

Appendix A

Report from the
Meeting on State-wide Issues Regarding Bighorn/Domestic Sheep Interaction
February 8, 2000 in Pinedale, WY

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- allotment disposition documentation - information flow, clarity
- numbers of domestic sheep permitted on federal lands
- Bighorn sheep's limited ability to disperse
- co-mingling
- domestic sheep economics/viability
- Endangered Species Act (wolves, grizzlies, not all sub-species listed)
- Bighorn sheep economic resources
- allotment waivers - vacant allotments
- loss of allotments (relocation of sheep permits, changing class of livestock considered)
- habitat
 - horizontal structure (visibility impairments) - fire suppression
 - vegetative changes with reduced domestic grazing
 - forage availability
 - subalpine and winter range vegetative changes (shrub and conifer encroachment)
 - overgrazing
 - fragmentation - barriers to migration (heterozygosity issues, etc.)
- stresses on Bighorn sheep
 - translocation (physical handling, etc) - predation (both human and 4-legged)
 - immune system stress
 - weather
 - minerals/nutritional
 - habitat quality
 - viruses
 - aerial and other disturbances
 - recreation/human disturbances
- public opinion/demand
 - expectations?
 - economic incentives?
- competition with elk (and other big game)
- environmental impact statements and best science
- process issues in decision-making (are all players present?) - information flow/communication network

Priorities:

- recognize/acknowledge that Pasturella transmission from domestic to Bighorn sheep is a management concern
 - Pasturella pathogen is a problem for Bighorn sheep
 - Does co-mingling increase the risk of Pasturella susceptibility
 - predation on Bighorn sheep
 - to what degree is this an issue (need to manage predators, or not?)
 - may be site-specific
 - stresses (predispose Bighorn sheep to disease, especially Pasturella)
 - Bighorn management protocols
 - Bighorn population objectives
 - Hybridization
 - need prompt notification when Bighorns are in domestic sheep herds; need to take prompt action once notified
 - Research
 - agree to move on from here
- Economic Viability, Loss of Allotments, Distrust of Agencies
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- Information Flow/Education

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- Research: Review of Existing, and Future Agenda

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Next meeting is scheduled for March 30, 2000, at the TNC Learning Center on the Red Canyon Ranch in Lander, WY. (Time to be announced)

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