAFWA Wild Sheep Working Group. At the end of 24 months, if further funds are not secured, this position goes away, and things default back to how they've been within WGFD, and WAFWA, for years; bighorn sheep duties will be absorbed by WGFD regional and Cheyenne HQ, and other WAFWA agency personnel into their work schedules, to the extent possible.

Given space limitations in *The Rampage*, there is not room to list all the bighorn sheep projects within Wyoming that Kevin and WGFD are involved with. Suffice it to say, there are bighorn sheep efforts underway in all 6 of the WGFD regions that manage wild sheep, plus statewide bighorn sheep issues/topics. These WGFD efforts include aerial surveys, habitat treatments, disease and genetics research, planned/proposed bighorn transplants, seasonal movement and habitat selection studies, harvest strategies and regulations, legislative options (e.g., reduced price ewe/lamb licenses),

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~Kevin Hurley

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Wyoming Chapter Foundation for North American Wild Sheep

2009 Wyoming Game and Fish Commissioners License Raffle

Tickets are \$100 each. Limited to 300 tickets.

**1st PRIZE: WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSIONERS ELK,
DEER, OR PRONGHORN LICENSE**

2nd Prize: 7-Day Caribbean Cruise

3rd Prize: Kimber 300 WSM Classic Rifle

4th Prize: Remington 700 270 Win Mountain Rifle

5th Prize: Winchester 70 223 WSSM Rifle

6th Prize: Zeiss 10x25 Binoculars

7th Prize: Brunton 11x45 Binoculars

8th Prize: Nikon 16-48x65 Pro Staff Spotting Scope

9th Prize: Nikon Cool Pix Digital Camera

10th Prize: \$300 Cabela's Gift Certificate

The drawing will be held June 6, 2009 at the Wyoming Chapter's annual banquet in Casper, Wyoming. For more information and for the number of remaining tickets, log on to wyomingfnaaws.org.

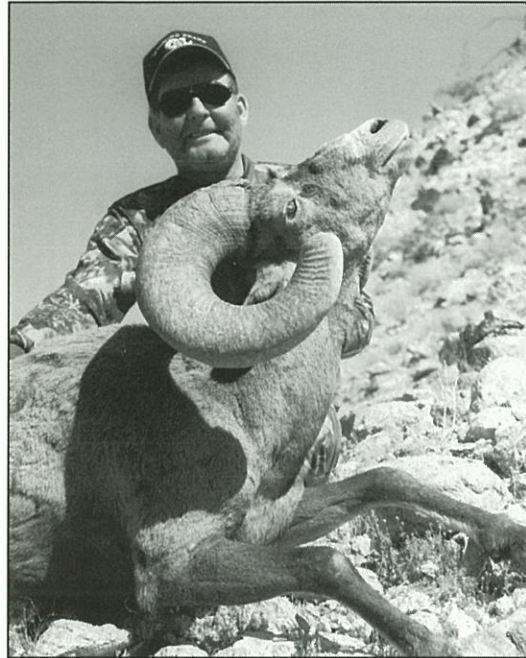
For tickets, mail your check to:

**Lynn Stewart
P.O. Box 631
Dubois, WY 82513
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Commissioners License is good for Elk or Deer or Pronghorn Antelope in Wyoming. Purchase of regular license required. Winners are responsible for all applicable licenses and taxes. WY FNAWS Board of Directors are eligible to participate in all fund raising activities.

Hunt Stories, cont'd

Benton Completes His Grand Slam



Wyoming FNAWS Past President and Life Member #30 Cole Benton ended a 28-year Grand Slam quest with this desert ram, making him #1500 the on Grand Slam Club/Ovis list.

On March 12, 2009, a 28-year quest ended for me. I took my first Rocky Mountain Bighorn in September 1981 in Wyoming with the help of a great friend and neighbor, Glenn Green (deceased). The sheep bug took over from there. Since that first hunt, I have taken another Wyoming Bighorn, two Dalls in Alaska, and a stone sheep in British Columbia. Garth Carter's Hunting Serves has been putting in for a desert sheep tag for me in every state that has non-resident licenses except California. Like everyone else, each year you hope it's your year to draw one of these coveted desert sheep tags.

Having attended each GSC/OVIS conventions since their first one, I always take time to visit with a lot of the outfitters. On Saturday the 21st of the 2009 convention was almost over when friends of ours, Bob and Cindy Finn, came over and was visiting with my wife and me about a desert sheep hunt he was about to book. Bob said this agent he was working with had one other tag available on another ranch with a different outfitter. Bob introduced me to Les Ezell of Sierra Grande Adventures, Inc. and the outfitter Ubaldo Lopez with El Rodeo Hunting. It wasn't but a short hour later, with dozens of questions, and my wife's permission, the hunt was booked.

I met Les Ezell and one of the guides on March 6 in Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico. We drove until midnight to get to the hunting area. Ubaldo

Lopez was there with another sheep hunter when we arrived. We began hunting immediately the next morning. Over a three day period, we saw several rams, but none quite as good as I wanted. The third afternoon we left this ranch and drove 2½ hours to another ranch closer to the coast. That evening we saw eight different rams, two that were exceptional, but it was too late in the evening to get on them. The next two days was spent trying to find the two largest rams. On the fifth day of the hunt, two of the guides and I were walking one mountain range while Ubaldo was glassing another range. Ubaldo spotted a very good sheep but had no way of getting a hold of us. That evening he told us of this ram and the following morning we went after him. He was near the same place as the evening before. During the hunt, we had quite a few problems with the wind changing and today was no exception. We tried every angle and after half a day, we were finally able to crawl within 244 yards of this ram. When he dropped with the shot, and we were walking toward him, the realization hit me that today was the end of a 28-year quest for the Grand Slam of North American Sheep.

I cannot say enough about what Les Ezell did to make this hunt happen. His knowledge of Mexico the people, their language, and hunting in Mexico is what made everything possible. Having Les with me on the hunt just put the icing on the cake. Ubaldo and his staff were superb. The ranches we hunted had plenty of sheep with little hunting pressure. The ram I took was 10 years old, heavily broomed, and the best I have taken in the 28 years of sheep

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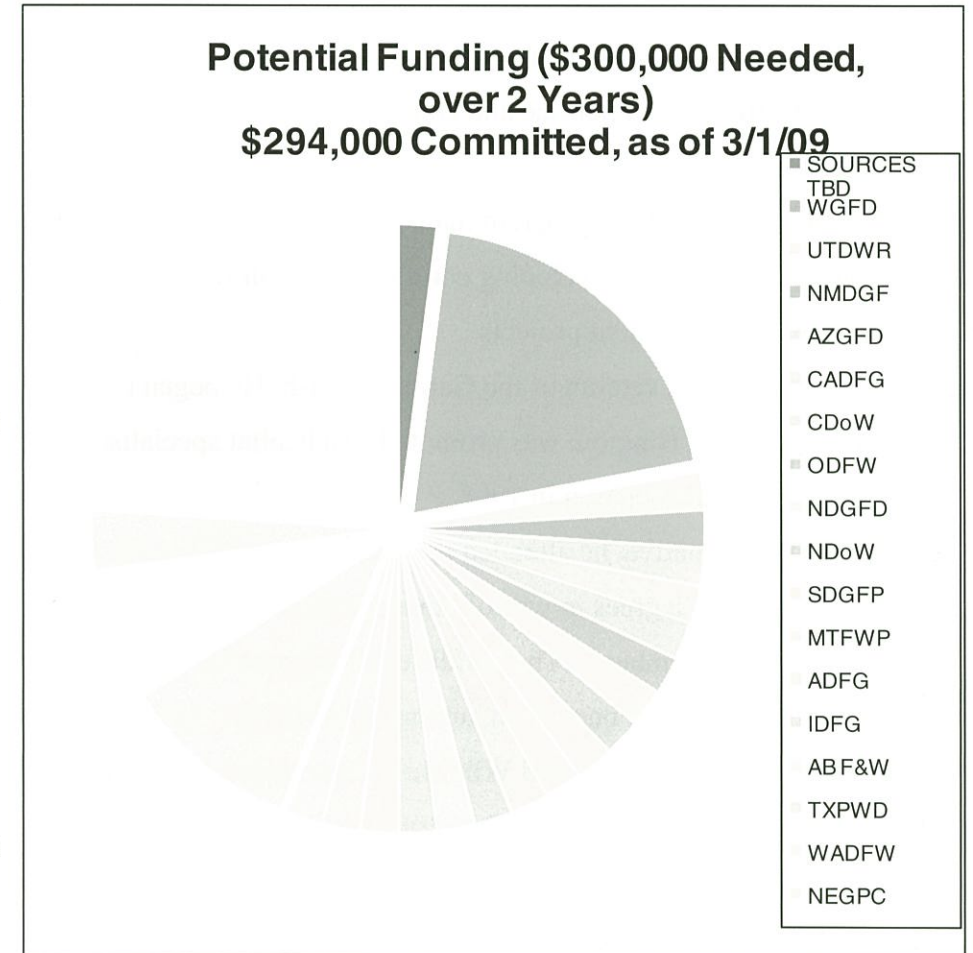
Hurley Begins New Job

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inter-agency coordination, the Wyoming Statewide Domestic Sheep/Bighorn Sheep Interaction Working Group, project fundraising (e.g., Wyoming Governor's Big Game License Coalition), the internal WGFD Bighorn Sheep Working Group, and duties as assigned by WGFD Wildlife Division Administration and/or the WGFD Director's Office.

For WAFWA, Kevin will continue to chair the 21-agency, west-wide Wild Sheep Working Group (www.wafwa.org/html/wswg.shtml). WSWG efforts currently underway include:

- Working with USFS and BLM to revise their guidelines/policies on management of domestic sheep and goats in wild sheep habitat
- West-wide GIS mapping to identify areas of overlap (i.e., grazing allotments) between wild sheep and domestic sheep/goats
- West-wide GIS mapping of all wild sheep translocations ever done, to provide a written record of past actions, and provide a foundation/data source for future genetics and disease analyses
- Development of WAFWA White Papers on:
 - ▶ Habitat Quality & Quantity, and Human Impact on Wild Sheep Ranges
 - ▶ Predation on Wild Sheep
 - ▶ Diseases of Wild Sheep
 - ▶ Wild Sheep Population
 - ▶ Viability & Management
 - ▶ Adequacy of Funding & Staffing for Wild Sheep Management
- Providing cohesive, coordinated management of wild sheep across the western U.S. and Canada
- Dealing with wild sheep issues/topics as they arise, through the WAFWA Directors



In simplest terms, to pull off a position such as this 24-month WGFD Bighorn Sheep Coordinator, it has taken the collaboration of 18 agencies and 8 wild sheep NGOs, across the United States and Canada, pooling their resources.

"I've spent the past 27 years getting prepared for this position," Hurley stated. "No one has higher hopes or expectations of this position than me. I am humbled and honored by the level of commitment from 26 partners (to date) to cooperatively fund this position. I know how hard it is to raise this money, especially for the wild sheep conservation organizations and their volunteers. I am indebted to the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, Wyoming Game and Fish Commission, the WAFWA agencies, Wyoming FNAWS, and all the other wild sheep NGOs for their part in creating my 'dream job.' I will work hard to meet/exceed everyone's expectations, including my own."

Editor's Note: Our thanks to Kevin Hurley for providing this article.

Kilpatrick Honored for Habitat Work

Steve Kilpatrick, Habitat Coordinator for the Wyoming Game and Fish Department in Jackson, has received the Conservation Partnership Award from the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) for his efforts in obtaining protection and improvements of important elk habitat in western Wyoming.

Kilpatrick was recently recognized by RMEF at its national convention in Fort Worth, TX, for his passion and long standing commitment to Wyoming's elk country and RMEF. Tom Toman, RMEF director of conservation, presented Kilpatrick with an award plaque in recognition of his service over the years.

Toman noted Kilpatrick's long standing efforts on behalf of elk and elk habitat improvement projects that not only benefited elk but other big game as well. Kilpatrick's efforts in working on cooperative projects with the US Forest Service, National Park Service and conservation groups in the Jackson area that benefited elk habitat were also recognized.

Game and Fish state habitat program manager Gary Butler said Kilpatrick has also been instrumental in the Jackson Chapter of RMEF in developing coordination with RMEF and the Wyoming Game and Fish Department for various habitat improvement projects.

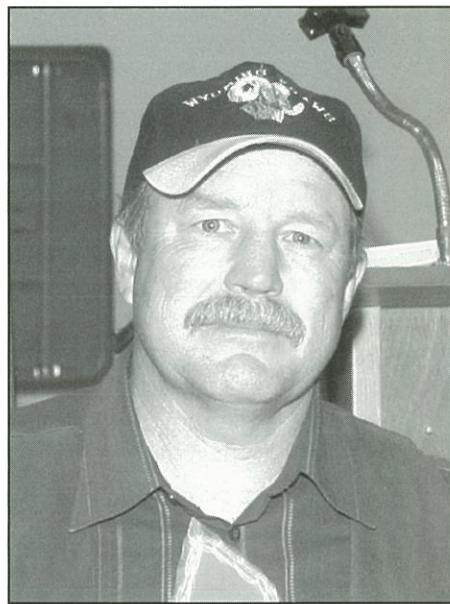
Kilpatrick is a 31-year veteran of the Game and Fish. He began his career as a habitat technician at Torrington, was promoted to a habitat specialist in Jackson in 1983 and to his current position in 1988.

A Neligh, Neb. native, he attended the University of Nebraska earning bachelor's and master's degrees in wildlife management.

He is an active member of The Wildlife Society, the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and Wild Sheep Foundation, among other groups. In 2004, he was honored with the first-ever Craighead Wildlife Conservation Award by the Teton Science School and Northern Rockies Conservation Cooperative. In 1990, he received the Bridger-Teton National Forest Partnership Award and was named the Department's Habitat and Technical Services Employee of the Year in 1987.

Kilpatrick is Wyoming FNAWS life member #265 and was the recipient of Wyoming FNAWS' Ron Ball award in 2007.

He and his wife, LuAnn, have three children, and enjoy exploring the Wyoming backcountry atop their horses and mules.



WGFD Habitat Coordinator and Wyoming FNAWS Life Member Steve Kilpatrick was the recipient of the RMEF's Conservation Partnership Award.

Hunt Stories

Madrazo Makes the Most of Governor's License

I have just come back to Madrid (Spain) from Wyoming where I successfully completed a Rocky Mountain Bighorn hunt on my third intent to get this sheep, since the first two in Alberta were unsuccessful.

Following the wise advice of good friends I purchased a Governor's Tag for hunting the ram, which I hunted guided by B. Joe (Coy). I hunted in Area 3, late October this year of 2008, finding the territory covered with snow with strong wind and cold every day. We saw a total of 37 rams, getting mine on the fourth day of hunt.

Late afternoon on the third day we saw a group of rams in drainage of Bob Cat Creek, so the following day we went early morning to the same spot to check if they were still on that drainage. We found them grassing nearly in the same place, and rode for about one and half hours, proceeding on foot for another exhausting nearly two hours to get as close as possible to try a shot.

Unfortunately the strong swirling wind carried our smell to the sheep and they ran away before we reached a shooting position. As we were really exhausted we paused for a snack at 1 p.m., continuing after a while to climb the southwest slope of the drainage trying to find them on the next drainage, already in Yellow Creek. My guide's experience proved to be enough to find them again at about 3 p.m., but the wind, strong and swirling, put them on the run again before giving us time to get close.

With great dismay we started walking back to the horses when we found two rams bedding at close quarters on that bushy and sharp slope. They ran away trying to find an escape route climbing the opposite side of the creek. They crossed the gorge and appeared on the opposite slope at about two hundred yards when I fired, putting down the biggest of the two. He was a nice old fellow which completed my Grand Slam, and as B. Joe said, it was the 144th ram hunted by him guiding hunters in Wyoming.

I have to say that not only I enjoyed the hunt, which I did, but also the marvellous mountains, the great scenery, the visit to Cody and the wonderful people who I met has made this trip a most enjoyable one. Thank you, Wyoming!



Wyoming FNAWS Life Member #309 José Madrazo of Spain was rewarded for his purchase of a 2008 Wyoming Governor's Sheep License. He is pictured here with his ram in Hunt Area 3.

***Have you purchased your 2009 Commissioner's Raffle ticket?
There's still time—see page 11 for details!***