




Bighorn
19.31.17 NMAC

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New Mexico State Game Commission Meeting

Silver City, NM



Amendment: Bighorn (19.31.17 NMAC) Population Management

- **The Department is proposing to amend the bighorn sheep rule**
 - **Include section allowing population management hunts to address Department needs (disease, genetics, etc.)**
 - **Section is present in all other big game rules**



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- **Situations requiring bighorn population management hunts**
 - **Disease outbreak**
 - **Quick response if disease is detected**
 - **Promote healthy genetics**
 - **Example: Jemez bighorn population**

Jemez Translocation Update



August 2014: moved 45 Bighorn from Wheeler to Cochiti Canyon

- **35 sheep**
- **Only 2 known ewe mortalities to date**
- **Some GPS collars still collecting location data**
- **Have seen experienced recruitment**



Jemez Translocation Update

**Spring 2016: 3 rams
captured from
Questa**

- **supplement
population**
- **increase genetic
diversity**



Questions?