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**Wyoming FNAWS Winter Meeting**

**Saturday, December 6, 2008 at 11 a.m.**

**Holiday Inn of the Waters in Thermopolis**



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## *2008-09 Calendar of Events*

### **December 6, 2008**

Wyoming FNAWS 2008 Winter Meeting  
Holiday Inn of the Waters, Thermopolis  
11 a.m.

### **February 5-8, 2009**

Western Hunting and Conservation Expo  
Salt Palace  
Salt Lake City, Utah

### **May 1, 2009**

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

### **June 5-7, 2009**

Wyoming FNAWS 2009 Fundraiser & Banquet  
Parkway Plaza, Casper

## **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](http://www.wyomingfnaws.org).

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

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

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# 2008-2009 Membership Drive



## Terms and Conditions

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

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

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

### 2008-2009 WSF Membership Drive Contest Rules

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

### Offer valid for:

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

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

Need not be to present to win and void where prohibited by law.

\*GOABC - Guide Outfitters Association of British Columbia



Send this form back to:

Wild Sheep Foundation  
Attn: Kim Nieters  
720 ALLEN AVE.  
CODY, WY 82414-3402  
For questions call: 307.527.6261



## WSF salutes our hunt donors:

Midnight Sun Outfitters www.midnightsunoutfitting.com msunout2@telus.net	Sikanni River Outfitters www.sikanniriver.com sro@sikanniriver.com	Prophet Muskwa Outfitters www.prophetmuskwa.com kevin@prophetmuskwa.com
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## YES! I want to join the Wild Sheep Foundation

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Member, \$45 (U.S.)   | <b>1 ticket in drawing</b>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Three Year Member, \$120 (U.S.)  | <b>3 tickets in drawing</b>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Membership, \$80 (U.S.)   | <b>2 tickets in drawing</b>  |
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My check is enclosed for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Funds

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

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

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

Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## President's Message

This message finds Wyoming welcoming a new director to our Game and Fish Department. Steve Ferrell took the helm this summer and all of us at Wyoming FNAWS are pleased to have him on board. Our Chapter has had a long, successful relationship with the WGFD and we look forward to continuing that relationship in the years to come.

Hunting season is winding down and it's been a busy and successful one for our sheep hunters in Wyoming. As of the writing of this message, the Wyoming Game and Fish Department's regional office in Cody has plugged over 87 sheep – some of them extremely nice ones at that. Many very nice, mature rams have been taken across the state.

An almost certain-to-be record book ram was taken out of Area 4 as well – board member Lynn Stewart, who is also a taxidermist, net-scored this whopper at 180-2/8, and 14-6/8 X 38-1/2 on both horns.

There has also been success in the first hunt in Devil's Canyon. Wyoming FNAWS helped transplant several bighorns there in December 2004 and January 2006, and I am pleased to say that the first ram was harvested in early September. Two resident hunters drew the first Devil's Canyon licenses and both Wayne Johnson of Greybull and Bill Fadala of Jackson were successful. Congratulations to everyone!

A much-needed wildfire swept through roughly 68,000 acres of prime sheep habitat 30 miles west of Cody on the Shoshone National Forest this summer, in Hunt Area 2. The Gunbarrel Fire was caused by a lightning strike on July 26<sup>th</sup> and was therefore allowed to burn in accordance with U.S. Forest Service policy, with monitoring to ensure it didn't endanger structures or lives. Wyoming's sheep in the northwest section of the state will benefit greatly from this fire.

We took part in the annual WGFD Hunting and Fishing Heritage Expo this September. There was some schedule re-arranging this year that enabled more schools to bring their students. The result was record student attendance – 2,000 more than the previous year – for a total of 12,996 attendees over the three-day event.

I would like to note that the Wyoming Chapter continues to work with the Wild Sheep Foundation and other Chapters toward strengthening our ties and teamwork. A lot of effort has gone into this so far, and with Gray Thornton at the helm, the effort stands an excellent chance of paying off.

We will be holding our winter meeting on Dec. 6th in Thermopolis—see the calendar of events for details. Members are welcome to attend and we hope to see you there.

Thanks to all of you for another great year and on behalf of your Wyoming FNAWS board, I would like to wish everyone a happy holiday season.

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:

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

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





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### Wanted: Your E-mail Address!

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

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

## Membership Application

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

Annual Membership \_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00

3-Year Membership \_\_\_\_\_ \$65.00

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ New Member \_\_\_\_\_ Life Member

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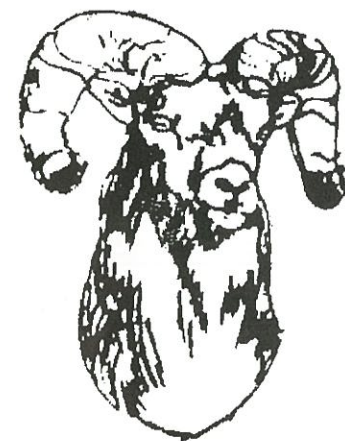
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## Wyoming Foundation for North American Wild Sheep

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



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| 48 Ron Wilmes            | 115 Dave W. Daigle        | 182 Daniel Hinz                   | 248 Darin Hubble                 | 315 Randy Hopp            |
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| 50 Joshua Robert d'Elia  | 117 John Coulter          | 184 Bradley A. Thoren             | 250 Robert C. Borgialli          |                           |
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## Wyoming Chapter Foundation for North American Wild Sheep

### 2009 Wyoming Game and Fish Commissioners License Raffle

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

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

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

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Kimber 300 WSM Classic Rifle

4<sup>th</sup> Prize: Remington 700 270 Win Mountain Rifle

5<sup>th</sup> Prize: Winchester 70 223 WSSM Rifle

6<sup>th</sup> Prize: Ziess 10x25 Binoculars

7<sup>th</sup> Prize: Brunton 11x45 Binoculars

8<sup>th</sup> Prize: Nikon 16-48x65 Pro Staff Spotting Scope

9<sup>th</sup> Prize: Nikon Cool Pix Digital Camer

10<sup>th</sup> Prize: \$300.00 Cabela's Gift Certificate

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

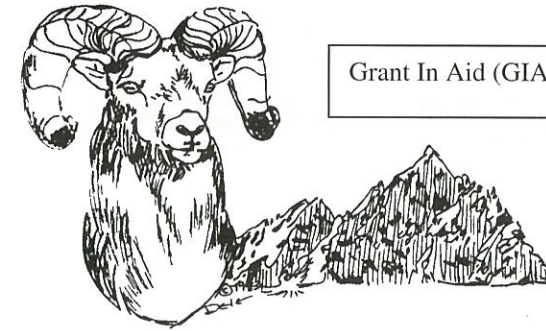
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Phone: 307.455.3549**

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



# Celebrating 25 Years: 2008 Life Member Breakfast



Grant In Aid (GIA) Form

Wyoming Chapter  
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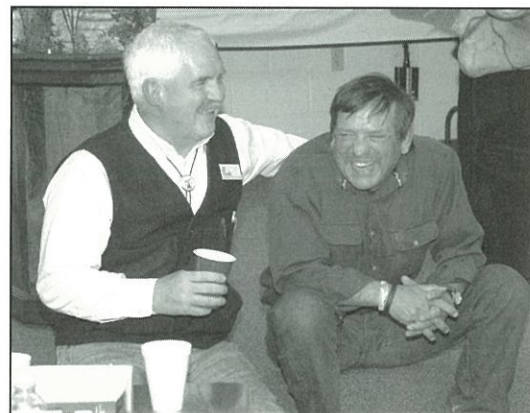
Wyoming FNAWS life members enjoyed a hearty breakfast to kick off the day's events



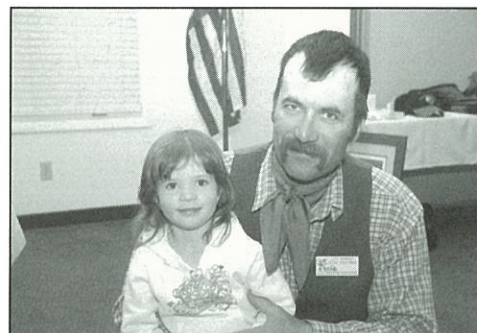
Wyoming FNAWS Board President Bob Sundeen thanked retiring board members Jim Collins (left) and Fritz Meyer (right) for their years of service and dedication



Lander Region Wyoming G&F biologist Tom Ryder led the outing to Sinks Canyon



Kevin Hurley & Ron Lockwood shared a laugh



Father & daughter life members Jess & Tara Troutman

*Special thanks to our terrific photographers:*

*Scott Shreve of Buffalo  
and  
Freddie Goetz of Wheatland*

Are you a current member of FNAWS?  Yes  No Member # \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a current member of WY FNAWS?  Yes  No

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

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

**ENDORSEMENT**

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

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Grant In Aid (GIA) Form

Wyoming Chapter

Foundation for  
North American  
Wild Sheep

Project Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Affiliate: \_\_\_\_\_  
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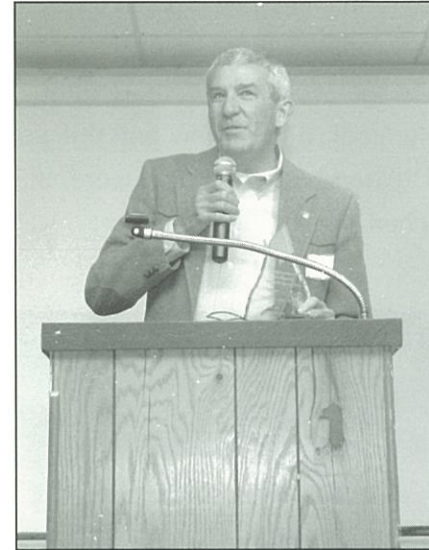
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# Good Friends, Good Times *and Fundraiser Banquet in Lander*



Retired Wyoming Game & Fish  
Director Terry Cleveland  
received this year's Ron Ball Award  
for his dedication to bighorn sheep



Connie Meyer ran the  
'Rose Raffle'



Life member Cal O'Neal bought a double arms'  
length of raffle tickets



Everyone enjoyed the wine and  
cheese party to start the evening.

**2009 Fundraiser & Banquet  
Saturday, June 6th  
Parkway Plaza**

**Mark your calendars &  
we'll see you in Casper!**



Cookie Monster and Big Bird provided  
the pre-auction entertainment



# Terrific Turnout for 2008 Wyoming Game & Fish Hunting & Fishing Heritage Expo

The Wyoming Game & Fish Department held its annual Hunting & Fishing Expo in Casper Sept. 11-13 and Wyoming FNAWS was once again pleased to participate. WGFD Conservation Education Manager Wendy Hayes reported a terrific turnout for 2008: nearly 13,000 visitors walked through the exhibits and participated in the indoor and outdoor activities. A switch in days (Thursday through Saturday vs. Friday through Sunday in previous years) received positive feedback and an increase in the number of students who visited the event: 2,000 more than 2007.

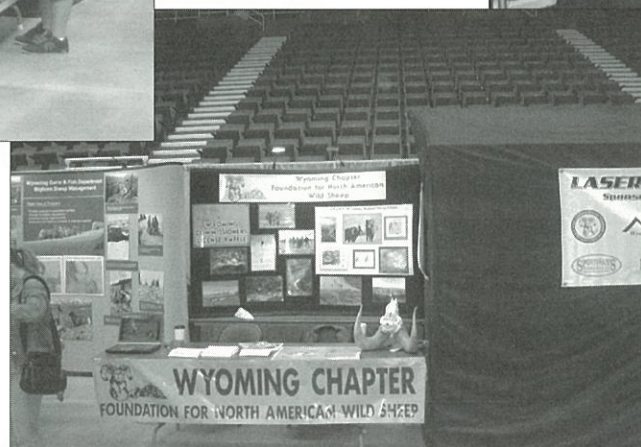
“We had a record number of schools and students this year—education is the goal of the Expo, and this year we were able to reach 2,000 more students than in previous years!” Wendy noted. “Attendance numbers were: 8,337 (Thursday & Friday); 4,659 (Saturday) - for a grand total of 12,996 people reached.”



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*Wyoming FNAWS Executive Assistant Sheri Howe signed off on a classroom assignment for one of thousands of students who visited the Expo this year.*



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*Ready...aim...fire! The Wyoming FNAWS laser game was one of the most popular activities at the Expo.*



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*The Chapter booth was ready to go...now where did those Wyoming FNAWS folks run off to?*



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*National Bighorn Sheep Center volunteer Lisa Wetmore explained different hunting tools and methods of the Sheepstealer Indians*



ton National Park, Targhee National Forest-Teton Basin Ranger District and the National Elk Refuge in northwest Wyoming.

### **Teton Range Bighorn Sheep Resource Selection - \$25,000**

The location of the study is Wyoming's Teton Range, Wyoming and includes portions of Grand Teton National Park, Bridger-Teton National Forest, Caribou-Targhee National Forest, and the Jedediah Smith Wilderness. The overall goal of this research project is to improve understanding of how and why bighorn sheep seasonally use the Teton landscape. Project affiliates are the Wyoming Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, Wyoming Game and Fish Department, Grand Teton National Park, Bridger-Teton National Forest and the Caribou-Targhee National Forest. The three-year study has multiple funding partners and will run through year-end 2010. Wyoming FNAWS' \$25,000 will fund approximately 23% of the associated costs for the fiscal year 2009. Project updates are available at [www.tetonsheepproject.blogspot.com](http://www.tetonsheepproject.blogspot.com).

### **2008 Wyoming Hunting and Fishing Heritage Expo - \$1,000**

The goal of this annual event is to instruct and introduce attendees in Conservation Education, ethics, stewardship and outdoor skills that stress the safe and responsible use of Wyoming's wildlife and wild lands.

### **Whiskey Basin Meadow Rehabilitation - \$5,000**

This project consists of reworking and rehabilitating Whiskey Basin Meadow and updating the irrigation system will increase the forage production and allow greater horse utilization, thereby decreasing the horse grazing impacts on crucial bighorn sheep winter range. This GIA was conditionally approved, pending WGFD and/or The Whiskey Basin Technical Committee's presentation of how the habitat will be managed long-term.

### **Conceptual WGFD Bighorn Sheep Program Coordinator, & WAFWA Wild Sheep Working Group Chair - \$30,000 (over two years)**

This innovative grant would help provide for a full-time, focused position leading wild sheep management/ issues within the Wyoming Game and Fish Department and the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies; it is anticipated that 50% time would be spent on Wyoming BHS programs/projects; 50% time would be spent on WAFWA WSWG focus/activities. This conceptual position is slated for a two-year timeframe. Wyoming FNAWS approved funding for two years at \$15,000 per year, pending additional funding needed from other FNAWS chapters, non-governmental agencies and the Wyoming Game & Fish Department.



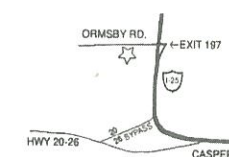
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# Sheep Update from Cody

By Kevin Hurley  
Wyoming Game & Fish  
Regional Biologist, Cody

## Hunt Area 12 Re-opens with Success

As many readers of *The Rampage* know, the Devil's Canyon area (Hunt Area 12) above Lovell was opened to hunting for the first time in fall 2008. Following this population's response after the December 2004 transplant of 20 Oregon bighorn sheep, and the January 2006 transplant of 20 Montana (Missouri Breaks) bighorns, the summer 2008 population was estimated at 120-150 sheep. Given the Wyoming Game and Fish Department's recent ability to issue less than four licenses per hunt area (thanks to Wyoming FNAWS for its assistance on this!), H.A. 12 was opened for two licenses this fall, both issued to resident hunters (one from Greybull, one from Jackson). Kevin Hurley and Tom Easterly of the Cody WGFD office are pleased to report that both hunters were successful this fall, harvesting an 8-year old and a 9-year old ram. Both hunters reported seeing plenty of rams, and both hunters had very enjoyable hunts. Congratulations to both those hunters! We look forward to seeing their photos and hearing about their hunts.



## Seminole Mountain Bighorn Transplant on Hold

The pending bighorn sheep transplant to the Seminoe Mountains in south-central Wyoming has been put on hold until winter 2009-2010. Even though funding had been secured to conduct and monitor this transplant, and a source of bighorn sheep had been negotiated, late in the process those offered bighorns were determined to not be available for winter 2008-2009. Efforts will continue to implement this transplant a year from now.

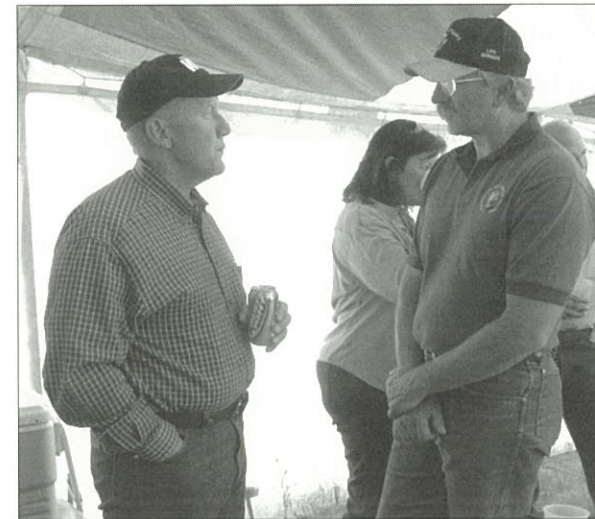


## Outstanding Results in Cody Region Hunt Areas

Kevin Hurley and Doug McWhirter of the Cody WGFD office reports that Hunt Areas 1-5 were phenomenal for sheep hunting in fall 2008. Final figures were not in as of this writing, but Kevin and Doug anticipate the total 2008 harvest will exceed the 2007 total of 165 rams in those five hunt areas, with many exceptional rams being taken. Congratulations to those hunters, and for many, their outfitters!

## Wyoming FNAWS Hosts Reception for Wyoming Game & Fish Commissioners

Wyoming FNAWS hosted a reception for the Wyoming Game & Fish Commissioners in late July during the Commission's monthly meeting, which was held at the WGFD Whiskey Basin Conservation Camp in Dubois. The commissioners have been highly supportive of WY FNAWS' efforts by consistently providing commissioners licenses for the Chapter to raffle and auction off. The proceeds from these licenses have helped to fund many projects that benefit bighorn sheep.



New Wyoming Game & Fish Director Steve Ferrell chatted with Wyoming FNAWS Board Secretary Lynn Stewart.



Kevin Hurley, WGFD Regional Biologist in Cody and WY FNAWS liaison, gave a short welcoming speech.

## Grant-in-Aids Approved at Summer Meeting

Six grant-in-aid requests were approved by the Wyoming FNAWS membership at the general membership meeting in Lander on June 7, 2008. The Wyoming FNAWS board recommended and received approval by unanimous vote for the following projects and dollar amounts:

### Elk Mountain Bighorn Sheep Net-Gun Capture/GPS Radiocollaring-\$5,000

A joint project between the Newcastle BLM, Wyoming Game and Fish Department and the South Dakota Game Fish and Parks Department (SDGFP). This project will define bighorn sheep seasonal habitat use throughout the Elk Mountains in the Black Hills of Wyoming and South Dakota. Ten (10) bighorns will be captured via helicopter net-gun techniques, and fitted with GPS "store-on-board" radiocollars. Cost for this capture work is shared with SDGFP.

### Teton Range Bighorn Sheep Genetics/DNA Research-\$10,000

This project is a non-invasive evaluation of the genetic status and parasite loads of Teton Range bighorn sheep in comparison to adjacent sheep herds in northwest Wyoming. The concern leading up to the research is the herd's small size and isolation that may cause it to suffer from reduced genetic variation and inbreeding, which could reduce the probability of the herd's persistence and ability to adapt to future environmental change (e.g., disease challenges).

The research will take place in areas of the Bridger-Teton National Forest, Jackson Ranger District; Grand Te-



# Hunt Area 24 Re-opens with Success

## Hunt Area 24 Re-opens

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Jackson, Wyo. – After a 10-year hiatus, the Wyoming Game and Fish Department decided bighorn sheep populations were once again sufficient to reopen sheep Hunt Area 24 in the Wyoming Range west of Big Piney. To be conservative, they issued just one license and that lucky recipient is glad they did. Greg Fischer of Alpine, Wyo. was the fortunate one who drew the single license and on the second day of the season he found himself a dandy Wyoming ram.

The last native bighorn sheep are believed to have disappeared from the Wyoming Range in the early 1960s. It is not known specifically what caused their extirpation, but it was likely a combination of factors. However, soon after their disappearance, wildlife managers began making preparations to bring them back.

Fish Creek and Darby Mountain winter ranges provided the best bighorn sheep habitat in the range. Grazing by domestic sheep was discontinued in these areas and forage production studies suggested a capacity of 150 to 175 bighorn sheep in most winters.

In 1981, the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service and the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep (FNAWS), made the first reintroduction of 35 Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep into the Wyoming Range. The sheep were trapped and transplanted from the Whiskey Basin Wildlife Habitat Management Area near Dubois, Wyoming, to Fish Creek Mountain. Similarly, in January of 1987, another 25 bighorn sheep were transplanted from Whiskey Basin to the Fish Creek Mountain site.

A comprehensive ground and aerial survey conducted in the summer of 1988 revealed a minimum of 124 sheep. Based on this information, in the fall of 1988, the first bighorn sheep hunting season was conducted in the Wyoming Range, Hunt Area 24. Four permits were issued for rams with a minimum of 3/4 curl horn and four rams were harvested. By 1994, the population was estimated at approximately 150 sheep, but it is believed that soon after that they began to decline. The department issued four permits for 3/4 curl rams from 1988 through 1997, but fewer sheep were being seen by Game and Fish biologists and hunters were having a harder time finding rams in the latter years. In 1997, there were no rams harvested and the Game and Fish decided to close the season.

“Sheep are a sensitive species to manage, especially a small population such as the Darby Mountain herd,” said Game and Fish Wildlife Biologist Gary Fralick. “But with some habitat improvements and restrictions on motorized travel in important sheep habitat along the spine of the Wyoming Range, we hope to bring the number in the Darby Mountain herd back to historical highs.”

Historically, the Game and Fish has been obligated to offer a minimum of four sheep licenses, three resident and 1 nonresident, in any given Hunt Area. In 2008, changes were made to allow those four licenses to be

allocated across different Hunt Areas. This change allowed biologists to offer a single sheep license in Hunt Area 24. While wildlife managers believe the Darby Mountain sheep herd has rebounded enough to offer some hunting opportunity, they wanted to start conservatively.

Greg Fischer of Alpine, Wyo. has put in for sheep Hunt Area 24 every year it has been offered and collected his preference points in the years it was closed. He wanted to hunt there because it was close to home and he knew the country well. As luck would have it, Fischer, now 63, drew the single license offered this year.

Despite knowing the country well, this was not an easy hunt for Fischer. As he put it, he “doesn’t get around too good these days”. You see, in 2000, Fischer was severely mauled by a grizzly bear while hunting caribou in Alaska. He and a hunting partner surprised the bear at close range in thick alders. Fischer said the grizzly attacked crushing both of his legs above the ankle and “took a good bite” out of his thigh. His hunting partners then spent the next 12 hours dragging him out of the bush on a tarp to reach medical help. Fischer has had four operations on his legs to correct the injuries.

If that wasn’t enough, in for his foot, which stayed stuck in leg injuries causing him to undergo ing drawn his sheep license, Fischer Nonetheless, Fischer was deter-

With the help of his hunting the day before the season opener However, as luck would have it, the and 8 inches of snow, which pretty

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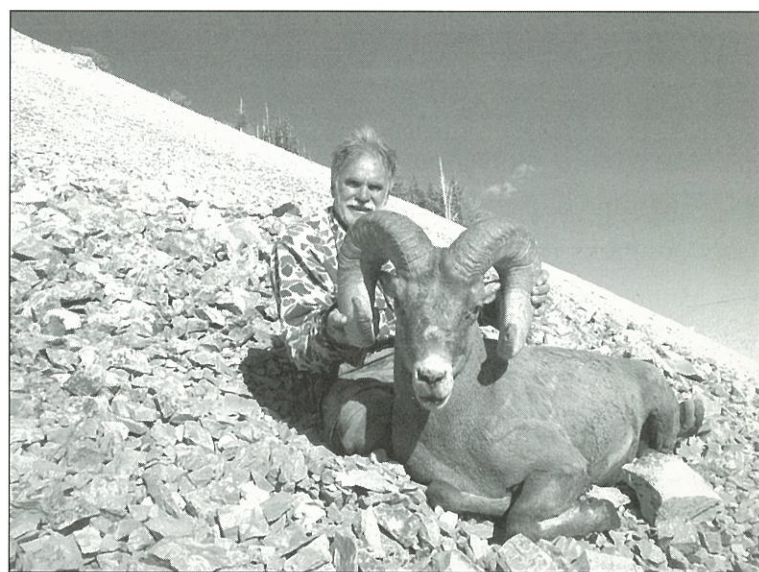
2004, Fischer got bucked from his horse, except the stirrup. This debacle left him with additional a hip replacement. Then this past June, after having taken a painful fall while hiking on a steep hillside, he was determined to go on his sheep hunt. With buddies, Fischer found himself on the mountain looking at the ram he wanted in a group of 11. The next day greeted them with a cold, driving wind much shut them down for the day.

The next day was more favorable and they soon came across a group of five rams. With plenty of time to watch them, Fischer finally saw the one he wanted. After getting into position, Fischer fired and the ram piled up in the rocks. Fischer said he didn’t “need a good one”, but that’s what he got. The handsome set of horns measured 36 inches long and were “broomed” off nicely at the end. The annual rings said it was 10 years old, indicating it was born the year the season was first closed.

“This area has a history of producing quality rams, and with the change in the regulation we can once again provide the opportunity to hunt,” said Fralick. “We will continue to be conservative with hunting this population, but this is a good sign for this sheep herd and people who value bighorn sheep.”

“It took a lot of things to come together for me to get this ram,” said Fischer. “I needed a lot help from my friends and from the Game and Fish. I really appreciate what the Game and Fish has done to bring back the sheep.”

*Editor’s Note: Wyoming FNAWS played a key role in providing this and other hunting opportunities by advocating for a change to the “four licenses per hunt area” regulation. Teamwork with Wyoming FNAWS and the Wyoming Game and Fish has once again benefited wild sheep and sports enthusiasts alike.*



**Greg Fisher and his Area 24 ram**