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## Wyoming WSF Winter Membership Meeting and Gathering

**December 4th** 

Holiday Inn Cody, WY

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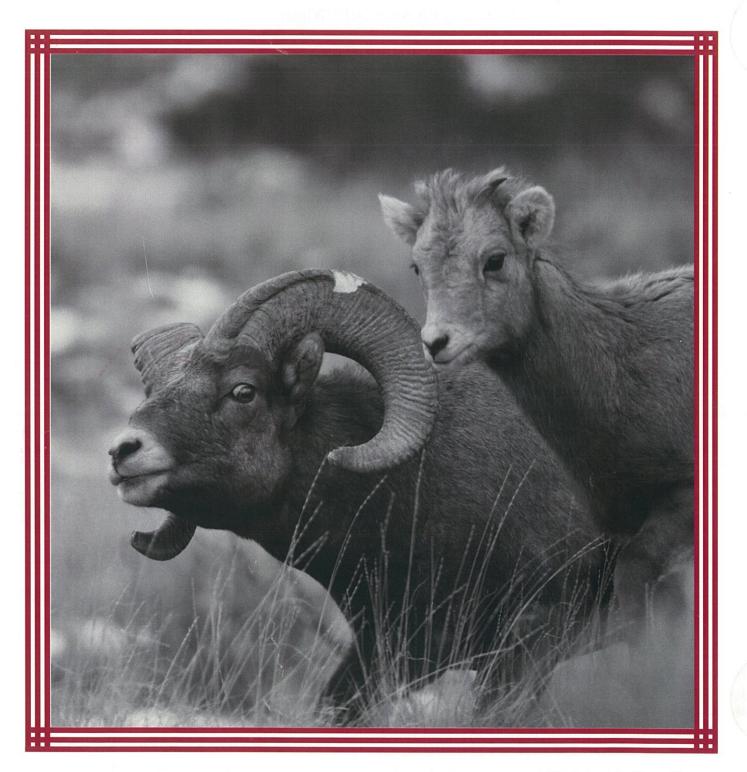


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## 2010-11 Calendar of Events

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#### **December 4, 2010**

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8:30 am, Holiday Inn, Cody, WY
See Page 4 for more details

#### February 9-12, 2011

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## Wyoming WSF Board and Membership Meetings

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

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

The Grant-In-Aid request form is available on the Wyoming WSF website and on pages 12 and 13 of this newsletter. The mailing address is Wyoming FNAWS, P.O. Box 1177, Buffalo, WY 82834.

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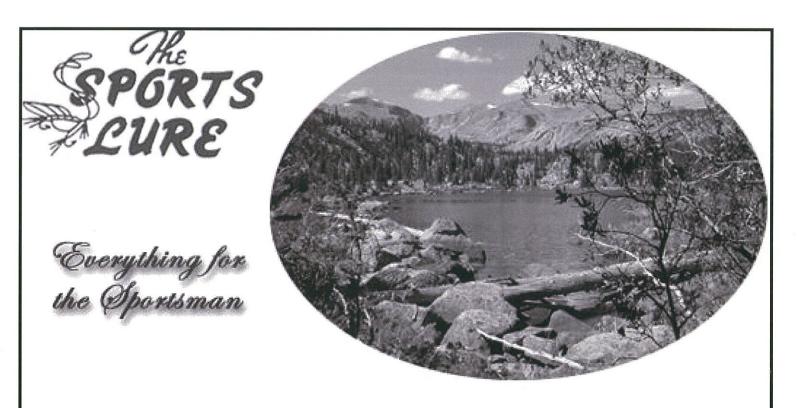
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## **President's Message**

I hope everyone's hunting adventures were prosperous. It has been nonstop in my hunting camp. By the looks of all the emails floating around the Wyoming hunters are seeing their share of success. This time of year reminds us all why we put up with the long cold winters and hot dry summers; you have to love Wyoming in Autumn.

As I write this your Board of Directors are preparing for your annual winter meeting. This year the meeting is in Cody and will include a sightseeing trip, casual dinner and small fundraiser. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and winter travel will not be a problem. I hope to see you all in Cody on the 4th of December. See page 4 for more details.

Due in part to your generous support of Wyoming Wild Sheep Foundation and the hard work of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, the Seminoe Transplant Phase II is set to happen in late November or early December. The Wyoming Game and Fish Commission approved the transplant of more sheep from Oregon. Thank you Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife for your efforts and helping us "Put Sheep on the Mountain". The sheep that were transplanted last year are healthy and doing very well. You can read more about them on page 6 of this issue of the RamPage.

I hope to see you all in Cody on December 4th, until then be careful and enjoy what is left of this beautiful fall weather.

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 WSF and we'll publish it in The Rampage. Photos are also welcome. Send your story and photo to:

> Wyoming WSF P.O. Box 1177 Buffalo, WY 82834

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



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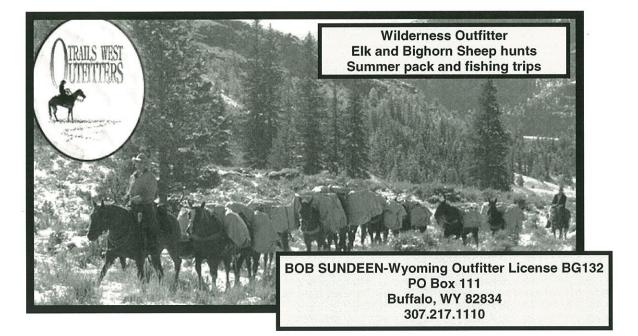
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## Have you bought your 2011 Commissioner's **Raffle Ticket Yet?**

What are you waiting for, see Page 11 for details.

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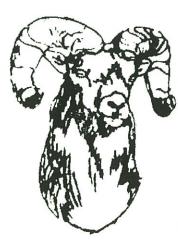
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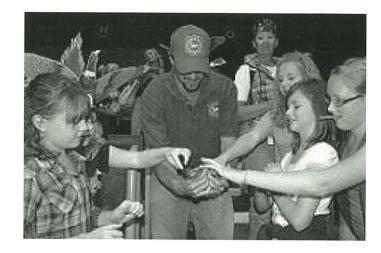
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## ATTENDANCE INCREASES AT EXPO





CHEYENNE - Judging from attendance at the recently completed Wyoming Hunting and Fishing Heritage Expo in Casper, the annual event was again extremely successful as thousands of students and adults alike were on hand to participate in hunting and fishing activities and learn outdoor skills.

Hosted by the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, attendance was 12,565 for the three day event - an increase of nearly 600 from the 2009 Expo. As with the previous year, the Expo was held on a Thursday-Friday-Saturday format which allowed greater participation from school groups. More than 4,000 were in attendance on both Thursday and Friday this year, the majority of which were school-age students.

The 2010 event marked the 13th year of the Expo and this year more than 150 exhibits, activities and demonstrations were featured. Those attending could participate in rifle, shotgun and blackpowder shooting, learn or improve fishing skills or try their hand at archery. In addition, there were programs ranging from hunting dog demonstrations, game calling, air rifle shooting and exhibits from conservation organizations, wildlife artists, and sportsmen groups.

Planning has already begun for next year's Expo to be held Sept 8-10 at the Casper Events Center. Persons who would like to exhibit or volunteer for the 2011 Expo can contact the Expo Planning office at (307) 777-4538.

## Mark Your Calendars for our 2010 Winter Meeting and Dinner December 4 at the Holiday Inn in Cody

Join us for our Annual Winter Meeting in Cody on December 4th. The Membership meeting will be Saturday morning, followed by a field tour up the North and South Forks of the Shoshone River to view the bighorn sheep. Following the sightseeing trip there will be a social hour and casual buffet dinner with a small live and silent auction.

#### Friday, December 4th

5:00 pm Board of Directors Meeting

#### Saturday, December 5th

8:30—10:00 am General Membership Meeting

10:00 am—4:00 pm Bighorn Sheep Sightseeing Trip on the Shoshone River. Sack lunch will be provided

5:00—6:00 pm Social Hour (Cash Bar, Casual Attire)

6:00—7:00 pm Buffet Dinner, Dinner Speaker to be announced at a later date.

7:00—9:00pm Small Fundraiser Silent and Live Auction.

#### Please call the Holiday Inn in Cody to make your room reservations, 307.587.5555

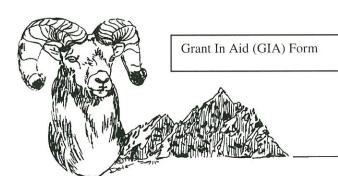
Event prices are \$35 per single, \$65 per couple, and \$20 for children under 12.

Please send your reservation and payment to:

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Questions? Call (307) 684-1663 or e-mail info@wyomingfnaws.org

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## WGFD Monitors Sheep Herd

DUBOIS - The Wyoming Game and Fish Department is closely monitoring bighorn sheep in the Whiskey Mountain herd after recently documenting animals with pneumonia. The Whiskey Mountain herd, located in the Wind River Range near Dubois has struggled through several bouts of the disease over the years.

During the past several months, four other western states have documented bacterial pneumonia outbreaks in at least 10 bighorn sheep populations. In some cases, a significant number of bighorn sheep died after being infected, and/or were lethally removed by state wildlife agency personnel for diagnostic purposes, noted Kevin Hurley, Bighorn Sheep Coordinator for the Wyoming Game and Fish Department.

According to Wyoming Game and Fish Wildlife Disease Specialist Hank Edwards, identifying the initial cause of the pneumonia can be very complicated. In some cases, animals become weakened due to environmental stresses or other diseases. Once the overall health of the sheep becomes compromised, the organisms that cause pneumonia are able to establish themselves and cause disease, but identifying the causative agent can be tricky. As pneumonia progresses, other organisms quickly colonize the diseased tissue, making culture and isolation very difficult. Therefore, in an effort to collect tissue samples and identify the initial pathogen, Wyoming Game and Fish officials may lethally remove an animal exhibiting signs of pneumonia.

"Unfortunately, removing sick animals is our best chance at identifying the original pathogen," said Edwards. "Of course, it's important to identify the original pathogen in order to know what management options you might have for containing the disease."

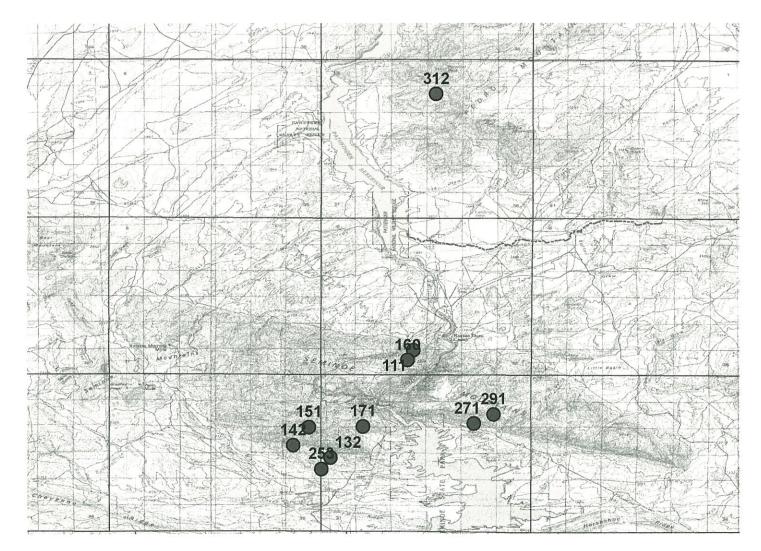
Culture tests are then performed on tissues taken from the animals at the Wyoming State Veterinary Laboratory in Laramie. Through the culture process, researchers hope to grow and identify any original pathogens that were present in the animals prior to pneumonia. Similar actions were taken on two bighorn lambs in the Jackson herd earlier this past March. Fortunately, no significant die-off was documented in that herd.

"Although it is not uncommon for sheep to show signs of pneumonia, the fact that this herd has already experienced significant die-offs in the past, and that other western states have been reporting similar problems, it does raise our level of concern," said Wyoming Game and Fish Wildlife Biologist Greg Anderson.

Game and Fish officials are asking the public to notify the Game and Fish Department as soon as possible if they observe any bighorn sheep showing signs of pneumonia. Anderson said typical signs of the disease include bouts of deep coughing, obvious nasal discharge or other abnormal behavior. "Early action may help minimize the potential ramifications of a bighorn sheep pneumonia outbreak."

Sightings should be reported to the Lander Regional Office at 307-332-2688 or 1-800-654-7862. Sightings of bighorn sheep showing signs of pneumonia in other areas of the State should be reported to the appropriate region or the WGFD Customer Service Center in Cheyenne at 307-777-4600.

## Seminoe Bighorn Telemetry Flight - 18 Oct 2010



Dwight and I flew for the remaining 10 radio-collared bighorn sheep yesterday, locating all 10 in about an hour. A map of their approximate locations is attached. No big changes from last month, however ewes 271 and 291 in the Bennett Mountains were in steep canyons farther to the east, out of the burn area, presumably because of all the hunter vehicles (& 1 G&F truck) at the top and the bottom of the burn. Ewe 312 is still near the top of the Pedros, on the west side.

When the season for elk area 111 opened on 10 Oct, I received several reports of three rams traveling together in the Markingpen drainage, one with a radiocollar (#151). One hunter spotted two uncollared adult sheep with a lamb at the Cottonwood parking area, and several spotted five sheep together by the towers (my receiver picked up #171 in that area).

Greg Hiatt Wildlife Biologist Wyoming Game and Fish Department

(Taken from email from Greg Hiatt to Kevin Hurley dated 10-19-2010)

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## Wyoming Wild Sheep Foundation

2011 Wyoming Game and Fish Commissioners' License Raffle Tickets are \$100.00 each. Limited to 300 tickets.

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

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9<sup>th</sup> Prize: Canon PowerShot 14.1 Megapixel Digital Camera

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

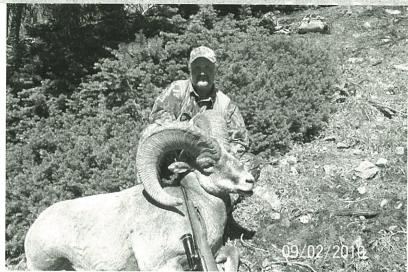
Drawing to be held June 4, 2011 at the Wyoming WSF annual banquet in Casper, Wyoming. For more information and for the number of remaining tickets, visit our web site at wyomingfnaws.org.

For tickets, mail check to:
Joni Miller
6722 HWY 28
Lander, WY 82520
Phone: 307-332-9119

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

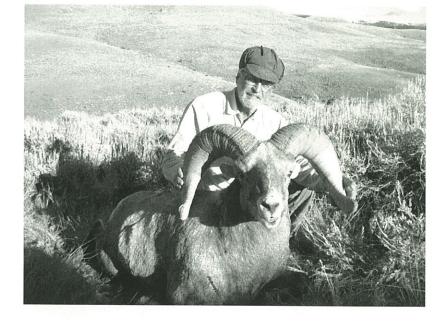
## Hunt Stories, cont'd

## **More Hunt Photos**



WYWSF Board of Director Joni Miller sent in this picture of Brad Meredith's HA 4 ram. This was Brad's "Slam Ram". Congratulations!!

Larry Kangas from Alaska and his HA 12 (Devils Canyon) ram. This ram is only six years old and green gross scores 177!





Another shot of Larry's fine ram. (Photos courtesy of Board of Director Larry Hicks)

## **Hunt Stories**

### Stone Sheep Hunt By Loren Kohnen

#### The Backacher Stone Sheep Hunt

August 7, 2010

A stone sheep hunt that had been planned for two years almost had to be cancelled by me, because of a major back problem I had seven days before my hunt was to start. After some medical attention and a doctor saying "don't ride horses" (he isn't a sheep hunter), I left anyway for B.C.

Ron Vollarth and I left the Minneapolis/St. Paul airport for a stone sheep hunt with Mike and Dixie Hammett, owners of Sikanni River Outfitters. I was met at Fort St. John by Dixie. She took us to the main lodge on Sikanni River, north of Fort St. John by about a three hour trip. We got to the lodge, repacked and were flown by Mike to individual camps up river.

I was met at my camp by Bert Rodidoux, the guide and Peter Resendahl, the Wrangler. The next morning we were fogged in for a short time. We rode to a large bowl, and glassed for stone sheep. Bert spotted a young ram, but fog moved in. When it lifted, the ram was gone. Unfortunately, no more sheep were seen the rest of the day.

The next morning we woke early and had breakfast. After breakfast, Bert glassed a high bowl about three miles away, and saw nine sheep. He thought there were two legal rams, but it was hard to tell at that distance. Within 45 minutes Bert, Peter and myself, were on horses heading for the base of the mountain. There was a 2 ½ hour climb to the edge of the bowl. Bert spotted the 9 sheep laying in the rocks at 590 yards. We waited 3 hours for the sheep to get up, hoping they would feed our way.

They did, when the largest ram was at 320 yards, Bert said "Loren get up here and get ready to take your ram". I was shooting over a pack. I couldn't get steady. This was partly my fault; however, there was a 40 mile per hour plus cross wind that didn't help. I finally took my shot. My Borden 300 WSM didn't let me down with that familiar sound of a good hit. There were handshakes all around. We waited 5-10 minutes then climbed to the ram. He turned out to be larger than any of us expected. Many pictures were taken of a great ram that completed my second grand slam. Now the real work started — taking care of a great ram with bases as large as a big horn.

Next, we were packing down the mountain to the horses, and then onto the camp. The packs were heavy and it was getting dark. These old legs of mine were paying the price, but you forget about that when you have a great ram on a pack. We got back to camp at about 1:30 am. We had a bit to eat and hit the sack. I can't remember when it felt any better.

## Hunt Stories, cont'd

## Stone Sheep Hunt By Loren Kohnen, Cont.

#### The Backacher Stone Sheep Hunt

We slept late, had a great breakfast, than finished taking care of the ram. We had the ram scored. It should make book easily. I spent the rest of the day getting the kinks out of my back and legs. We spent two days looking for wolves, but found none.

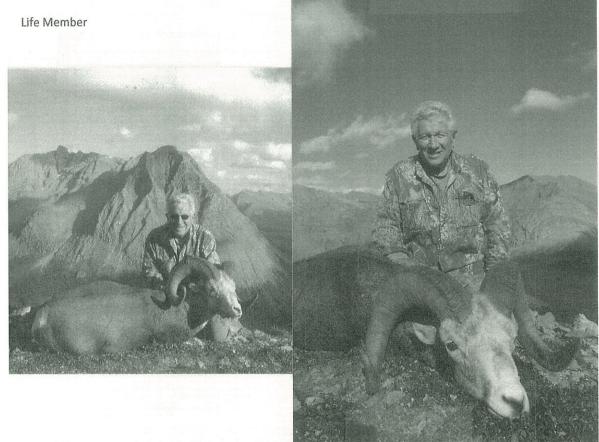
Four days later Ron came into camp with his guide Lennard Myers, and his wife, Arlene. Lennard's wife Arlene is a wonderful cook, and we all gained weight.

The same day Ron, Lennard, and Bert rode to an area and Ron got a very nice ram. After 60 days my ram should still make book.

I want to thank my great guides Bert Rodidoux, Wrangler Peter Rosendahl and Owners of Sikanni River Outfitters, Mike and Dixie Hammett. What a beautiful area they have with great camps, guides and a wide range of game animals.

I almost forgot they named the basin where I shot my stone sheep, Loren's basin. Naming rights since it was the largest ram taken there.

Loren Kohnen,



## Hunt Stories, cont'd

## Brannian Successful After Long Awaited HA 5 Tag

There is no story to go with Larry Brannian's Hunt but they say a picture is worth a thousand words...

