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Grand Teton National Park
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Dear Mr. Noojibail,

The Wyoming Game and Fish Commission (Commission) hereby condemns Grand Teton National Park's (GTNP) planned action to kill mountain goats in GTNP by the use of aerial gunning. The use of aerial gunning by GTNP personnel to remove these goats is inconsistent with all notions of game management, fair chase, and totally inconsistent with years of GTNP management of big game animals in the GTNP. If these mountain goats need to be removed, the GTNP should implement a system to allow skilled volunteers, as identified as an option in their plan, to harvest these goats. Having government personnel kill mountain goats from helicopters and leaving them to rot and be wasted is unacceptable. The GTNP's refusal to utilize statutory options allowing skilled volunteers to harvest the mountain goats is shortsighted and sets a dangerous precedent. The Commission strenuously urges the National Park Service to immediately cancel plans to kill the mountain goats via aerial gunning and implement a plan allowing the mountain goats to be removed by skilled volunteers.

Passed unanimously this 15th day of January 2020.

David Rael
President, Wyoming Game and Fish Commission