



Bighorn
19.31.17 NMAC

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New Mexico State Game Commission Meeting

Santa Rosa, 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**
 - **Requires Director and Chairman approval**



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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**



Questions?



“Move to amend 19.31.17 NMAC, as presented by the Department and allow the Department to make minor corrections to comply with filing this rule with State Records and Archives.”

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**