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Wyoming FNAWS Annual Fundraiser

June 4th—6th

Holiday Inn Sheridan, WY

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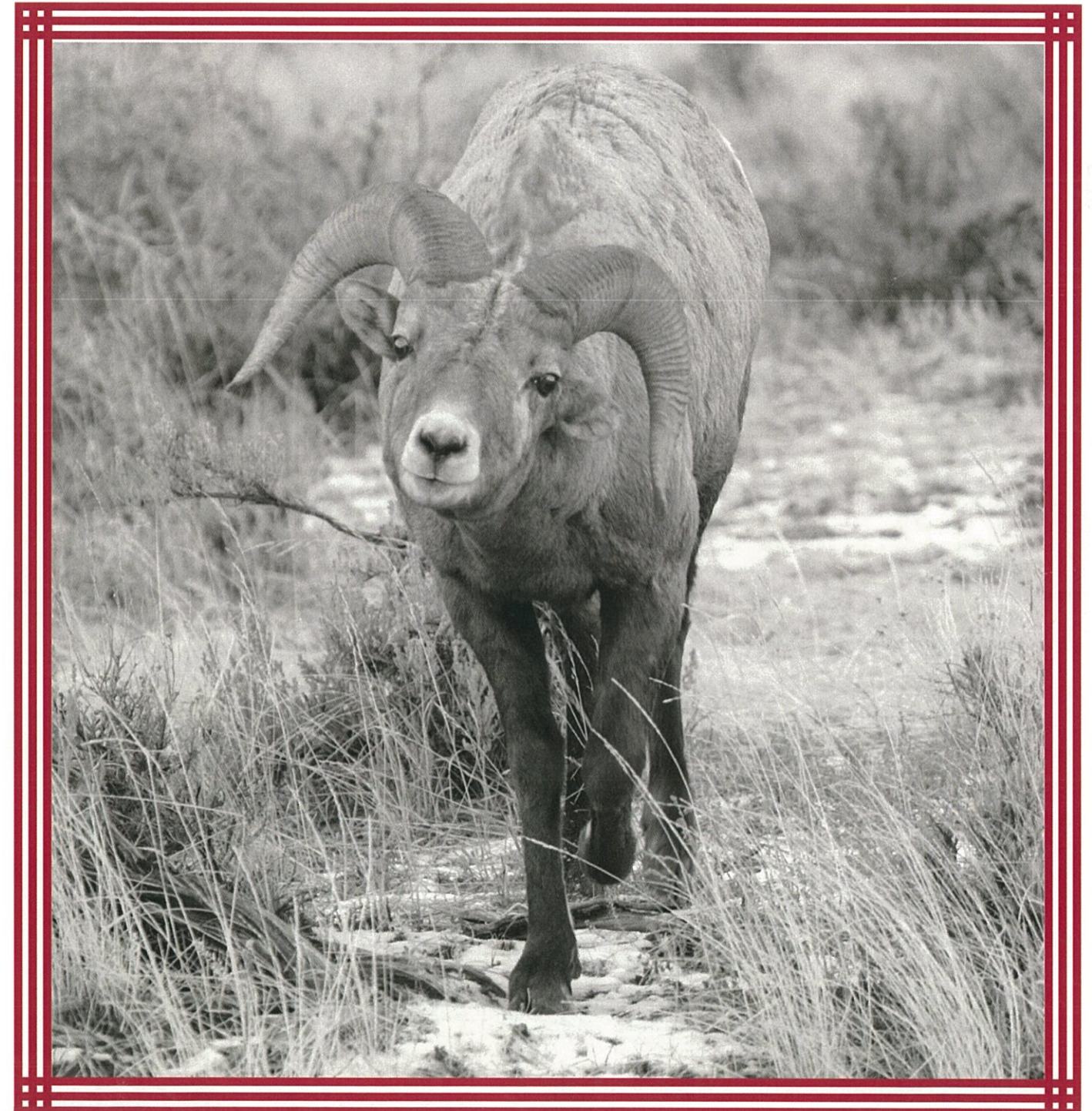


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2010 Calendar of Events

May 1, 2010

Grant-in-Aid Requests due for consideration
at Wyoming FNAWS 2010 Summer Meeting

June 4-6, 2010

Wyoming FNAWS 2010 Fundraiser & Banquet
Holiday Inn, Sheridan

November 1, 2010

Grant-in-Aid Requests due for consideration
at Wyoming FNAWS 2010 Winter Meeting

December 4, 2010

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 13 and 14 of this newsletter. The mailing address is Wyoming FNAWS, P.O. Box 1177, Buffalo, WY 82834.

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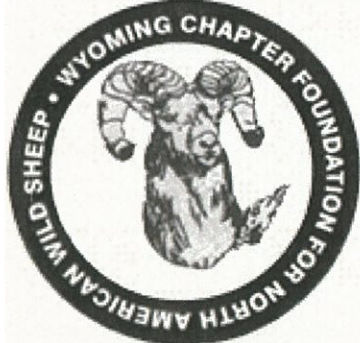
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WYOMING FNAWS

Welcome to the
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of the



FOUNDATION FOR NORTH AMERICAN WILD SHEEP

President's Message

Well, I'm back in the saddle. As you know I am filling the unexpired President's term that Jack Morey vacated when he accepted the Executive Director's position a little over a month ago. I wish the outgoing Executive Director Sheri Howe all the best in her new endeavors. Sheri was a wonderful director and is surely missed. Her long time dedication and hard work for Wyoming's Bighorn sheep is unmatched. Jack sure has big shoes to fill but is definitely up to the challenge.

There will be an election for one Board of Director's position. Long time board member Steve Kozisek has decided to hang up his spurs. Steve's fundraising experience and hard work will definitely be missed. As you thumb through this issue of the Rampage you will find your ballot on page 3. The three quality candidates on the ballot are Mike Cui of Rawlins, Suzan Moulton of Dubois, and Eddie Garro of Buffalo. Please take the time to fill out your ballot and return it to Jack by May 31.

I am looking forward to the Fundraiser Banquet being held in Sheridan at the Holiday Inn. As always, we will have the Spring General Membership meeting on Saturday morning, June 5th. This year there is a very important decision to be made. After a lot of discussion, the current board recommended to adopt the new National WSF Charter as well as change our name to *Wild Sheep Foundation—Wyoming Chapter*. This is a very important decision and as promised, the board is leaving it up to the general membership to make the final call. With that said I highly urge you to attend the membership meeting Saturday morning and vote on this historic decision.

There is a lot of youth on the board and I must admit it is refreshing to be around all the energy and new ideas that this group of people bring to the table. With this energetic group I am sure the year will go by fast and I will again be able to resume my position as *Past President*, and to make sure, I will enact term limits in the by laws! Just Kidding, I hope you have a productive spring and hope to see you at the fundraiser.

Bob Sundeen

President

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:

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make a shot. I changed position moving upslope checking each sheep I could see until I found him again. Unfortunately when I found him, his rump faced me and his front was behind more trees. It was solid with blacked trees except for small opening above him. I needed him to step into that spot and soon as the daylight was leaving fast and the ewes were acting a bit nervous. Then all the stars aligned and he stepped perfectly into the pocket and a high shoulder shot put him down so hard that I don't think the ram felt a thing but the initial shock. The ewes exploded up the slope, the ram was going rolling down slope just as fast. I had to take a moment to collect myself and then called Jodi on the radio to share the good news.

Now bringing the ram off the mountain in the dark made for a whole new adventure. In order to pull it off in one trip, Jodi had to make her way to me covering 3 miles including a hairy creek crossing and climbing up this ravine in an area with a recent grizzly attack. I tried to get the ram down the ravine whole as far as possible to shorten Jodi's climb. As she closed the gap, I lit the way as best I could with flash lights and headlamps. Jodi reached me at that point in the caping and boning process when it is really nice to have a second set of hands especially in the dark. Once I had the sheep in the packs, we began the decent to the creek. I had the meat; Jodi packed out the head and cape. Once at the creek, it was so dark that we could not find the creek crossing. After 30 minutes or so of wondering up and down the creek with headlamps, we found it. This crossing was 3 tree limbs spanning 30+ feet of ragging rapids. I don't scare easy but this had me a bit concerned. I don't want to go into all the hair raising details, but we made it. We found our 4wheeler at the trailhead and reached the truck at 9:30pm after a cold night ride.

I cannot express in words the emotions that we experienced that night. What I can say is that most accomplishments pail in comparison to that of a successful do it yourself hunt for trophy big game on public land and there is no greater pride that a man can have for a women than his wife who will place fear of the elements aside to pack out his ram.

2010-11 Board of Director Ballot

The following candidates have indicated an interest in serving a two-year term on the Wyoming FNAWS Board of Directors.

Vote for **one** candidates and return your completed ballot **no later than May 31, 2010** to Wyoming FNAWS, P.O. Box 1177, Buffalo, WY 82834. Election results will be announced at the Wyoming FNAWS Annual Membership Meeting on June 5, 2010 in Sheridan, Wyoming.

- Mike Cuin – Rawlins, Wyoming**
Mike has been a regular member of WY-FNAWS since 2005. Mike is currently the Regional Volunteer chair for RMEF and has worked hard for RMEF. Mike looks forward to the opportunity to work hard for WY-FNAWS as well and brings great ideas about fundraising. Mike would improve fundraising through his personal relationships, grants, and corporate sponsors. Mike and his family are several generation Wyomingites and he is an extremely avid outdoorsman.
- Suzan Moulton – Dubois, Wyoming**
Suzan is currently the executive director of the National Bighorn Sheep Interpretive Center (NBSIC). Suzan would improve fundraising by thinking out of the box and try to expand to other partners in the conservation field. She would like to improve membership by taking fresh approaches. Suzan brings great strength to WY-FNAWS with her eight years of experience as the Executive Director of NBSIC. She has first hand experience educating and interacting with the public. Suzan's husband is a licensed big game outfitter and supports hunting.
- Eddie Garro – Buffalo, Wyoming**
Eddie is an avid sportsman and outdoorsman and knows the value of responsible conservation for big game species, in particular Bighorn Sheep. Eddie has been a member of WY-FNAWS since 2006. He will no doubt be a hard working member of the Board and strive to uphold the ideals of the organization.

Local Attractions

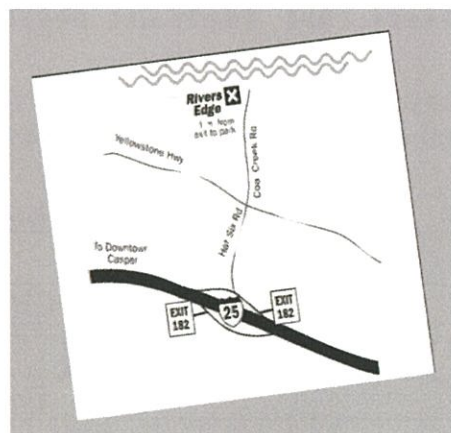
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Join us for our Annual Convention and Fundraiser! Friday evening will kick off the weekend with a social (cash bar, munchies) and a fun "Wildlife Parts" quiz. Saturday events include the general membership meeting, Ladies Luncheon, informative seminars, an update on Wyoming FNAWS funded projects, a wine and cheese party and pre-banquet games. A photo contest will also be held - bring your favorite hunting or wildlife-related photo to enter. Enjoy a delicious dinner, then get ready for an exciting live auction, which will include hunts, artwork and much more. Proceeds go toward Wyoming FNAWS' goal of "putting more sheep on the mountain."

Friday, June 4th

9:00 am Board Meeting, Holiday Inn, Chaparral Room (Including funding requests)
7:00-9:00 pm Social (cash bar) and 50:50 split-the-pot "Wildlife Parts Quiz," Holiday Inn Atrium

Saturday, June 5th

7:15-8:45 am Complimentary Life Member Breakfast, Diamond Room (*Life members only; reservations required by May 31st*)
9:00-11:30 am Board/General Membership/Business Meeting, Sibley Room
11:45 am Break for Lunch (on your own)
11:45 am Ladies' Luncheon, Sugarland Mining Room (*Reservations required by May 31st, Cost \$20 Call Katie Luthy 307.752.8347*)

Seminars, Sibley Room

1:00-1:30 pm Bighorn Sheep on Elk Mountain/Hunt Area 20 - *Dustin Shorma, WGFD & Nate West, BLM, Newcastle*
1:30-1:50 pm Sympatric Mountain Goats & Bighorn Sheep, Greater Yellowstone Area - *Doug McWhirter, WGFD, Cody*
1:50-2:30 pm Bighorn Sheep in the Seminoe Mountains - *Justin Clapp, WGFD, Lander*
2:30-3:00 pm Genetic Analysis of Bighorn Sheep, Teton Range - *Marty Kardos, University of Montana, Missoula*
3:00-3:30 pm Bighorn Sheep Resource Selection, Teton Range - *Aly Courtemanch, Wyoming Coop Unit, Laramie*
3:30-3:45 pm Wyoming FNAWS Funded Projects Update - *Kevin Hurley, WGFD & Bob Sundeen, WY FNAWS*
4:00-5:00 pm Complimentary Wine and Cheese Party, Geneva/Solitude/Diamond Rooms; Photo Judging
5:00-6:00 pm Happy Hour (Cash Bar), Geneva/Solitude/Diamond Rooms
6:00-7:00 pm Dinner
7:30-10:30 pm Fundraiser Auction

Sunday, June 6th

9:00 am-noon Board Meeting, Chaparral Room

A block of rooms has been reserved (\$89/night/room) at the Holiday Inn (307-672-8931 code FWS) or online at www.holidayinn.com/sheridanwy code FWS; rooms (\$55 sgl, \$65 dbl) are also available a block away at the Mill Inn (307-672-6401). Make reservations by May 17th and mention you are with "Wyoming FNAWS" to receive the convention rate.

To purchase banquet and raffle tickets, complete and return the request below. Banquet prices are \$65 per single, \$95 per couple and \$20 for children under 12. (*Note: Single or Couple banquet prices include a single one-year membership. Life member banquet tickets are \$35 per person*). 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:

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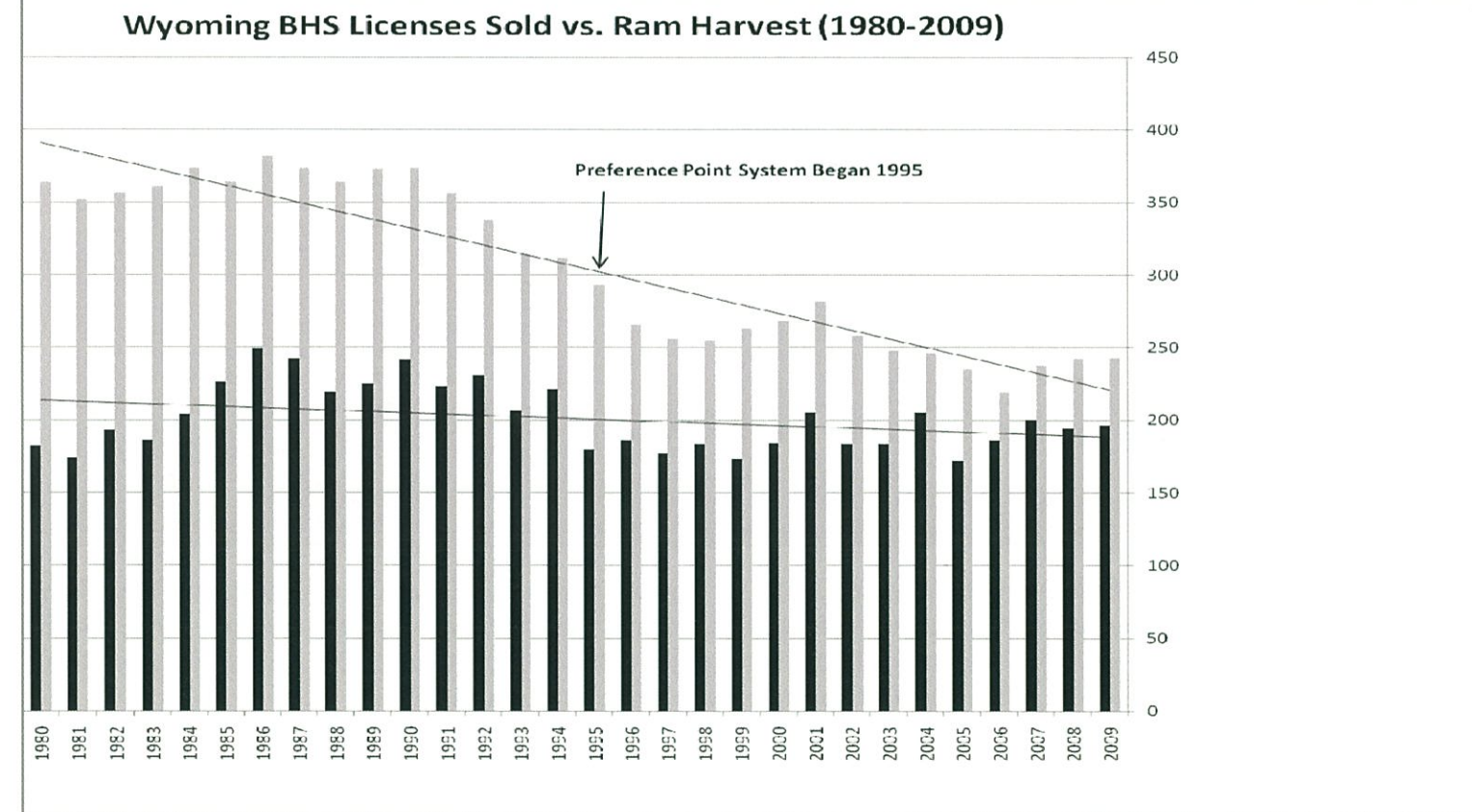
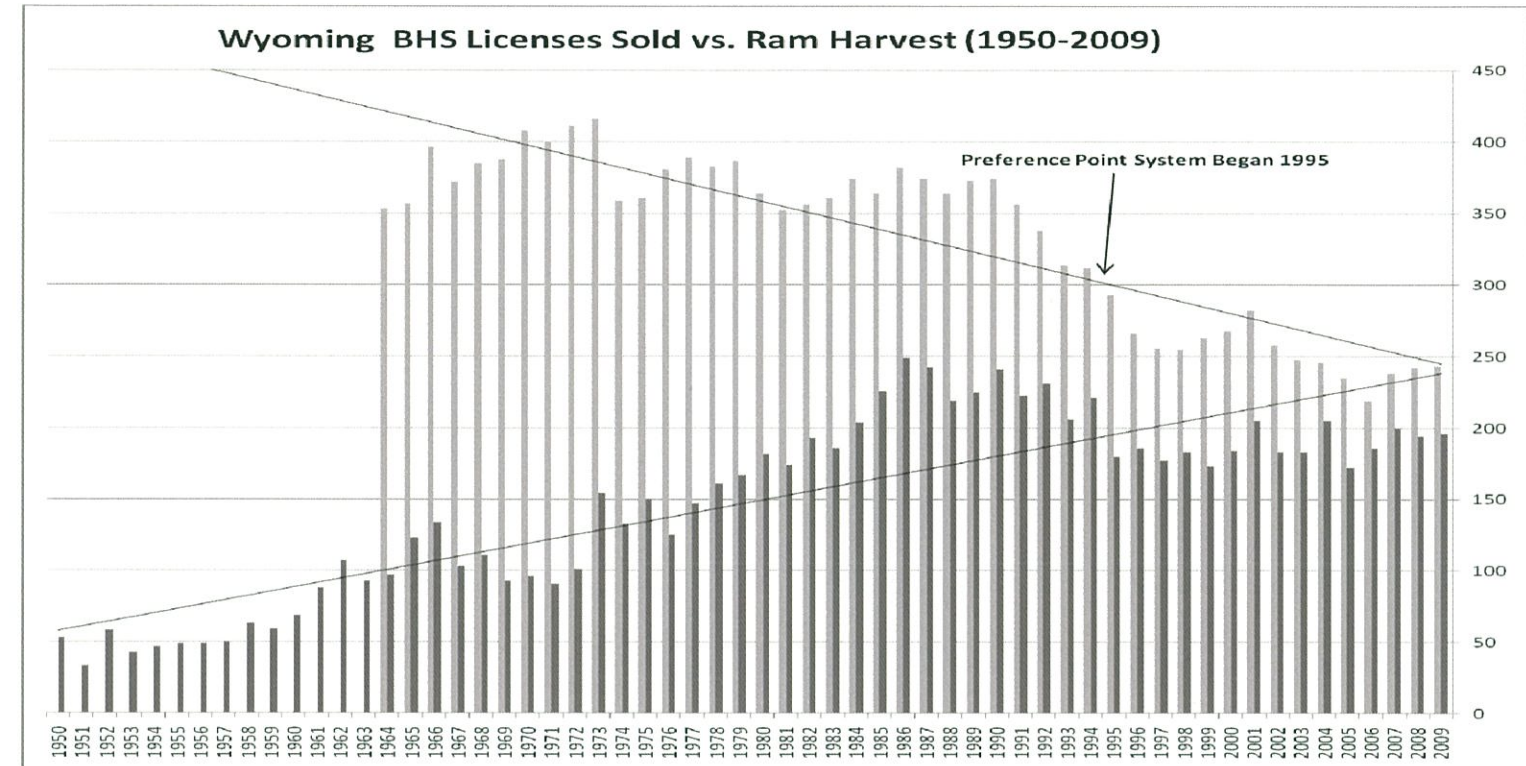
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Ram Harvest Data Compiled by Kevin Hurley



"If you just look post-1995, with advent of preference points, and ran another trend line, I'd say statewide ram harvest has been quite stable between 173-205 rams/year, or trends upward; I'd say that's a good sign (trend) for Wyoming...if you think of all the bighorn rams (Desert, Rocky Mountain, California) harvested anywhere in their range (including AB, BC), the annual Wyoming ram harvest is ~15% of the total harvest each year...I'd say we're pulling our share!" **Kevin Hurley, WGF Bighorn Sheep Coordinator**

**Bighorn Sheep Supplemental Release Project - Seminoe Mountain Range
Observation Report as of April 9, 2010**



The following observation report shows locations for bighorn sheep translocated to the Seminoe Mountains from Oregon in early December, and those added from Wyoming's Devil's Canyon in late January, 2010. As in previous reports, twelve sheep from each transplant are currently collared for a total of 24. Collar numbers from Oregon sheep range from #'s 1-13, while Devils Canyon collars range from #'s 14-28.

Both groups of bighorns have remained relatively stable from March to mid-April, with few movements noted over the past few weeks. The map presents current locations of all known sheep occupying the Seminoe Mountains and surrounding areas. Although some individuals are not on the Seminoes per se - including a group of 1 ram and 3 ewes in the Bennett Mountains to the east, a ram on ID ridge to the south, and a group of 2 rams and 1 ewe south of Coal Creek Bay- their locations have not altered significantly since they moved into these areas early last month.

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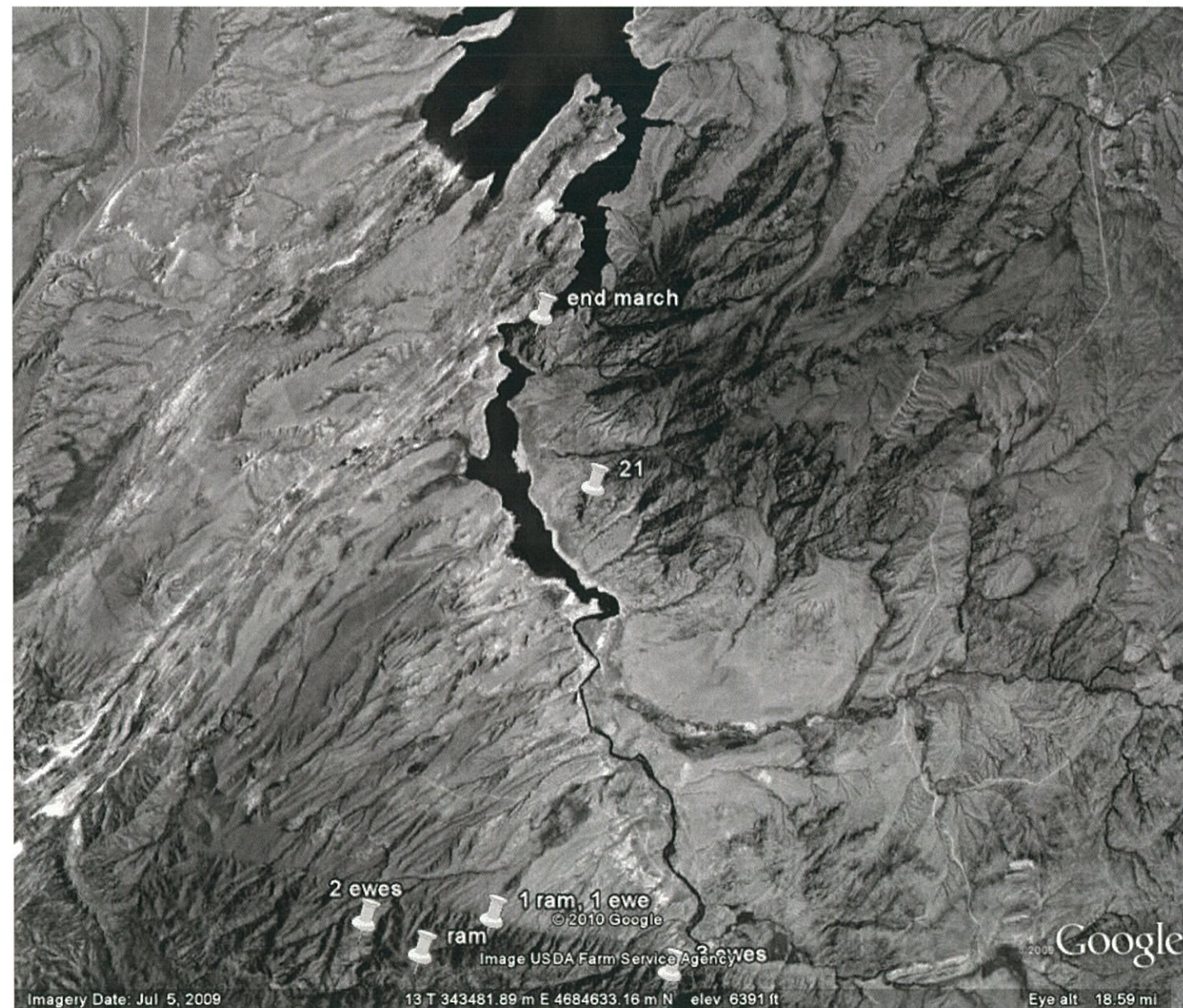
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Bighorn Sheep Supplemental Release Project

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One ewe (#21) was followed very closely after she crossed the Platte River at the Miracle Mile and headed north into the Pedro Mountains in early March. This animal stayed on the southwest end of the Pedros for a few weeks. Regional personnel attempted to move her back to the Seminoes (if possible) before lambing. During the last week of March, this animal moved from that location 3 miles north, near the narrows of Pathfinder Reservoir. After a few attempts at capturing the ewe were unsuccessful, she moved again back to her original location to on the southwest side of the Pedros. Lambing dates for the Oregon ewes were expected for early April, but no lambs have been observed as of April 9. All 9 of the collared Oregon ewes are expected to be pregnant. The 3 uncollared Oregon ewes are also likely pregnant. In addition, the ewes transplanted from Devil's Canyon are expected to lamb in early May.

Overall health of all animals appears to be holding up, in spite of lingering deep snows and frequent spring storms to date. No signs of pneumonia have been observed so far.



Editor's Note: The above report was given to us by Justin Clapp, Project Technician, WGFD. Justin has been tracking and living with these sheep since they were released. Good job Justin and thanks for the report!

Hunt Stories

"The Plan", By Jim Verplancke



While pulling on my boots I looked up at my wife, Jodi, and said "day 21". This was my fifth and final trip to northwest Wyoming in pursuit of a bighorn ram. In 2009, I had finally drawn an Area 1 bighorn sheep tag after 18 years of unsuccessful attempts.

As I finished lacing up my boots I couldn't help but think to myself that I had nearly worn out this new pair of boots. I had purchased these boots knowing that I would need a quality pair of boots that would stand up to the abuse bighorn sheep country will dish out.

My mind took me back to that moment immediately after reading the draw results "Successful". My "Plan" was to pursue sheep in the Clarks Fork Canyon where I had lived from 1997 to 1998. Since I was familiar with the area and thought I knew a little about bighorn sheep, this was going to be a DIY, backpack hunt. I thought I knew the area well enough to find where the sheep would be. However, being a wildlife biologist, I know that having the most up-to-date information is invaluable. So I thought it best to contact the local WGF D biologist to get the skinny on the sheep. What I found out was that my "Plan" had relatively low

odds of producing a ram so a "New Plan" was formed to hunt the high country. Unfortunately, a the combination of a crazy work schedule topped off with coaching little league baseball and wrestling kept me from making any scouting trips into the area.

Record hot temperatures and numerous forest fires in September followed by harsh winter weather to kick off October made for less than ideal hunting conditions. The sheep were using the timber for shelter making them difficult to locate. That's hunting but the clock was ticking and less than a week of the 2009 season remained. After 4 failed attempts to score on a ram, I thought it might be best to revisit my original plan and hunt the canyon. By bighorn sheep standards, this would be considered low country.

I wasn't the only one growing anxious. At this point, only 3 rams had been harvested out of 20 tags issued for area 1.

My brother Shawn and friends Ted Hamersma and Kevin Brainard had accompanied me on previous hunts. Though we were unable to seal the deal on a ram in the first four attempts, we did locate plenty of sheep including one massive 7/8 curl ram; great experiences and memories that will last a lifetime.

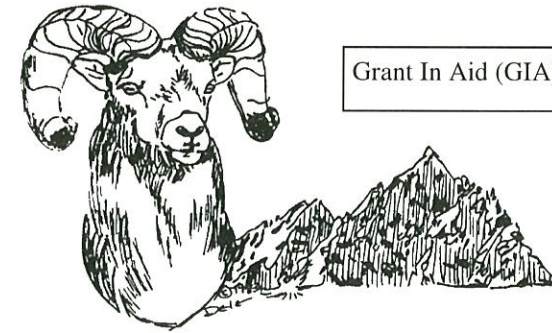
Jodi was able to join me on this fifth and final attempt at a mature ram. I knew she was up to the task as she had been hunting with me for the past five years including a successful backpack hunt for moose in 2008. After 3 days of pounding country, we were only able to locate a single group of 9 ewes. We continued to search and Jodi maintained optimism but we were both beginning to have doubts that I would not be successful in filling my coveted tag.

A conversation with a deer hunter brought new hope when he mentioned that he had glassed some critters in a small bowl below burned out timber. Since he was looking for deer, he had not studied them closely but thought they were sheep by the way two of them seemed to be pushing each other around. Despite our best efforts, we were unable to locate them after glassing from numerous vantage points that evening or the next day. All I could figure was that they had to be in the burned timber. I did not want to pursue them in the timber however for fear of pushing them. I opted instead to continue to glass and try to locate them and plan a concealed approach.

Day 4 of this hunt, was not looking any more prosperous, as I was unable to locate the 9 ewes or the group of critters the deer hunter had spotted and the weather forecast gave the promise of a winter storm on the way. A bit of desperation set in and I was considering packing up and heading back up to the high country. I took a minute to think and called the Cody Regional Game & Fish office to see if any rams had been checked in from area 1 in the last week. The answer was that in fact a ram had been harvested the day before near the area we had been hunting all the while.

I made the decision then to cast caution aside and head up into the burn to see if the sheep could be located within it. There was no time to waste as it was growing late in the day already. The plan was that I would travel alone while Jodi continued to glass from below. I reached the burn about 4:30pm and immediately started to find deer and elk. Glassing through the burnt timber was difficult but every time I covered an area I would see more animals coming out of hiding places. After an hour of this I wasn't finding any sheep and decided to move to higher ground.

There was a burnt out ravine that I hadn't been able to view and figured it was the last hope. I no sooner brought the glasses up and there was a sheep. I spotted a ewe across the ravine feeding upslope, and then another and another. At first, I thought I had simply found the 9 ewes I had seen all week when the ram stepped out from behind a burnt tree. I have to admit that I love to watch sheep but this was about the most beautiful thing I had seen in 21 days of hunting sheep; and then he was gone. He was also feeding upslope and had stepped behind some of the burnt timber. With the failing light I had to act quickly for it would soon be too dark too dark to **(continued on Pg. 18)**



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# Hunt Stories, cont'd

## *David Skaggs Makes the Most of His Wyoming Sheep License*

I was sitting in my daughter's room in intensive care dozing off when Meade Dominick from 7D Ranch Outfitting called to check on the status of my arrival to Cody, Wyoming for the final leg of my quest to finish my FNAWS. I quickly quieted my cell phone and gazed at my 19 year old daughter lying in her hospital bed with the H1N1 virus and double pneumonia to make sure she was still asleep. It had been three days prior that she was admitted from the Emergency Room and that I had called Meade to let him know my dream would have to wait until she was stable and on the road to recovery. On the phone, Meade first checked to see how my daughter was doing, a quality in my Outfitter that set this experience as a whole apart from any other hunt I had prepared for. With my anticipation growing he explained that they had a ram spotted for me whenever I could be there, but it would have to be soon if I wanted success due to the elk hunters arriving in nine days. I peaked in the hospital room mid-conversation for a quick glance to make sure she was doing fine, but I knew it would be a couple more days. Meade understood and had the same attitude as me that family came first, especially in this situation, so he simply told me to take it day-by-day and to keep in touch with him so they could continue to scout while waiting for me to get there.



Wyoming FNAWS Life Member #332 Dave Skaggs of Idaho took this great ram while hunting with 7D Ranch

Two days later she was released from the hospital, the same day my guide had called me with the news that in their scouting they had located four different good rams, all of which could substantially complete my FNAWS. The next morning, with the blessing of our family doctor, my wife, and my daughter, I was miraculously on my way to live out my dream in Cody, Wyoming. This had been possibly the worst week of my life, but I was finally on my way to fulfill a lifelong dream.

Once I arrived, the five-hour ride to camp was pretty and mostly uneventful. About thirty minutes from where we would eventually set up camp, Justin Novakovich one of my guides, saw movement on the hillside near the top of a knoll not too far away. It was seven rams, they were awesome to watch, but there was no real size to any of them, however, it was a great sign of what was to come! After the long ride, we set up the wall tent, fetched water and had some snacks. Then we loaded up our daypacks, and set out on our horses to the hill across from camp. As we made our way up the hill, we took out our binoculars to scour the mountains above camp and saw sheep, lots of sheep. There were several ewes and lambs and about fifteen rams to raise our excitement even more, along with an amazing amount of elk grazing close to camp. We headed back to camp at dark and had a steak dinner with green-bean casserole; we were really roughing it! We had trouble sleeping that night because of the awesome sound of elk bugling around our camp. With this area so full of elk and with it being so close to the opening of elk season, I felt truly blessed to have made it in time after the severity of the situation at home.

O'dark thirty finally came and after getting our gear ready and having a cup of coffee, we were on our way via horseback to the same vantage point as the previous night. Meade went further down country where he could get a different vantage of the mountain that we were hunting. I stayed with Justin and we saw rams immediately. There were three nice rams together in some very steep, rocky terrain. After a couple of hours watching sheep we saw Meade traveling back below us from the mountain so we headed back to camp to discuss the morning sightings. Meade had seen a good ram and thought it would be best to get a better look. After a great breakfast we loaded a pack mule along with the horses and left camp. It took two and a half hours to get to the area the rams were last seen. Once we tied up the horses and grabbed our packs it was off to the location of the potential trophy ram's last seen location. As we eased up slowly over the hill, looking around as we progressed, we came to three ram beds and fresh sign. We ducked behind some rocks and pulled out the binos to comb the hills for rams. My eyes became irritated so I lowered the binoculars to rub them and movement caught my eye. Not 100 yards away were three rams, and one was ginormous! I nudged Justin and he quickly motioned Meade over. The rams seemed a little nervous and walked about 240 yards away to lie down.

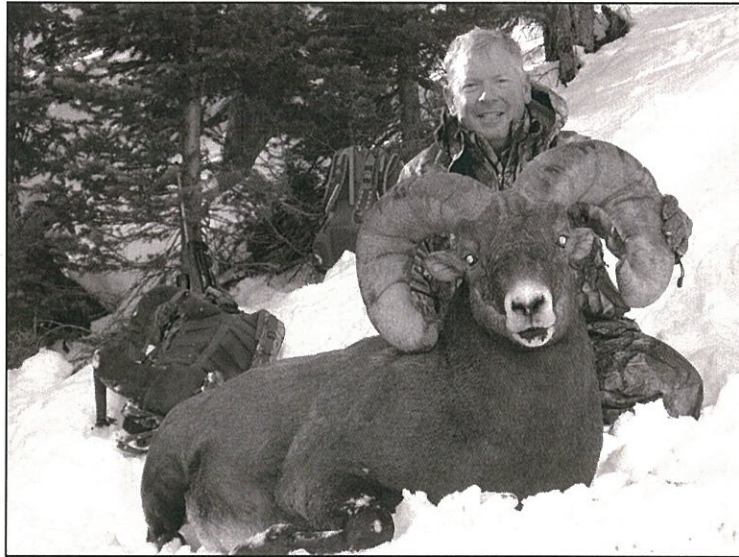
The rams had been lying down for at least four hours and through the timber they were very tough to see leaving us no shot at them. Finally, the big boy of the three stood up and stepped into a window through the trees of about two feet. My 300 WSM Browning A-Bolt happened to be laying just the right way and with one shot I had my FNAWS! That loud noise you heard on September 27<sup>th</sup> at about 5 PM Mountain Time, yeah, that was me yelling and whooping it up.

Thanks to- God, my wife, my daughters, Justin, Meade, Andrea, Minnesota/Wisconsin FNAWS and Dr. Mike Dee (another wild sheep die-hard!), for helping me make my dream come true!

Sincerely,  
Dave Skaggs

# Hunt Stories, cont'd

## The Hunt in Late October



Frank Cox with his wonderful WY HA 2 ram

Finally, after 13 years of applying to the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, it happened...on May 4, 2009...I read those magical words, *Successful - Non-Resident Bighorn Sheep 002-1*. I had applied for Area 2 instead of Area 5 because a good friend of mine, Stephen, just the year before took a spectacular ram from Area 2, and the draw odds were better.

As I let the great news sink in, I immediately contacted Stephen to tell him the big news and to get started on booking an outfitter. After several calls back and forth, I knew I would book the same outfitter Stephen had, 7D Ranch Outfitting with Meade and Andrea Dominick. Meade and Andrea were friendly and personable, answering any questions I had about the hunt and the timing of when I would go. After talking details over with Meade, we settled on hunting the last 2 weeks of the season, October 15<sup>th</sup> – October 31<sup>st</sup>. With that, I found myself in Cody, Wyoming, on the evening of October 13<sup>th</sup>, preparing to meet up with Meade and Andrea the next day. We spent the 14<sup>th</sup> preparing our gear and getting ready for the following morning's departure. At last, the 15<sup>th</sup> arrived – how many years did I wait for this day? Anxious to get started, I was up bright and early to head out with Meade and his right hand man, Justin Novakovich. We loaded up and headed about one hour outside of Cody to the trailhead. After pack-

ing up the horses and mules, we started our pack into a beautiful part of Area 2. After riding about 3 hours through gorgeous country, we arrived at our camp.

After unloading and getting our camp set up, we had enough time for an evening hunt. During that first outing, Meade and Justin spotted a couple of ewes and lambs feeding on the opposite hillside. With light fading, we made our way back to camp. That first evening we had a wonderful meal and a great campfire. I quickly found out that Justin is the king of the campfire! The next morning came fast and after breakfast and packing lunches, we were on our way. With a full day of hunting and beautiful weather, we spotted some more ewes and lambs but no rams. We saw a lot of tracks but no rams.

The next day we awoke to a very chilly morning, frost all around. After a hearty breakfast, then packing our lunches, we were off again to some of the most spectacular country I have ever seen! As the day progressed so did the temperature (thank God). Meade and Justin spotted ewes and lambs and one small ram.

We found our way back to camp after dark and enjoyed one of Andrea's fantastic meals she had prepared for us. We also got to enjoy another of Justin's world-class campfires. When dawn broke the next morning, I didn't know yet that this would be my lucky day! After coffee, breakfast, and packing lunch we headed out.

We were about 2 hours outside of camp when Meade spotted three rams about 400 yards away. Meade's eyes were the size of Frisbees as he turned and said, "This is a great ram! We need to move quickly." We were quick to tie up the horses, Meade and Justin set up the spotting scope, and I got my rifle, adjusted my pack and set myself up. Things were happening very fast. Meade and Justin were intent on this magnificent ram, and as I looked in the spotting scope, I agreed it was a beautiful ram. I set up for the shot, the big ram was in the center of the two smaller rams. When the ram presented the opportunity for a good shot, I took it. With Meade and Justin in the spotting scope as I shot – they felt that the bullet found its mark. The rams were right on top of the ridge when I shot and they quickly scattered over the ridge.

We packed up all our gear and made our way over to where we last saw the ram standing. Immediately, we found tracks and blood in the snow, and followed the tracks down the backside of the ridge. The tracks led us into heavy timber and a lot of snow. We tread through the timber about 50 yards in, and then spotted the ram bedded down about 60 yards from us. I gave one last shot and the ram was ours!

With the excitement of the hunt and such a beautiful ram, I had a lot to be thankful for. After pictures, backslaps and handshakes, Meade and Justin went to work on both capeing and quartering our ram.

We made it back to our camp later that afternoon. After everything was taken care of we had a celebratory drink around one of Justin's signature campfires. This was one of those moments you live for. Life could not get any better!

This hunt was truly a team effort, and I want to thank Meade and Andrea Dominick of 7D Ranch Outfitting. They did a fantastic job on all aspects of my hunt, from the initial phone call to the day I pulled out of Cody. I appreciate the assistance of Justin Novakovich who is just all around great guy and hunter! I look forward to many more days of hunting with Meade and Justin.

Last, but certainly not least, I want to thank my wonderful wife, Barbara, of 24 years, who puts up with my passion of hunting!

# Hunt Stories, cont'd

## Uff-da Sheep Hunt – December 9, 2009

On December 9, 2009 I was leaving Minnesota for a Dessert Big Horn Sheep hunt in Texas with Larry Altimus and Bo Morgan. The day started with one problem: a big snow storm hit Minnesota. Therefore, I spent most of the day sitting in a plane at the Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport. I was waiting to get in the air to Dallas. From there I would go to El Paso, Texas to meet Bo Morgan, then onto Van Horn to meet Larry Altimus. We would get organized to start hunting the next morning in the Van Horn Area Culberson County Mountains.

The next morning Larry, Bo and I (the three amigos) were up early. This turned out to be a full day of glassing. The two of them do the best job of glassing sheep - none better. The weather was perfect. It was sunny with a slight breeze. That day we saw and glassed 99 dessert big horns - all beautiful animals.

On the second day we went to the same area, but concentrated a little lower in the mountains. We started out seeing 27 sheep. We then entered another valley. Bo spotted 5 Rams about 800 yards away, half way up the mountain. We moved within 600 yards. I asked Larry "how will I know if there is a good one in the five".

Larry said "you'll know by what I say". We then we moved within 500 yards. Larry took the spotting scope, took a look and said "Uff-da"! That's what I was waiting for him to say, and he isn't even Scandinavian. So we continued to move closer. This was not easy as cactuses do not offer a lot of cover. We got within 270 yards. Larry said that is the best we can do.

Larry said "get ready to take your shot, but wait until I tell you okay... Okay, take your shot, but relax". I fired and heard that whap sound, and Larry and Bo started shouting "you got him". The ram did run about 15-20 yards, and fell. There were handshakes and back slapping all around. Larry said "you got a great ram, let's get up there". We climbed up and Larry said "you've got a book ram". We took pictures and video and took care of a great ram. Larry measured the ram and I couldn't believe what he came up with. However, we'll have to wait until tomorrow morning, when Mike Pittman does an official measurement. Mike is with the Texas Parks and Wildlife.

Mike Pittman stopped in and measured my ram. Green score was 175 5/8. Mike and Larry said "congratulations"! If the green score holds up after 60 days, you'll have the ninth largest dessert ram ever taken in Texas. Plus, a Boone and Crockett book ram.

I want to thank Larry and Stephanie Altimus, Bo Morgan, all the Texas Big Horn Society Members, and Mike Pittman of the Texas Wildlife. I've been blessed with a great RAM!

Life Member  
Loren Kohnen

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