



# WYOMING WILD SHEEP FOUNDATION GRANT APPLICATION

Prior to completing this application, please review the Funding Priorities located

**Project Title:**

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**Organization Name:**

**Project Lead:**

Name

Email

Phone

Mailing Address

City, State, Zip

**Additional Point of Contact** *(if different from Project Lead):*

Name

Email

Phone

Mailing Address

City, State, Zip

**Project Type** *(select all that apply):*

Disease

Land Conservation

Action

Education and Outreach

Population Management/Monitoring

Habitat

Other

**Project Location(s) Information:**

County:

Nearest Town:

**Project Phase** *(if applicable):*

of

**Estimated Invoice  
Dates:**

to

**Budget Information:**

**Total WY-WSF Request \$**

Total Project Cost: \$

If yes, list each grant received for five years

Has this project been funded by the Foundation previously?

**Other Project Contributions or Matching Funds:**

In Hand

Requested

Source

Amount \$

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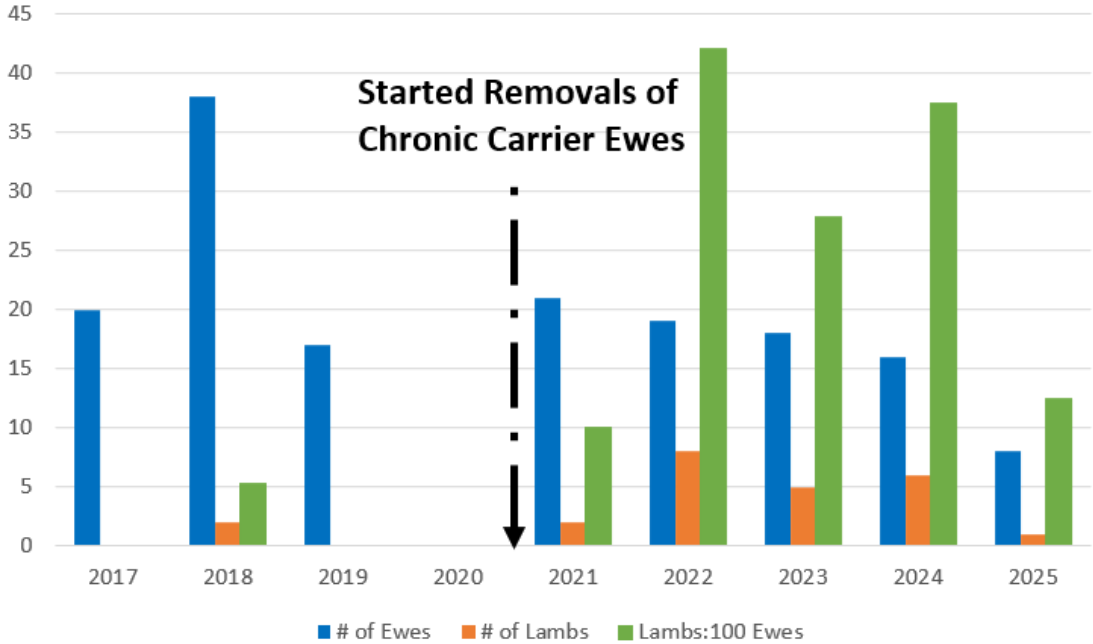
**Project Objective and Narrative:**





Tribal Wardens Justin Friday, Art Lawson and Turk Brown with captured bighorn ewe 3/2022

### Red Creek Ewe & Lamb Counts



Bighorn Sheep Aerial Infra-red Survey Areas in the Greater Whiskey Mountain Herd.





# Wyoming Game and Fish Department

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April 23, 2026

To Whom it May Concern:

The Wyoming Game and Fish Department (WGFD) strongly supports this proposal submitted by Art Lawson and the Shoshone and Arapaho Tribal Fish Game to continue operations conducting Test and Remove and assessment of its effect in bighorn sheep in the Wind River Mountains. This work is imperative to address continued and chronic disease in bighorn sheep throughout the Wind River Mountains both within the WRR and in the Whiskey Mountain and Temple Peak herd units. It complements on-going test and remove management done in collaboration between the Shoshone and Arapaho Tribal Fish and Game and WGFD in the Whiskey Mountain herd to address continued and dramatic bighorn sheep population decline in these populations.

With regard,

Daryl Lutz  
WGFD – Lander Region Wildlife Management Coordinator  
Chair WAFWA Wild Sheep Initiative  
Co-chair WGFD's Bighorn Sheep Working Group  
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April 29, 2026

Wyoming Chapter Wild Sheep Foundation

RE: Support letter for Restoration of Bighorn Sheep on Wind River

To Whom It May Concern,

Please accept this letter of earnest support for expanding the restoration of bighorn sheep on the Wind River Reservation. As a biologist supporting sheep conservation for 3 decades, I have witnessed the overall progressive decline of bighorn both on and off the Reservation. Our recent collective implementation of test and removal of sheep testing positive for *Mycoplasma ovipneumoniae* (Movi), the primary culprit of pneumonia, low lamb survival and herd decline, has shown promise in reversing this trend. This inter-jurisdictional, highly collaborative effort has given us hope that we may be able to reverse declines of bighorns with this intervention.

Because sheep move and interconnect with other subherds, it is critical that Movi testing and removal be expanded to cover the remainder of bighorns within the Wind River Mountains on Reservation lands.

We look forward to working together on this important conservation work with our partners and appreciate your consideration in this funding request.

Sincerely,

Pat Hnilicka  
Project Leader & Wildlife Biologist

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