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To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is meant to relay support for the project "Mapping and Characterizing Bighorn Sheep Seasonal Ranges and Migration Routes Across Wyoming" and to encourage consideration of this project for Wyoming Wild Sheep Foundation funding.

This is a broadly collaborative research effort that will use a comprehensive dataset of existing GPS and survey locations compiled from across Wyoming to characterize and map bighorn sheep seasonal ranges and migration behaviors and routes. The project will provide a detailed understanding of seasonal distribution, migration routes and timing, prevalence and diversity of migratory behaviors, and drivers of migration for all bighorn sheep populations across Wyoming.

The Wyoming Game and Fish Department recently categorized this effort as a "Legacy Project" within its project planning document "Wyoming's Bighorn Sheep Management Priorities" and has discussed shared interest in completing the synthesis and analysis of this incredible, already existing dataset.

Please let me know if you have any questions, or require additional information about this proposal from the perspective of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, and thank you for giving it consideration for Wild Sheep Foundation funding.

Sincerely,

Doug McWhirter

Wildlife Management Coordinator Wyoming Game & Fish Department