

# WY-WSF CONSERVATION VISION

## MISSION

Our mission is to conserve, enhance, and promote Wyoming's bighorn sheep populations. Safeguarding against the decline of bighorn sheep through funding research, management, education, and conservation. We seek to conserve both bighorn sheep and our hunting heritage through youth involvement, public education, and advocacy.

## VISION

Foster the conservation of healthy bighorn sheep populations, promote Wyoming's hunting heritage, engage and educate citizens in scientifically sound wildlife stewardship, and encourage youth participation to ensure future conservation.

This vision shall be achieved through fundraising and educating the public on issues affecting bighorn sheep, habitat, and hunting opportunities. We support solid, science-based policies to retain and restore bighorn sheep habitats and sustainable funding for wildlife management. Our vision will be brought to life by hunters and outdoor enthusiasts who recognize both the cultural and conservation significance of Wyoming's bighorn sheep.

## PURPOSE

Putting and Keeping Wild Sheep on the Mountain

## CORE VALUES

Honesty \* Integrity \* Loyalty \* Accountability \* Teamwork \* Positive Attitude \* Respect for Wildlife \* Hunting ethics \* Stewardship \* Advocacy



## HISTORY

The Wyoming Wild Sheep Foundation (WY-WSF) was formed in 1983 and has a long record of actively working for the benefit of Wyoming's bighorn sheep, healthy wildlife habitats, education, and hunters' rights. Led by a volunteer Board of Directors, WY-WSF annually raises thousands of dollars through the energy and efforts of conservation-minded sportsmen and women. These dollars are put back on the ground through our Grant-in-Aid program to fund bighorn sheep population management, habitat restoration, disease research and surveillance, public outreach, and youth education.



# GOALS & STRATEGIES

## Support management and conservation of Wyoming's Bighorn Sheep

- Provide financial assistance to support statewide disease research and surveillance, habitat improvement projects, conservation education, and population management actions.
- Develop and maintain partnerships with state and federal management agencies, private landowners, and other stakeholders to promote healthy bighorn sheep habitat and populations.
- Support Wyoming Game and Fish Department's bighorn sheep management program through a variety of Chapter activities, including volunteering for on-the-ground projects, conducting an annual Bighorn Sheep Summit coordination meeting, and actively participating in the Interaction Working Group meetings.



## Collaborate with Wild Sheep Foundation (WSF) and other WSF Chapters & Affiliates

- Coordinate Wyoming-based conservation activities with national and state WSF chapters and affiliates to support and promote bighorn sheep and their habitat throughout the state.
- Collaborate with the National Bighorn Sheep Center to enhance youth and adult educational opportunities.

## Actively pursue fundraising opportunities to support the WY-WSF Grant-in-Aid program and priority activities

- Initiate and maintain fundraising through annual banquets and other fundraising activities.
- Pursue cost-sharing opportunities with other funding entities to efficiently use WY-WSF grant-in-aid dollars when supporting priority projects.



# GOALS & STRATEGIES

## Utilize educational opportunities and outreach to enhance public understanding of bighorn sheep management and conservation

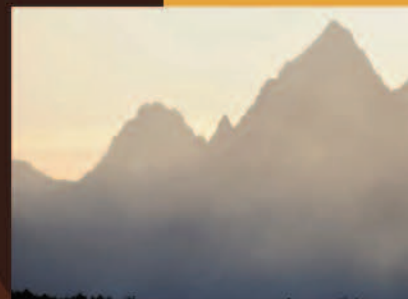
- Support youth educational opportunities in wildlife conservation with an emphasis on bighorn sheep.
- Solicit citizen participation in WY-WSF priority activities.
- Engage with the public in activities supporting Wyoming's hunting heritage.
- Continue public interaction through various outreach outlets, including the RamPage publication, the WY-WSF website, social media, and regular contact with membership.

## Maintain a sustainable base of membership and volunteers to support WY-WSF's mission, vision, and purpose



- Interact with members and supporters to ensure membership recruitment and retention.
- Maintain dialogue and outreach with sportsmen and women to increase understanding of issues surrounding Wyoming's bighorn sheep.

## Maintain organizational strength and efficiency through a volunteer Board of Directors



- Actively seek volunteers with various backgrounds and skill sets to serve on BOD.
- Develop and maintain strong board member engagement.