



# The **RAMPAGE**

## ***Wyoming Wild Sheep Foundation***

SPRING 2012

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**I'm headed for Casper...how 'bout ewe? Meet you there!**

**Mark Your Calendars for June 1-2, 2012!  
WY-WSF 29th Annual Convention/Fundraiser  
Parkway Plaza, Casper, WY (details on page 7)  
Hope to See You There!! Bring A Friend!**

## 2012 Calendar of Events

April 26-28, 2012 Wyoming Association of Taxidermy Artists  
Holiday Inn, Cody

June 1-2, 2012 Wyoming Wild Sheep Foundation Annual Convention  
Parkway Plaza, Casper,

June 21-23, 2012 Wild Sheep Foundation Chapter & Affiliate Summit Meeting V  
Lewiston, ID (Hells Canyon)

July 14-15, 2012 Bennett Hills Guzzler Project Volunteer Work Weekend  
Bennett Hills (E of Seminoe Reservoir)

September 13-15, 2012 Wyoming Hunting & Fishing Heritage EXPO  
Casper Events Center

December 1, 2012 Wyoming Wild Sheep Foundation Winter Meeting  
Days Inn, Thermopolis

Cover Photo: Whiskey Basin ewe group on alfalfa hay/bait placed on Torrey Rim the morning of the December 3, 2011 Wyoming Wild Sheep Foundation winter board/membership meeting in Dubois. WGFD pre-baiting was to acclimate these bighorns, in advance of January 2012 planned trapping.

**Interested in advertising 2X/year in *The Rampage*? If so, please see ad rates below. Due dates for ads to be included in the semi-annual *Rampage* are September 15th and March 15th. Get your message out to 850+ wild sheep enthusiasts!!**

### Wyoming WSF Board & Membership Meetings

Wyoming WSF holds its winter board/membership meeting on the first Saturday of December and summer convention/board/membership meeting the first Saturday in June. Details and locations are listed in the Calendar of Events and online at [www.wyomingwildsheep.org](http://www.wyomingwildsheep.org).

Funding requests for consideration at the winter board meeting are due no later than Nov. 1. Funding requests for consideration at the summer board meeting are due no later than May 1.

The Grant-In-Aid request form is available on the Wyoming WSF website and on pages 26 and 27 of this newsletter. Contact address:

Wyoming Wild Sheep Foundation  
P.O. Box 666  
Cody, WY 82414  
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WYOMING WILD SHEEP FOUNDATION

# The RAMPAGE

## Newsletter

### ADVERTISING RATES PER ISSUE

**Moving to a full-color format for *The Rampage* calls for revised ad rates, to be determined at the June 2012 Board meeting, in advance of the Fall 2012 issue. Please check our webpage after June 2012, for revised ad rates. Thanks for your advertising, and your support!**



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## **Wanted: Your E-mail Address!!**

Wyoming WSF is looking for e-mail addresses from our membership so that we can convey important information and communications in the timeliest manner possible (e.g., E-Newsletters). If you have not submitted an e-mail address or need to update the one we have on file, please send it to [info@wyomingwildsheep.org](mailto:info@wyomingwildsheep.org).

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

## WY-WSF President's Message

### Past Presidents

1983	Dave Steger
1984	Dave Steger
1985	Dave Steger
1986	Ron Ball
1987	Ed Novotny
1988	Ed Novotny
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1990	Dave Steger
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1992	Jack Hildner
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1998	Jim Collins
1999	Jim Collins
2000	Jim Collins
2001-2002	Cole Benton
2002-2003	Cole Benton
2003-2004	Cole Benton
2004-2005	Cole Benton
2005-2006	Cole Benton
2006-2007	Cole Benton
2007-2008	Bob Sundeen
2008-2009	Bob Sundeen
2009-2010	Jack Morey
2010-2011	Bob Sundeen
2011-2012	Mike Porter
2012-2013	TBD

How about the full-color *Rampage*!!!! Please consider advertising in the next issue. I realize a color Rampage doesn't directly put sheep on the mountain, but it does help awareness. We distribute over 800 issues, twice each year.

It looks like warmer weather is getting close. As the snow begins to melt, it is time to start getting outside more for spring cleaning, fishing, shed hunting, and outdoor activities. Please remember to grab your favorite little person when you go in the field, (kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, neighbors) to share the wonderful outdoor experiences. The two smaller Porter kids start hunter safety this week for a hopeful spring 2012 turkey hunt in April.

I would like to first thank the Dubois gang for putting on a great December 2011 winter convention. We had a great time with a Friday night party at the National Bighorn Sheep Interpretive Center thanks to Susan Moulton. Greg Anderson did a terrific job discussing local sheep issues and arranging a guided bighorn tour. Lynn Stewart and Fritz Meyer helped arrange the FANTASTIC pig BBQ on Saturday night. Everyone had a great time and the chapter made more money to put towards sheep, as well. Thank you to everyone that helped make the winter convention a success. Please plan to attend the next winter meeting in Thermopolis, November 30 - December 1. See Jim Collins article on page 16 for further details on next winter's meeting!

Your WY-WSF board has been very busy with arrangements for the 2012 convention in Casper on June 1-3. We have secured some amazing auction items including a Stone sheep hunt, wine country vacation, fishing & hunting trips, and many more. We have "Full Curl" table packages so you can bring your family and friends; please plan to attend! I would also like to encourage you to bring your "Favorite Little Person" to the banquet as each one present will receive a great gift from WY-WSF on Saturday night.

We have made progress towards establishing a Wyoming Wild Sheep Foundation Endowment. If you are working on your estate plan, please consider Wyoming Wild Sheep Foundation in your planning. If you have questions or want to learn how you can help WY-WSF through planned giving, please call me at 307-235-7786 to discuss.

The board continues to look for new ways to communicate and raise awareness and support for Wyoming's wild sheep. Please give Kevin Hurley kudos for keeping the board and chapter organized and on track. Kevin has been emailing E-Newsletters and periodic updates to WY-WSF members to those members with a current email address on file. Please remember to update your email address with Kevin at [info@wyomingwildsheep.org](mailto:info@wyomingwildsheep.org). Hope to see many of you at the Parkway Plaza in early June. Best of luck in the 2012 Wyoming bighorn sheep license drawing!

Sincerely, Michael J. Porter (Life Member #323) WY-WSF President

## WY-WSF Executive Director's Message

Greetings! Hope winter (or lack of it, in many parts of the state!) hasn't been too hard on you, and our wildlife. We are in high-gear, preparing for our June 1-2, 2012 annual convention, at the Parkway Plaza in Casper. Please see this year's 2012 Fundraiser Announcement on page 7 for details.

Before moving completely forward, we want to look back and give a huge thanks to Suzan Moulton at the National BHS Interpretive Center and Tammy Lucas & Carol Petera at the Headwaters Center in Dubois, where we held our December 2011 winter membership meeting. In addition to fun, food, and friends, ~40 of us enjoyed a presentation from WGFD N. Lander wildlife biologist Greg Anderson, who gave an overview of the January 2012 Whiskey Basin BHS capture/disease-sampling. Folks got out on a snowy morning, took lots of bighorn photos, and helped start baiting on Torrey Rim. A great day!

As some of you have already received in your email inboxes, we have moved forward with periodic E-Newsletters, on various topics of interest and bighorn-related items. We only have ~40% of our members' email addresses, so if you're willing to provide yours, and encourage your friends to do the same, this allows us more "real-time" communication with our members. Please notify us at [info@wyomingwildsheep.org](mailto:info@wyomingwildsheep.org) with your email address, or to correct email addresses on file.

If you're looking for a weekend volunteer project, please see page 17 for details on a guzzler project in the Bennett Hills, east of, and above, Seminoe Reservoir. This would be a great chance to get your hands dirty, and help provide a reliable water source for an expanding bighorn population in the Bennett Hills. Thanks to Ryan Amundson and Will Schultz for putting this project together!

If any of our members know folks who are interested in Wyoming's bighorns, please encourage them to join our organization. Bringing a friend or two to the June convention in Casper would be a great way to start!!

WY-WSF Executive Director Kevin Hurley



2012 WY-WSF LADIES' LUNCHEON PRESENTS:

# KENTUCKY DERBY

*A Day at the Races*

Have Lunch with All the Ladies  
Wear Your Biggest & Best Hat  
Place Bets on the Ponies  
Win Terrific Prizes  
Have Fun!

**TICKETS: \$25 PER PERSON**

**JUNE 2ND AT NOON AT THE CASPER PETROLEUM CLUB . SHUTTLE SERVICE AVAILABLE FROM THE PARKWAY.  
CONTACT KATIE LUTHY FOR INFORMATION & TICKETS: 307-752-8347**

# Mark Your Calendars for our 2012 Annual Convention June 1-2, 2012, Parkway Plaza, Casper



(For WY-WSF office use only)

Destination/Item #

## Art, Merchandise, Cash Donation Form

Donor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name (if desired): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Donor's Signature (if available): \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of donation: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Est. Value of Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Item is 100% Donated?: Y or N

Donor Wishes % split (50% maximum split)?: Y or N

If Yes, specify % split desired by donor: \_\_\_\_\_%

WY-WSF makes no representation, express or implied, concerning deductibility of this item for federal income tax purposes. Donor should contact tax adviser for questions regarding deductibility of this donation. WY-WSF is a tax-exempt 501(c) organization.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of WY-WSF Representative*

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

[White Copy to Donor; Yellow Copy to WY-WSF]

P.O. Box 666, Cody, WY 82414

307-578-8613

[info@wyomingwildsheep.org](mailto:info@wyomingwildsheep.org)

[www.wyomingwildsheep.org](http://www.wyomingwildsheep.org)

If you know someone who might be interested/willing to make a donation to WY-WSF, please provide them with one of these donation forms, and ask that they make contact ([info@wyomingwildsheep.org](mailto:info@wyomingwildsheep.org)) no later than May 15, 2012!!

## Wyoming Wild Sheep Foundation 2012 Annual Convention and Fundraiser

June 1-2, 2012 – Parkway Plaza, Casper

Join us for our 29th Annual Convention and Fundraiser! Friday evening kicks off the weekend with a social (cash bar, munchies), games, and other activities. Saturday events include a complimentary breakfast for WY-WSF Life Members, the general membership/business meeting, Ladies Luncheon, informative seminars after lunch, no-host happy hour, and pre-banquet games. A photo contest will also be held—bring your favorite hunting or wildlife-related photos to enter. Enjoy a delicious dinner, then get ready for an exciting live auction, which will include hunts, trips, artwork and much more. Proceeds go toward Wyoming WSF's goal of "putting and keeping more sheep on the mountain."

### Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>

9:00 am - noon Board Meeting, Parkway Plaza, Railroad Room (Including funding requests)  
6:00-9:00 pm Social (cash bar), games, and 50:50 split-the-pot, Tiffany Room

### Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>

7:15-9:30 am Complimentary Life Member Breakfast, Grand Ballroom (*Life members only; reservations required by May 24<sup>th</sup>*)  
10:00-11:30 am Membership/Business Meeting (including funding requests + ByLaws changes), American Room  
11:40 am Break for Lunch (on your own) [FYI: Parkway Plaza will have lunch buffet set in the Parkway Café]  
11:40 am Ladies' Luncheon (\$25/person), Petroleum Club; "Kentucky Derby: A Day At The Races"; courtesy shuttle provided by Parkway Plaza (*Reservations needed by May 24<sup>th</sup>. [Please call: Katie Luthy 307.752.8347]*)

### Seminars (Tentative Schedule; subject to change) American Room

1:00-1:10 pm Introduction – Kevin Hurley, Wyoming Wild Sheep Foundation, Cody  
1:10-2:10 pm Update on Bighorn Sheep/Domestic Sheep Disease Research – Dr. Sri Srikumaran, Washington State University  
2:10-2:30 pm USFS Policy/Management of DS/BHS Potential Contact – Melanie Woolever, USFS, Golden CO  
2:30-2:50 pm WGFD Policy/Management of DS/BHS Potential Contact – Scott Talbot, WGFD, Cheyenne  
2:50-3:10 pm Wyoming WoolGrowers Perspective on DS/BHS Potential Contact – Bryce Reece, WY WoolGrowers Assn., Casper  
3:10-3:30 pm Wild Sheep Foundation Perspective on DS/BHS Potential Contact – Gray Thornton, Wild Sheep Foundation, Cody  
3:30-3:45 pm Wrap-up – Kevin Hurley, Wyoming Wild Sheep Foundation, Cody

### Concurrent Seminars (Tentative Schedule; subject to change) room TBD

2:30-3:15 pm 2011 Wyoming Statewide BHS Harvest Overview & 2012 Prospects – WY Game & Fish Department (TBD)  
3:15-3:45 pm Field Judging Trophy Rams – Meade Dominick, WY-WSF Board Member, Sunlight Basin

5:00-6:30 pm Happy Hour (Cash Bar), Games, Raffles Mardi Gras/Natrona/Wyoming Rooms  
6:30-7:45 pm Buffet Dinner  
7:45-10:30 pm Fundraiser Auction

### Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>

9:00 am-noon WY-WSF Board Meeting, Gourmet Room

A room block has been reserved (\$75/night/room) at the Parkway Plaza (307-235-1777 or 800-270-7829). Make reservations by May 24<sup>th</sup> and mention you are with "Wyoming Wild Sheep Foundation" to receive the convention room block rate. Please complete and return the lower portion of this form to: Wyoming WSF, P.O. Box 666, Cody, WY 82414. Send payment by May 24<sup>th</sup> to be eligible for the early bird drawing for \$100 auction credit! Questions? Call (307) 578-8613, (307) 899-9375, or e-mail [info@wyomingwildsheep.org](mailto:info@wyomingwildsheep.org)



### Please send me WY-WSF Banquet, Gun Board, & Raffle tickets!

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Additional Guests Contact Info (Name(s), Address, Phone #, e-mail, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Single Annual Membership Ticket (includes 1 meal and 1 annual membership)	\$60	X _____	\$ _____
Couple Annual Membership Ticket (includes 2 meals and 1 annual membership)	\$95	X _____	\$ _____
Couple Annual Membership Ticket (includes 2 meals and 2 annual memberships)	\$120	X _____	\$ _____
Life Member Single Ticket (includes 1 meal for current life member)	\$35	X _____	\$ _____
<b>Children under 16 (Youth Menu To Be Determined) – NO CHARGE!! Bring the kids!!</b>		X _____	
Ladies Luncheon (@ Petroleum Club; complimentary round-trip shuttle service provided)	\$25	X _____	\$ _____
"Purse Raffle" (30 tickets! ≥10 purses! Each worth ≥\$100; 1 purse w/ \$1,000 cash!!)	\$100	X _____	\$ _____
Early Bird Raffle Tickets (6 sheets for \$100, \$20 savings)	\$100	X _____	\$ _____
<i>I'm unable to attend the WY-WSF Convention, but please accept my membership renewal</i>	\$25	X _____	\$ _____
<b>Gun Board (N=7 Guns!) Raffle Tickets \$50/each or 5 for \$200 (Only 250 will be sold!)</b>		X _____	\$ _____
"Full Curl" Table Package (includes 8 meals, 2 bottles of wine, 4 WY-WSF hats, 8 memberships, \$200 in general raffle tickets, 4 \$50 "gun board" raffle tickets, and 1 chance to win special "Full Curl" drawing rifle)	\$800	X _____	\$ _____
		GRAND TOTAL	\$ _____

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Payment Method:  Charge to credit card (Visa/MasterCard Only) #: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date (mmyy): \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Signature (if paying by credit card): \_\_\_\_\_

Check (made out to WY-WSF) enclosed for: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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For Life Members Only: Will you be attending the complimentary Life Members breakfast? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

# of Life Members attending \_\_\_\_\_ Names of Life Members attending \_\_\_\_\_

**Broadcasting  
night and day.**

**GO**  
**OUTDOOR.**  
**LAMAR**

Wednesday, September 07 2011

Through the efforts of WY-WSF member Travis Collins of Casper, Lamar Outdoor Advertising of Wyoming/W. Nebraska's general manager Korbe Palmer has generously donated 2 months (mid-April to mid-June 2012) of free advertising space on 2 strategically-located billboards in the Casper area, to help Wyoming Wild Sheep Foundation publicize our June 1-2, 2012 annual convention at the Parkway Plaza in Casper. Keep an eye out for our billboards, and let us know if you spot them!!



**Wyoming**  
**Wild Sheep Foundation**  
**29th ANNUAL CONVENTION**  
**JUNE 1-2, 2012 • PARKWAY PLAZA**  
**CASPER, WY**

**FOR INFORMATION 307-899-9375**

# Wyoming Wild Sheep Foundation

## 2012 Wyoming Game and Fish Commissioner's License Raffle

Tickets are \$100.00 each. Limited to 300 tickets.

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*1<sup>st</sup> PRIZE: WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSIONER'S 2012  
ELK, DEER, OR PRONGHORN LICENSE*

*(Donated by WGF Commissioner Ed Mignery, Sundance)*

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: 7 Day Caribbean Cruise

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Browning A-Bolt .325 WSM Rifle

4<sup>th</sup> Prize: Nikon 60mm Fieldscope III Spotting Scope

5<sup>th</sup> Prize: Remington 700 SPS Stainless .300 Ultra Mag Rifle

6<sup>th</sup> Prize: Marlin 1895 45-70 Lever Action Guide Gun

7<sup>th</sup> Prize: Nikon Monarch X 10.5 X 45 Binoculars & RifleHunter 1000 Rangefinder

8<sup>th</sup> Prize: Nikon Monarch 3 X 12 42mm Riflescope

9<sup>th</sup> Prize: Canon PowerShot 12.1 Megapixel Digital Camera

10<sup>th</sup> Prize: \$300.00 Gift Certificate to a Sporting Goods Store of Your Choice

Drawing to be held June 2, 2012 at the Wyoming WSF annual banquet in Casper, Wyoming. Winners need not be present to win. For more information and for the number of remaining tickets, visit our web site at [www.wyomingwildsheep.org](http://www.wyomingwildsheep.org)

For tickets, contact: WY-WSF Secretary Katie Luthy, P.O. Box 176, Story, WY 82842 (307) 752-8347 [kt\\_luthy@hotmail.com](mailto:kt_luthy@hotmail.com) or WY-WSF Executive Director Kevin Hurley (307) 899-9375 [info@wyomingwildsheep.org](mailto:info@wyomingwildsheep.org)

Commissioners' License is good for Elk or Deer or Pronghorn Antelope in Wyoming. Purchase of regular license required. Independent of preference points or license draw results. Winners are responsible for all applicable licenses and taxes. Wyoming WSF Board of Directors are eligible to participate in all fund raising activities.

## June 2, 2012 WY-WSF Live Auction Parkway Plaza, Casper, WY

- ♦ *Yukon 12-Day Stone's Sheep Horseback Hunt*
- ♦ *2012 WGF Commissioner's Elk/Deer/Pronghorn License*
- ♦ *Argentina 3-Day Dove Hunt for 2 Hunters*
- ♦ *Oregon 5-Day Columbia Black-tailed Deer Hunt*
- ♦ *Arizona 4-Day Coues Deer Hunt for 2 Hunters*
- ♦ *New Mexico 2-Day Oryx Hunt, 1 Hunter, 1 Non-Hunter*
- ♦ *Washington Coast Salmon Fishing Trip & Beach Stay for 2*
- ♦ *Wisconsin Muskie Fishing Trip for 2 Anglers*
- ♦ *Glendo Reservoir 1-Day Guided Walleye Trip for 1-2 People*
- ♦ *Bahamas 1 Week Beach House Stay for ≤ 8 People*
- ♦ *MidwayUSA Foundation "Nearly Perfect" 4-rifle Package*
- ♦ *CA Wine Country 4-Night Getaway for 2, Mendocino Co.*
- ♦ *Couples Registration—2013 WSF "Sheep Show", Reno, NV*
- ♦ *Kimber Classic Select 300 WSM 2012 WY-WSF Banquet Rifle, w/ Leupold Scope*
- ♦ *Garmin GPS unit, with Wyoming landownership "chip"*
- ♦ *Wild Sheep Foundation Life Membership*
- ♦ *Wyoming Wild Sheep Foundation Life Membership*
- ♦ *LIBERTY Gun Safe, with "Bighorn Sheep Photo Wrap"*
- ♦ *Couples Registration—2013 GSCO Convention, Reno, NV*
- ♦ *7-Gun "Gun Board" Raffle (only 250 tickets to be sold!)*
- ♦ *"6-5-4" "Ram-Ewe-Lamb" Dice Game, for rifle (TBD)*
- ♦ *Sunlight Basin 7D Ranch Stay/Horseback Adventure for 2*
- ♦ *Ladies "Purse Raffle"      Youth Cow Elk Hunt Raffle*
- ♦ *Taxidermy Display              Jackson Hole Cabin Stay*

**Bring A Friend! Bring All Your Friends!!  
You don't want to miss the 2012 Live Auction!!**

2012 WY-WSF "Gun Board"

Only 250 Tickets Will Be Sold!!

\$50/Ticket or 5 for \$200

4 Gun Board Tickets included

with each "Full Curl Table" package sold!

**Kimber 8400 Classic 300 Win Mag Rifle**

**Kimber Eclipse Custom II 45 ACP Pistol**

**Remington 700 CDL Stainless Steel Fluted  
7mm Mag Rifle**

**Winchester 70 Featherweight 270 WSM Rifle**

**Benelli Super Nova 12 ga. Shotgun**

**Marlin X7 .223 Rifle**

**Henry .22 Lever-Action Rifle**

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**Our 2011 Gun Board Tickets Sold Out Fast!**

**Don't Miss Out This Time Around!!**

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**Order Gun Board Tickets When You Send In  
Your Convention Registration/Dinner Order  
(see page 7)**



## 2013 or 2014 12-Day Yukon Stone's Sheep Hunt

Live Auction!!  
 June 2, 2012  
 Parkway Plaza  
 Casper, WY  
 For info, call:  
 307-258-7040 or  
 307-899-9375



Travel to the Yukon for the wild sheep hunt of a lifetime! Experience Yukon's grandeur in pursuit of a Stone's ram. Hunt with Dean Sandulak and his family, 20+ year owners and operators of Trophy Stone Outfitting, the only big game guiding company in a 4.5-million acre concession (Yukon #14). Hunt dates (July 30-August 11, or August 11-22, or August 22-September 3, 2013 or 2014) to be arranged with outfitter. High bidder responsible for air travel to/from Whitehorse, Yukon, and should plan on overnight stay 1 night prior to, and 1 night after hunt. Hunter also responsible for license, taxes, Government fees (~\$800 US), + air charter to base camp (~\$1,500 US). Non-hunters welcome @ \$500 US/day. 2013/2014 Prices: Stone's Sheep Hunt \$20,000 US, Harvest Fee \$12,000 US

*1X1 guide:hunter; 12-day horseback hunt, w/ 1 day travel on each end; hunter should be prepared for some backpacking/hiking, as well; includes all meals, trophy care, & cabin accommodations @ 20 different locations throughout hunting concession; prime hunting areas accessible by horseback, boat, or floatplane only; hunt includes wolf, wolverine, black bear; \$7,000 US harvest fee on additional animals (Moose, Caribou, Grizzly Bear).*

**VALUE: \$32,000 US**

# Make Your Dream A Reality!



WILD FOR THE CAUSE in partnership with FRONTERA WINGSHOOTING would like to offer the following donation for your fundraising efforts:

## WORLD-CLASS 3-day Argentina Dove Hunt for two (2) hunters

Located in Cordoba, Argentina, (the dove hunting capital of the world) Frontera Wingshooting offers hunters the ultimate dove hunting experience. Winning bidders will stay at the sophisticated and relaxing La Zenaida Lodge. La Zenaida is adjacent to one of the largest dove roosts in the Province. In fact, it's the ONLY lodge in Cordoba just 80 steps from over 30 million doves. With such a high volume of doves in the area, it is typical for a hunter to shoot over 1000 shells each day. Frontera provides all hunters with a hot barrel experience you will not encounter anywhere else on the planet. The hunt is perfect for an avid wingshooter or beginner. Hospitality and personal service are the priority of the highly trained Frontera Staff. Hunters will dine on five-star Argentine cuisine and have the opportunity to sample fine Argentine wine. This is truly the hunt and experience of a lifetime!

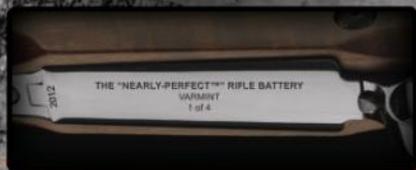
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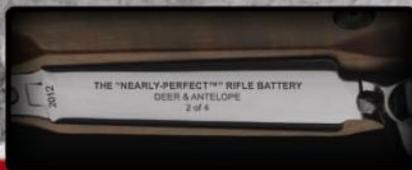
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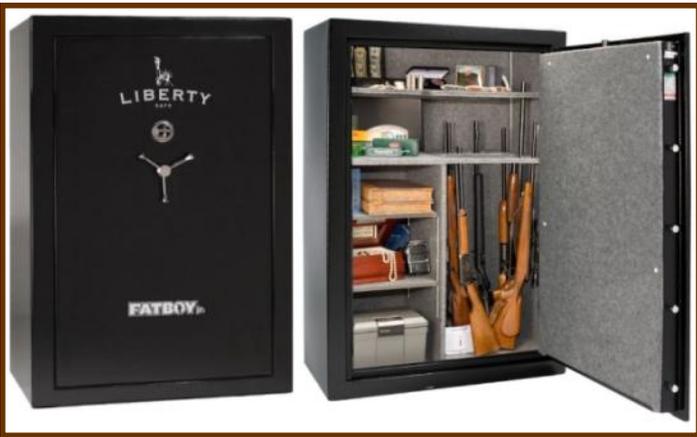
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## December 2011

TO: Wyoming Wild Sheep Foundation Life Members

FROM: Wyoming Wild Sheep Foundation

For those of you who made it to our 2011 WY-WSF (complimentary) Life Member breakfast on June 4<sup>th</sup> in Casper, you might recall a generous offer made by Ron Pomeroy (LM #168) to sponsor new nametags for all our Life Members, reflecting our new logo. Subsequently, Ron secured 3 WY-WSF Life Member partners to help sponsor these nametags. We have had new LM nametags made by Peden's in Casper, and we're happy to now provide those to our WY-WSF Life Members.

If you'd like to thank the generous WY-WSF Life Members who made this possible, please contact and express your thanks to:

Ron Pomeroy (LM #168)

Jeff Reynolds (LM #2)

William "Butch" Townsend (LM #177)

Keith West (LM #16)

### Volunteers Needed For Bennett Mountain Guzzler Installation!

On the weekend of July 14-15, 2012, the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, in cooperation with the BLM – Rawlins Field Office, will be installing a wildlife watering facility (guzzler) on top of Bennett Mountain, east of and above Seminoe Reservoir. The guzzler will provide an upland water source near preferred bighorn habitats, reducing the need for sheep to move up and down the mountain to Seminoe Reservoir for water. "The tank will be located in an area which we know transplanted bighorns heavily utilize. Several sheep crossed the ice on Seminoe Reservoir a couple of winters ago, and are now home in the Bennett Mountains. To further expand this segment of the sheep herd, water distribution needs to be addressed. We expect the guzzler project to take up to 12 hours to complete, and we need volunteers to assist with hand labor and heavy lifting," said Will Schultz, WGFD Wildlife Biologist, Saratoga.

We plan to camp at the Miracle Mile, and will supply camp groceries for signed-up volunteers (WGFD has a volunteer form to get signed up, ahead of time!). In addition, WGFD biologists will bring radio telemetry gear along, and an effort will be made to locate transplanted bighorns in the Seminoe/Bennett Mountains. If you'd like to participate in this guzzler installation, and spend time in the outdoors with other bighorn sheep enthusiasts, please contact the WGFD's Will Schultz or Ryan Amundson. As the project nears, they will send out more detailed information to those who express interest.

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Planning under way for the 2012

## **WY-WSF WINTER EXTRAVAGANZA**

Mark your calendars 11/30 – 12/1 Thermopolis Day's Inn, Safari Club. WY-WSF will return to Thermopolis for our 2012 winter meeting. Included in the activities are the usual WY-WSF Board meeting, Membership Meeting & Saturday night games, banquet, and mini-auction!

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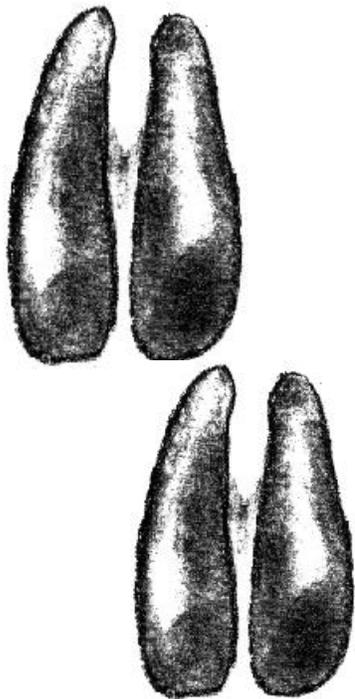
WY-WSF Chapter laser shooting game will be setup, for the young-at-heart.

Discounted group visit to the Wyoming Dinosaur Center.

**A Saturday and/or Sunday morning pheasant shoot.**

After years in other locations around the state, excitement is building as plans start to come together to meet again in Thermopolis, next to the World's Largest Mineral Hot Springs! **Looking forward to hearing your input at the Casper Annual Meeting & Banquet, to further our planning and add excitement to Nov. 30-Dec. 1 2012 winter meeting.** Stay tuned, and mark the dates! WY-WSF Vice-President Jim Collins, Thermopolis

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### ***Wanted: Your Hunt Story & Photos!***

If you have a hunt story and photos that you'd like to share, we want to print it! Just send it to Wyoming WSF, and we'll try to publish it in our semi-annual newsletter, *The Rampage*. Photos are also welcome. Send your story and photo(s) to: Wyoming WSF, P.O. Box 666, Cody, WY 82414

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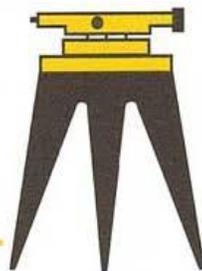


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## Dean Carrell (Worland) Hunt Area 2, 2011

Twenty-two years ago my son Daylen, fourteen years old at the time, took a large bull elk. It was a memorable hunt for both of us and I doubt it would have happened that day without my help. Now it was Daylen's turn to use his expertise and guidance to help me fulfill my dream hunt.

When I was younger, I was an avid big-game hunter. I took a Dall's sheep in Alaska, and nearly every trophy animal Wyoming had to offer. Over the past twenty-five years I had drifted away from big-game hunting, and my passion has been breeding and hunting coon hounds. But through all those years, there was one animal that could get my heart pumping, Wyoming's bighorn sheep.

Thirty-seven years ago, I took an average ram in HA 5. With no preference point system in those days, and just a 3-year wait after drawing a license, my youth and optimism led me to believe I would have several opportunities to hunt sheep in Wyoming. When I drew in HA 2 for 2011, this time I had a different mindset; I knew this would be my last opportunity to hunt this magnificent animal, and I was determined to make the most of it.

I knew that sheep hunting (anywhere!) required physical and mental toughness, and I was aware that each of those could be a challenge for me. Knowing I had enough points to draw a permit in May 2011, I realized I better not wait that long to start getting in shape. I started working out at the health club in January and started climbing the hills around Worland. While I could have done more, my efforts early on paid dividends for me later. During the next several months, I read a lot about sheep hunting, back packing gear, sheep hunt lists, etc. I visited with hunters and looked again at the rams they had taken. I purchased a lot of really nice (and essential!) gear, and enjoyed having a rationale for buying some of the things I really didn't need.

On trips through Cody, I stopped at the Wild Sheep Foundation headquarters and had good visits with Kevin Hurley and the super helpful WSF staff. I joined both national WSF and the Wyoming chapter, and received several free back issues of *Wild Sheep* magazine. Kevin talked me into attending the Wyoming Wild Sheep Foundation convention and banquet in Casper in early June 2011. There were great raffles and auctions at the banquet, and if you enjoy sheep hunting, you don't want to miss the 2012 event! I also stopped at the Game and Fish office in Cody and picked up the past 3 years harvest data for my area.

From the very beginning, this was going to be a hunt with my son. Daylen loves sheep hunting and has helped a good number of hunters harvest their ram. He prefers the flexibility of backpack hunting, and that gave me some concern. I knew I had a topnotch guide, but I wasn't sure how well I'd do with the physical part. Sleeping in a small tent with no heat in a blizzard at 10,000' didn't sound like a lot of fun. I tried to get him to understand that when I was thirty-six, I could do a lot of things I wasn't sure I wanted to do at sixty-three. Daylen's response was always the same, "Dad, you can do it".

Our first scouting trip was mid-July, and included Daylen's wife and children, ages five and eight. We bushwhacked up the side of a steep mountain for several hours, and as we gained elevation we found ourselves in snow. We finally found a flat spot to camp and set up our tents. While Daylen helped fixing dinner, I climbed up on a high spot near camp with the kids and quickly spotted rams on a high peak about a half mile away. When Daylen got there with the spotting scope, he determined there were eight, and one was a dandy. He studied them until they fed around the back side at dusk. Daylen took a lot of pictures through his spotting scope, and photos of that ram fueled my dreams for the next several weeks. We made our way off the mountain the next morning in good spirits. We had seen rams, and I had done okay hiking for several hours with a pack in steep terrain. I was quickly humbled when I realized I had done no more than my 5-year old granddaughter.

For the next 6 weeks I hiked into sheep country every weekend, sometimes with friends, sometimes with family, sometimes by myself. I couldn't wait to get into the mountains and look for rams. Some trips I saw nothing, and on 1 trip we watched 23 rams. Daylen studied them from nearly 2 miles away and took many more pictures. There were 3 really nice rams, and Daylen could describe their horn characteristics in detail, giving each ram a name. One of the 3 was the ram we found on that first scouting trip in mid-July.

I had unbelievable support and help on this whole adventure from family and friends. The first week of the season there were 9 of us in camp. We saw rams on most days, but we were looking for the big boys, to no avail. We left after spending a week in there, and caught up with regular life at home for a couple days; that would be our pattern for the rest of the month. The next 3 trips in included just 3 of us, including our good friend, Scott Richins, who spent Sep-

tember helping us. We had good weather and the privilege to be in some of the most beautiful country on this planet. I even realized that Mountain House freeze dried food was pretty good! Some days we stared at that mountain and saw nothing; several days we saw rams that were smaller than I was willing to take. On 1 of our trips we spotted a group of 8 that included 2 big rams. We thought this was going to be the deal, but by the time we got there, they had disappeared. We hoped they would show themselves in the next day or two, but no such luck.

We spent day after day watching the mountain, and after a few days in there, I started to get discouraged. My mental toughness wasn't so good, and I began to think the big ones may have left the area. Daylen and Scott continued to assure me we hadn't blown them out of there, and we had to be patient. On our 4<sup>th</sup> trip in, on September 28<sup>th</sup>, we looked across from our camp at about noon and there were rams in an open area we had watched for weeks. Included in this group was the ram we took pictures of on that 1<sup>st</sup> scouting trip back in mid-July. We started the stalk again with high hopes. Because of the terrain and wind direction, we needed to approach from below. As we were climbing up a steep shale hillside, we were spotted by a ½ curl ram. The rams began to move to our left on the ridge line, and I took a hurried shot without a solid rest. Lying in the rocks and shooting up at a steep angle, I wasn't able to see his whole body, and I apparently shot high. We had talked several times about the need to hold low if I had to take a mid-range shot with a steep angle, but in the hurried excitement I wasn't thinking about that. It should have been over right then, but they continued moving along the ridge line, then they stopped and began to stare down the mountain at us. All I could see of the big one was his horns and face. We had a movie camera running and verified later that he stood there staring at us for 12 minutes. During that time a couple smaller rams even started feeding again, but the only part of the big one that I could ever see was his face. Had he taken a step back, he would have disappeared and that would have been the end of the stalk. Instead, he started walking to our right and all I could see were his horns. At some point, I saw enough shoulder to try another shot. I don't remember much about that 2<sup>nd</sup> shot, but I'm sure it was the same problem of forgetting to hold a little low. He continued walking, and a few seconds later, I remember seeing his entire chest, and that time I connected. The next thing I remembered was getting a huge hug from my son.

That night back at camp, Daylen fried up sheep tenderloin smothered in onion soup; I'm sure you can imagine how enjoyable that was. The next morning we started a fire, the first time since we had been in there. Daylen and Scott loaded the ram in their packs and begin the 10-mile hike out. The hunt was over, but memories of wilderness, family and friends, and a beautiful ram will last the rest of my life.



Dean (L) and Daylen Carrell, Worland, with Dean's 2011 Hunt Area 2 ram.

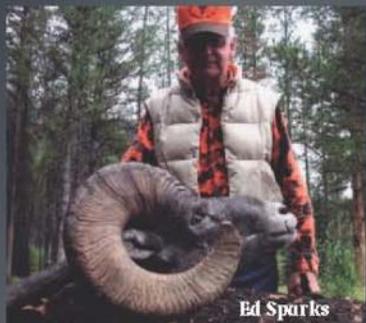
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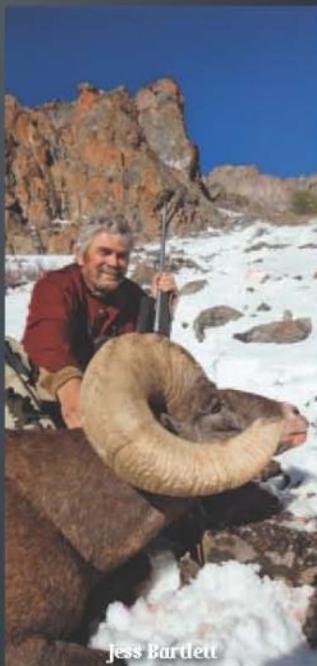


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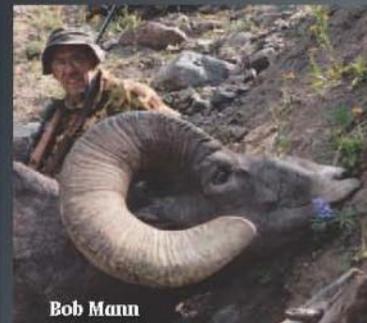
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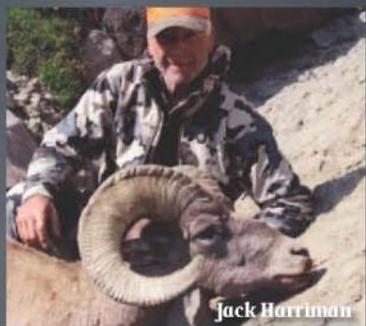
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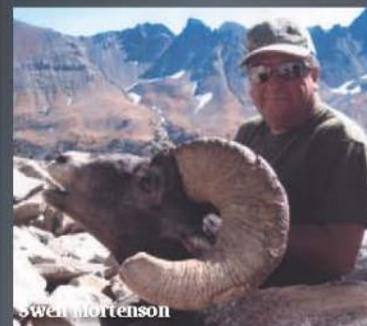
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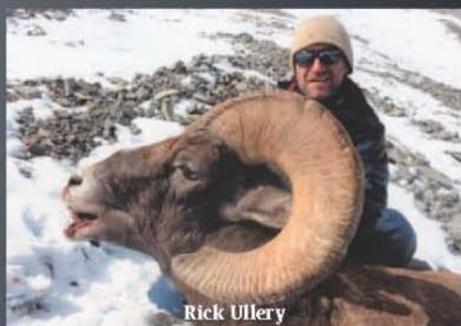
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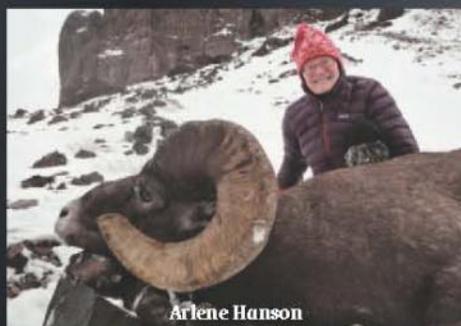
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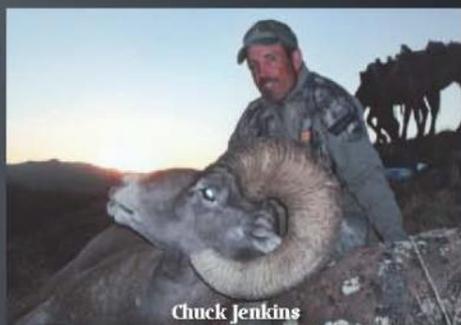
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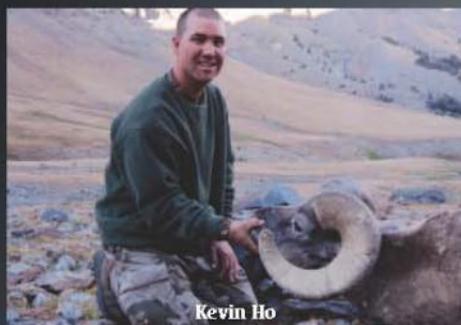
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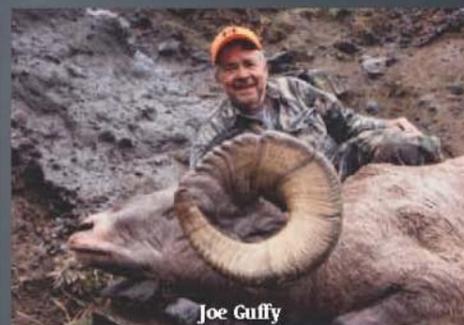
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## A Hunt Down Memory Lane in Area 3

Doug McWhirter, Cody, WY

I first set foot in Hunt Area 3 during summer 1986 while working on a bighorn sheep project for the University of Wyoming, under the direction of Kevin Hurley. Little did I know then how long my association with the Absaroka Mountains and Kevin would last (25 years and counting!). All I knew was I got to run around some amazing country, just following and watching bighorns. My seasons as a technician turned into a graduate sheep project of my own in Hunt Area 3, followed by temporary work with Wyoming Game & Fish, then finally a permanent position as a wildlife biologist in Cheyenne, Wheatland, Pinedale, and in 2002, a return to Cody.

Although I had applied for a sheep tag in the Upper Green (still one of my favorite places on earth) while living in Pinedale, there was no question where I would apply once I moved back to Cody. I had a very sentimental attachment to Hunt Area 3, and knew I wanted to hunt there some day.

My standards for a ram were not unrealistically high, but I did want to make the most of the hunt, see as much country as I could, and share the experience with as many friends as possible. Although I have spent a considerable amount of my career glassing for sheep, I found glassing for sheep with a tag in your pocket is another thing altogether! In fact, I began to hope I did not see a really good ram too soon, as I would be tempted to end my season too quickly.

The season started in the same place I started 25 years ago, revisiting some of the same campsites I used to frequent, and glassing the same spots I glassed back then. My season ended not too far from there just 6 weeks later. In all, I covered 132 miles on horseback, and used the ponies to gain over 33,000' of elevation. To this, I added 33 miles and another 14,000' of elevation gain afoot. I saw 43 rams and 134 ewes and lambs, in addition to elk, deer, mountain goat, black bears, wolves, and grizzly bears (considerably more of the latter than I saw 25 years earlier!). I got into some new spots, and reconnected with the reason why I ended up here in the first place; the Absaroka Mountains and the bighorn sheep that live in them.

I ended my season in the company of good friend Chris Queen with one shot on a cold, windy, snowy day in mid-October at over 10,000 feet. More importantly, the hunt was everything I had hoped it would be, and the experience will be remembered always. My thanks to those who shared campfires and cliffs with me; Chris Queen, Kevin Hurley, Craig Sax, Gary Brown, Travis Crane, Tim Woolley, and Bill Robertson, all WGFD colleagues and friends!





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The big-horn or mountain sheep, which has a body like the deer, with the head of a sheep, surmounted by an enormous pair of short, heavy horns, is found throughout the Rocky Mountains, and resorts to the most inaccessible peaks and to the wildest and least-frequented glens. It clammers over almost perpendicular cliffs with the greatest ease and celerity, and skips from rock to rock, cropping the tender herbage that grows upon them.

It has been supposed by some that this animal leaps down from crag to crag, lighting upon his horns, as an evidence of which it has been advanced that the front part of the horns is often much battered. This I believe to be erroneous, as it is very common to see horns that have no bruises upon them.

The old mountaineers say they have often seen the bucks engaged in desperate encounters with their huge horns, which, in striking together, made loud reports. This will account for the marks sometimes seen upon them. The flesh of the big-horn, when fat, is more tender, juicy, and delicious than that of any other animal I know of, but it is a *bon bouche* which will not grace the tables of our city epicures until a railroad to the Rocky Mountains affords a means of transporting it to market a thousand miles distant from its haunts.

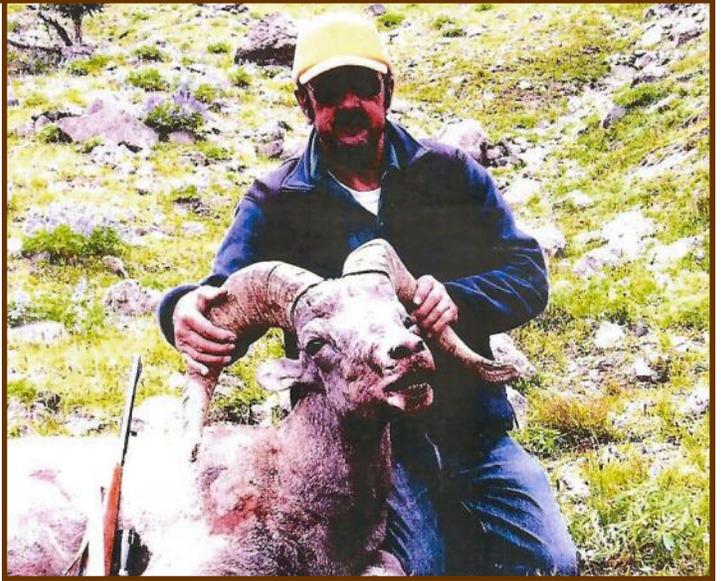
In its habits, the mountain sheep greatly resembles the chamois of Switzerland, and it is hunted in the same manner. The hunter traverses the most inaccessible and broken localities, moving along with great caution, as the least unusual noise causes them to flit away like a phantom, and they will be seen no more. The animal is gregarious, but it is seldom that more than eight or ten are found in a flock. When not grazing they seek the sheltered sides of the mountains, and repose among the rocks.

## A 74 Year Old's Sheep Hunt Keith Davis, Lander, WY

Although I was born and raised in Wyoming and started applying for a sheep permit in 1968, I could not draw a tag. Finally, after 42 years of applying, I put in for Hunt Area 4 and drew a tag. Although I have spent many years packing and hunting in the Wyoming mountains, I decided that since I didn't have the energy and drive that I used to have, I would hire an outfitter. I made a wise choice in hiring Dubois outfitter Fritz Meyer. Fritz has a reputation as being one of the best, if not the best, outfitter for sheep hunting. He booked me and my grandson Mike for a 10-day hunt, starting September 1st.

I had already heard that there was quite a bit of winterkill in the Wyoming sheep herds. This, combined with the forest fires, particularly the Norton Point fire, was going to make for tough hunting this year, and this proved to be true. We covered quite a bit of country that had been productive in years past. The sheep just weren't in the usual places. We hunted out of 3 different camps and I calculated that we covered over 120 miles in the search for sheep, riding in some of the prettiest but roughest country I had ever seen.

I give Fritz the credit for finally locating 4 rams. Two had 3/4-curls and 2 had 1/2-curls. At first, I told Fritz that I wanted something bigger, but on day 7, with my energy level dropping, I decided that if Fritz could get me up close, I would be happy with one of the 3/4-curl rams. He did every bit of that with his excellent mules. We rode to within 400 yards of where we had seen the sheep. From there, it was a steep but easy hike. I made a good shot at 100 yards, and a good ram was mine. I felt this was quite an accomplishment for someone my age. I killed the ram on day 8 of a 10-day hunt. Fritz told me that in 30 years of guiding hunters, this was his toughest year ever. For me, it was a successful hunt and a great experience.



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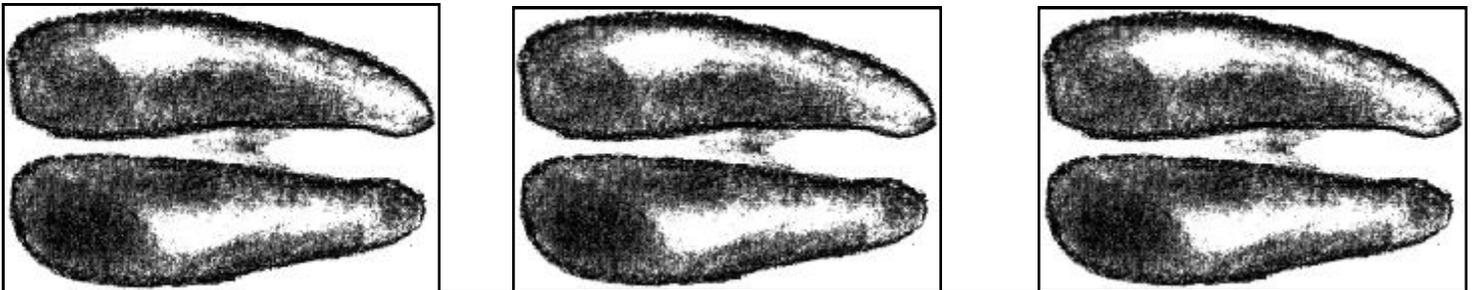
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Where to begin? What a great 2011 hunting experience my good friend Joe Johnston and I had hunting sheep with outfitter/guide Meade Dominick and his crew Chris Scheer and Roc Lee. I had a tag for a coveted bighorn ram in Wyoming's HA 5, and Joe was along for the experience. We horse-packed ~12 miles into the wilderness on a beautiful warm sunny afternoon. The scenery was spectacular, and we even saw a black bear on the hillside as we rode in. After a several hour ride, we pulled into what would be our camp for the next 5 days. Tents up, firewood cut, food stored high in a tree, and it was time for a quick ride and walk uphill to look for sheep. No sheep spotted that first night, but boy did we see some bull elk. Several bulls were feeding just above us, one a very large 6 point. Nice way to start the trip!

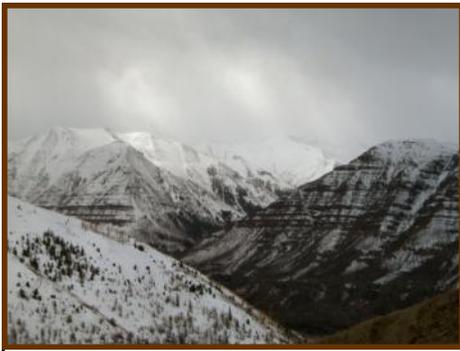
The next morning arrived early as we rode to a vista, broke out the spotting scopes, and put them to work. We worked up the valley from one vantage point to the next scanning, moving, and scanning again. Ewes and lambs were the only animals showing themselves that morning. We decided to go high that early afternoon as a cold wind blew, portending an incoming storm. The storm felt like snow, and sure enough here it came. Almost a blizzard as we rode to glass different canyons and mountains. No visibility, so we headed for camp, but did spot 2 young rams running down the slope. A good sign! Still just enough daylight to climb the hill behind camp, to glass after the snowfall had finally stopped. Wolves howled, and we spotted 3 of them! One large gray, another gray and a black; oh if we could only hunt them! They were big and beautiful and a reminder we were in true wilderness. Darkness came quickly, so we walked back down to camp. Good thing for warm gear, a campfire, and great food when we got back, full of anticipation for what tomorrow might bring.

The following day we left camp early, headed in a different direction; lots of snow on the ground but the clouds were gone and the wind was bitter cold with the skies a bright blue. Lips, toes and hands were numb as we searched for rams. Finally Chris spotted a group on a distant mountain 2 drainages over. Decision time to make the 4-hour ride over to check them out or not, as it was later in the morning by then. Under Meade's direction we went for it, but couldn't find the rams when we got in there! Standing in the strong, bitter cold afternoon wind, almost enough to knock you over, we couldn't locate them; the whole band had vanished! Finally, after trying different positions and vantage points we did locate some nice younger rams but not the ones we were looking for. At dark, we started the long ride back to camp. Good horses leading the way under moonlit sky. Beautiful! Moonlight glinting off long tines led me to a nice bull elk shed that we retrieved the next day.

We were up early the next day for coffee and breakfast sandwiches. We got our earliest start yet, riding to the same area where we had finished the day before, just hours ago. We were hoping to locate the rams that had put the slip on us yesterday. After an hour and a half of unproductive glassing, the rams finally fed out and we spotted them. There were 2 nice ones in a group of 7. One appeared to be very old, but they were still so far away that we had to get closer. With horses we worked our way half way to them but then got a report from Roc that he had spotted another band of rams on the mountain we had just come off! Meade stated "that we had better leave no rock unturned so back up the trail we went. We tied up the horses then hiked up to meet Roc on a point where the rams were 250 yards below us. In this group of eleven there were some nice rams with 2 possible "keepers" but they were on the younger side so we decided to pass. Back to the horses, a quick bite of lunch and another position check on the large old ram; yes, he was still there. Chris monitored our progress with binos and spotting scope as afternoon shadows lengthened. We again descended down the mountain, crossed the creek and headed up on the downwind side. Out of sight and over a thousand feet of elevation gain later, it was time to tie off the horses and resume the climb on foot. Finally reaching a vantage point above them, we crept to the rim and peered down. No rams in sight. Where did they go? We discussed it and knew they had to be close!!

All we could figure was that a rimrock outcropping below us must be blocking our view of the rams. Downwind and around the mountain we walked, then downhill in the brisk wind to the rough elevation where we expected to find the sheep. Paralleling on the steep slope, we curled around the mountain ever-alert as we carefully snuck along. Peeking, walking, peeking again through the rocks, walking some more with intense anticipation, finally we spotted 1 of the bedded rams. It was a younger one. To stay out of sight, we belly-crawled ~30 yards to get a look at the other rams. There he was, second to the bottom of this resting band. A grandfather of a ram, he was noticeably old, with broomed sun-bleached horns and a white scar on his nose. This was to be my sheep, but his buddies were facing every direction and alert. We laid there 110 yards away, for over an hour. By now, it was late afternoon and we knew that we had a long night ahead of us. Finally, one by one, the rams stood up and started feeding. Of course, the "boss" was the last to get up. When he finally did, he fed off and up, directly away. No shot! Lying prone, I had a solid rest, I patiently waited for him to turn sideways. Finally a 45° angle with a clear view behind his shoulder; the 300 Win. Mag. echoed through the mountains. The shot was true, and he was down. Excitement does not describe the feeling. My own bighorn sheep, finally!!

After collecting my spent shell from the ground and making sure he was not budging, we let out a loud whoop, high-fived and walked over to the trophy. This battle-scarred warrior was at least twelve years old, maybe thirteen and just a beautiful old



ram. He was extremely skinny for October, and obviously in the last few months of his life. We all commented on how this was the perfect ram to take. Yahoo!! Chris and Roc had seen the action from the adjacent mountain ridge and began bringing the pack horses to us. We all joined for pictures and more high fives. They were able to bring the horses and mules within a hundred yards of us! Nice! After more pictures and smiles we all worked together taking care of the meat and the trophy. Many hands made light work, and in 45 minutes, we were headed off the mountain with my ram.

The long ride back to camp was full of elation by all as darkness once again descended upon us on a very cold but joyful night. We had a big campfire and fun was had by all, with many tall tales being spun in the dancing shadows. The fire glimmering on the ram horns that were lying close was a reminder of the success our team had that day. What a day!

For me and my friend Joe Johnston, this was a tremendous hunting experience, with fun people. Meade and his group did an astounding job, and were helpful every step of this hunt. Many thanks to Meade and Andrea Dominick, Chris Scheer, Roc Lee and my friend Joe Johnston. We had a great hunting trip, culminating with a beautiful ride out, on a sunny, warm afternoon the next day. This hunt of a lifetime will always be one of my very fondest memories.



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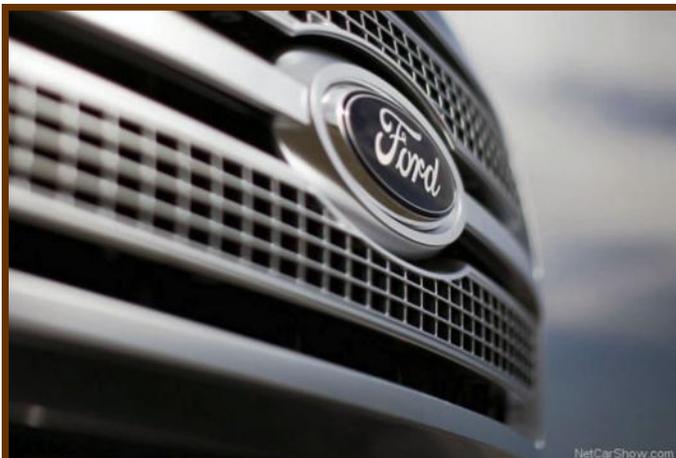
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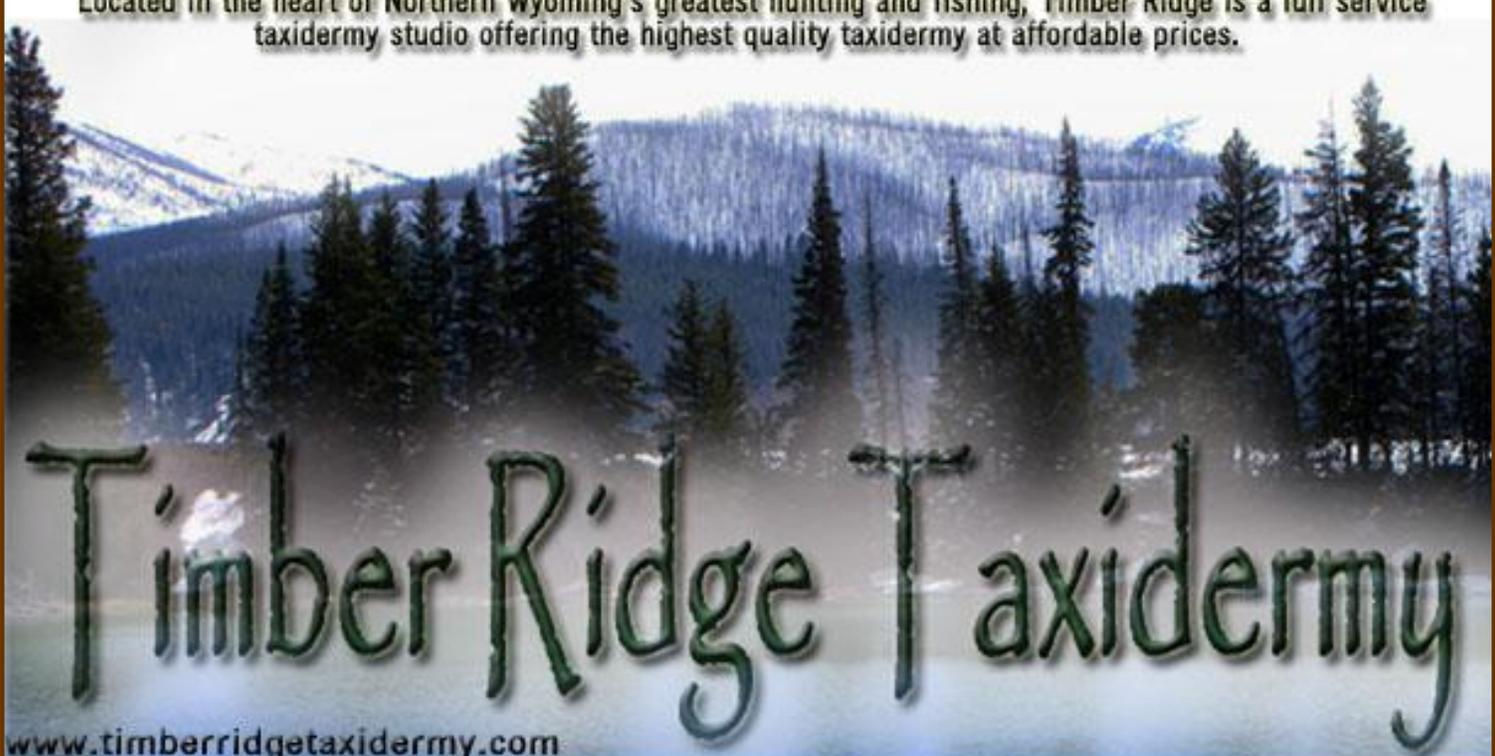
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## **BY-LAWS of the WYOMING CHAPTER, FOUNDATION for NORTH AMERICAN WILD SHEEP (D/B/A the WYOMING CHAPTER, WILD SHEEP FOUNDATION)**

### ARTICLE I

#### Purposes

Section 1. The Wyoming Chapter of the Wild Sheep Foundation (hereinafter referred to as the Chapter), is a non-profit corporation established under the laws of the State of Wyoming. It is an affiliate of, and chartered by, the Wild Sheep Foundation (hereinafter referred to as "the Foundation"), which is a non-profit corporation established under the Non-profit Corporation Act of the State of Wyoming.

Section 2. The purpose of the Chapter shall be to promote management of, and to safeguard against extinction of, all species of wild sheep native to the continent of North America.

### ARTICLE II

#### Membership

Section 1. Members. The Chapter shall have two (2) classes of members. (a) Those that retain membership on a general basis; and, (b) Those that obtain a life membership. Members who are currently paid up will be considered members in good standing. Dues for all classes of membership will be set by the Board of Directors (hereinafter referred to as the Board).

Section 2. Eligibility. Membership shall be open to all individuals or companies interested in the management, conservation, and protection from extinction of North American wild sheep.

Section 3. Voting Rights. Each member in good standing shall be entitled to one (1) vote on each matter submitted to a vote of the members.

Section 4. Annual Meeting. Location, dates and schedules for Annual Meetings shall be determined by the Officers and Board. They shall have authority and sole discretion to make selections far enough in advance to secure facilities suitable for the needs of the Chapter.

Section 5. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the members may be requested, with notice to all members, by one-third (1/3) of the members in good standing.

Section 6. Notice of Meetings. Notice of the Annual Meeting shall be provided by mail or email to the membership not less than ten (10) or more than forty-five (45) consecutive calendar days before the date of a meeting. In the case of a Special Meeting, written notice stating the place, day and hour of the meeting, and the purpose for which the meeting is called, shall be delivered not less than ten (10) or more than forty-five (45) consecutive calendar days before the date of the meeting either by mail or by email.

Section 7. Membership Records. If requested by any member, the Secretary shall, within a reasonable time of actual receipt of such a request, provide that requesting member with a complete list of the members in good standing who are entitled to vote.

Section 8. Quorum. Only a majority of those members in good standing, represented in person and attending an annual or special meeting, shall constitute a Quorum at any meeting.

Section 9. Transfer of Membership. No membership in this Chapter shall be transferable or assignable.

Section 10. Voting by Ballot. Voting by members in good standing on any question or in any election may be by voice vote following a proper motion and second, unless the presiding officer or two members shall request voting by written ballot.

Section 11. Financial Structure. All monies received, including but not limited to, membership dues, donations, fund raising functions and interest bearing accounts shall be accounted for by the Treasurer at all times and may be used by the Board only as follows: a) funds shall be maintained in one or more operating accounts for general operation of the Chapter by the Board; and, b) all other funds for Grant In Aid Projects at the direction of the membership by majority vote. The Board may, by majority vote, fund emergency funding requests as the Board deems such requests worthy.

Checks from the operating account(s) will require only one (1) signature of the President, Secretary, or Treasurer. All funds not needed for daily operation of the Chapter will be kept in account(s) which require two (2) Officers signatures for authorization on all transactions or withdrawals. On or before December 15, each year, an audit of the Chapter's financials will be performed each year by three (3) Board members. With prior notice given, any member may receive a full Chapter financial report.

Section 12. The fiscal year of the Chapter shall begin on the first day of January and end on the last day of the following December each year.

### ARTICLE III

#### Officers and Board of Directors

Section 1. General Powers. The Officers and Board of Directors shall have general management and control of the business and affairs of the Chapter and may exercise all powers possessed by the Chapter.

Section 2. Number of Officers and Directors. The number of Officers and Directors of the Chapter shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and three (3) or more Directors. No person shall hold more than two (2) offices.

Section 3. Qualifications. Any member in good standing shall be eligible to serve as an Officer or Director.

Section 4. A) Nomination and election of Directors. Nominations for Directors will be accepted from the membership and Board until sixty (60) consecutive calendar days immediately prior to the first annual membership meeting of the year. Nominees will submit to the Board a nomination profile along with a letter of support from a member(s) that will be mailed to the membership along with an official ballot to all members in good standing, forty-five (45) consecutive calendar days immediately prior to the first annual membership meeting. Official ballots shall be returned and received no later than ten (10) consecutive calendar days immediately prior to the first annual membership meeting for tabulation by a committee of at least three Board members not standing for election. Results of the election will be announced at the first annual membership meeting. Elected Directors will be installed at the first Board meeting immediately following the first annual membership meeting.

i) At any Annual or Special Meeting of the members, a majority of the members in good standing who are in attendance, shall have the sole and absolute authority to increase or decrease the number of Directors. Any Directorship to be filled will be by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members in attendance who are in good standing.

ii) If the number of nominations is equal to or less than the number of Board positions to be filled, the Board may forgo a ballot election in lieu of a membership vote of acclimation at the first annual membership meeting.

B) Election of Officers. Officers, including President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, will be elected from the Board at the first annual membership meeting, by the membership in attendance. Officers will be installed at the first Board meeting immediately following the first annual membership meeting.

Section 5. Regular Meeting. A regular meeting of the Board shall be held without any other notice than this By-Law immediately after, and at the same place as, the Annual Membership Meeting. The Board may provide by resolution the time and place, either within or without the State of Wyoming, for the holding of additional regular meetings without other notice than such resolution.

Section 6. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board may be called by or at the request of the President or any two (2) Directors. The person or persons authorized to call special meetings of the Board may fix any place, either within or without the State of Wyoming, as the place for holding any special meeting of the Board called by him/her or them.

Section 7. Notice. Notice of any special meeting shall be given at least ten (10) days previous by written notice delivered personally, mailed, or emailed to each Officer or Director at his/her address as recorded on the membership list. Neither the business to be transacted at nor the purpose of any regular or special meeting of the Officers or Directors need be specified in the notice.

Section 8. Quorum. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at all meetings of the Board.

Section 9. Vacancies. Any vacancy occurring in the Officers or Directors shall be filled by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Officers and Directors then in office. A Director or Officer so elected shall be elected for the unexpired term of his/her predecessor in office.

#### ARTICLE IV Duties and Term of Office

Section 1. President. The President shall be the principal executive officer of the Chapter and shall in general supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the Chapter, subject to the powers of the Board. He/she shall preside at all meetings of the members and of the Board. He/she may sign, with the Secretary, or any other proper Officer of the Chapter authorized by the Board, deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments which the Board has authorized to be executed.

Section 2. Vice President. In the absence of the President or in the event of his/her inability or refusal to act, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President, and when so acting shall have all powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President. The Vice President shall perform such duties as from time to time as may be assigned to him/her by the President or by the Board.

Section 3. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have charge and custody of, and be responsible for, all funds of the Chapter; receive and give receipts for moneys in the name of the Chapter. The Treasurer shall in general perform all duties incident to the office of Treasurer including providing a complete and accurate chapter financial status report at all membership meetings and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the President or by the Board.

Section 4. Secretary. The Secretary shall keep minutes of the membership and Board meetings; see that all notices are duly given in accordance with provisions of these By-Laws; be custodian of Chapter records; and in general perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary, and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the President or Board.

Section 5. Directors. Elected Directors shall supervise and guide the policies, direction and wishes of the membership to elected officers of the Chapter. Term of office for each director shall be for a period of two (2) years.

Section 6. Immediate Past President. The Immediate Past President shall be the past president elected by the membership and shall take office immediately upon his/her successor assuming office. The Immediate Past President will assist the new Board with a smooth transition of officers, their duties, ongoing projects, old business, and all other Chapter functions. The term of Immediate Past President shall be for a period of one (1) year. Officers and Board shall at the end of the term of the Immediate Past President have the option of nominating and electing a director to fill that vacancy until the next annual meeting or retaining the Immediate Past President for an additional year.

Section 7. Salaries. No Officer or Director of the Chapter shall receive compensation for services rendered. Upon authorization of the Board, Officers, Directors, and members may be reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses incurred while carrying out assigned duties for the Chapter. Paid professional staff may be hired to conduct the business of the Chapter at the discretion of the Board.

ARTICLE V  
Committees

Section 1. Temporary committees may be named by the President as need arises.

Section 2. Standing committees shall be defined and appointed by the Board.

ARTICLE VI  
Amendments

These By-Laws may be altered, amended, or repealed and new By-Laws may be adopted at any meeting of the Board of the Chapter by a quorum of the Directors; provided that no such alterations, amendments, or new By-Laws shall be adopted, nor shall any such action be effective, unless and until such action, alterations, amendments, or new By-Laws have been ratified and approved by the membership at the first annual membership meeting.

THE FOREGOING are the REVISED By-Laws of the Wyoming Chapter of the Wild Sheep Foundation, duly adopted at a meeting of said Chapter held June 2, 2012.

Signed:

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Mike Porter, Wyoming Wild Sheep Foundation President

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Katie Luthy, Wyoming Wild Sheep Foundation Secretary

*Editor's Note: Over 15 members of the By-Laws Committee reviewed and provided input and suggested edits to the current By-Laws. Special thanks to member Tony Wendtland, for his "pro bono" review of the WY-WSF By-Laws, and his helpful suggestions. Rather than including a very difficult-to-read, marked-up "Track Changes" 8+-page version showing comments from multiple By-Laws Committee reviewers, what is shown here is a "clean" version of the proposed By-Laws, subject to approval by the WY-WSF membership on June 2, 2012 in Casper. If the reader wishes to review all suggested edits, please email [info@wyomingwildsheep.org](mailto:info@wyomingwildsheep.org) to receive an emailed version of the existing WY-WSF By-Laws, to allow for detailed comparison. Members are encouraged to offer their edits to these proposed By-Laws in advance of the June 1st Board meeting in Casper, to allow WY-WSF Board final review, before advancing to the membership on June 2nd; if possible, those edits are requested to be received no later than May 25th.*



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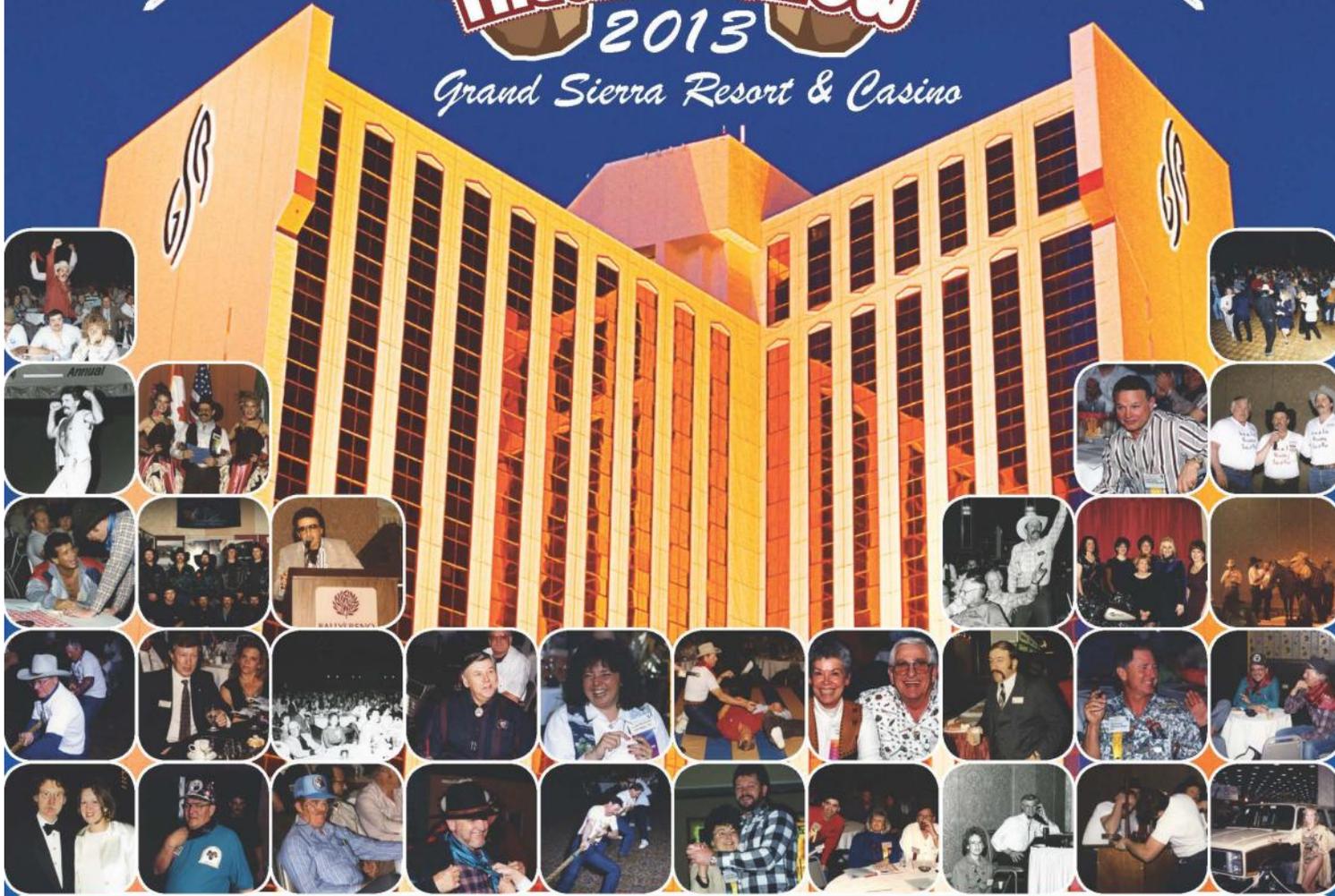
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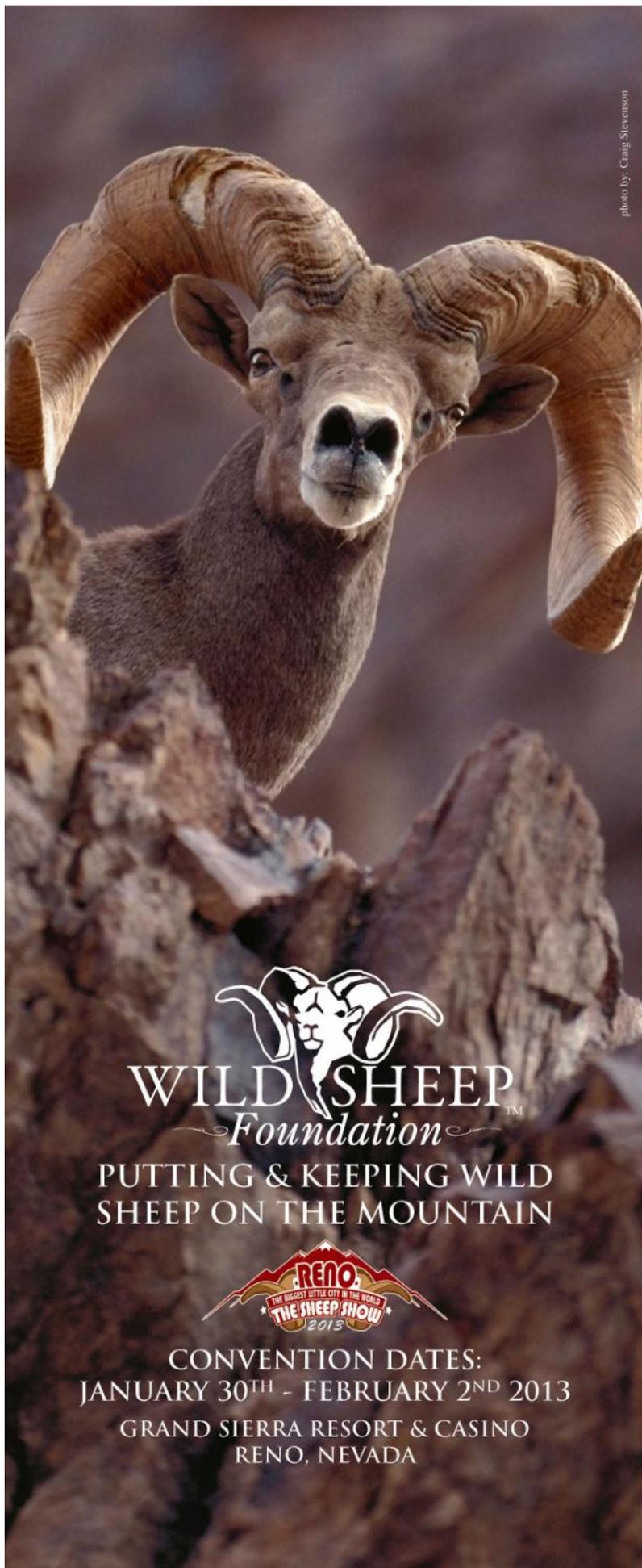
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