

BIGHORN SHEEP



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MOUNTAIN GOAT



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Dear Bighorn Sheep Hunter:

Each year the Wyoming Game and Fish Department conducts a **Bighorn Sheep Hunter Survey** to estimate harvest, hunter success, and hunter effort to help plan next year's hunting season. Even if you did not hunt or harvest this year, we need to hear from you, as hunter effort is an important part of our reports. We monitor the harvest registration cards completed when you report your harvest at a regional office. So far we notice that you have not yet registered a sheep. If you have already hunted but did not harvest a sheep, or will not be able to go hunting, please answer the questions below. If you still have plans to go hunting, you can disregard this letter; we will contact you after the season is closed if we do not receive a harvest registration card.

Q1. Did you hunt bighorn sheep in 2017? (circle one) Yes No (If No, skip to Comments below)

Q2. Total number of days you hunted bighorn sheep: _____

Q3. Number of days hunted with firearm: _____

Q4. Number of days hunted with archery: _____

Q5. Did you harvest a bighorn sheep? (circle one) Yes No (If No, skip to Comments below)

Q6. Type of bighorn sheep harvested: (circle one) Ram Ewe Lamb

Q7. Date of harvest: _____

Q8. How many bighorn sheep did you see while hunting? _____

Comments?

Sincerely,

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TABLE I
BIGHORN SHEEP
HARVEST STATEWIDE
BY TOTAL HUNTERS
2017

	VALID LICENSES*	NUMBER ACTIVE HUNTERS	HARVEST				TOTAL REC. DAYS	HUNTER SUCCESS	DAYS/ HARVEST
			RAM	EWE	LAMB	TOTAL			
STATE TOTAL	214	212	175	0	0	175	1,833	82.5%	10.5
RESIDENT	158	157	125	0	0	125	1,497	79.6%	12.0
NONRESIDENT	56	55	50	0	0	50	336	90.9%	6.7

*Equals licenses sold per regulations through the draw and medical carryover (MCO) adjustments, governor licenses, supertag, trifecta licenses and refunds.

TABLE II
BIGHORN SHEEP
TEN-YEAR COMPARISON OF STATEWIDE HARVEST
2008 - 2017

YEAR	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
VALID LICENSES*	242	251	263	258	271	220	220	197	210	214
RESIDENT	178	186	194	191	202	166	163	143	149	158
NONRESIDENT	64	65	69	67	69	54	57	54	61	56
NUMBER ACTIVE HUNTERS	242	251	263	249	249	213	217	193	202	212
RESIDENT	178	186	194	180	180	157	160	140	141	157
NONRESIDENT	64	65	69	69	69	56	57	53	61	55
TOTAL HARVEST	194	196	211	181	212	187	169	154	166	175
RESIDENT	141	141	150	125	147	134	119	106	111	125
NONRESIDENT	53	55	61	56	65	53	50	48	55	50
TOTAL RECREATION DAYS	2,230	2,032	1,867	2,029	2,152	1,609	1,889	1,831	1,921	1,833
RESIDENT	1,799	1,728	1,595	1,548	1,800	1,223	1,513	1,553	1,537	1,497
NONRESIDENT	431	304	272	481	352	386	376	278	384	336
DAYS/HARVEST	11.5	10.4	8.8	11.2	10.2	8.6	11.2	11.9	11.6	10.5
RESIDENT	12.8	12.3	10.6	12.4	12.2	9.1	12.7	14.7	13.8	12.0
NONRESIDENT	8.1	5.5	4.5	8.6	5.4	7.3	7.5	5.8	7.0	6.7
ACTIVE LICENSE SUCCESS	80.2%	78.1%	80.2%	72.7%	85.1%	87.8%	77.9%	79.8%	82.2%	82.5%
HARVEST METHOD										
FIREARM	100.0%	99.0%	98.1%	99.4%	98.6%	98.0%	98.8%	98.7%	99.4%	96.0%
ARCHERY	0.0%	1.0%	1.9%	0.6%	1.4%	2.0%	1.2%	1.3%	1.2%	4.0%

TABLE I-HA
BIGHORN SHEEP
HARVEST, HUNTING PRESSURE, HUNTER SUCCESS
HARVEST BY HUNT AREA
2017

AREA (includes)	TYPE	ACTIVE LICS/HTRS**	HARVEST				HUNTER SUCCESS	DAYS/ HARVEST	HUNTER DAYS	VALID LICENSES*
			RAM	EWE	LAMB	TOTAL				
1 Clark's Fork (minus 1 R MCO to 2018)	Limited 1									
	Resident	14	13	0	0	13	93%	14.6	190	14
	Nonresident	5	5	0	0	5	100%	5.2	26	5
	Area Total	19	18	0	0	18	95%	12.0	216	19
2 Trout Peak (plus 1 N GOV)	Limited 1									
	Resident	18	16	0	0	16	89%	10.6	170	18
	Nonresident	7	7	0	0	7	100%	4.7	33	7
	Area Total	25	23	0	0	23	92%	8.8	203	25
3 Wapiti Ridge (plus 1 R MCO from 2016 & minus 1 R MCO to 2018)	Limited 1									
	Resident	30	23	0	0	23	77%	13.5	310	30
	Nonresident	10	9	0	0	9	90%	11.3	102	10
	Area Total	40	32	0	0	32	80%	12.9	412	40
4 Yount's Peak (minus 1 R Refund)	Limited 1									
	Resident	16	12	0	0	12	75%	10.8	129	16
	Nonresident	6	4	0	0	4	67%	9.0	36	6
	Area Total	22	16	0	0	16	73%	10.3	165	22
5 Franc's Peak (plus 1 R Trifecta & 1 R Gov) (plus 3 N Govs)	Limited 1									
	Resident	31	28	0	0	28	90%	8.0	223	32
	Nonresident	14	13	0	0	13	93%	6.5	84	14
	Area Total	45	41	0	0	41	91%	7.5	307	46
6 Targhee	Limited 1									
	Resident	2	1	0	0	1	50%	18.0	18	2
	Area Total	2	1	0	0	1	50%	18.0	18	2
7 Jackson (minus 1 R Donated & plus 1 R Donated Recipient)	Limited 1									
	Resident	9	5	0	0	5	56%	15.8	79	9
	Nonresident	3	3	0	0	3	100%	2.3	7	3
	Area Total	12	8	0	0	8	67%	10.8	86	12
8 Sheep Mountain (23) (minus 1 R Donated & plus 1 R Donated Recipient) (minus 1 N MCO to 2018)	Limited 1									
	Resident	9	5	0	0	5	56%	26.8	134	9
	Nonresident	2	1	0	0	1	0%	0.0	18	2
	Area Total	11	6	0	0	6	55%	25.3	152	11
9 Dinwoody	Limited 1									
	Resident	3	1	0	0	1	33%	22.0	22	3
	Nonresident	1	1	0	0	1	100%	2.0	2	1
	Area Total	4	2	0	0	2	50%	12.0	24	4

TABLE I-HA (Continued)

BIGHORN SHEEP 2017 HARVEST, HUNTING PRESSURE, HUNTER SUCCESS BY HUNT AREA

AREA	TYPE	ACTIVE LICS/HTRS	HARVEST				HUNTER SUCCESS	DAYS/ HARVEST	HUNTER DAYS	VALID LICENSES*
			RAM	EWE	LAMB	TOTAL				
10 Jakey's Fork	Limited 1									
(plus 3 R MCOs & minus 1 R Donated & plus 1 R Donated Recipient)	Resident	9	6	0	0	6	67%	20.5	123	9
	Nonresident	2	2	0	0	2	100%	3.0	6	2
	Area Total	11	8	0	0	8	73%	16.1	129	11
12 Porcupine	Limited 1									
	Resident	4	4	0	0	4	100%	9.0	36	4
	Nonresident	2	2	0	0	2	100%	8.5	17	2
	Area Total	6	6	0	0	6	100%	8.8	53	6
17 Ferris-Seminole (26)	Limited 1									
(Note: 1 R hunted 17, 1 R hunted 26)	Resident	1	1	0	0	1	100%	5.0	5	2
	Area Total	1	1	0	0	1	100%	5.0	5	2
18 Douglas Creek (21)	Closed									
19 Laramie Peak	Limited 1									
(minus 1 R MCO to 2018)	Resident	5	5	0	0	5	100%	3.4	17	5
	Nonresident	2	2	0	0	2	100%	2.5	5	2
	Area Total	7	7	0	0	7	100%	3.1	22	7
20 Kouba Canyon	Limited 1									
	Resident	1	1	0	0	1	100%	3.0	3	1
	Nonresident	1	1	0	0	1	100%	1.0	1	1
	Area Total	2	2	0	0	2	100%	2.0	4	2
21 Encampment River	Closed									
22 Dubois Badlands	Limited 1									
	Resident	3	2	0	0	2	67%	19.0	38	3
(minus 1 N harvested in 5)	Nonresident	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0.0	0	1
	Area Total	3	2	0	0	2	67%	19.0	38	4
24 Big Piney	Limited 1									
	Resident	1	1	0	0	1	100%	4.0	4	1
	Area Total	1	1	0	0	1	100%	4.0	4	1
26 Bennett Mountain (17)										
(Note: 1 R hunted 17, 1 R hunted 26)	Resident	1	1	0	0	1	0%	0.0	15	0
	Area Total	1	1	0	0	1	0%	0.0	15	0

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HARVEST BY HERD UNIT
2017

HERD UNIT	TYPE	ACTIVE	HARVEST				HUNTER SUCCESS	DAYS/ HARVEST	HUNTER DAYS	VALID LICENSES*
		LICS/HTRS**	RAM	EWE	LAMB	TOTAL				
106 Targhee (HA 6)	Resident	2	1	0	0	1	50%	18.0	18	2
	Total	2	1	0	0	1	50%	18.0	18	2
107 Jackson (HA 7)	Resident	9	5	0	0	5	56%	15.8	79	9
	Nonresident	3	3	0	0	3	100%	2.3	7	3
	Total	12	8	0	0	8	67%	10.8	86	12
121 Darby Mountain (HA 24)	Resident	1	1	0	0	1	100%	4.0	4	1
	Total	1	1	0	0	1	100%	4.0	4	1
201 Clark's Fork (HA 1)	Resident	14	13	0	0	13	93%	14.6	190	14
	Nonresident	5	5	0	0	5	100%	5.2	26	5
	Total	19	18	0	0	18	95%	12.0	216	19
202 Trout Peak (HA 2)	Resident	18	16	0	0	16	89%	10.6	170	18
	Nonresident	7	7	0	0	7	100%	4.7	33	7
	Total	25	23	0	0	23	92%	8.8	203	25
203 Wapiti Ridge (HA 3)	Resident	30	23	0	0	23	77%	13.5	310	30
	Nonresident	10	9	0	0	9	90%	11.3	102	10
	Total	40	32	0	0	32	80%	12.9	412	40
204 Younts Peak (HA 4)	Resident	16	12	0	0	12	75%	10.8	129	16
	Nonresident	6	4	0	0	4	67%	9.0	36	6
	Total	22	16	0	0	16	73%	10.3	165	22
205 Francs Peak (HA 5, 22, OCM/WRR)	Resident	34	30	0	0	30	88%	8.7	261	35
	Nonresident	14	13	0	0	13	93%	6.5	84	15
	Total	48	43	0	0	43	90%	8.0	345	50
212 Devil's Canyon (HA 12)	Resident	4	4	0	0	4	100%	9.0	36	4
	Nonresident	2	2	0	0	2	100%	8.5	17	2
	Total	6	6	0	0	6	100%	8.8	53	6
516 Douglas Creek (HA 18)	Closed									
517 Laramie Peak (HA 19)	Resident	5	5	0	0	5	100%	3.4	17	5
	Nonresident	2	2	0	0	2	100%	2.5	5	2
	Total	7	7	0	0	7	100%	3.1	22	7
519 Encampment River (HA 21)	Closed									
609 Whiskey Mountain (HA 8, 9, 10)	Resident	21	12	0	0	12	57%	23.3	279	21
	Nonresident	5	4	0	0	4	80%	6.5	26	5
	Total	26	16	0	0	16	62%	19.1	305	26
615 Ferris-Seminole (HA 17 & 26)	Resident	2	2	0	0	2	100%	10.0	20	2
	Total	2	2	0	0	2	100%	10.0	20	2
720 Kouba Canyon (HA 20)	Resident	1	1	0	0	1	100%	3.0	3	1
	Nonresident	1	1	0	0	1	100%	1.0	1	1
	Total	2	2	0	0	2	100%	2.0	4	2

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Table III
BIGHORN SHEEP
 LICENSE DATA SUMMARY
2017

	Valid Licenses*	Number Surveyed	Number Usable (hunters and nonhunters)	Response Rate (# Usable/# Surveyed)
Resident	158	158	150	94.9%
Nonresident	56	56	54	96.4%
Total	214	214	204	95.3%

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Q1. Did you hunt mountain goat in 2017? (circle one) Yes No (If No, skip to Comments below)

Q2. Total number of days you hunted mountain goat: _____

Q3. Number of days hunted with firearm: _____

Q4. Number of days hunted with archery: _____

Q5. Did you harvest a mountain goat? (circle one) Yes No (If No, skip to Comments below)

Q6. Type of mountain goat harvested: (circle one) Billiy Nanny

Q7. Date of harvest: _____

Q8. How many mountain goats did you see while hunting? _____

Comments?

Sincerely,

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TABLE I
MOUNTAIN GOAT
HARVEST STATEWIDE
2017

	VALID LICENSES*	NUMBER ACTIVE HUNTERS	HARVEST			TOTAL HUNTER DAYS	HUNTER SUCCESS	DAYS/ HARVEST
			BILLY	NANNY	TOTAL			
STATE TOTAL	42	42	21	18	39	276	92.9%	7.1
RESIDENT	31	31	15	14	29	232	93.5%	8.0
NONRESIDENT	11	11	6	4	10	44	90.9%	4.4

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TABLE II
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TEN-YEAR COMPARISON OF STATEWIDE HARVEST
2008–2017

YEAR	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
VALID LICENSES*	20	20	20	23	24	28	30	34	43	34
RESIDENT	15	15	15	17	18	22	22	26	32	25
NONRESIDENT	5	5	5	6	6	6	8	8	11	9
NUMBER ACTIVE HUNTERS	18	21	20	21	24	28	29	31	38	34
RESIDENT	13	16	15	16	18	22	21	24	29	25
NONRESIDENT	5	5	5	5	6	6	8	7	9	9
TOTAL HARVEST	18	21	19	20	21	24	28	31	37	31
RESIDENT	13	16	15	16	17	20	20	24	28	23
NONRESIDENT	5	5	4	4	4	4	8	7	9	8
BILLY HARVEST	12	15	14	14	15	17	23	28	29	15
RESIDENT	7	12	10	11	12	15	16	22	24	10
NONRESIDENT	5	3	4	3	3	2	7	6	5	5
NANNY HARVEST	6	6	5	6	6	7	5	3	8	16
RESIDENT	6	4	5	5	5	5	4	2	4	13
NONRESIDENT	0	2	0	1	1	2	1	1	4	3
TOTAL RECREATION DAYS	87	107	112	89	108	177	276	180	156	180
RESIDENT	66	97	96	80	84	158	232	139	134	155
NONRESIDENT	21	10	16	9	24	19	44	41	22	25
DAYS/HARVEST	4.8	5.1	5.9	4.5	5.1	7.4	9.9	5.8	4.2	5.8
RESIDENT	5.1	6.1	6.4	5.0	4.7	7.2	11.0	5.8	4.6	6.2
NONRESIDENT	4.2	2.0	4.0	2.3	6.0	4.8	5.5	5.9	2.4	3.1
ACTIVE LICENSE	100.0%	100.0%	95.0%	95.2%	87.5%	85.7%	96.6%	100.0%	97.4%	91.2%
HARVEST METHOD										
FIREARM	—	—	95%	100%	100%	96%	96%	96%	100%	92%
ARCHERY	—	—	5%	0%	0%	4%	4%	4%	0%	8%

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BY HUNT AREA
2017

AREA	TYPE	ACTIVE LICS/HTRS	HARVEST			HUNTER SUCCESS	DAYS/ HARVEST	HUNTER DAYS	VALID LICENSES*
			BILLY	NANNY	TOTAL				
1 Beartooth	Type 1								
(includes 1 R Supertag Trifecta)	Resident	10	2	8	10	100.0%	5.9	59	10
	Nonresident	3	2	1	3	100.0%	3.0	9	3
	Area Total	13	4	9	13	100.0%	5.2	68	13
2 Palisades	Type 1								
	Resident	6	4	2	6	100.0%	4.5	27	6
(includes 1 N Supertag Goat Only)	Nonresident	3	1	2	3	100.0%	2.0	6	3
	Area Total	9	5	4	9	100.0%	3.7	33	9
3 North Absaroka	Type 1								
	Resident	9	4	3	7	77.8%	9.9	69	9
	Nonresident	3	2	0	2	66.7%	5.0	10	3
	Type 2								
	Resident	6	5	1	6	100.0%	12.8	77	6
	Nonresident	2	1	1	2	100.0%	9.5	19	2
	Area Total	20	12	5	17	85.0%	10.3	175	20

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HARVEST
BY HERD UNIT
2017

HERD UNIT	TYPE	ACTIVE LICS/HTRS	HARVEST			HUNTER SUCCESS	DAYS/ HARVEST	HUNTER DAYS	VALID LICENSES*
			BILLY	NANNY	TOTAL				
101 Palisades	Resident	6	4	2	6	100.0%	4.5	27	6
(HA 2)	Nonresident	3	1	2	3	100.0%	2.0	6	3
	Total	9	5	4	9	100.0%	3.7	33	9
201 Beartooth	Resident	19	6	11	17	89.5%	7.5	128	19
(HA 1 & 3)	Nonresident	6	4	1	5	83.3%	3.8	19	6
	Total	25	10	12	22	88.0%	6.7	147	25

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License Data Summary
2017

	Valid Licenses*	Number Surveyed	Number Usable (hunters and nonhunters)	Response Rate (# Usable/# Surveyed)
Resident	31	31	31	100.0%
Nonresident	11	11	11	100.0%
Total	42	42	42	100.0%

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CHAPTER 9

BIGHORN SHEEP AND MOUNTAIN GOAT HUNTING SEASONS

Section 1. Authority. This regulation is promulgated by authority of Wyoming Statutes § 23-1-302, § 23-1-703, § 23-2-104 and § 23-3-117.

Section 2. Definitions.

(a) “Bighorn sheep horns” mean the hollow horn sheaths of male bighorn sheep, either attached to the skull or separated.

(b) “Plugging” means placement of a permanent metal plug provided and attached by the Department.

Section 3. Bighorn Sheep Regular Hunting Seasons.

Hunt areas, season dates and limitations.

Hunt Area	Type	Season Dates		Quota	License	Limitations
		Opens	Closes			
1	1	Sep. 1	Oct. 31	20	Limited quota	Any ram
2	1	Sep. 1	Oct. 31	24	Limited quota	Any ram
3	1	Sep. 1	Oct. 31	40	Limited quota	Any ram
4	1	Sep. 1	Oct. 31	23	Limited quota	Any ram (17 residents, 6 nonresidents)
5	1	Sep. 1	Oct. 31	40	Limited quota	Any ram
6	1	Aug. 15	Oct. 31	2	Limited quota	Any ram (2 residents)
7	1	Sep. 1	Oct. 31	12	Limited quota	Any bighorn sheep
8	1	Sep. 1	Oct. 31	12	Limited quota	Any ram
9	1	Aug. 15	Oct. 15	4	Limited quota	Any ram
10	1	Aug. 15	Oct. 15	8	Limited quota	Any ram
12	1	Aug. 15	Oct. 15	6	Limited quota	Any ram (4 residents, 2 nonresidents)
17, 26	1	Sep. 1	Oct. 31	2	Limited quota	Any ram (2 residents)
18, 21						CLOSED
19	1	Sep. 1	Oct. 31	8	Limited quota	Any ram
20	1	Sep. 1	Dec. 31	2	Limited quota	Any ram (1 resident, 1 nonresident)
22	1	Sep. 1	Oct. 31	4	Limited quota	Any ram
22	1	Oct. 1	Oct. 31			Any ram, also valid in Area 5
24	1	Sep. 1	Oct. 31	1	Limited quota	Any ram (1 resident)

Section 4. Special Archery Seasons.

Hunt areas listed in this Section shall have special archery hunting seasons during the dates specified in this Section. Archers shall possess a limited quota bighorn sheep license in addition to an archery license in order to hunt bighorn sheep during any special archery season. Archers shall only hunt in the hunt area(s) and for the sex of bighorn sheep set forth by the limitations of their license as specified in Section 3 of this Chapter.

Hunt Area	Season Dates		Limitations
	Opens	Closes	
1-5, 7, 8, 17, 19, 20, 22, 24, 26	Aug. 15	Aug. 31	Refer to Section 3 of this Chapter
6, 9, 10, 12	Aug. 1	Aug. 14	Refer to Section 3 of this Chapter

Section 5. Registration of Bighorn Sheep and Mountain Goats. Any person harvesting a bighorn sheep or mountain goat in Wyoming shall within fifteen (15) consecutive days following the harvest present the horns attached to the skull plate for registration. All harvested bighorn sheep shall be plugged. Any person picking up any bighorn sheep horns in Wyoming shall within fifteen (15) consecutive days following the pickup of the horns present the horn or horns for registration, plugging and interstate game tagging. Plugging may be omitted if the Department determines that the size or condition of the horn prevents proper plugging. Any person taking bighorn sheep horns shall present them in person at one of the following Department offices, Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Bighorn sheep horns not originating in Wyoming shall not be plugged.

Game and Fish Department:		
Headquarters	Cheyenne	1-800-842-1934
Casper Region	Casper	1-800-233-8544
Cody Region	Cody	1-800-654-1178
Green River Region	Green River	1-800-843-8096
Jackson Region	Jackson	1-800-423-4113
Lander Region	Lander	1-800-654-7862
Laramie Region	Laramie	1-800-843-2352
Pinedale Region	Pinedale	1-800-452-9107
Sheridan Region	Sheridan	1-800-331-9834

(a) The Department may require substantive proof from individuals who do not possess a valid bighorn sheep license and take bighorn sheep horns that the horns were legally acquired. Failure to provide such proof may result in seizure of the horns. Before a person's bighorn sheep horns may be plugged, the person may be required to take a Department enforcement officer to the location where the bighorn sheep horns were acquired. Failure to comply with this request shall be a violation of this regulation and the bighorn sheep horns may be seized.

(b) No person shall alter, deface or remove a plug placed in a bighorn sheep horn by the Department.

(c) No person shall possess the horn(s) of a bighorn sheep that bears an altered, defaced or counterfeit Wyoming plug or from which the plug has been removed.

(d) The insertion of a Wyoming plug does not in itself certify that the animal was legally taken or possessed.

(e) Any person who makes a false statement on the bighorn sheep or mountain goat registration form shall be in violation of this regulation. Such violation shall be punishable as provided by Title 23, Wyoming Statutes for violation of Commission regulations.

Section 6. Bighorn Sheep Hunt Area Descriptions.

Area and number.

Area 1. Clark's Fork. All of the drainage of the Clark's Fork River north of Sunlight Creek and north of the Clark's Fork River below its confluence with Sunlight Creek; and the drainage of Soda Butte Creek outside of Yellowstone National Park.

Area 2. Trout Peak. All of the north drainage of the North Fork of the Shoshone River and north of U.S. Highway 14-16-20 between Pahaska Teepee and the east boundary of Yellowstone National Park; all of the south drainage of the Clark's Fork River south and east of Sunlight Creek and west of Wyoming Highway 120; all of the north drainage of the Shoshone River west of Wyoming Highway 120.

Area 3. Wapiti Ridge. Beginning where U.S. Highway 14-16-20 intersects the east boundary of Yellowstone National Park; easterly down said highway to the North Fork of the Shoshone River; easterly down said river to the South Fork of the Shoshone River at the Buffalo Bill Reservoir; southwesterly up said river to Deer Creek; westerly up said creek to the head of Butte Creek; westerly down said creek to the Thorofare River; westerly down said river to the Yellowstone National Park boundary; easterly then northerly along said boundary to U.S. Highway 14-16-20.

Area 4. Yount's Peak. Beginning where Deer Creek enters the South Fork of the Shoshone River; southerly up said river to Needle Creek; southerly up said creek to the head of Emerald Creek; southerly down said creek to Wiggins Fork Creek; southerly down said creek to the Wiggins Fork Road (Shoshone National Forest Road 285); southerly down said road to the Shoshone National Forest boundary; westerly then southerly along said boundary to U.S. Highway 287; northwesterly along said highway to the east boundary of Grand Teton National Park; northerly and westerly along said boundary to U.S. Highway 287; northerly along said highway to the south boundary of Yellowstone National Park; easterly along said boundary to the Thorofare River; easterly up said river to Butte Creek; northeasterly up said creek to the head of Deer Creek; easterly down said creek to the South Fork of the Shoshone River.

Area 5. Franc's Peak. Beginning where Needle Creek enters the South Fork of the Shoshone River; northeasterly down said river to the Shoshone River; easterly down said river to

Wyoming Highway 120; southeasterly along said highway to the Bighorn River; southerly up said river to the Wind River Reservation boundary; westerly along said boundary to the Shoshone National Forest boundary; northwesterly, southwesterly, then westerly along said boundary to the Wiggins Fork Road (Shoshone National Forest Road 285); northerly along said road to Wiggins Fork Creek; northerly up said creek to Emerald Creek; northerly up said creek to Needle Creek; northerly down said creek to the South Fork of the Shoshone River; in addition, all non-Indian fee title lands in that portion of Hot Springs County within the exterior boundaries of the Wind River Reservation.

Area 6. Targhee. Beginning where the Snake River crosses the Wyoming-Idaho state line; northerly along said line to the Yellowstone National Park boundary; easterly along said boundary to the Targhee-John D. Rockefeller Jr. Memorial Parkway boundary; southerly along said boundary to the Targhee Forest-Grand Teton National Park boundary; southerly along said boundary to the Bridger-Teton National Forest-Grand Teton National Park boundary; northerly, easterly and southerly along said boundary to Wyoming Highway 390 west of the Snake River; southerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 22; easterly along said highway to the Snake River; southerly along said river to the Wyoming-Idaho state line.

Area 7. Jackson. Beginning at Togwotee Pass on the Continental Divide; southerly along said divide to the Union Pass Road (U.S.F.S. Road 600); westerly along said road to Wagon Creek; southerly down said creek to the Green River; southerly down said river to the Bridger-Teton National Forest boundary; westerly along said boundary to the divide between the Green River and the Hoback River at the Hoback Rim where U.S. Highway 191 crosses the Rim; westerly along said divide to the divide between the Greys River and the Hoback River; northerly along said divide to the divide between the Greys River and Willow Creek; northerly along said divide to the divide between Bailey Creek and Willow Creek (Greyback Ridge); northerly along said divide to the Dry Wash Draw; westerly down said draw to Bailey Creek; northwesterly down said creek to the Snake River; northerly along said river to Wyoming Highway 22; easterly along said highway to U.S. Highway 191; easterly along said highway to the National Elk Refuge boundary at the north end of the town of Jackson; southerly, easterly and northerly along said boundary to the Grand Teton National Park boundary; northerly along said boundary to U.S. Highway 26-287; easterly along said highway to Togwotee Pass.

Area 8. Sheep Mountain. Beginning where Pine Creek crosses U.S. Highway 191 in the town of Pinedale; northwesterly along said highway to the Green River at Warren Bridge; northerly, easterly and southerly up said river to Roaring Fork Creek; easterly up said creek to the Continental Divide; southeasterly along said divide to Hay Pass and the head of the North Fork of Boulder Creek; southwesterly down said creek to the Bridger-Teton Forest boundary; northwesterly along said boundary to Pine Creek; southerly down said creek to U.S. Highway 191.

Area 9. Dinwoody. Beginning where U.S. Highway 287 crosses Torrey Creek; southerly along said highway to the Wind River Reservation boundary; southerly along said boundary to the Continental Divide; northwesterly along said divide to the head of Bomber Creek (East Fork of Torrey Creek); northeasterly down said creek to Torrey Creek; northerly down said creek to U.S. Highway 287.

Area 10. Jakey's Fork. Beginning where Torrey Creek crosses U.S. Highway 287; southwesterly up said creek to Bomber Creek (East Fork of Torrey Creek); southwesterly up said creek to the Continental Divide; northerly along said divide to the head of Roaring Fork Creek; southerly down said creek to the Green River; westerly and southerly down said river to Wagon Creek; northwesterly up said creek to the Union Pass Road (U.S.F.S. Road 600); northerly along said road to the Continental Divide; northwesterly along said divide to U.S. Highway 287; southeasterly along said highway to Torrey Creek.

Area 12. Porcupine. Beginning where U.S. Highway 14A crosses the Big Horn River; northerly down said river to the Wyoming-Montana state line; east along said line to the Sheep Mountain Road (U.S.F.S. Road 11); southerly along said road to the Devils Canyon Road (U.S.F.S. Road 14); southerly along said road to U.S. Highway 14A; westerly along said highway to the Big Horn River.

Area 17. Ferris-Seminole. Beginning at the city of Rawlins; northerly along U.S. Highway 287 to Wyoming Highway 220; northeasterly along said highway to the Kortess Road (Natrona County Road 407); southerly along said road to the North Platte River; southerly up said river to Interstate Highway 80; westerly along said highway to the city of Rawlins.

Area 18. Douglas Creek. Beginning where Wyoming Highway 287 crosses the Wyoming-Colorado state line; westerly along said line to Wyoming Highway 230 in Carbon County; northwesterly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 130; northerly along said highway to Interstate Highway 80; easterly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 287 in Laramie; southeasterly along said highway to the Wyoming-Colorado state line.

Area 19. Laramie Peak. Beginning at the junction of Interstate Highway 25 and Wyoming Highway 211 at the town of Chugwater; southwesterly along Wyoming Highway 211 to the Iron Mountain-Jordan Road (Platte County Road 10-Laramie County Road 106-2), southwesterly along said road to Wyoming Highway 211; southerly along said road to the Fisher Canyon-Rogers Canyon Road (Laramie County Road 228-1 - Albany County Road 17) at Horse Creek Station; southwesterly along said road to U.S. Highway 30 at the town of Laramie; northwesterly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 487; northerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 220; northeasterly along said highway to Interstate Highway 25; southeasterly along said interstate to Wyoming Highway 211.

Area 20. Kouba Canyon. Beginning where U.S. Highway 85 crosses the Wyoming – South Dakota state line; southerly along said line to the Dewey Road (Weston County Rd. #2); northwesterly along said road to U.S. Highway 85; northerly along said highway to the Wyoming-South Dakota state line.

Area 21. Encampment River. Beginning where Wyoming Highway 130 crosses the North Platte River in the town of Saratoga; southerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 230; southeasterly along said highway to the Wyoming-Colorado state line; westerly along said line to the Medicine Bow National Forest boundary near the confluence of Spring Creek and the Little Snake River; westerly and northerly along said boundary to Wyoming Highway 70;

northeasterly along said highway to the Sage Creek Road (U.S.F.S. Road 801-Carbon County Road 401); northerly along said road to Sage Creek; easterly down said creek to the North Platte River; southerly up said river to Wyoming Highway 130 in the town of Saratoga.

Area 22. Dubois Badlands. Beginning where U.S. Highway 287 crosses the Wind River Reservation boundary; westerly along said highway to the Wiggins Fork Road (Fremont County Road 285); northerly along said road to the Shoshone National Forest boundary; easterly along said boundary to the Wind River Reservation boundary; southerly along said boundary to U.S. Highway 287. This includes those areas of the Spence-Moriarity Wildlife Habitat Area east of the East Fork of the Wind River.

Area 24. Big Piney. Beginning at a point where the Bridger-Teton National Forest boundary crosses LaBarge Creek; westerly up said creek to the head of the Greys River; northerly down said river to Deadman Creek; easterly up said creek to the divide between the Greys River and the Hoback River, southerly along said divide to the divide between the Hoback River and the Green River; easterly along said divide to the Bridger-Teton National Forest boundary on Hoback Rim; southerly along said boundary to LaBarge Creek.

Area 26. Bennett Mountain. Beginning where the Medicine Bow River enters the North Platte River; northerly down the North Platte River to Sage Creek; easterly up said creek to the South Fork of Sage Creek; easterly up said fork to the Leo-Shirley Basin Road (Carbon County Road 102); easterly along said road to the Pryor Flat Road (B.L.M. Road 3115); southeasterly along said road to the Troublesome Spring Road; southerly along said road to Troublesome Creek; southerly down said creek to the Hanna-Leo Road (Carbon County Road 291); southerly along said road to the Medicine Bow River; westerly down said river to the North Platte River.

Section 7. Mountain Goat Regular Hunting Seasons.

Hunt areas, season dates and limitations.

Hunt Area	Type	Season Dates		Quota	License	Limitations
		Opens	Closes			
1	1	Sep. 1	Oct. 31	12	Limited quota	Any mountain goat
2	1	Sep. 1	Oct. 31	8	Limited quota	Any mountain goat
3	1	Sep. 1	Oct. 31	12	Limited quota	Any mountain goat
3	2	Oct. 1	Oct. 31	8	Limited quota	Any mountain goat

Section 8. Special Archery Seasons. Hunt areas listed in this section shall have special archery hunting seasons during the dates and with limitations as specified in this section. Archers shall possess a limited quota mountain goat license in addition to an archery license in order to hunt mountain goat during any special archery season. Archers shall hunt only in the hunt area(s) and for the type of mountain goat as set forth by the limitations for their license as specified in Section 7 of this Chapter.

Hunt Area	Season Dates		Limitations
	Opens	Closes	
1, 2, 3	Aug. 15	Aug. 31	Refer to Section 7 of this Chapter

Section 9. Mountain Goat Hunt Area Descriptions.

Area and number.

Area 1. Beartooth. Beginning where Wyoming Highway 120 crosses the Wyoming-Montana state line; southerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 296; northwesterly along said highway to the junction with U.S. Highway 212; northwesterly along said highway to the Wyoming-Montana state line; easterly along said line to Wyoming Highway 120.

Area 2. Palisades. Beginning where the Snake River crosses the Wyoming-Idaho state line; northerly along said line to the Yellowstone National Park boundary; easterly along said boundary to the Caribou-Targhee National Forest- John D. Rockefeller Jr. Memorial Parkway boundary; southerly along said boundary to the Caribou-Targhee National Forest - Grand Teton National Forest-Grand Teton National Park boundary; northerly, easterly and southerly along said boundary to Wyoming Highway 390 west of the Snake River; southerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 22; easterly along said highway to the Snake River; southerly along said river to the Wyoming-Idaho state line.

Area 3. North Absaroka. Beginning at the junction of U.S. Highway 14-16-20 and Wyoming Highway 120; westerly along U.S. Highway 14-16-20 to the Yellowstone National Park boundary; northerly along said boundary to the Wyoming-Montana state line; easterly along said line to U.S. Highway 212; southeasterly along said highway to the junction with Wyoming Highway 296; southeasterly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 120; southerly along said highway to the junction of Wyoming Highway 120 and U.S. Highway 14-16-20.

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Keith Culver, President

Dated: April 20, 2017

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2017 BIGHORN SHEEP HUNT AREAS

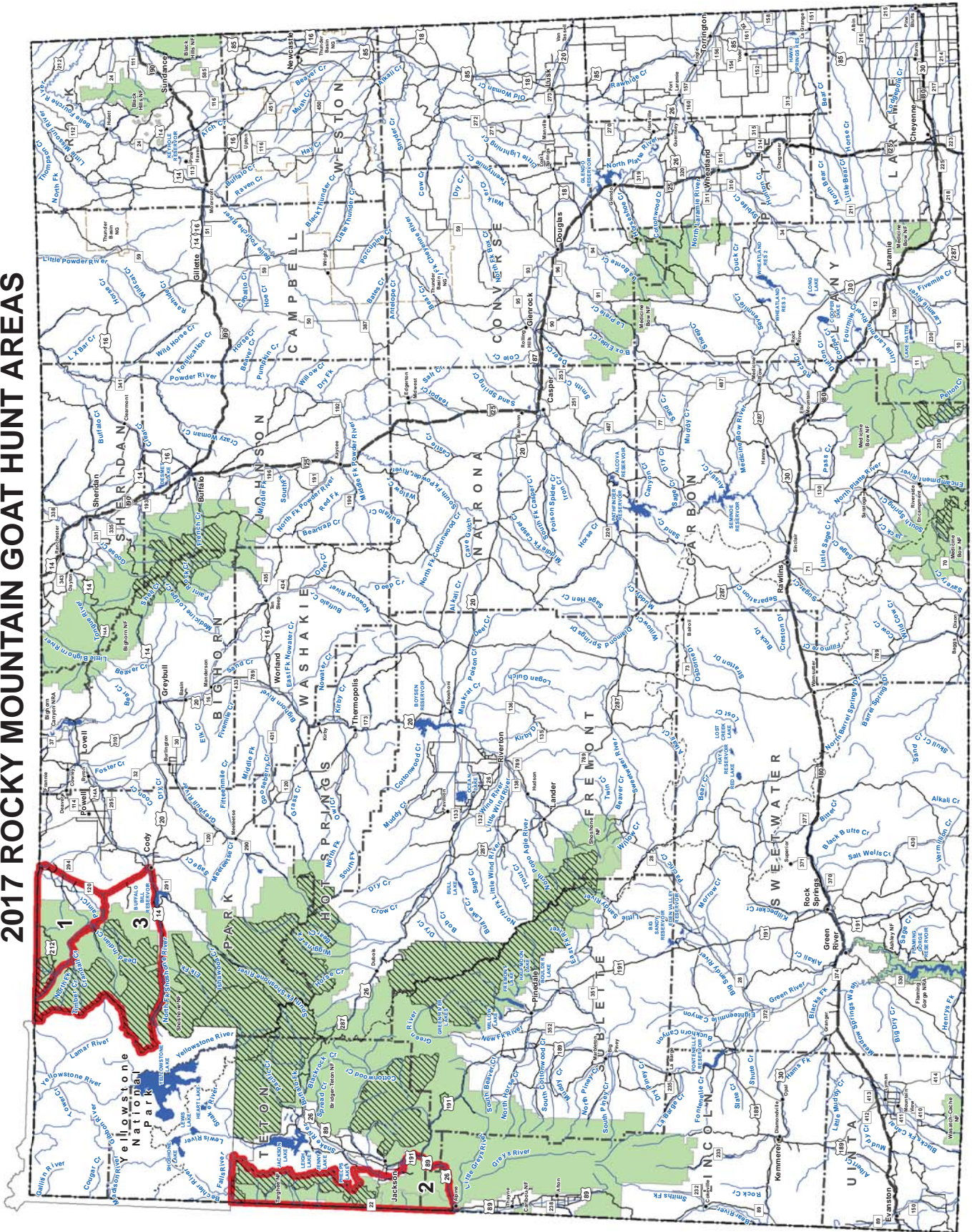
This map displays the 24 designated hunt areas for bighorn sheep in Montana for the year 2017. The areas are numbered 1 through 24 and are outlined in red. The map includes county names, major rivers, towns, and highways. Key features include:

- Hunt Areas:** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24.
- Counties:** Yellowstone, Teton, Park, Lincoln, Blaine, Big Horn, Carter, Hill, Judith, Liberty, Richland, Stillwater, Sweetwater, Toole, Yellowstone, and others.
- Rivers:** Yellowstone River, Snake River, Big Horn River, Judith River, and others.
- Towns:** Cody, Park, Teton, and others.
- Highways:** Various state and federal routes are marked.

Note:  Wilderness area, nonresidents must have guides

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2017 ROCKY MOUNTAIN GOAT HUNT AREAS



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THIS MAP IS FOR GENERAL REFERENCE ONLY. Please use the written boundary descriptions in this regulation for detailed boundary information.