

APPENDIX I

Report from the
Bighorn/Domestic Sheep Interaction Meeting
June 29, 2004
Red Canyon Ranch, Lander, WY

Participants

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Bob Budd gave opening remarks, and explained that the report was almost done at one point with about 95% agreement. It has lost some momentum and has been languishing

for some time. There is a target for completion by September 2004. The report was called for by Senator Thomas and will go to him. There is a Wildlife/Livestock Disease Workshop scheduled for September 10th. Bob would like to present the plan at that time. There is also a Wyoming Game and Fish Department Commission meeting at that time, and he would also like to present it to them.

The last meeting of this group was a good meeting, but there were a few items that did not get addressed. They are the focus of this meeting.

A habitat subcommittee was formed. There was a lengthy discussion about WGF's highest priority for bighorn sheep management areas. Dan Stroud prepared two renditions of maps with defined bighorn sheep emphasis areas, non-emphasis areas and unsuitable range areas. Dan will provide the maps and action items that came out of the subcommittee meeting for inclusion in the final report.

The group reviewed the recommendations in the final report and appendices. Kat Urbigit will email Tom Thorne January 2002 meeting notes. It was suggested a reference to Wyoming FNAWS be added instead of just a reference to the National FNAWS. There should be a statement in the report setting forth the Wyoming Game and Fish Department position. Game and Fish will provide a written description of core unit boundaries to be included in the report.

After going over recommendations, it was agreed that Tom Thorne would incorporate the suggested changes. Bob Budd will help bring the report together. The report will go out to everyone for comments. The comments should go to everyone. The report is pretty much done, and Tom will be looking for editorial comments only. It was suggested that comments be sent to Tom, and there is not a need for another meeting. Bob will help work on the letter to accompany the report to Senator Thomas and Governor Freudenthal.