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STATE GAME COMMISSION MEETING AND RULE MAKING NOTICE

The New Mexico State Game Commission (“Commission”) will be hosting a meeting and rule hearings on Friday August 19, 2022 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the UNM Gallup Campus Room STC 200, 705 Gurley Ave., Gallup, NM 87301. The purpose of this meeting is to hear and consider action as appropriate on the presentation of proposed changes to the Bighorn Sheep Rule. The original hearing date of June 3, 2022 was postponed and is now rescheduled for August 19, 2022.

Synopsis:

The proposal is to amend the Bighorn Sheep Rule 19.31.17 NMAC, which will become effective April 1, 2023. The most recent version of the rule will expire on March 31, 2023.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE BIGHORN SHEEP RULE: 1) opening the Jemez population for hunting Aug. 10-24 and Sept. 1-15, likely beginning in the 2024 season; 2) splitting the Hatchet Mountains hunt area into the Little Hatchets and Big Hatchets hunt areas and shifting hunt dates to September 15-30 and October 1-15; 3) creating 2 hunt windows in the Peloncillos (Nov. 1-15 & Nov. 16-30) and Ladrones (Dec. 1-15 & Dec. 16-31); 4) creating a 3rd hunt window in the Rio Grande Gorge population, Nov. 1-15; 5) including the Double E Wildlife Management Area as open to hunters that hold a valid license for that GMU; 6) making small adjustments to season dates in some areas.

A full text of changes for all rules will be available on the Department’s website at: www.wildlife.state.nm.us.

Interested persons may submit comments on the proposed changes to the Bighorn Sheep Rule at DGF-Bighorn-Rule@state.nm.us. Individuals may also submit written comments to the physical address below. Comments are due by 8:00 a.m. on August 17, 2022. The final proposed rules will be voted on by the Commission during a public meeting on August 19, 2022. Interested persons may also provide data, views or arguments, orally or in writing, at the public rule hearings to be held on August 19, 2022.

Full copies of text of the proposed new rules, technical information related to proposed rule changes, and the agenda can be obtained from the Office of the Director, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, 1 Wildlife Way, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87507, or from the Department’s website at www.wildlife.state.nm.us/commission/proposals-under-consideration/. This agenda is subject to change up to 72 hours prior to the meeting. Please contact the Director’s Office at (505) 476-8000, or the Department’s website at www.wildlife.state.nm.us for updated information.

If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing or meeting, please contact the Department at (505) 476-8000 at least one week prior to the meeting or as soon as possible. Public documents, including the agenda and minutes, can be provided in various accessible formats. Please contact the Department at 505-476-8000 if a summary or other type of accessible format is needed.

Legal authority for this rulemaking can be found in the General Powers and Duties of the State Game Commission 17-1-14, et seq. NMSA 1978; Commission’s Power to establish rules and regulations 17-1-26, et seq. NMSA 1978.

TITLE 19 NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILDLIFE
CHAPTER 31 HUNTING AND FISHING
PART 17 BIGHORN SHEEP

19.31.17.1 ISSUING AGENCY: New Mexico ~~d~~Department of ~~g~~Game and ~~f~~Fish.
[19.31.17.1 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.17.1 NMAC, 4/1/]

19.31.17.2 SCOPE: Sportspersons interested in ~~bighorn sheep~~the management and hunting ~~of bighorn sheep~~. Additional requirements may be found in Chapter 17 NMSA 1978, and Chapters 30, 31, 32 and 33 of Title 19 NMAC.
[19.31.17.2 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.17.2 NMAC, 4/1/2019]

19.31.17.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: ~~Sections~~ 17-1-14 and 17-1-26 NMSA 1978 provide that the New Mexico state game commission has the authority to establish rules and regulations that it may deem necessary to carry out the purpose of Chapter 17 NMSA 1978 and all other acts pertaining to protected mammals, birds, and fish.
[19.31.17.3 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.17.3 NMAC, 4/1/2019]

19.31.17.4 DURATION: April 1, ~~2023~~2019 through March 31, ~~2025~~2023.
[19.31.17.4 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.17.4 NMAC, 4/1/2019]

19.31.17.5 EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, ~~2023~~2019 unless a later date is cited at the end of a section.
[19.31.17.5 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.17.5 NMAC, 4/1/2019]

19.31.17.6 OBJECTIVE: Establishing open hunting seasons and regulations, rules, and procedures governing the distribution and issuance of bighorn sheep licenses by the department.
[19.31.17.6 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.17.6 NMAC, 4/1/2019]

19.31.17.7 DEFINITIONS:

~~**A.** — “Bighorn enhancement program” as used herein, shall mean the department activity that allows the issuance of not more than four permits for the taking of one bighorn ram per permit with the purpose of raising funds for programs and projects to benefit bighorn sheep.~~

BA. “Department” shall mean the New Mexico department of game and fish.

CB. “Director” shall mean the director of the New Mexico department of game and fish.

DC. “Either sex” or “ES” shall mean any one animal of the species.

ED. “Ewe” shall mean any female bighorn sheep.

FE. “Game management unit” or “GMU” shall mean those areas as described in ~~the rule~~ 19.30.4 NMAC Boundary Descriptions for Game Management Units.

GF. “Ram” shall mean any male bighorn sheep.

HG. “Wildlife management areas” or “WMAs” shall mean those areas as described in ~~rule~~ 19.34.5 NMAC; Wildlife Management Areas.

[19.31.17.7 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.17.7 NMAC, 4/1/2019]

19.31.17.8 ADJUSTMENT OF LICENSES: The director, with the verbal concurrence of the ~~New Mexico state game commission~~ chairperson or their designee, may adjust the number of bighorn licenses to address significant changes in population levels or to address critical department management needs. The director may change or cancel ~~any or~~ all hunts on military lands to accommodate closures on those lands; if changed, the season length and bag limit shall remain the same as assigned on the original hunt code.
[19.31.17.8 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.17.8 NMAC, 4/1/2019]

19.31.17.9 BIGHORN SHEEP LICENSE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS:

A. Rocky mountain bighorn sheep ram once-in-a-lifetime hunts: It shall be unlawful for anyone to apply for a Rocky mountain bighorn sheep ram license if one has previously held a license to hunt a Rocky mountain bighorn sheep ram in New Mexico, except those who have held a youth-only, private land-only (not obtained through the public draw), population management license for ram or ES that the director, with verbal concurrence of the chairperson or their designee, has decided does not qualify as once-in-a-lifetime, auction, and/or raffle bighorn ram license(s). A person that has received the youth-only ram license is eligible for this hunt only once as a youth (under age 18), but may apply for the other Rocky mountain and desert bighorn once-in-a lifetime hunts as long as they are eligible.

B. Desert bighorn sheep ram once-in-a-lifetime hunts: It shall be unlawful for anyone to apply for a desert bighorn sheep ram license if one has previously held a license to hunt a desert bighorn sheep ram in New Mexico, except those who have held a youth-only, private land-only (not obtained through the public draw), population management license for ram or ES that the director, with verbal concurrence of the chairperson or their designee, has decided does not qualify as once-in-a-lifetime, auction, and/or raffle bighorn ram license(s). A person that has received the youth-only ram license is eligible for this hunt only once as a youth (under age 18), but may apply for the other Rocky mountain and desert bighorn once-in-a lifetime hunts as long as they are eligible.

C. Rocky mountain bighorn sheep ewe hunts: This hunt is not a once-in-a-lifetime hunt. A person that has previously held a license to hunt Rocky mountain bighorn rams or ewes is eligible to apply for this hunt.
[19.31.17.9 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.17.9 NMAC, 4/1/2019]

19.31.17.10 SEALING OF RAM HORNS: A seal shall be affixed to a horn of every bighorn sheep ram head taken in New Mexico, imported into New Mexico, or found in the field in New Mexico subsequent to August 17, 1973. Bighorn sheep heads found in the field within New Mexico shall remain the property of the state until disposed of by permit from the director. The seal shall authorize possession and transportation of the head within New Mexico.

A. Such sealing shall be done within ten days after the bighorn sheep ram head is taken, imported, or found in the field and before the bighorn sheep head is exported from New Mexico. Bighorn sheep ram heads not so declared shall be seized. Only legally taken and possessed bighorn sheep ram heads **from New Mexico** shall be sealed.

B. Bighorn sheep ram heads legally sealed in other countries, states, tribal entities, provinces, and territories, and possessing a valid visible seal attached, are exempted.

C. It shall be unlawful to possess any bighorn sheep ram head which has not been sealed as described in this section.

[19.31.17.10 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.17.10 NMAC, 4/1/2019]

19.31.17.11 BIGHORN SHEEP HUNTING SEASONS: The **2023-24**~~2019-20~~ through **2026-27**~~2022-23~~ hunting seasons shall be as indicated below, listing the GMUs or areas open, eligibility requirements or restrictions, hunt dates, hunt codes, sporting arms, number of licenses, and bag limit. Additional eligibility requirements and restrictions are defined in Section 9 of 19.31.17 NMAC above.

A. Rocky mountain bighorn ram hunt for any **legal big game** sporting arms (BHS-1-201). Hunters applying for BHS-1-201 will be allowed to select and rank up to three open areas/hunt dates. The number of licenses available for BHS-1-201 will be up to 60 with a bag limit of one ram.

open GMUs or areas for BHS 1-201	2019-2020 hunt dates	2020-2021 hunt dates	2021-2022 hunt dates	2022-2023 hunt dates
6	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
14, 18	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
16B, 22, 23, 24	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31
45	8/9-8/18 8/23-9/1	8/7-8/16 8/21-8/30	8/6-8/15 8/20-8/29	8/5-8/14 8/19-8/28

45, youth only	8/23-9/1	8/21-8/30	8/20-8/29	8/19-8/28
53 south of NM 38 and east of NM 522	8/6-8/15	8/6-8/15	8/6-8/15	8/6-8/15
	9/1-9/10	9/1-9/10	9/1-9/10	9/1-9/10
53 north of NM 38 and east of NM 522; 55 south of NM 196/FS Rd 1950	8/9-8/18	8/7-8/16	8/6-8/15	8/5-8/14
	8/23-9/1	8/21-8/30	8/20-8/29	8/19-8/28
49, 50, 53 west of NM 522	8/10-8/24	8/10-8/24	8/10-8/24	8/10-8/24
	9/1-9/15	9/1-9/15	9/1-9/15	9/1-9/15
55 north of NM196/FS Rd 1950	8/15/2019-1/15/2020	8/15/2020-1/15/2021	8/15/2021-1/15/2022	8/15/2022-1/15/2023
58	8/15/2019-1/15/2020	8/15/2020-1/15/2021	8/15/2021-1/15/2022	8/15/2022-1/15/2023

open GMUs or areas for BHS-1-201	2023-2024 hunt dates	2024-2025 hunt dates	2025-2026 hunt dates	2026-2027 hunt dates
6	8/10-8/24	8/10-8/24	8/10-8/24	8/10-8/24
	9/1-9/15	9/1-9/15	9/1-9/15	9/1-9/15
14, 18	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
16B, 22, 23, 24: including Double E WMA	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31
45	8/4-8/13	8/9-8/18	8/8-8/17	8/7-8/16
	8/18-8/27	8/23-9/1	8/22-8/31	8/21-8/30
45, youth only	8/18-8/27	8/23-9/1	8/22-8/31	8/21-8/30
53 south of NM 38 and east of NM 522	8/6-8/15	8/6-8/15	8/6-8/15	8/6-8/15
	9/1-9/10	9/1-9/10	9/1-9/10	9/1-9/10
53 north of NM 38 and east of NM 522; 55 south of NM 196/FS Rd 1950	8/4-8/13	8/9-8/18	8/8-8/17	8/7-8/16
	8/18-8/27	8/23-9/1	8/22-8/31	8/21-8/30
49, 50, 53 west of NM 522	8/10-8/24	8/10-8/24	8/10-8/24	8/10-8/24
	9/1-9/15	9/1-9/15	9/1-9/15	9/1-9/15
	11/1-11/15	11/1-11/15	11/1-11/15	11/1-11/15
55 north of NM 196/FS Rd 1950	8/15/2023-1/15/2024	8/15/2024-1/15/2025	8/15/2025-1/15/2026	8/15/2026-1/15/2027
58	8/15/2023-1/15/2024	8/15/2024-1/15/2025	8/15/2025-1/15/2026	8/15/2026-1/15/2027

B. Private land Rocky mountain bighorn ram hunt for any legal big game sporting arms. The number of licenses available will be up to 6 with a bag limit of one ram.

open GMUs	2019-2020 hunt dates	2020-2021 hunt dates	2021-2022 hunt dates	2022-2023 hunt dates
55 north of NM196/FS Rd 1950	8/15/2019-1/15/2020	8/15/2020-1/15/2021	8/15/2021-1/15/2022	8/15/2022-1/15/2023
58	8/15/2019-1/15/2020	8/15/2020-1/15/2021	8/15/2021-1/15/2022	8/15/2022-1/15/2023

open GMUs or areas	2023-2024 hunt dates	2024-2025 hunt dates	2025-2026 hunt dates	2026-2027 hunt dates
55 north of NM 196/FS Rd 1950	8/15/2023-1/15/2024	8/15/2024-1/15/2025	8/15/2025-1/15/2026	8/15/2026-1/15/2027
58	8/15/2023-1/15/2024	8/15/2024-1/15/2025	8/15/2025-1/15/2026	8/15/2026-1/15/2027

C. Rocky mountain bighorn ewe hunt for any legal big game sporting arms (BHS-1-202). Hunters applying for BHS-1-202 will be allowed to select and rank up to three open areas/hunt dates. The number of licenses available for BHS-1-202 will be up to 150 with a bag limit of one ewe.

open GMUs or areas for BHS-1-202	2019-2020 hunt dates	2020-2021 hunt dates	2021-2022 hunt dates	2022-2023 hunt dates
45	9/21-9/25	9/19-9/23	9/18-9/22	9/17-9/21
	10/5-10/9	10/3-10/7	10/2-10/6	10/1-10/5
45, youth only	10/5-10/9	10/3-10/7	10/2-10/6	10/1-10/5
49, 50, 53 west of NM 522	10/12-10/20	10/10-10/18	10/9-10/17	10/8-10/16
	11/9-11/17	11/14-11/22	11/13-11/21	11/12-11/20
	12/14-12/22	12/12-12/20	12/11-12/19	12/10-12/18
49, 50, 53 west of NM 522, youth only	11/9-11/17	11/14-11/22	11/13-11/21	11/12-11/20
53 south of NM 38 and east of NM 522	9/21-9/25	9/19-9/23	9/18-9/22	9/24-9/28
	10/5-10/9	10/3-10/7	10/2-10/6	10/8-10/12
53 south of NM 38 and east of NM 522, youth only	9/21-9/25	9/19-9/23	9/18-9/22	9/24-9/28
53 north of NM 38 and east of NM 522; 55 south of NM 196/FS Rd 1950	9/21-10/4	9/19-10/2	9/18-10/1	9/17-9/30
53 north of NM 38 and east of NM 522; 55 south of NM 196/FS Rd 1950, youth only	9/21-10/4	9/19-10/2	9/18-10/1	9/17-9/30

open GMUs or areas for BHS-1-202	2023-2024 hunt dates	2024-2025 hunt dates	2025-2026 hunt dates	2026-2027 hunt dates
45	9/16-9/20	9/21-9/25	9/20-9/24	9/19-9/23
	9/30-10/4	10/5-10/9	10/4-10/8	10/3-10/7
45, youth only	9/30-10/4	10/5-10/9	10/4-10/8	10/3-10/7
49, 50, 53 west of NM 522	10/14-10/22	10/12-10/20	10/11-10/19	10/10-10/18
	11/18-11/26	11/16-11/24	11/15-11/23	11/21-11/29
	12/9-12/17	12/14-12/22	12/13-12/21	12/12-12/20
49, 50, 53 west of NM 522, youth only	11/18-11/26	11/16-11/24	11/15-11/23	11/21-11/29
53 south of NM 38 and east of NM 522	9/23-9/27	9/21-9/25	9/20-9/24	9/19-9/23
	10/7-10/11	10/5-10/9	10/4-10/8	10/3-10/7
53 south of NM 38 and east of NM 522, youth only	9/23-9/27	9/21-9/25	9/20-9/24	9/19-9/23
53 north of NM 38 and east of NM 522; 55 south of NM 196/FS Rd 1950	9/16-9/20	9/21-9/25	9/20-9/24	9/19-9/23
53 north of NM 38 and east of NM 522; 55 south of NM 196/FS Rd 1950, youth only	9/16-9/20	9/21-9/25	9/20-9/24	9/19-9/23

D. Rocky mountain bighorn ewe hunt for bow only (BHS-2-203). Hunters applying for BHS-2-203 will be allowed to select and rank up to three open areas/hunt dates. The number of licenses available for BHS-2-203 will be up to 60 with a bag limit of one ewe.

open GMUs or areas for BHS 2-203	2019-2020 hunt dates	2020-2021 hunt dates	2021-2022 hunt dates	2022-2023 hunt dates
45	9/6-9/15	9/4-9/13	9/3-9/12	9/2-9/11
49, 50, 53 west of NM 522	9/16-9/30	9/16-9/30	9/16-9/30	9/16-9/30
53 south of NM 38 and east of NM 522	9/11-9/17	9/11-9/17	9/11-9/17	9/11-9/17
53 north of NM 38 and east of NM 522; 55 south of NM 196/FS Rd 1950	9/7-9/20	9/5-9/18	9/4-9/17	9/3-9/16
53 north of NM 38 and east of NM 522; 55 south of NM 196/FS Rd 1950, youth only	9/7-9/20	9/5-9/18	9/4-9/17	9/3-9/16

open GMUs or areas for BHS-2-203	2023-2024 hunt dates	2024-2025 hunt dates	2025-2026 hunt dates	2026-2027 hunt dates
45	9/1-9/10	9/6-9/15	9/5-9/14	9/4-9/13
49, 50, 53 west of NM 522	9/16-9/30	9/16-9/30	9/16-9/30	9/16-9/30
53 south of NM 38 and east of NM 522	9/11-9/17	9/11-9/17	9/11-9/17	9/11-9/17
53 north of NM 38 and east of NM 522; 55 south of NM 196/FS Rd 1950	9/2-9/15	9/7-9/20	9/6-9/19	9/5-9/18
53 north of NM 38 and east of NM 522; 55 south of NM 196/FS Rd 1950, youth only	9/2-9/15	9/7-9/20	9/6-9/19	9/5-9/18

E. Desert bighorn ram hunt for any **legal big game** sporting arms (BHS-1-204). Hunters applying for BHS-1-204 will be allowed to select and rank up to three open areas/hunt dates. The number of licenses available for BHS-1-204 will be up to 60 with a bag limit of one ram.

open GMUs or areas for BHS 1-204	2019-2020 hunt dates	2020-2021 hunt dates	2021-2022 hunt dates	2022-2023 hunt dates
13, 17	12/1-12/31	12/1-12/31	12/1-12/31	12/1-12/31
19	12/14-12/21	12/14-12/21	12/14-12/21	12/14-12/21
	12/27/2019-1/3/2020	12/27/2020-1/3/2021	12/27/2021-1/3/2022	12/27/2022-1/3/2023
20: south of NM 51	11/16-11/30	11/16-11/30	11/16-11/30	11/16-11/30
	12/1-12/15	12/1-12/15	12/1-12/15	12/1-12/15
20: north of NM 51	10/11-10/20	8/14-8/23	10/8-10/17	8/12-8/21
	2/16-2/29	3/5-3/14	2/16-2/28	3/3-3/12
20: north of NM 51, youth only	11/22-12/1	11/20-11/29	11/19-11/28	11/18-11/27
26	10/1-10/15	10/1-10/15	10/1-10/15	10/1-10/15
	10/16-10/31	10/16-10/31	10/16-10/31	10/16-10/31
27	11/1-11/30	11/1-11/30	11/1-11/30	11/1-11/30

open GMUs or areas for BHS-1-204	2023-2024 hunt dates	2024-2025 hunt dates	2025-2026 hunt dates	2026-2027 hunt dates

13, 17	12/1-12/15	12/1-12/15	12/1-12/15	12/1-12/15
	12/16-12/31	12/16-12/31	12/16-12/31	12/16-12/31
19	12/14-12/21	12/14-12/21	12/14-12/21	12/14-12/21
	12/27/2023-1/3/2024	12/27/2024-1/3/2025	12/27/2025-1/3/2026	12/27/2026-1/3/2027
20: south of NM 51	11/16-11/30	11/16-11/30	11/16-11/30	11/16-11/30
	12/1-12/15	12/1-12/15	12/1-12/15	12/1-12/15
20: north of NM 51	8/18-8/27	9/13-9/22	8/15-8/24	9/11-9/20
		10/11-10/20		10/9-10/18
20: north of NM 51, youth only	11/17-11/26		11/21-11/30	
26, west of NM 81	9/15-9/30	9/15-9/30	9/15-9/30	9/15-9/30
	10/1-10/15	10/1-10/15	10/1-10/15	10/1-10/15
26, east of NM 81	9/15-9/30	9/15-9/30	9/15-9/30	9/15-9/30
	10/1-10/15	10/1-10/15	10/1-10/15	10/1-10/15
27	11/1-11/15	11/1-11/15	11/1-11/15	11/1-11/15
	11/16-11/30	11/16-11/30	11/16-11/30	11/16-11/30

F. Private land desert bighorn ram hunt for any legal big game sporting arms. The number of licenses available will be up to 6 with a bag limit of one ram.

open GMUs	2019-2020 hunt dates	2020-2021 hunt dates	2021-2022 hunt dates	2022-2023 hunt dates
20: north of NM 51	8/16-8/25	10/9-10/18	8/13-8/22	10/7-10/16
	3/6-3/15	2/16-2/28	3/4-3/13	2/16-2/28
20: north of NM 51, youth only	11/22-12/1	11/20-11/29	11/19-11/28	11/18-11/27

open GMUs or areas	2023-2024 hunt dates	2024-2025 hunt dates	2025-2026 hunt dates	2026-2027 hunt dates
20: north of NM 51	9/15-9/24	8/16-8/25	9/12-9/21	8/14-8/23
	10/13-10/22	11/22-12/1	10/10-10/19	11/20-11/29

[19.31.17.11 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.17.11 NMAC, 4/1/2019]

19.31.17.12 SPECIAL BIGHORN SHEEP HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES: Bighorn sheep enhancement program: BIGHORN SHEEP ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM:

A. Program description: The director shall collect all proceeds generated through the auction and lottery of special bighorn sheep permits, and such monies shall be deposited in the game protection fund. These monies shall be made available for expenditure by the department solely for programs and projects to benefit bighorn sheep and for costs incurred in carrying out these programs. These monies shall be used to augment, and not replace, monies appropriated from existing funds available to the department for the conservation, restoration, utilization, and management of bighorn sheep.

B. Requirements for issuance of special bighorn sheep licenses:

(1) The state game commission authorizes the director to issue not more than four special bighorn sheep licenses in any one license year to take one ram per license. The director shall allow the sale of one Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep authorization and one desert bighorn sheep authorization through auction to the highest bidder, and one Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep authorization and one desert bighorn sheep authorization to a person selected through a random drawing of a lottery ticket. The drawing will be conducted by the department or an incorporated, non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation of bighorn sheep.

(2) Unless their hunting privileges have been revoked pursuant to law, any person is eligible to submit a bid for the special bighorn sheep auction authorization or purchase lottery tickets in an attempt to be selected for the special bighorn sheep lottery authorization.

(3) The special bighorn sheep authorizations issued through auction and lottery may be transferred, through sale, barter or gift by the successful individuals only to other individuals qualified to hunt.

(4) Special bighorn sheep licenses granted through auction or lottery, as described above, shall not be considered 'once-in-a-lifetime' licenses.

C. Enhancement hunts: These licenses shall be valid for any big game sporting arms statewide where hunting is allowed. The bag limit shall be one ram.

A. The director of the department shall collect all proceeds generated through auction and lottery of special bighorn sheep permits, and such monies shall be deposited in the game protection fund. These monies shall be made available for expenditure by the department solely for programs and projects to benefit bighorn sheep and for direct costs incurred in carrying out these programs. These monies shall be used to augment, and not replace, monies appropriated from existing funds available to the department for the preservation, restoration, utilization, and management of bighorn sheep.

B. The state game commission shall authorize the director of the department to issue not more than four special bighorn sheep permits in any one license year to take one bighorn sheep ram per permit. The director shall allow the sale of two permits through auction to the highest bidders and two permits to persons selected through a random drawing for the holder of a lottery ticket by the department or by an incorporated, nonprofit organization dedicated to the conservation of wild sheep.

C. Proposals for auctioning two special bighorn sheep permits and the sale of lottery tickets to obtain two special bighorn sheep permits through a pair of random drawings shall be submitted to the director of the department prior to December 30 annually, preceding the license year when the permits may be legally used.

D. The proposals for auctioning two permits, and for the sale of lottery tickets and subsequent selection of recipients for two permits through random drawing(s) shall each contain and identify:

(1) the name of the organization making the request as well as the names, addresses and telephone numbers of those members of the organization who are coordinating the proposal;

(2) a copy of the organization's articles of incorporation with a letter attesting that the organization has tax exempt status. The letter must also affirm that the proponent agrees to the conditions set forth by the director of the department. The letter must be signed and dated by the president and secretary treasurer, or their equivalents.

E. The director of the department shall examine all proposals following the close of the application period. The director may reject any application which does not conform to the requirements of this section. In selecting a marketing organization, the director shall consider the qualifications of the organization as a fund raiser; the proposed fund raising plan; the fee charged by the marketing organization for promotional and administrative costs, relative to the funds obtained from auctioning the permit; and the organization's previous involvement with wild sheep management and its conservation objectives. The director may accept any proposals when it is in the best interest of bighorn sheep to do so.

F. The marketing organization must agree in writing to the following:

(1) to transfer all proceeds on or before the tenth day of the month following the auction and drawing for the lottery, and

(2) to provide the department with the names, addresses, and the physical descriptions of the individuals to whom the special bighorn sheep permits are issued.

G. The department and the marketing organization must agree to the arrangements for the deposit of the proceeds, payment for services rendered, the accounting procedures, and final audit.

H. Unless his or her hunting privileges have been revoked pursuant to law, any resident of New Mexico, nonresident, or alien is eligible to submit a bid for the special bighorn auction permits or purchase lottery tickets in an attempt to be selected for the special bighorn lottery permits.

I. The special bighorn sheep permits issued through auction and lottery may be transferred, through sale, barter or gift by the successful individuals to only other individuals qualified to hunt.

~~J.~~ Special bighorn sheep permits granted through auction or lottery, as described above, shall not be considered 'once in a lifetime' permits. A person is eligible to submit a bid for the special bighorn auction and raffle licenses whether or not he or she has previously held a license to hunt Rocky mountain or desert bighorn sheep in New Mexico.

~~(1)K.~~ Holders of the auction licenses (BHS 1-500) must declare their exclusive hunt area by June 30 annually to hunt the designated subspecies in one of the open hunt areas. Each holder of the raffle license (BHS 1-600) must declare their exclusive hunt area by July 20 annually to hunt the designated subspecies in one of the open hunt areas not declared by the auction hunter.

~~(2)L.~~ The remaining hunt units open to bighorn hunting not declared by the auction or raffle hunter as their exclusive hunt area, may be hunted by either the auction or raffle hunter.

~~(3)M.~~ The hunt dates for the auction and raffle licenses BHS 1-500 and BHS 1-600 shall be 8/1-12/31 annually, except GMU 53 south of NM 38 and east of NM 522 is closed 8/16 to 8/31 annually to all bighorn sheep hunters.

[19.31.17.12 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.17.12 NMAC, 4/1/2019]

19.31.17.13 BIGHORN SHEEP POPULATION MANAGEMENT HUNTS:

A. The director, with verbal concurrence of the chairperson of the New Mexico state game commission or their designee, may authorize population management hunts for bighorn sheep when justified in writing by department personnel and must be based on biological information or a potential to compromise population viability.

B. The director shall designate the sporting arms, season dates, season lengths, bag limits, hunt boundaries, specific requirements or restrictions, and number of licenses to be issued.

C. In the event that an applicant is not able to hunt on the dates specified, the applicant's name shall be moved to the bottom of the list and another applicant may be contacted for the hunt.

D. In those instances where a population management hunt is warranted on deeded private lands, the landowner may suggest eligible hunters of their choice by submitting a list of prospective hunters' names to the department for licensing consideration. No more than one-half of the total number of licenses authorized shall be available to landowner identified hunters. The balance of prospective hunters shall be identified by the department.

E. The director, with verbal concurrence of the chairperson of the New Mexico state game commission or their designee, may deem some ram or either sex population management licenses not once-in-a-lifetime; a person that has held a once-in-a-lifetime ram license(s) is not disqualified from this hunt.

[19.31.17.13 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.17.13 NMAC, 4/1/2019]

HISTORY OF 19.31.17 NMAC:

Pre-NMAC History: The material in this part was derived from that previously filed with the State Records Center and Archives under:

Regulation No. 482, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 5/31/1967;

Regulation No. 487, Establishing 1967 Seasons On Javelina And Barbary Sheep, filed 12/15/1967;

Regulation No. 489, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring of 1968, filed 3/1/1968;

Regulation No. 491, Establishing Big Game Seasons For 1968 For Jicarilla Reservation, filed 3/1/1968;

Regulation No. 492, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 6/6/1968;

Regulation No. 495, Establishing A Season On Bighorn Sheep, filed 10/2/1968;

Regulation No. 496, Establishing An Elk Season In The Tres Piedras Area, Elk Area P-6, filed 12/11/1968;

Regulation No. 502, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1969, filed 3/5/1969;

Regulation No. 503, Establishing 1969 Deer Seasons For Bowhunting Only And Big Game Seasons For The Jicarilla Indian Reservation, filed 3/5/1969;

Regulation 504, Establishing Seasons on Deer, Bear, Turkey, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 6/4/6199;

Regulation No. 507, Establishing A Season On Bighorn Sheep, filed 8/26/1969;

Regulation No. 512, Establishing Turkey Season For The Spring Of 1970, filed 2/20/1970;

Regulation No. 513, Establishing Deer Season For Bowhunting Only In Sandia State Game Refuge, filed 2/20/1970;

Regulation No. 514, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/9/1970;

Regulation No 520, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1971, filed 3/9/1971;
Regulation No. 522, Establishing 1971 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/9/1971;
Regulation No. 523, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/9/1971;
Regulation No. 531, Establishing A Season On Javelina, filed 12/17/1971;
Regulation No. 532, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1972, filed 3/20/1972;
Regulation No. 534, Establishing 1972 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/20/1972;
Regulation No. 536, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/26/1972;
Regulation No. 542, Establishing A Season On Javelina, filed 12/1/1972;
Regulation No. 545, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1973, filed 2/26/1973;
Regulation No. 546, Establishing 1973 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 2/26/1973;
Regulation No. 547, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, And Javelina, filed 5/31/1973;
Regulation No. 554, Establishing Special Turkey Seasons For The Spring of 1974, filed 3/4/1974;
Regulation No. 556, Establishing 1974 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/14/1974;
Regulation No. 558, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex, filed 5/29/1974;
Regulation No. 565, Establishing Special Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1975, filed 3/24/1975;
Regulation No. 567, Establishing 1975 Seasons On Deer, Bear, And Turkey On The Jicarilla Apache And Navajo Indian Reservations And On Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/24/1975;
Regulation No. 568, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 6/25/1975;
Regulation No. 573, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/23/1976;
Regulation No. 583, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/11/1977;
Regulation No. 590, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/15/78;
Regulation No. 596, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/23/1979;
Regulation No. 603, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1980 through March 31, 1981, filed 2/22/1980;
Regulation No. 609, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1981 through March 31, 1982, filed 3/17/1981;
Regulation No. 614, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1982 through March 31, 1983, filed 3/10/1982;
Regulation No. 622, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1983 through March 31, 1984, filed 3/9/1983;
Regulation No. 628, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1984 through March 31, 1985, filed 4/2/1984;
Regulation No. 634, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1985 Through March 31, 1986, filed 4/18/1985;
Regulation No. 640, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1986 through March 31, 1987, filed 3/25/1986;
Regulation No. 645, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1987 through March 31, 1988, filed 2/12/1987;
Regulation No. 653, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1988 through March 31, 1989, filed 12/18/1987;
Regulation No. 663, Establishing Opening Spring Turkey For The Period April 1, 1989 through March 31, 1990, filed 3/28/1989;

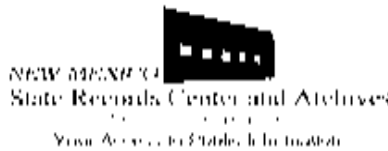
Regulation No. 664, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1989 through March 31, 1990, filed 3/20/1989; Regulation No. 674, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1990 through March 31, 1991, filed 11/21/1989; Regulation No. 683, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1991 through March 31, 1992, filed 2/8/1991; Regulation No. 689, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1992 through March 31, 1993, filed 3/4/1992; Regulation No. 700, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1993 through March 31, 1995, filed 3/11/1993.

History of Repealed Material:

19.31.8 NMAC, Big Game, filed 3-1-2001 - duration expired 3/31/2003.
19.31.8 NMAC, Big Game and Turkey, filed 3/3/2003 - duration expired 3/31/2005.
19.31.8 NMAC, Big Game and Turkey, filed 12/15/2004 - duration expired 3/31/2007.
19.31.17 NMAC, Bighorn Sheep, filed 12/1/2006 - duration expired 3/31/2009.
19.31.17 NMAC, Bighorn Sheep, filed 2/26/2009 - duration expired 3/31/2011.
19.31.17 NMAC, Bighorn Sheep, filed 9/15/2010 - duration expired 3/31/2015.
19.31.17 NMAC, Bighorn Sheep, filed 3/17/2015 - duration expired 3/31/2019.
19.31.17 NMAC, Bighorn Sheep, filed 5/31/2018 - duration expired 3/31/2023.

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- Reasons for adopting rule, including any findings otherwise required by law of the agency, and a summary of any independent analysis done by the agency;
- Reasons for any change between the published proposed rule and the final rule; and
- Reasons for not accepting substantive arguments made through public comment.

The rulemaking was undertaken to adopt a new Bighorn Sheep Rule, 19.31.17 NMAC, which will become effective April 1, 2023. The current Bighorn Sheep Rule will expire on March 31, 2023.

The new rule will include:

1) opening the Jemez population for hunting Aug. 10-24 and Sept. 1-15, likely beginning in the 2024 season; 2) splitting the Hatchet Mountains hunt area into the Little Hatchets and Big Hatchets hunt areas and shifting hunt dates to September 15-30 and October 1-15; 3) creating 2 hunt windows in the Peloncillos (Nov. 1-15 & Nov. 16-30) and Ladrones (Dec. 1-15 & Dec. 16-31); 4) creating a 3rd hunt window in the Rio Grande Gorge population, Nov. 1-15; 5) including the Double E Wildlife Management Area as open to hunters that hold a valid license for that GMU; and 6) making small adjustments to season dates in some areas.

Between the published proposed rule and the final rule, one change was made: the rule will expire on March 31, 2025 instead of March 31, 2027.

A wide array of public comments were submitted. To view public comments, please visit www.wildlife.state.nm.us/commission/meeting-agendas/ and click on the Hearing Archive tab. It was not possible to incorporate all of the comments into the final rule as many of the comments were mutually exclusive. The resulting rule was based on what was best for the resource and overall hunter satisfaction.

Issuing authority (If delegated, authority letter must be on file with ALD):

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TITLE 19 NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILDLIFE
CHAPTER 31 HUNTING AND FISHING
PART 17 BIGHORN SHEEP

19.31.17.1 ISSUING AGENCY: New Mexico department of game and fish.
[19.31.17.1 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.17.1 NMAC, 4/1/2023]

19.31.17.2 SCOPE: Sportspersons interested in bighorn sheep management and hunting. Additional requirements may be found in Chapter 17 NMSA 1978, and Chapters 30, 31, 32 and 33 of Title 19 NMAC.
[19.31.17.2 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.17.2 NMAC, 4/1/2023]

19.31.17.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Sections 17-1-14 and 17-1-26 NMSA 1978 provide that the New Mexico state game commission has the authority to establish rules and regulations that it may deem necessary to carry out the purpose of Chapter 17 NMSA 1978 and all other acts pertaining to protected mammals, birds, and fish.
[19.31.17.3 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.17.3 NMAC, 4/1/2023]

19.31.17.4 DURATION: April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2025.
[19.31.17.4 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.17.4 NMAC, 4/1/2023]

19.31.17.5 EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 2023 unless a later date is cited at the end of a section.
[19.31.17.5 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.17.5 NMAC, 4/1/2023]

19.31.17.6 OBJECTIVE: Establishing open hunting seasons and regulations, rules, and procedures governing the distribution and issuance of bighorn sheep licenses by the department.
[19.31.17.6 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.17.6 NMAC, 4/1/2023]

19.31.17.7 DEFINITIONS:

- A. **"Department"** shall mean the New Mexico department of game and fish.
- B. **"Director"** shall mean the director of the New Mexico department of game and fish.
- C. **"Either sex" or "ES"** shall mean any one animal of the species.
- D. **"Ewe"** shall mean any female bighorn sheep.
- E. **"Game management unit" or "GMU"** shall mean those areas as described in 19.30.4 NMAC Boundary Descriptions for Game Management Units.
- F. **"Ram"** shall mean any male bighorn sheep.
- G. **"Wildlife management areas" or "WMAs"** shall mean those areas as described in 19.34.5 NMAC Wildlife Management Areas.
[19.31.17.7 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.17.7 NMAC, 4/1/2023]

19.31.17.8 ADJUSTMENT OF LICENSES: The director, with the verbal concurrence of the New Mexico state game commission chairperson or their designee, may adjust the number of bighorn licenses to address significant changes in population levels or to address critical department management needs. The director may change or cancel any or all hunts on military lands to accommodate closures on those lands; if changed, the season length and bag limit shall remain the same as assigned on the original hunt code.
[19.31.17.8 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.17.8 NMAC, 4/1/2023]

19.31.17.9 BIGHORN SHEEP LICENSE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS:

- A. **Rocky mountain bighorn sheep ram once-in-a-lifetime hunts:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to apply for a Rocky mountain bighorn sheep ram license if one has previously held a license to hunt a Rocky mountain bighorn sheep ram in New Mexico, except those who have held a youth-only, private land-only (not

obtained through the public draw), population management license for ram or ES that the director, with verbal concurrence of the chairperson or their designee, has decided does not qualify as once-in-a-lifetime, auction, and/or raffle bighorn ram license(s). A person that has received the youth-only ram license is eligible for this hunt only once as a youth (under age 18), but may apply for the other Rocky mountain and desert bighorn once-in-a lifetime hunts as long as they are eligible.

B. Desert bighorn sheep ram once-in-a-lifetime hunts: It shall be unlawful for anyone to apply for a desert bighorn sheep ram license if one has previously held a license to hunt a desert bighorn sheep ram in New Mexico, except those who have held a youth-only, private land-only (not obtained through the public draw), population management license for ram or ES that the director, with verbal concurrence of the chairperson or their designee, has decided does not qualify as once-in-a-lifetime, auction, and/or raffle bighorn ram license(s). A person that has received the youth-only ram license is eligible for this hunt only once as a youth (under age 18), but may apply for the other Rocky mountain and desert bighorn once-in-a lifetime hunts as long as they are eligible.

C. Rocky mountain bighorn sheep ewe hunts: This hunt is not a once-in-a-lifetime hunt. A person that has previously held a license to hunt Rocky mountain bighorn rams or ewes is eligible to apply for this hunt. [19.31.17.9 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.17.9 NMAC, 4/1/2023]

19.31.17.10 SEALING OF RAM HORNS: A seal shall be affixed to a horn of every bighorn sheep ram head taken in New Mexico, imported into New Mexico, or found in the field in New Mexico subsequent to August 17, 1973. Bighorn sheep heads found in the field within New Mexico shall remain the property of the state until disposed of by permit from the director. The seal shall authorize possession and transportation of the head within New Mexico.

A. Such sealing shall be done within ten days after the bighorn sheep ram head is taken, imported, or found in the field and before the bighorn sheep head is exported from New Mexico. Bighorn sheep ram heads not so declared shall be seized. Only legally taken and possessed bighorn sheep ram heads from New Mexico shall be sealed.

B. Bighorn sheep ram heads legally sealed in other countries, states, tribal entities, provinces, and territories, and possessing a valid visible seal attached, are exempted.

C. It shall be unlawful to possess any bighorn sheep ram head which has not been sealed as described in this section.

[19.31.17.10 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.17.10 NMAC, 4/1/2023]

19.31.17.11 BIGHORN SHEEP HUNTING SEASONS: The 2023-24 through 2026-27 hunting seasons shall be as indicated below, listing the GMUs or areas open, eligibility requirements or restrictions, hunt dates, hunt codes, sporting arms, number of licenses, and bag limit. Additional eligibility requirements and restrictions are defined in Section 9 of 19.31.17 NMAC above.

A. Rocky mountain bighorn ram hunt for any big game sporting arms (BHS-1-201). Hunters applying for BHS-1-201 will be allowed to select and rank up to three open areas/hunt dates. The number of licenses available for BHS-1-201 will be up to 60 with a bag limit of one ram.

open GMUs or areas for BHS-1-201	2023-2024 hunt dates	2024-2025 hunt dates	2025-2026 hunt dates	2026-2027 hunt dates
6	8/10-8/24 9/1-9/15	8/10-8/24 9/1-9/15	8/10-8/24 9/1-9/15	8/10-8/24 9/1-9/15
14, 18	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
16B, 22, 23, 24: including Double E WMA	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31
45	8/4-8/13 8/18-8/27	8/9-8/18 8/23-9/1	8/8-8/17 8/22-8/31	8/7-8/16 8/21-8/30
45, youth only	8/18-8/27	8/23-9/1	8/22-8/31	8/21-8/30
53 south of NM 38 and east of NM 522	8/6-8/15	8/6-8/15	8/6-8/15	8/6-8/15

53 north of NM 38 and east of NM 522; 55 south of NM 19678 Rd 1950	9/1-9/10 8/28-8/13 8/18-8/27	9/1-9/10 8/9-8/18 8/23-9/1	9/1-9/10 8/8-8/17 8/22-8/31	9/1-9/10 8/7-8/16 8/21-8/30
49, 50, 53 west of NM 522	8/10-8/24 9/1-9/15 11/1-11/15	8/10-8/24 9/1-9/15 11/1-11/15	8/10-8/24 9/1-9/15 11/1-11/15	8/10-8/24 9/1-9/15 11/1-11/15
53 south of NM 19678 Rd 1950	8/15/2023- 1/15/2024	8/15/2024- 1/15/2025	8/15/2025- 1/15/2026	8/15/2026- 1/15/2027
58	8/15/2023- 1/15/2024	8/15/2024- 1/15/2025	8/15/2025- 1/15/2026	8/15/2026- 1/15/2027

B. Private land Rocky mountain bighorn ram hunt for any big game sporting arms. The number of licenses available will be up to 6 with a bag limit of one ram.

open GMUs or areas	2023-2024 hunt dates	2024-2025 hunt dates	2025-2026 hunt dates	2026-2027 hunt dates
53 north of NM 19678 Rd 1950	8/15/2023- 1/15/2024	8/15/2024- 1/15/2025	8/15/2025- 1/15/2026	8/15/2026- 1/15/2027
58	8/15/2023- 1/15/2024	8/15/2024- 1/15/2025	8/15/2025- 1/15/2026	8/15/2026- 1/15/2027

C. Rocky mountain bighorn ewe hunt for any big game sporting arms (BHS-1-202). Hunters applying for BHS-1-202 will be allowed to select and rank up to three open areas/hunt dates. The number of licenses available for BHS-1-202 will be up to 150 with a bag limit of one ewe.

open GMUs or areas for BHS-1-202	2023-2024 hunt dates	2024-2025 hunt dates	2025-2026 hunt dates	2026-2027 hunt dates
45	9/16-9/30 9/30-10/4	9/21-9/25 10/5-10/9	9/30-9/34 10/4-10/8	9/19-9/23 10/3-10/7
15, youth only	9/30-10/4	10/5-10/9	10/4-10/8	10/3-10/7
49, 50, 53 west of NM 522	11/18-11/22 12/9-12/17	10/12-10/20 12/14-12/22	10/11-10/19 12/13-12/21	10/10-10/18 12/12-12/20
49, 50, 53 west of NM 522, youth only	11/18-11/26	11/16-11/24	11/15-11/23	11/21-11/29
53 south of NM 38 and east of NM 522	9/23-9/27 10/7-10/11	9/21-9/25 10/5-10/9	9/20-9/24 10/4-10/8	9/19-9/23 10/3-10/7
53 south of NM 38 and east of NM 522, youth only	9/23-9/27	9/21-9/25	9/20-9/24	9/19-9/23
53 north of NM 38 and east of NM 522; 55 south of NM 19678 Rd 1950	9/16-9/20	9/21-9/25	9/20-9/24	9/19-9/23
53 north of NM 38 and east of NM 522; 55 south of NM 19678 Rd 1950, youth only	9/16-9/20	9/21-9/25	9/20-9/24	9/19-9/23

D. Rocky mountain bighorn ewe hunt for bow only (BHS-2-203). Hunters applying for BHS-2-203 will be allowed to select and rank up to three open areas/hunt dates. The number of licenses available for BHS-2-203 will be up to 60 with a bag limit of one ewe.

open GMUs or areas for BHS-2-203	2023-2024 hunt dates	2024-2025 hunt dates	2025-2026 hunt dates	2026-2027 hunt dates
45	9/1-9/10	9/6-9/15	9/5-9/14	9/4-9/13
49, 50, 53 west of NM 522	9/16-9/30	9/16-9/30	9/16-9/30	9/16-9/30

53 south of NM 38 and east of NM 522	9/11-9/17	9/11-9/17	9/11-9/17	9/11-9/17
53 north of NM 38 and east of NM 522; 55 south of NM 196/FS Rd 1950	9/2-9/15	9/7-9/20	9/6-9/19	9/5-9/18
53 north of NM 38 and east of NM 522; 55 south of NM 196/FS Rd 1950, youth only	9/2-9/15	9/7-9/20	9/6-9/19	9/5-9/18

E. Desert bighorn ram hunt for any big game sporting arms (BHS-1-204). Hunters applying for BHS-1-204 will be allowed to select and rank up to three open areas/hunt dates. The number of licenses available for BHS-1-204 will be up to 60 with a bag limit of one ram.

open GMUs or areas for BHS-1-204	2023-2024 hunt dates	2024-2025 hunt dates	2025-2026 hunt dates	2026-2027 hunt dates
13, 17	12/1-12/15	12/1-12/15	12/1-12/15	12/1-12/15
	12/16-12/31	12/16-12/31	12/16-12/31	12/16-12/31
19	12/14-12/21	12/14-12/21	12/14-12/21	12/14-12/21
	12/27/2023-1/3/2024	12/27/2024-1/3/2025	12/27/2025-1/3/2026	12/27/2026-1/3/2027
20: south of NM 51	11/16-11/30	11/16-11/30	11/16-11/30	11/16-11/30
	12/1-12/15	12/1-12/15	12/1-12/15	12/1-12/15
20: north of NM 51	8/18-8/27	9/13-9/22	8/15-8/24	9/11-9/20
		10/11-10/20		10/9-10/18
20: north of NM 51, youth only	11/17-11/26		11/21-11/30	
26, west of NM 81	9/15-9/30	9/15-9/30	9/15-9/30	9/15-9/30
	10/1-10/15	10/1-10/15	10/1-10/15	10/1-10/15
26, east of NM 81	9/15-9/30	9/15-9/30	9/15-9/30	9/15-9/30
	10/1-10/15	10/1-10/15	10/1-10/15	10/1-10/15
27	11/1-11/15	11/1-11/15	11/1-11/15	11/1-11/15
	11/16-11/30	11/16-11/30	11/16-11/30	11/16-11/30

F. Private land desert bighorn ram hunt for any big game sporting arms. The number of licenses available will be up to 6 with a bag limit of one ram.

open GMUs or areas	2023-2024 hunt dates	2024-2025 hunt dates	2025-2026 hunt dates	2026-2027 hunt dates
20: north of NM 51	9/15-9/24	8/16-8/25	9/12-9/21	8/14-8/23
	10/13-10/22	11/22-12/1	10/10-10/19	11/20-11/29

[19.31.17.11 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.17.11 NMAC, 4/1/2023]

19.31.17.12 SPECIAL BIGHORN SHEEP HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES: Bighorn sheep enhancement program:

A. **Program description:** The director shall collect all proceeds generated through the auction and lottery of special bighorn sheep permits, and such monies shall be deposited in the game protection fund. These monies shall be made available for expenditure by the department solely for programs and projects to benefit bighorn sheep and for costs incurred in carrying out these programs. These monies shall be used to augment, and not replace, monies appropriated from existing funds available to the department for the conservation, restoration, utilization, and management of bighorn sheep.

B. Requirements for issuance of special bighorn sheep licenses:

(1) The state game commission authorizes the director to issue not more than four special bighorn sheep licenses in any one license year to take one ram per license. The director shall allow the sale of one Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep authorization and one desert bighorn sheep authorization through auction to the highest bidder, and one Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep authorization and one desert bighorn sheep authorization to

a person selected through a random drawing of a lottery ticket. The drawing will be conducted by the department or an incorporated, non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation of bighorn sheep.

(2) Unless their hunting privileges have been revoked pursuant to law, any person is eligible to submit a bid for the special bighorn sheep auction authorization or purchase lottery tickets in an attempt to be selected for the special bighorn sheep lottery authorization.

(3) The special bighorn sheep authorizations issued through auction and lottery may be transferred, through sale, barter or gift by the successful individuals only to other individuals qualified to hunt.

(4) Special bighorn sheep licenses granted through auction or lottery, as described above, shall not be considered "once-in-a-lifetime" licenses.

C. **Enhancement Hunts:** These licenses shall be valid for any big game sporting arms statewide where hunting is allowed. The bag limit shall be one ram.

(1) Holders of the auction licenses must declare their exclusive hunt area by June 30 annually to hunt the designated subspecies in one of the open hunt areas. Each holder of the raffle license must declare their exclusive hunt area by July 30 annually to hunt the designated subspecies in one of the open hunt areas not declared by the auction hunter.

(2) The remaining hunt units open to bighorn hunting not declared by the auction or raffle hunter as their exclusive hunt area, may be hunted by either the auction or raffle hunter.

(3) The hunt dates for the auction and raffle licenses shall be 8/1-12/31 annually, except GMU 53 south of NM 38 and east of NM 527 is closed 8/16 to 8/31 annually to all bighorn sheep hunters. [19.31.17.12 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.17.12 NMAC, 4/1/2013]

19.31.17.13 BIGHORN SHEEP POPULATION MANAGEMENT HUNTS:

A. The director, with verbal concurrence of the chairperson of the New Mexico state game commission or their designee, may authorize population management hunts for bighorn sheep when justified in writing by department personnel and must be based on biological information or a potential to compromise population viability.

B. The director shall designate the sporting arms, season dates, season lengths, bag limits, hunt boundaries, specific requirements or restrictions, and number of licenses to be issued.

C. In the event that an applicant is not able to hunt on the dates specified, the applicant's name shall be moved to the bottom of the list and another applicant may be contacted for the hunt.

D. In those instances where a population management hunt is warranted on decided private lands, the landowner may suggest eligible hunters of their choice by submitting a list of prospective hunters' names to the department for licensing consideration. No more than one-half of the total number of licenses authorized shall be available to landowner identified hunters. The balance of prospective hunters shall be identified by the department.

E. The director, with verbal concurrence of the chairperson of the New Mexico state game commission or their designee, may deem some ram or either sex population management licenses not once-in-a-lifetime; a person that has held a once-in-a-lifetime ram license(s) is not disqualified from this hunt. [19.31.17.13 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.17.13 NMAC, 4/1/2013]

HISTORY OF 19.31.17 NMAC:

Pre-NMAC History: The material in this part was derived from that previously filed with the State Records Center and Archives under:

Regulation No. 487, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 5/31/1967;

Regulation No. 487, Establishing 1967 Seasons On Javelina And Barbary Sheep, filed 12/15/1967;

Regulation No. 489, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring of 1968, filed 3/1/1968;

Regulation No. 491, Establishing Big Game Seasons For 1968 For Jicarilla Reservation, filed 3/1/1968;

Regulation No. 493, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 6/6/1968;

Regulation No. 495, Establishing A Season On Bighorn Sheep, filed 10/2/1968;

Regulation No. 496, Establishing An Elk Season In The Gros Piedras Area, Elk Area P 6, filed 12/11/1968;

Regulation No. 502, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1969, filed 3/5/1969;

Regulation No. 503, Establishing 1969 Deer Seasons For Bowhunting Only And Big Game Seasons For The Jicarilla Indian Reservation, filed 4/8/1969;

Regulation 504, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel Eared Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 6/16/1969;

Regulation No. 507, Establishing A Season On Bighorn Sheep, filed 8/26/1969;

Regulation No. 512, Establishing Turkey Season For The Spring Of 1970, filed 3/20/1970;

Regulation No. 513, Establishing Deer Season For Bowhunting Only In Sandia State Game Refuge, filed 2/26/1970;

Regulation No. 514, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/9/1970;

Regulation No 520, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1971, filed 3/9/1971;

Regulation No. 527, Establishing 1971 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Hicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/9/1971;

Regulation No. 533, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/9/1971;

Regulation No. 531, Establishing A Season On Javelina, filed 12/17/1971;

Regulation No. 532, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1972, filed 3/30/1972;

Regulation No. 534, Establishing 1972 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Hicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/20/1972;

Regulation No. 536, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/26/1972;

Regulation No. 542, Establishing A Season On Javelina, filed 12/11/1972;

Regulation No. 545, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1973, filed 3/26/1973;

Regulation No. 546, Establishing 1973 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Hicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/26/1973;

Regulation No. 547, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, And Javelina, filed 8/31/1973;

Regulation No. 551, Establishing Special Turkey Seasons For The Spring of 1973, filed 3/4/1973;

Regulation No. 556, Establishing 1974 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Hicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/14/1974;

Regulation No. 558, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibes, filed 8/29/1974;

Regulation No. 565, Establishing Special Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1975, filed 3/24/1975;

Regulation No. 567, Establishing 1975 season On Deer, Bear, And Turkey On The Hicarilla Apache And Navajo Indian Reservations And On Elk On The Hicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/24/1975;

Regulation No. 568, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibes, filed 6/25/1975;

Regulation No. 573, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibes, filed 3/23/1976;

Regulation No. 584, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibes, filed 3/11/1977;

Regulation No. 590, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibes, filed 3/15/78;

Regulation No. 596, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibes, filed 2/29/1979;

Regulation No. 603, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibes For The Period April 1, 1980 through March 31, 1981, filed 2/22/1980;

Regulation No. 609, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibes For The Period April 1, 1981 through March 31, 1982, filed 3/12/1981;

Regulation No. 614, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibes For The Period April 1, 1982 through March 31, 1983, filed 3/10/1982;

Regulation No. 652, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibes For The Period April 1, 1984 through March 31, 1984, filed 4/9/1984;
Regulation No. 638, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibes For The Period April 1, 1984 through March 31, 1985, filed 4/2/1984;
Regulation No. 631, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibes For The Period April 1, 1985 Through March 31, 1986, filed 4/18/1985;
Regulation No. 640, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibes For The Period April 1, 1986 through March 31, 1987, filed 3/25/1986;
Regulation No. 645, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibes For The Period April 1, 1987 through March 31, 1988, filed 3/2/1987;
Regulation No. 653, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibes For The Period April 1, 1988 through March 31, 1989, filed 12/18/1987;
Regulation No. 663, Establishing Opening Spring Turkey For The Period April 1, 1989 through March 31, 1990, filed 3/28/1989.

Regulation No. 661, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibes For The Period April 1, 1989 through March 31, 1990, filed 3/20/1989;
Regulation No. 679, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibes For The Period April 1, 1990 through March 31, 1991, filed 11/21/1989;
Regulation No. 681, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibes For The Period April 1, 1991 through March 31, 1992, filed 2/8/1991;
Regulation No. 689, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibes For The Period April 1, 1992 through March 31, 1993, filed 3/9/1992;
Regulation No. 700, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibes For The Period April 1, 1993 through March 31, 1995, filed 3/11/1993

History of Repealed Material:

- 19.31.8 NMAC, Big Game, filed 3-1-2001 - duration expired 3/31/2003.
- 19.31.8 NMAC, Big Game and Turkey, filed 3/3/2003 - duration expired 3/31/2005.
- 19.31.8 NMAC, Big Game and Turkey, filed 12/15/2004 - duration expired 3/31/2007.
- 19.31.17 NMAC, Bighorn Sheep, filed 12/31/2006 - duration expired 3/31/2009.
- 19.31.17 NMAC, Bighorn Sheep, filed 2/26/2009 - duration expired 3/31/2011.
- 19.31.17 NMAC, Bighorn Sheep, filed 9/15/2010 - duration expired 3/31/2015.
- 19.31.17 NMAC, Bighorn Sheep, filed 3/17/2013 - duration expired 3/31/2019.
- 19.31.17 NMAC, Bighorn Sheep, filed 5/31/2018 - duration expired 3/31/2023.

Bighorn Sheep Rule 19.31.17 NMAC

April 11, 2022
New Mexico State Game Commission
Meeting



Statewide Bighorn Estimate



◆ Rocky ◆ Desert

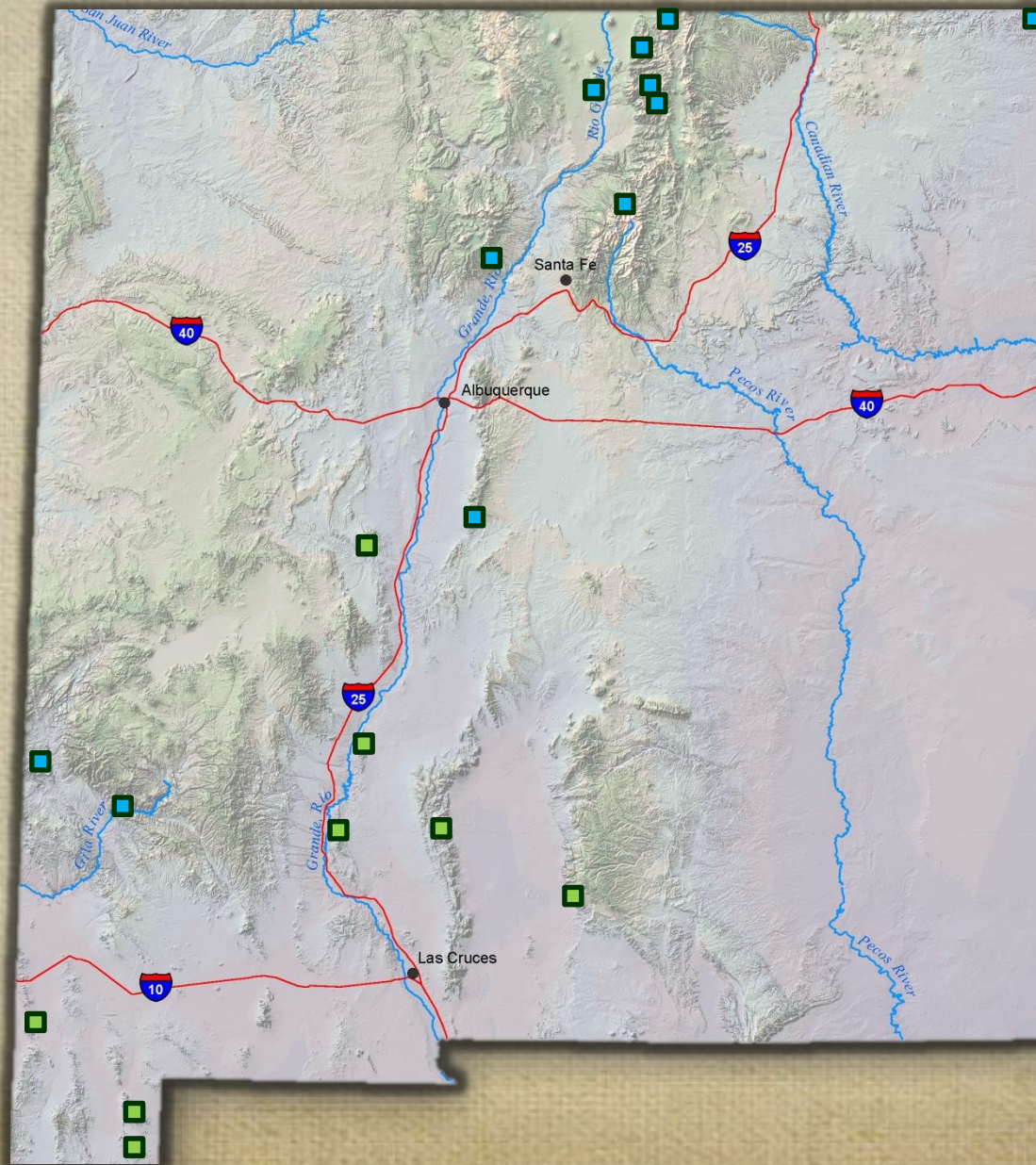


Bighorn Population Distribution

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Desert
Populations

~1,200



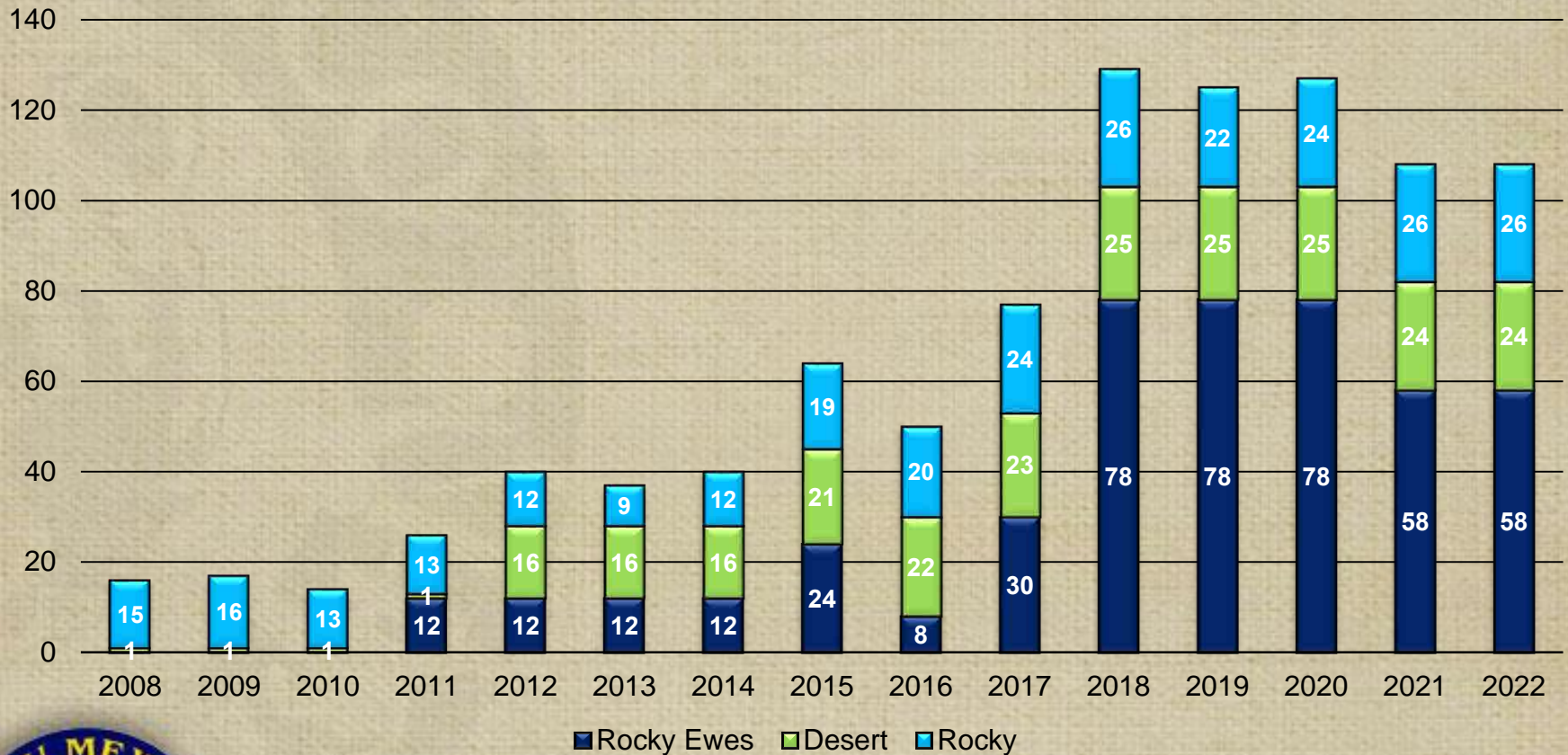
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Rocky
Mountain
Populations

~1,706



NM Bighorn Sheep Hunting



Jemez Ram Hunt (BHS 1-201)



- 2014 original release followed by 2017 augmentation
- 150-200 (population estimate)
- Proposed Changes...
 - Aug. 10-24 & Sept. 1-15
 - Start ram hunt ~ 2024



Hatchet Ram Hunt (BHS 1-204)

- Harvest disproportionately occurs in easier to access Little Hatchets
- Proposed changes:
 - Shift dates to Sep 15-30 and Oct 1-15
 - Separate Little and Big Hatchets



Split Desert Ram Hunts

- **Ladron and Peloncillo**
- **Limit hunter density by creating 2nd hunt window**
- **Proposed changes...**
 - **Ladron: Dec. 1-15 & Dec. 16-31**
 - **Peloncillos: Nov. 1-15 & Nov. 16-30**



Rio Grande Gorge (BHS 1-201)

- **Low elevation habitat in RGG**
- **Proposed change...**
 - **Add a third hunt window: Nov. 1-15**



General

- **Open Double E WMA to hunters that hold a valid license**
- **Adjust season dates**



Public involvement

- **Hosted 2 public meetings (virtual)**
 - 118 signed up, 59 attended
- **Received 13 emails**
 - Support for proposals (7)
 - Support for current license allocation structure (4)
 - Question to biologists (1)
 - Against Hatchet split (1)
 - Other idea (1)



Questions

Comment on Proposals:
DGF-Bighorn-Rule@state.nm.us



BIGHORN SHEEP PROPOSED RULE CHANGES SUMMARY (4/11/2022)

PURPOSE

Maintain current bighorn sheep populations and manage for older age class rams in both Rocky Mountain and desert herds across New Mexico.

BIGHORN SHEEP BIOLOGY

Bighorn sheep population growth is driven by both adult female and lamb survival. Because bighorn sheep populations are small, the Department manages populations to maintain a huntable number of older age class males. Bighorn sheep biology and the Department's harvest strategy mean that few ram hunting opportunities exist. Populations are monitored annually and hunting opportunities are based upon survey observations. In some Rocky Mountain bighorn populations, the Department may implement limited female harvest to achieve population goals.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO BIGHORN SHEEP HUNTING

- 1) The Department established a population of Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep in the Jemez mountains in 2014. The population will soon have older age class males available for harvest and the Department recommends opening the Jemez population for hunting over 2 hunt windows; Aug. 10-24 and Sept. 1-15, likely beginning in the 2024 season.
- 2) The Hatchet's hunt currently allows hunters to access both the Little and Big Hatchets. The Department recommends splitting the hunt areas into the Little Hatchets and Big Hatchets hunt area as current ram harvest occurs disproportionately on the Little Hatchets. The Department also recommends shifting hunt dates to 2 hunt windows: September 15-30 and October 1-15.
- 3) In order to ensure an enjoyable hunt and limit hunter density, the Department recommends creating 2 hunt windows in the Peloncillo and Ladron populations as outlined below:
 - a. Ladron: Dec. 1-15 & Dec. 16-31
 - b. Peloncillos: Nov. 1-15 & Nov. 16-30
- 4) In order to ensure an enjoyable hunt and limit hunter density, the Department recommends creating a 3rd hunt window in the Rio Grande Gorge population, Nov. 1-15. This will allow for a unique opportunity to hunt Rocky rams during the rut.
- 5) The Department proposes to include the Double E Wildlife Management Area as open to hunters that hold a valid license for that GMU.
- 6) The Department recommends making small adjustments to season dates in some areas. For example, if a hunt normally starts on a Saturday, this date shift would be maintained throughout the rule so the hunts continue to start on Saturday.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

The Department continues to receive public comment. If you would like to comment on the proposals, please send an email to: DGF-Bighorn-Rules@state.nm.us

TECHNICAL INFORMATION FOR BIGHORN SHEEP RULE DEVELOPMENT



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Disease is a primary threat to wild sheep populations throughout North America. Most concerning are respiratory pathogens carried by domestic sheep and goats. Although domestic sheep and goats may be unaffected by these pathogens, cross-transmission during comingling events can result in severe pneumonia and possibly die-offs in wild bighorn sheep populations. Many states rely on cooperation from neighboring stakeholders and members of the public to improve separation techniques and to alert state wildlife management agency personnel when contact between wild sheep and domestic sheep and goats is observed.

Figure: Midpoint of population estimates for Rocky Mountain and desert bighorn sheep through time.

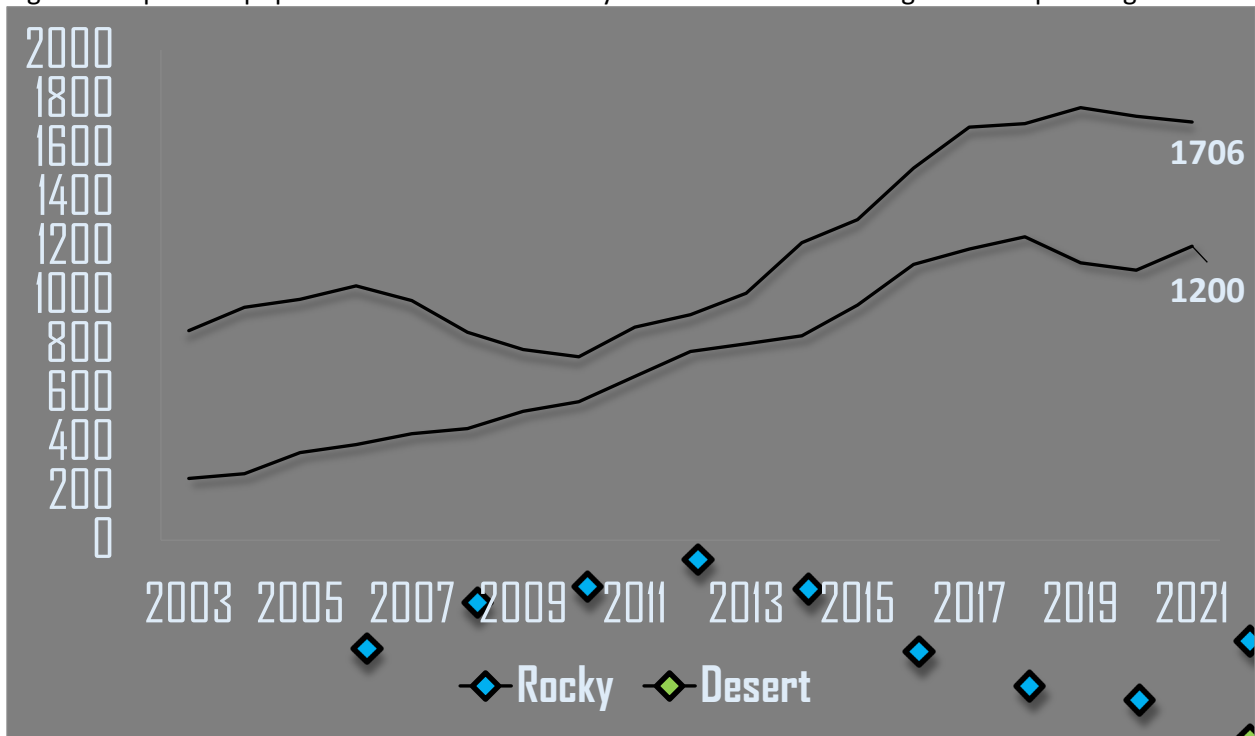
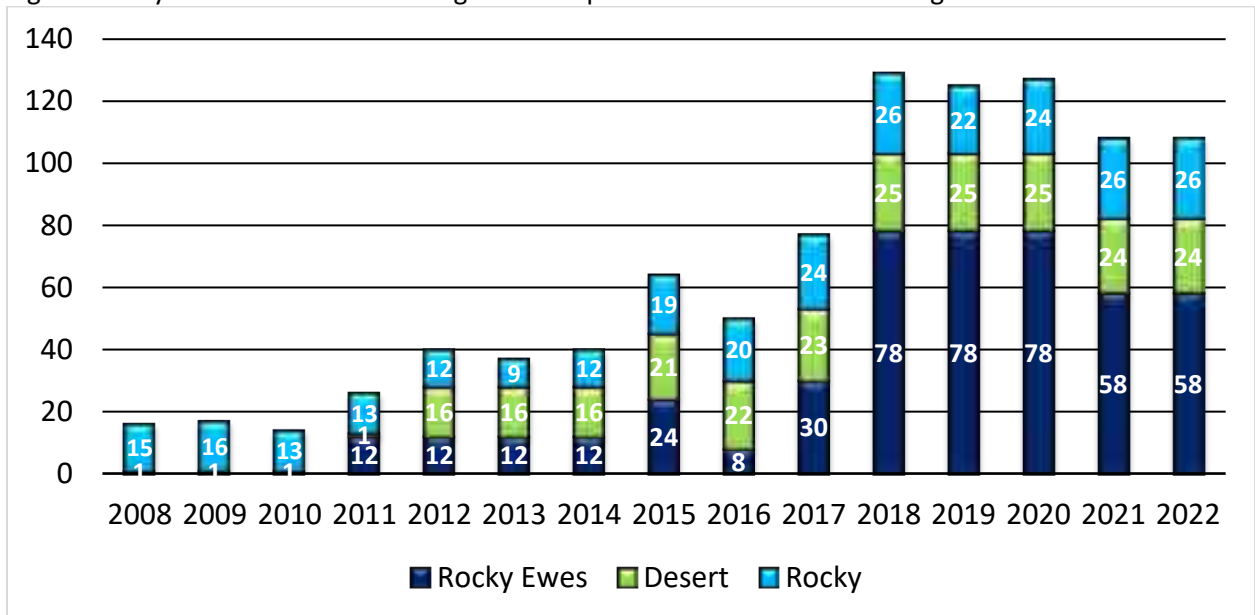


Figure: Rocky Mountain and desert bighorn sheep ram license numbers through time.



Bighorn sheep survey summaries and population estimates

DESERT BIGHORN SHEEP

Table 1. Desert bighorn sheep lamb:ewe ratios and population estimates. Estimate trends are noted as increasing (+), stable (=), and decreasing (-).

Herd	Lambs/100 Ewes (includes yearlings)	Population Estimate
Fra Cristobals ^F	48:100	165-215=
Caballos ^S	30:100	210-240 +
Peloncillos ^S	39:100	120-140 -
Little Hatchets ^S	26:100	70-90 =
Big Hatchets ^S	47:100	85-115 =
Sierra Ladron ^S	24:100	185-215 +
Sacramentos	Not flown	70-80
San Andres	Not flown	185-225
Red Rock ^S	46:100	121-127 +
TOTAL		1,090-1,320*

*Wild sheep only (i.e. no Red Rock)

^F = Fall

^S= Spring

Table 2. Desert bighorn sheep observed in 2020-2021 surveys.

Herd	Total	Ewes	Lambs	Rams	
Peloncillos ^S	81	49	19	13	
Big Hatchets ^S	71	32	16	24	
Little Hatchets ^S	48	23	6	19	^S -Spring survey
Fra Cristobals ^F	112	54	26	32	^F - Fall survey
Caballos ^S	143	83	25	34	*Herds not surveyed
San Andres *	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Sierra Ladron ^S	161	94	23	44	
Red Rock ^S	121	52	24	45	
Sacramento *	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	

Table 3. Peloncillo Mountains population estimates based on spring and fall surveys.

Year	AF	YF	Lamb	CI	CII	CIII	CIV	Unk	Tot Obs	Estimate	
Oct 96	27		8	8	3	4	3		53	60	
Oct 97	15		5	5	3	1	4		33	45	
Oct 98	21		5	3	6	11	4		50	60	
Oct 99	22		8	2	2	9	3		46	55	
Apr 00	17		6	3	8	4	1	11	49	60	
Dec 00	16		3	6	13		6	2	45	50	
May 01	10	1	5	2	7	4	1	11	41	50	
Oct 01	7		2	1		10	2	5	27	30	
May 02	5		1	1	1	6	2		16	25-30	
Oct/Nov 02	7		1					19	27	25-30	
May 03	2		1		2	3	4		12	25	
May/Aug 04	23		15	4	8	4	2		56	70	
Jan/June 05	25	5	5	3	8	12	8		66	70	
Jun 2006	19	3	12	1	3	4	1		43	60-70	
Jun 2007	11	1	5			11	1		29	80-85	
May 2008			No Survey Conducted								
May 2009	20	2	10	2	2	7	1		44	75-85	
June 2010	17	3	10	2	3	5	8		49	75-85	
May 2011	20	4	12	0	1	11	7		54	70-85	
May 2012	26	2	18	1	1	3	5		56	110-135	
May 2013	34	5	7	5	1	8	2		62	100-125	
May 2014	24	2	9	5	1	2	2		46	85-110	
				1							
May 2015	36	6	12	2	4	2+	7		79	90-110	
Apr 2016	51	1	38	3	6	1	3		103	125-145	
May 2017	42	5	21	4	4	11	9	2	99	130-150	
May 2018	51	2	19	1	6	12	7		98	130-150	
May 2019	49	1	19	4	4	9	19		105	140-160	
May 2021	47	2	19	0	2	3	8		81	120-140	

Table 4. Population estimates for the Big Hatchet (BH) and Little Hatchet (LH) herds based on spring and fall surveys. The two herds were combined prior to 2006.

Year	AF	YF	Lamb	CI	CII	CIII	CIV	Unk	Tot Obs	Est	
Oct '96	25	2	6	6	4	1	9		53	60	
Oct '97	16	2	7	1	4	5	3	3	41	60	
Oct '98	24		6	1	2	10	1		45	60	
Oct '99	24		10	1		11	2		48	60	
Apr '00	17		6		2	9	3		37	50	
Oct '00	15		4	1	1	6	5	5	37	45	
May '01	14	1	4	2	3	9	4		35	40	
Oct '01	13		6	1	2	8	3		33	40	
May '02	11	4	6	1	0	10	3		35	40	
May '03	10	2	4	2	2	2	4		26 ^d	35	
May '04	14	2	8	4	4	5	3		40	40	
May '05	11	3	4	2	1	4	5		30	40	
Jun '06 (BH)				No Survey Conducted							15-20
Jun '06 (LH)	19	1	9	5	3	0	0		37	49-53	
Jun '07 (BH)	18	1	11	4	8	5	3		51	70-75	
Jun '07 (LH)				No Survey Conducted							55-60
May '08 (BH)	22	4	9	4	3	8	6		56	65-70	
May '08 (LH)	19	2	12	6	4	4	9		56	60-65	
May '09 (BH)	22	3	10	3	8	4	7		57	65-70	
May '09 (LH)	16	3	9	1	3	5	6		43	65-70	
June '10 (BH)	21		11	2	4	7	12		57	65-70	
Oct '10 (LH)	17	0	6	4	4	9	5		45	65-70	
May '12 (LH)	23	1	14					10	48	70-80	
Oct '12 (BH)	27	0	13	4	8	6	13		74	75-85	
Oct '12 (LH)	22	0	4	1	5	8	5		41	65-75	
Oct '13 (BH)	21	2	1	9	5	6	7		51	55-65	
Oct '13 (LH)	27		13	7	7	5	7		66	75-85	
Oct '14 (BH)	18	1	6	3	9	4	6		47	55-65	
Oct '14 (LH)	27	1	5	9	10	3	1		57	60-70	
May '15 (LH)	27	5	10	10	3	12	1		68	75-85	
Oct 15 (BH)	47	3	15	2	7	6	19		99	120-150	
Apr 16 (BH)	47	10	21	7	9	10	12		116	135-155	
Apr 16 (LH)	42	2	23	4	5	6	7		89	90-110	
May 17 (LH)	24	6	13	1	2	1	2		52	60-80	
May 17 (BH)	45	6	17	4	16	9	15		112	135-155	
Oct 17 (LH)	41		11	3	2	5	7		69	70-90	
May 18 (BH)	34	2	18	6	5	8	11		84	120-150	
May 19 (LH)	29	1	16	3	6	3	14		72	75-90	
May 19 (BH)	31	2	16	2	3	6	8		68	85-115	
May 21 (LH)	19	4	6		7	6	6		48	70-90	
May 21 (BH)	28	4	16	2	3	4	15		71	85-115	

Table 5. San Andres Mountains population estimates based on spring and fall surveys.

Year	AF	YF	Lamb	CI	CII	CIII	CIV	Unk	Tot Obs	Estimate	
Dec '96	2				1	1				<10	
Dec '97	1								1	1	
Dec '02	32		1					27	60	60	
Dec '03	24	7						8	59	59	
Dec '04	22	4	13	1	10				68	68	
2005-06				No survey conducted							
Aug '07	26		12	4	4	7	4	1	58	80-90	
Oct '08	31	5	9	6	8	11	3		73	85-95	
2009				No survey conducted							95-105
2010				No survey conducted							120-135
2011				No survey conducted							120-135
Oct '12	56	2	11	1	10	7	15		102	115-135	
Oct 15	81	4	12	7	20	19	30		173	180-220	
Oct 16	71		22	5	12	11	20	1	142	200-240	
Nov 17	93	1	25	10	15	17	29		190	210-250	
Oct 19	72	3	21	12	22	26	15	3	174	185-225	

Table 6. Fra Cristobal Mountains population estimates based on spring and fall surveys.

Year	AF	YF	Lamb	CI	CII	CIII	CIV	Unk	Tot Obs	Est. No
Mar 96	19	3	8		5	4	4		43	
Nov 96	18	3	1		2	4	5		33	33
Oct 97	21		16	1	2	2	2		44	44
Nov 98	19	4	5	10	2	4	2		46	46
Oct 99	21	2	12	2	9	6	1		53	53
Oct 00	21	6	6	6	7	5	5		56	56
Oct 01	26	3	14	3	6	11	3		66	66
Aug 02	25	9	19	5	9	9	3		79	79
May 03	29	1	12	6	4	3	1	2	58	65
May 04	32	3	16	2	8	4	1		66	75
Oct 04	17		12	2	4	8	1		46	60
May 05	21	5	15	5	2	7	2		57	65
May 06	29	5	20	9	3	2	0		68	70-80
Jun 07									Surveys not conducted	
Jun 08	38	3	14	8	7	12	9	1	92	95-105
Jun 09									Surveys not conducted	
Jun 10	68	6	32	10	11	16	11		154	155-165
May 11	75	7	27	25	20	18	25		190	200-230
May 12	26		24	2	6		4		72	215-245
May 13	53	6	26	6	4	10	1		104	205-235
Oct 13	76	16	24	18	31	14	18	4	201	230-270
May 15	72	8	31	15	21	28	17		193	210-220
Oct 16	108	10	34	10	22	14	22		221	230-260
Dec 16	110		68	2	39	28	13		263*	290-320
May 17	138	7	40	14	32	31	10		272	300-350
Nov 17	112	14	27	15	30	36	8		242**	300-350
Oct 18	77	2	25	22	27	24	2		179	257-307
Oct 19	52	5	12	6	16	34	9		134	160-210
Dec 20	54		26	4	9	12	7		112	165-215

* Observed sheep 238, add 25 after tracking missed radiocollared sheep (n=6)

**Observed sheep=220. Add 22 after tracking missed radiocollars (n=9)

Table 7. Caballo population estimates based on spring and fall surveys.

Year	AF	YF	Lamb	CI	CII	CIII	CIV	Unk	Tot Obs	Estimate
Mar 08	6	1	4	3	7	2	1		24	29-33
Oct 08	6	2	3	3	3	4	1		22	25-35
Apr 10	22	3	14	3	10	8	3		63	60-65
May 11	21	6	10	2	2	7	5		50	65-75
Nov 12	37	4	18	4		30			93	95-100
Oct 13	34	3	13	9	8	8	9		85	105-115
Oct 14	30	1	7	2	7	9	11		67	105-115
Oct 15	48	2	14	3	18	10	20		115	125-150
Oct 16	50	3	29	3	15	13	17		130	140-155
Nov 17	74	1	28	9	22	13	18		165	170-190
Oct 18	74	9	41	17	17	25	15	1	199	233-266
Dec19	86	2	25	9	35	23	6	1	187	230-260
Oct 21	69	14	25	4	5	19	6		143	210-240

Table 8. Ladron Mountains population estimates based on spring and fall surveys.

Year	AF	YF	Lamb	CI	CII	CIII	CIV	Unk	Tot obs	Estimate	
Oct 96	15		7	1	3	2	4		32	35	
Oct 97	14		3	2	1	5	1		26	30	
Nov 98	12		5		6	2	3		28	35	
Oct 99	9		3	2		5	5		24	30	
Jun 00	10	1	3	1	3	2	1	1	22	24	
Oct 00	11		2	1	7				21	21	
Oct 01	6		4		1	6	1		18	26	
May 02	5	3	2	2	0	7	1		20	27	
Apr 03	9	2	8	1		2	3		25	30	
May 04	10		3	2	1				16	30	
Jun 06	3		2	3		3			11	30 – 40	
Jun 07				Not Conducted							
Jun 08	10	2	4	0	2	2	0		19	30-40	
May 09	11	0	5	1	1	2	3		23	25-40	
Oct 09	9		5	2	1	3	2		22	25-40	
Nov 10	9	1	7	2	3	4	3		29	35-45	
May 11	3								3	35-45	
Sept 12	23	1	8	1	4	6	5		48	50-60	
Sept 13	18		11	3	5	10	7	3	57	60-70	
May 14	12	1	11	4	1	6	5		40	70-80	
Sep 16	18	2	5	3	2	2	6	11	49	90-105	
May 18	58	7	30	9	3	5	9		121	125-150	
May 19				Not Conducted						151-176	
May 21	92	2	23	7	6	20	11		161	185-215	

Table 9. Sacramento bighorn population estimates

Year	AF	YF	Lamb	YM	CI	CII	CIII	CIV	Unk	Tot Obs	Estimate
2018 Release	18	1	6R			6	2	1		34	30
2019	10		5			1	1			17	30-40
2020 Release	18	2			2		2			24	50-60
2021											70-80

Table 10. Census data for the Red Rock desert bighorn sheep population 2007-2021, NMDGF.

Year	AF	YF	Lamb	CI	CII	CIII	CIV	Tot Ram	Tot Obs
May 2007	28		14	7	5		6	18	60
May 2008	28	3	14	4	6	1	7	18	63*
May 2009	31	2	21	6	4	6	8	24	78
May 2010	19	8	17	12	6	2	5	25	69
May 2011	31	7	16	7	8	5	5	25	77
May 2012	16	7	12	8	10	11	6	35	70
May 2013	21	4	19	4	11	11	4	30	74
May 2014**	33		19	7	9	12	9	38	91
May 2015	19	3	10	6	8	6	3	23	69
Apr 2016	24	5	15	4	3	14	4	25	69
May 2017	28	6	22	4	4	6	11	25	81
May 2018									104
	39	9	26	9	7	4	10	30	
May 2019	29	3	13	8	3	3	13	27	72
May 2020	37	2	29	7	6	7	16	36	104
May 2021	42	10	24	11	9	7	18	45	121

* With the recapture of a CII and a CIII ram, total is 65.

** A second census was conducted in July because of bighorn missed in May; total includes 2 unclassified.

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Table 11. Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep observed in summer and fall 2020 ground surveys.

Herd	Total	Ewes	Lambs	Rams	Unk
Pecos		No survey			
Wheeler		No survey			
Culebres	60	35	14	11	
Latir		No survey			
Rio Grande Gorge	288	103	23	133	29
Turkey Creek		No survey			
San Francisco River		No survey			
Dry Cimarron	125	60	24	41	
Manzano		No survey			
Jemez		No survey			
Red River Canyon		No survey			
TOTAL—No statewide estimate calculated for 2020					

Table 12. Pecos bighorn population estimates based on summer surveys, NMDGF.

Year	AF	YF	Lamb	YM	CI	CII	CIII	CIV	UNK	Tot Obs	Estimate
2000	174		61		3	19	11	24		301	353
2001	128		16	1	7	13	15	16		219	350
2002	97		58		3	5	7	10		180	325
2003	105		43	4	2	18	26	20		218	350
2004	100		30		4	7	1	6		148	350
2005	115	14	33	9	20	23	15	13		247	350
2006	59	4	36	0	4	24	0	11		145	300-350
2007	99	2	17	0	4	14	14	9		159	300-350
2008	59	0	16			52 total rams				127	250-350
2009	48		22		5	4	15	11		105	130-150
2010*	39		5		1	9	19	12		85	85-100
2011	46	9	19	7	10	8	14			122	122-135
2012	38	2	13	7	4	8	10	17	52	151	150-165
2013	51	6	38		10	4	6	4	6	126	190-210
2014	118		47		7	17	9	20		218	235-260
2015	119		45		13	22	18	31		252	260-290
2016	171	3	69		28	18	18	35		342	350-400
2017	134		51		7	36	26	23		277	350-400
2018	178		77		13	15	12	28		324	350-400
2019	167		38		13	21	18	12		289	310-360

* Only winter helicopter survey

Table 13. Wheeler Peak population estimates based on summer surveys, NMDGF.

Year	AF	YF	Lamb	Unk	YM	CI	CII	CIII	CIV	Tot Obs	Estimate
2000	35	6	29	49	4	14	4	5		148	180
2001	10	3	29	47	12			1	1	148	200
2002	60	3	44	11	12	16	9	12		155	225
2003					No survey conducted in 2003						250
2004	84	16	56	5	8	8	20	16	12	229	300
2005	97	0	40	15	0	0	7	10	22	209	300
2006	144	0	92	0	12	2	71	0	21	317	350
2007					No survey conducted in 2007						
2008	112		35		69 rams total					216	250-300
2009	60		32			3	17	18	21	155	215-255
2010	72		27	13		9	24	39	37	221	225-275
2011	82	10	44			20	33	39	24	252	260-300
2012	78		33			10	22	13	28	184	250-300
2013*	72	17	47	16		11	11	16	28	218	250-300
2014	114		37			8	13	24	15	217	250-300
2015	63		17			7	14	11	23	142	215-260
2016	72		37			12	17	16	28	182	230-275
2017*	77	5	32		2	8	3	6	9	133	230-275
2018	81		33		3	15	11	11	20	174	230-275
2019	126		35	14		14		73		253	265-300

*ground survey only

Table 14. Latir Wilderness population estimates based on summer surveys, NMDGF.

Year	AF	YF	Lamb	YM	CI	CII	CIII	CIV	Unk	Tot Obs.	Estimate
2001	37		11			5	3			56	56
2002	41		28							72	85
2003	45		22		2	1	3	1		74	106
2004	32		17		2	10	5	1		67	128
2005	70	1	26	5	9	16	8	4		139	150
2006	47	3	30	2	7	16	0	6		114	150
2007	25	8	7	2	3	1	1	3	15	65	70
2008	29		12		7	2	8	3		61	70
2009	43		19							62 ^A	80-100
2010	39		21		0	2	15	3	4	84	85-90
2011	48	5	23		13	0	13	6	0	108	110-120
2012	41		22		1	4	2	5		75	115-125
2013	27	8	7		9	6	15	20		92	125-145
2014	43		11		2	4	5	8		73	125-145
2015	43		18		5	11	5	2		84	125-145
2016 ^B	25	1	4	1	4	2	6	2		46	85-100
2017 ^B	28	2	5		2	7	6	5		55	60-70
2018	28		3		2	4	3	3		43	55-70
2019	33		7		2	4	8	7		61	60-75

^ANo rams observed but >20 present in 2008 and 2010.

^Bcombination of ground and helicopter survey data

Table 15. Culebres population census data based on summer helicopter and/or ground surveys, NMDGF.

Year	AF	YF	Lamb	YM	CI	CII	CIII	CIV	Unk	Total Obs.	Estimate
2010						7	5	2		14	
2011	7		3		2	3		2		17	
2012	8	2	2		3					15	
2013	19		7	1						27	30-35
2014	24	1	8	1		1				35	35-40
2015	12		5	1	5					23	20-25
2016	25		9		2	2	2	2		42	45-50
2017	28	4	21		1	3	5	7		67*	65-70
2018	33		18		1		1	1		54*	55-60
2019	24	4	15		5	2	1	1		52*	55-60
2020	34	1	14		6	2	1	2		60	60-65

*combines helicopter and ground results

Table 16. Rio Grande Gorge population estimates based on ground surveys.

Year	AF	YF	Lamb	YM	CI	CII	CIII	CIV	UNK	Tot Obs.	Estimate
2006											23
2007			13								61
2008	25	2	16	2	1	3		0			49-68
2009	17	9	10	1	1			0			65-75
2009	40	4	21	3	3	5	4	1	1	83	85-90
2010	50	6	23		9	16	6			111	111-120
2011	43	2	29		7	13	9			127	130-145
2012	60		45		9	17	19	1		151	150-170
2013	70	3	32		20	26	20	4	5	180	180-200
2014	106	9	22		9	33	32	12	5E, 1R	227	230-250
2015	113		57		6	26	27	9	4	245	265-290
2016	80	9	33	10	8	11	19	10	24E, 18R	222*	320-350
2017	118	11	45	7	28	23	16	17	6	271	355-400**
2018	104	10	34	1	19	40	30	14	39	291	375-420
2019	86	7	50	2	17	32	23	9	60, 10R	296	375-420
2020a	91	20	32	24	20	44	27	6	15R	288	375-420
2020b	93	10	23	2	22	44	47	18	29	288	375-420

*42 bighorn were observed but not classified

**estimate is prior to cull/hunt

Table 17. Turkey Creek population estimates based on spring and fall surveys.

Year	AF	YF	Lamb	YM	CI	CII	CIII	CIV	Tot Obs.	Estimate	
2000	5		5		1	4	4	2	33	40	
2001	7		2	2			1	4	17	35	
2002	22		8	2	2	2	6	1	41	45	
2003	13		3			1	2	7	26	45	
2004	10		4			1	8	1	24	45	
2005	10		5		2		2	3	22	45-50	
2006	35	4	9	3	2	2	6	7	68	75-85	
2007	17	2	4	2	2	5	3	3	39	55-65	
2008	21	1	4	1	0	4	4	2	35	65-75	
2009	12	4	8	1	0	1	5	3	38	50-70	
2010	3		2	1			4	4	14	30-50	
2011					No Survey Conducted						
Jan 12	4								4	15-30	
Oct 12	3	0	2	0		3	1		9	15-30	
Nov 13	21		2			1		3	18	20-25	
May18	1								1	20-25*	
Sep 18	12	3	5		3	2	2	2	30	30-35	

*A group of 19 observed 8/5/18

Table 18. San Francisco River census data based on spring and fall helicopter surveys.

Year	AF	YF	Lamb	Unk	YM	CI	CII	CIII	CIV	Total Obs	Pop. Est
2000	9		12	9	2					38	50
2001	28		14		5					59	65
2002	21	2	12		8					61	75
2003	20		10	7		1				35	85
2004	33	1	8		5	3				61	105
2005	35	3	12	18	7	2	3	9	5	94	110-120
2006s	14	0	9	0	2	0	0	4	0	29	70-80
2007s	20	2	12	5		3		1		43	70-80
2008	29	2	9	0	0	1	3	11	3	58	75-85
2009	22	3	9			5	3	6	11	59	75-85
2010	16	1	2	1		6	4	4	10	44	50-65
2011	6		2				1	5	3	17	25-45
2012	7		3		1			1	2	11	20-30
2013	6*		8			2		5	3	25	25-35
2014	27	2	16	8			1	12	6	72	75-90
2015	21	2	4			2	1	10	7	47	50-75
2016	34		9			1	3	7	4	58	65-80
2018s	18	3	5			2	1			29	65-80
2019 ^a	23 ewes and lambs			16			4	4 (CIII/CIV)		47	50-70

s spring survey

^a observation made by hunting guide

Table 19. Dry Cimarron: Observed bighorn and population estimates, NMDGF.

Year	AF	YF	Lamb	YM	CI	CII	CIII	CIV	Unk	Total Obs.	Estimate
Dec 08	19	7	9	1	3	2		2		43	45-60
Dec 09	35		20	5		4	6			70	70-80
Nov 10	28	1	19		3	6	2	1		60	60-70
Nov 11	32		25			9	4	3	10	83	85-95
Nov 12	27	1	13	1	2	6	4	3		57	100-120
Nov 13	39	1	15		4	8	10	3		80	105-130
Nov 14	41		19		5	6	14	1		86	105-130
Nov 15	48		27		7	6	10	12	1	110	115-130
Nov 16	52		28		7	7	15	3	4	116	125-150
Nov 17	66	1	34		10	7	11	9	2	140	170-190
Nov 18	64		32		12	11	13	8		140	170-190
Nov 19	60	2	22		6	8	14	6		118	150-170
Nov 20	56	4	24		9	14	13	5		125	150-170

Table 20. Manzanos: observed bighorn and population estimates, NMDGF.

Year	AF	YF	Lamb	YM	CI	CII	CIII	CIV	Tot Obs.	Estimate
2000	11		7	2		3	2		29	30
2001	12		7	1	1	2	2		25	30
2002	11	2	4			3	1		21	21
2009	7	3	2	1	1	1			14	20
2010*	10		4		2			1	17	25-35
2011				No Survey Conducted						
2012	30	6	8		1	5		1	51	52-60
2013a	20	2	9		4	4	1		41	45-55
2014s	24	6	15	4		3			52	52-60
June										
2015	21	2	7	1	1	3			35	
Nov 2015	26	2	9		3	8	4		52	52-60
Oct 2018	25	2	8		1	2	7	3	48	50-70
Dec 2019	19	2	12		3	5	12	2	55	60-80

*Data were collected during incidental observations, not during formal survey.

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2015	28	3		2	2		1	2		48	
2016	28	2	15	7	3	4		3		62	60-75
2017	38	5	10	3	3	5	1			65	105-115 ^a
2018	4		4			6	1		10	15	120-140
2019 ^b	27		12			5	5			49	120-140
2019 ^c	56	2	20		7	1				86	130-160

^a33 sheep released in spring 2017, many of which not observed during survey but known to be alive

^bopportunistic observations, not official survey

^csurvey did not cover entire habitat; large proportion of Bandelier not surveyed due to Mexican Spotted Owl concerns

Ram Harvest Strategies for Western States and Provinces—2007

Authored by: Wild Sheep Foundation Professional Biologist Meeting Attendees (Biologists from all agencies that hunt wild sheep in the United States and Canada)

Abstract: At the 2007 Professional Wildlife Biologist Meetings held in conjunction with the Western Hunting Exposition in Salt Lake, Utah, a review of the current harvest strategies for wild sheep rams was conducted. A questionnaire, designed to collect data on ram harvest strategies, was distributed to biologists from the 20 jurisdictions hunting sheep in 2007. Results from this questionnaire are presented in this manuscript. Most hunting of bighorn sheep is a function of limited entry drawings, although unlimited entry hunting occurs in much of Alberta and parts of Montana. Draw odds as high as >4000:1 exist for these rare permits. An estimated 1310 bighorn sheep (*Ovis canadensis*) and 1690 thimhorn sheep (*Ovis dalli*) rams were harvested in 2007.

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Introduction

The evolution of wild sheep hunting in North America has progressed from the market hunting days that pre-date the earliest game protection laws to the current regulations in place by all state and provincial wildlife agencies (jurisdictions). In this manuscript we review the regulations in place during the 2007 hunting season. A questionnaire (Appendix A) was developed and sent to 20 jurisdictions (Appendix B) that hunt wild sheep. The results from that questionnaire were presented at the 2008 Wild Sheep Foundation (WSF) Professional Meeting in Salt Lake City, UT and again at the 2008 Northern Wild Sheep and Goat Council Symposium held in Midvale, UT. An Excel spreadsheet with the data generated by each jurisdiction is included as Appendix C.

Harvest numbers varied substantially among jurisdictions, e.g., New Mexico issues a single public desert bighorn sheep permit compared with thousands of permits in Alaska and more than 900 rams harvested annually. Ram hunts were primarily permitted via a limited entry draw. More rarely, jurisdictions allowed over-the-

counter, unlimited entry hunts. In addition, the results were partitioned between bighorn and thimhorn sheep. In 2007, both Montana and British Columbia were substantially redesigning their respective ram harvest regulations.

Results

Limited Entry Draw Hunts Legal Ram

The majority of jurisdictions have gone to an 'any' ram regulation with neither a horn-curl or age restriction. Exceptions for bighorn sheep are California, Colorado, and Alberta where either 1/2-curl, 3/4-curl, or 4/5-curl restrictions are in place. Montana and South Dakota allow for harvest of either sex during the bighorn season.

In Alaska and Yukon full-curl or 8 years-old restrictions are in place. In Northwest Territory, a 3/4-curl rule is applied.

Minimum Population Size

The minimum population size to hunt varied among jurisdictions. The general rule was a population between 50 and 100, although some jurisdictions hunted

subpopulations as small as 25 if linked to a population in a 'protected' area such as National Parks, National Monuments, or military reservations. California requires a minimum female component of 50 ewes prior to hunting.

Boone and Crockett Scores

Most jurisdictions required that ram heads be sealed and Boone and Crockett (B&C) measurements are recorded at that time. Some jurisdictions only measured basal circumferences and horn lengths, i.e., not the quarter circumference measurements for a B&C score. Jurisdictions where thinhorns are harvested did not collect B&C measurements. This is primarily a function of the large number of rams harvested each year. In New Mexico ram age and B&C measurements are closely monitored in populations to allow maximum harvest without inducing long-term declines in either age or B&C scores.

Rams/100 Bighorn Sheep

One measure of ram harvest is the number of rams harvested/100 bighorn sheep in the population. Among jurisdictions this value ranged from 1.3-3.5 rams/100 sheep with a mean of 2.5 rams/100 sheep. The 2 jurisdictions with the highest harvest ratio were Montana and Wyoming at 3.5 rams/100 sheep. The jurisdictions with the lowest ratios were Texas and Arizona at 1.3 and 1.5 rams/100 sheep respectively. For thinhorn sheep the lowest ratio was in the Northwest Territory where 1.2 rams/100 sheep was harvested.

Colorado issues 1 license per 29 bighorn sheep in the population, which translates to 3.4 rams/100 bighorn sheep with 100% hunter success. Monitoring of age and B&C scores has allowed New Mexico Department of Game and Fish to increase the number of permits from

~1.3/100 bighorn sheep to ~2.7/100 bighorn sheep in the Pecos Wilderness.

With an estimated 72,000 bighorn sheep in the United States and Canada, and approximately 1310 rams harvested, the ratio would be 1.8 rams/100 bighorn (Appendix C). This number is substantially lower than the average across all jurisdictions because of a proportion of each jurisdiction's bighorn sheep are in protected areas, i.e., areas that are not hunted. The range of percentages for bighorn sheep in protected areas was <1% in Texas to 78% in California. Making an assumption that 25% of bighorn sheep are in protected areas in Canada and the United States would increase the ratio to 2.4 rams/100 bighorn.

A population estimate in Yukon was not available to create a species-wide estimate for thinhorn sheep. However, using the midpoint population estimates for Alaska, British Columbia, and Northwest Territory resulted in ratios of 1.6, 2.4, and 1.2 rams/100 sheep respectively. Using the 25% in protected areas assumption, the ratios would increase to 2.1, 3.2, and 1.6 rams/100 sheep.

Percent of Ram 8+ Years Old at Harvest

The percent of rams that were 8 years old or older at harvest ranged from 30- 73%, with a mean of 51% (Appendix C). The lowest percentages were in Wyoming (28%) and Alberta (41%) and highest in New Mexico (78%) and Texas (64%). It was noted that California bighorn rams (race not state) rarely live to be 8 years old and therefore this may not have been the appropriate cut-off age to delineate 'mature' rams for that race of bighorn.

Harvested Rams as a Percent of Total Rams

There was the greatest amount of 'noise' in this variable. This may be because rams are more difficult to

enumerate during helicopter surveys because of their predilection to move into timbered habitat. The range of values reported were 7-12% of all rams and 20-30% of Class III and Class IV rams (Appendix C). Because most herds are not surveyed just prior to hunts, the denominator in this ratio is inexact.

Therefore most jurisdictions base this ratio on estimates generated from multiple sources including ground surveys, hunting guides, and long-term knowledge of the age structure. If ram harvests were based solely on number of rams *observed* during helicopter surveys, harvest ratios would generally be much more conservative. Between 2000-2008, in the Pecos Wilderness in New Mexico, ram harvest is estimated to be about 7% of total rams using estimates from all sources to construct total rams. However, ram harvest based on rams *observed* during helicopter surveys alone was 21% (range=8-55%).

The actual ram numbers were thought to vary little among years in this alpine population that has an asymptotic growth curve.

Because rams, particularly large rams, are dominant at constricted winter feeding sites mortality rates for males during winter is hypothesized to be lower and more stable than for subordinate sex and age classes.

Number of Rams Harvested

Within jurisdictions the number of bighorn rams harvested annually ranged from 1-2 in Nebraska to ~200 in Wyoming (Appendix C). Approximately 1310 bighorn sheep rams were harvested in the United States and Canada in 2007.

For thimhorn jurisdictions the annual harvest was ~240 in Northwest Territory, ~250 in Yukon, ~300 in British Columbia, and ~900 in Alaska. Approximately 1690 thimhorn rams were harvested.

Success Rates

Success rates for jurisdictions with bighorn sheep ranged from 44-100% with a mean of 85% (Appendix C). Twelve of 17 jurisdictions with bighorn sheep reported success rates of $\geq 90\%$. The lowest success rates were in British Columbia (~65 for non-residents but only about 10% for residents) and Alberta (44%). Colorado reported a relatively low success rate (50%) but 80 archery licenses, which typically have a much lower success rate than rifle licenses, were included. Non-resident thimhorn harvest success averaged 62%, however the success rate for residents were substantially lower, e.g., in Alaska it is ~38%.

Over-the-counter Hunts

Two jurisdictions, Alberta and Montana, offer 'over-the-counter' hunts where unlimited entry can occur to hunt bighorn sheep. Most hunting for bighorn in Alberta is unlimited hunting with a 4/5th horn curl restriction. Between 1988 and 2007 there were an average of 144 rams killed in over-the-counter hunts and 25 in limited entry hunts. In a province-wide analysis this equated to 1.5 rams harvested/100 bighorn sheep. Using populations from just the hunted proportion of Alberta bighorn sheep results in 2.9 rams harvested/100 bighorn sheep.

Montana had 4 unlimited entry areas in 2007. Success rates are typically much lower than in draw hunts and Alberta averages just 7.5% and Montana ~6.5%. Montana sets a predetermined quota in these units and the hunting season is terminated when the quota is met, or in some instances approached. In 2005, 43% of hunter numbers were from the 4 unlimited entry units, however just 6% of the statewide harvest came from these units.

Appendix A. Questionnaire sent to the 20 jurisdictions that hunt wild sheep in the U.S. and Canada.

Questions for Ram Harvest Management Strategies

A. Goal is trophy harvest (limited entry/draw hunt units):

1. Are there minimum population sizes/numbers of rams to hold hunts?
2. Hunts based on total population numbers or on total ram numbers?
3. Do you track ram age/B&C scores for herds?
4. What factors affect decisions to reduce permits or cancel hunts?
5. Using a 10-year average, what percentage of rams harvested are mature—8+ years old.
6. What is the mean success rate in these units?
7. On average, how many rams are harvested/100 bighorn sheep?
8. On recent average...how many rams are harvested annually?

B. Goal is high hunter opportunity (over the counter/open hunt units):

1. Are there different criteria for these open hunt units vs. draw units?
 2. Do you track ram age/B&C scores for herds?
 3. What factors affect decisions to reduce permits or cancel hunts?
 4. Using a 10-year average, what percentage of rams harvested are mature—8+ years old.
 5. What is the mean success rate in these units?
 6. On average, how many rams are harvested/100 bighorn sheep?

Appendix B. List of 20 jurisdictions that hunt wild sheep in the U.S. and Canada.

Alaska	Alberta	Arizona	British Columbia	California
Colorado	Idaho	Montana	Nebraska	Nevada
New Mexico	North Dakota	NW Territory	Oregon	South Dakota
Texas	Utah	Washington	Wyoming	Yukon

Appendix C. Excel spreadsheet with results from questionnaire sent to each jurisdiction.

State	Representative	Ram	Ewe	Jurisdiction--subspecies	Pop. Est. Wild Sheep
Alaska	Becky Kellyhouse	X	x		
Alberta	Jim Allen	X	x	Alberta--RM	11200
Arizona	Brian Wakeling	X		Arizona--DE	4600
British Columbia	Chris Addison	X	x	British Columbia	4100
California	Tom Stephenson	X		California--DE	4400
Colorado	Bruce Watkins	X	x	Colorado--RM	7000
Idaho	Dale Toweill	X		Idaho--RM/CA	4000
Montana	Tom Carlsen	X	x	Montana--RM	6700
Nebraska	Todd Nordeen	X		Nebraska--RM	220
Nevada	Mike Cox	X		Nevada--CA/RM/DE	8800
New Mexico	Eric Rominger	X		New Mexico--RM/DE	1400
North Dakota	Brett Weidmann	X		North Dakota--RM	300
NW Territory	Alasdair Veitch	X	x		
Oregon	Thompson/Torland	X		Oregon--RM/CA	4250
South Dakota	Ted Benzon	X		South Dakota--RM	450
Texas	Calvin Richardson	X		Texas--DE	1200
Utah	Kent Hersey	X		Utah--RM/DE	5500
Washington	Donny Martorello	X		Washington--RM/CA	1600
Wyoming	Kevin Hurley	X		Wyoming--RM	6200
Yukon	Jean Carey	X			
				TOTAL	71920

Limited Entry Draw Hunt Harvest Data for Bighorn Sheep--*Ovis canadensis*

State--subspecies	Minimum Pop Size	Total Pop or Total Rams	Track B&C	No. Rams Harvested
Alberta--RM	f(x) access and pressure	Total rams	age/hl/bc	170
Arizona--DE	~50 animals in population	15-25% of CIII/CIV rams	Yes	90
British Columbia	> 50 in population	work in progress	No	30-50 CA 45 RM
California--DE	50 females	15% CII-CIV	Yes	20
Colorado--RM	~>50; 25 if portion inside protected area	total BHS; 29 bhs/ license*	age/hl/bc	130
Idaho--RM/CA	>40	total rams no. CIII-IV rams	age only	52 RM 13 CA
Montana--RM	~100; <100 in some cases	work in progress	age/hl/bc	150
Nebraska--RM	>50; new herds after 5 yrs	Total rams; 8% CI-CIV	Yes	1--2
Nevada--CA/RM/DE	8% rams; not >50% rams > 6 y.o.	Total rams w/ model	Yes	10 RM 25 CA
New Mexico--RM/DE	licenses--5-9% of total rams	Total rams	Yes	20
North Dakota--RM	<8% total rams; + No. rams >5 y.o.	Total rams	Yes	3--4
Oregon--RM/CA	>35 total in RM	Total rams; 10 in RM; 25 CA	Yes	70 CA 10 RM
South Dakota--RM	>100 and minimum of 4 mature rams	Both	Yes	4
Texas--DE	observed; no more than 10% of total rams	Harvestable rams	Yes	10--12
Utah--RM/DE	12 % of total rams; or 30% CIV rams	Total rams/ CIV rams	Yes	43 DE 20 RM
Washington--RM/CA	~50	? CIII-IV	HL only	38 CA 2 RM
Wyoming--RM	(100bhs); now 1-3/unit (60bhs)**	Both	No	200
Range of 'Values'	50***-100 total pop.; 8-12% of total rams		13 of 17	1-200 Total=1310

* More licenses issued/100 bighorn because of lower success rate

**Wyoming has recently converted all hunt units to 'any-ram'

Hunt Harvest Data for Dall's, Stone's, Thinhorn Sheep--*Ovis dalli*

State--subspecies	Minimum Pop Size	Total Pop or Total Rams	Track B&C	No. Rams Harvested
Alaska--DA	1+ ram available	varies	age; some B&C	~900
British Columbia--TH	> 50 in population	varies--new rules in works	No	~300 ST ~10 DA
NW Territory-DA			No	~230
Yukon--TH		~27% harvested annually	No	~250

Total=1690

Limited Entry Draw Hunt Harvest Data for Bighorn Sheep--Ovis canadensis

State--subspecies	Success Rate	Percent rams 8+	Harvested Rams/100	Bighorn Statewide Population Est.	Percent Protected***
Alberta--RM	44	41	2.9	11200	48
Arizona--DE	95	48	1-2 (1.5)	4600	
British Columbia	Nonresident ~65% Resident varies to10%	26-CA 46-RM	2.1	4100	
California--DE	95-100	~60	2	4400	78
Colorado--RM	41--1990-1997 50-1998-2006**	60	2.1--1987-2006 1.9--1998-2006	7000	15
Idaho--RM/CA	60 RM 81 CA	7.4 RM 7.1 CA	2.0 RM 1.3 CA	4000	5
Montana--RM	95-100	?	3--4	6700	
Nebraska--RM	100	100	1--2	220	50
Nevada--CA/RM/DE	CA-86 RM-90 DE-84	CA-35 RM-43 DE-25	CA-2.5/100 RM-1.9/100 DE-2.4/100	8800	
New Mexico--RM/DE	RM=94 DE=100	RM=73 DE=82	2.2*	1400	46
North Dakota--RM	98	47	2.5	300	
Oregon--RM/CA	95	45% mature 7.14 yr mean	~2	4250	
South Dakota--RM	100	48	2	450	27
Texas--DE	93	64	1	1200	1
Utah--RM/DE	RM=99 DE=97	52	RM=1.7 DE=2.0	5500	
Washington--RM/CA	90	?	2.4	1600	
Wyoming--RM	70-90	25-30	~3.6	6200	10
Mean/Range	41-100	25-82	1.0-3.5	71920	1--78

*New herds hunted more lightly (<2.0/100) until rams reach oldest age classes

** Includes 80 archery licenses

***Proportion of statewide population that is unhunted

Over the counter bighorn sheep hunts in Alberta/Montana/AK

	Success	8+	ram/100
Alaska	20 R 65 NR	50-60	2-3
Alberta	7.5	41	4
Montana	6.5	60-70?	2-3

Hunt Harvest Data for Dall's, Stone's, Thinhorn Sheep--Ovis dalli

State--subspecies	Success Rate	Percent rams 8+	Harvested Rams/100
Alaska--DA	Resident=38 Nonresident=69	80-90 fullcurl	2-3
British Columbia--TH	Nonresident~65% Resident varies to10%	75-ST 85-DA	2.8

NW Territory-DA	NR=53	ave.=10 y.o	1.2
Yukon--TH	?	79	?

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From: Tyler Pike <tyler.pike@northcomm.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2022 10:44 AM
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Sincerely,
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Sincerely,
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Sincerely,
M. Brett Miller
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I am an avid conservationist, outdoorsman, and father, raising two kids in this great nation and showing them how to love the outdoors as much as I do. Within the USA we should all have the opportunity to hunt, fish, and explore America's great lands - including those of New Mexico and the wild game within its boundaries.

Respectfully,

Bronson J. Ekre

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Reid Lamson
23900 First Buck Way
Corning, CA 96021

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Vincent Viola <lori.viola60@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 3, 2022 8:25 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Non-Resident Hunting!

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Sincerely,
Vincent Viola
5820 Eldora Dr
Colorado Springs, CO 80918

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Sincerely,
Chris Sivley
5035 Big Oak Rd S
St. Augustine, FL 32095

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From: Patrick Wallace <lorric18@gmail.com>
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Sincerely,
Patrick Wallace
3608 Haynie Ave
Dallas, TX 75205

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: John Sturgeon <frontiertradellc@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, June 3, 2022 11:47 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn tags for non-residents

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In **Alaska** we covet our Dall sheep tags the same as the residents of New Mexico covet your big horn tags. However, we realize that there are many non-resident hunters that dream of hunting in Alaska and are willing to share with our fellow hunters. In 2021 there were 580 non-resident sheep tags purchased of which were 8 New Mexico residents. If all the other states did what NM is proposing it would dash a lot of hunters dreams. It would seem extremely unfair if non-residents could never apply for a NM sheep tag and NM hunters were free to apply for tags in all the other states. I don't think that would be healthy for the hunting community.

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Best regards

John Sturgeon
President, Alaska SCI
4450 Shoshoni Ave

Anchorage, AK 99516
907-230-0072
frontiertradellc@aol.com

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Roderic Geddes <rdgeddes88@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 3, 2022 10:20 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
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Sincerely,
Roderic Geddes
3470 Norman Cir
Reno, NV 89509

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Andris Rieksts <amellc2009@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 3, 2022 9:14 AM
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Sincerely,
Andris Rieksts
48 Leary Dr
Brasher, NY 13613

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Thomas Hermann <archeryrunt@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, June 3, 2022 8:08 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Rule Proposal

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Thomas Hermann
920.946.7903

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Nick Negrini <nick.negrini@outlook.com>
Sent: Friday, June 3, 2022 7:55 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Big Horn Rule Proposal

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Sincerely,

Nick Negrini

Life member: WSF, WSSBC, Idaho WSF, Utah WSF, Midwest WSF.

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Robert slone <rmtslone@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 3, 2022 7:28 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
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Sincerely,
Robert slone
121 Dewey Ave
Eureka, MT 59917

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: George Britton <joynoel.j4@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 3, 2022 7:13 AM
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George Britton
440 Schuler Ln
Dillon, MT 59725

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From: Joseph Nobles <joe.nobles@oracle.com>
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Sincerely,
Joseph Nobles
5566 E Hinsdale Cir
Centennial, CO 80122

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Adam Nelson <anelson62889@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 3, 2022 6:12 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Rule Proposal

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Respectfully,
Adam Nelson

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From: Nicholas Palma <jersey783@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 3, 2022 5:05 AM
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Sincerely,
Nicholas Palma
300 Ridge Rd
Cedar Grove, NJ 07009

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From: Doug Singer <doug.singer24@gmail.com>
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Doug Singer
317 Sandy Brook Cir
Madisonville, LA 70447

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Sincerely,
Mike Newman
158 McDougald Ave
Pine Mountain, GA 31822

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From: John McLaurin <1jmlaurin1@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 11:09 PM
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John McLaurin
1218 Highborne Cay Ct
Texas City, TX 77590

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Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 10:04 PM
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Dan Vitchoff
115 Borderline Dr
Baden, PA 15005

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From: William Kulungian <billkulu@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 9:44 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Non resident sheep permits

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Sincerely,
William Kulungian

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From: Will Sikora <willsikora@hotmail.com>
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From: William Asevica <william.asevica@gmail.com>
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William Asevica
14 Williams Dr
Prospect, CT 06712

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From: Larry Glenn <larryg@vtc.net>
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Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

Thanks, Larry Glenn

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From: Beth Culbertson <docbnave@gmail.com>
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To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
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Beth Culbertson
776 NE 1500
Andrews, TX 79714

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Sincerely,
Benjamin Arisman
3 Kent St
Buckhannon, WV 26201

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

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Scott Johnson
8950 Bunton Rd
Willis, MI 48191

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DANIEL KNELLER
1000 W Main St
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Sincerely,
Randy Pretzer
6808 US-84
Coolidge, TX 76635

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Sincerely,
Robert Eriksen
27 Canterbury Rd
Phillipsburg, NJ 08865

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Sincerely,

James Fitzgerald
Non-resident NM hunter

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Turney, Glen R <Glen.Turney@hdrinc.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 1:53 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Sheep Rules

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As a non-resident hunter who also owns a residence in NM, this is a short-sited plan. As stated above, non-resident hunting fees are already very costly in NM. The potential fees gained support conservation and the odds are already stacked against non-residents. Why further reduce your conservation dollars?

I urge you to consider the overall "cost" of such changes.

Respectfully submitted,

Glen

Glen R. Turney

M 210.317.5448

Glen.Turney@hdrinc.com

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: RANDALL SNIDER <fishingsanta55@gmail.com>
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RANDALL SNIDER
1111 Green Ridge Dr
Severance, CO 80615

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Sincerely,

Julian Weel

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Kenneth Harrell
4954 Woodruff Cir
St. George, UT 84790

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Matthew Marti
15400 Tideland Rd
Nehalem, OR 97131

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Carl Griffin
2800 Marlea Ct
Imlay City, MI 48444

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Sincerely,
Blake Naugle
2610 Haynes Club Cir SW
Grayson, GA 30017

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From: Mike Broadwell <mikeb@awbottling.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 12:56 PM
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William paul
1348
Auburn, GA 30011

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Sincerely,

Dane Embrey

1126 West Commerce
San Antonio, Tx 78207
210-226-5487

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Laura Barbour
151 Oakhurst Trail
Ridgeland, MS 39157

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Douglas Berg
6700 Meadow Lake Ave
Dallas, TX 75214

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From: JEFF HEIM <fatbaggers@gmail.com>
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JEFF HEIM
N88W24120 N Lisbon Rd
Sussex, WI 53089

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Nathan Gray
16860 Buckhorn Mountain Rd
Sonora, CA 95370

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4450 E Sylvane St
Tucson, AZ 85711

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Sincerely,
Ron Mansour
6050 Stetson Hills Blvd
Colorado Springs, CO 80923

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

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George Coughran
7043 Pit Rd
Redding, CA 96001

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Robert Zampa
761 Stillwater Rd
Stamford, CT 06902

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Sincerely,
Larry Appel
155 Fern Ln
Crescent City, CA 95531

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Tom Peterson
18812 Crescent Rd
Odessa, FL 33556

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Sincerely,
Grayson Hall
131 Stonegate Dr
Birmingham, AL 35242

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Sincerely,
Blaine Huling
2114 W Grant Rd
Tucson, AZ 85745

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Steven Reincke
725 Aberdeen Tartan St
Las Vegas, NV 89138

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Sincerely,
Cary Renner
16675 NW 130th St
Platte City, MO 64079

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Eric Matz
2814 Hillvale Ave
West Lawn, PA 19609

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John Gardner
559 E 6th Ave
Durango, CO 81301

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Ryan Workman
32 Heatherbrae Cir
Little Rock, AR 72223

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Michael Oropallo
4578 W Lake Rd
Auburn, NY 13021

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Susan Skold
1020 Briar Ridge
West Des Moines, IA 50265

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David Swann
110 Harbor View Ln
Maryville, TN 37801

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5523 Vantage Vista Dr
Colorado Springs, CO 80919

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Michael Walters
1883 N Old Bethlehem Pike
Quakertown, PA 18951

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Douglas Folsom
37139 MN-65
Nashwauk, MN 55769

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From: Robert Frisch <hunter1648@gmail.com>
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Robert Frisch
398 E Court St
Doylestown, PA 18901

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Scott Kendrix
849 Private Rd 3702
San Antonio, TX 78253

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Gerald Finch
2950 Innisbrook Ct
Charleston, SC 29414

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Gordon Speed
1212 W Braddock Rd
Alexandria, VA 22302

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From: tzimmerman2@wi.rr.com
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 10:52 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Cc: tzimmerman2@wi.rr.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Rule Proposal

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Dear New Mexico Game Commissioners:

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In 1978/79, there were less than 700 bighorns and less than 80 desert bighorn sheep in New Mexico. Today there are over 1700 RMBHS and 1200 DBHS. This is a significant wild sheep conservation success story. However, this did not occur without considerable work and the funding to make it happen. Since 1990, most of the funding for this effort has come from the U.S. and Canadian hunting communities. In the last 32 years, over \$7 million has been directed to the NMDGF special bighorn sheep enhancement fund/budget for restoration and management projects. Over 90% of this \$7 million has come from non-resident hunters and donors. During these 32 years, only less than 5% ORIGINATED FROM New Mexico hunters. These \$7 million have been leveraged against a 3-to-1 match in Pittman-Robertson Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act funds, which has provided the NMDGF with the ability to conduct aggressive and successful wild sheep conservation and management programs.

Without these funds provided by non-resident hunters, there would be significantly fewer bighorn hunting opportunities for everyone. By reducing or eliminating all non-resident opportunities, it would follow that the non-resident hunting community and various conservation groups will not offer the same support they have provided during the last 32 years. This will not be good for N.M. bighorn sheep conservation, and it will slow down the creation of more bighorn sheep hunting opportunities in the future.

Sincerely,

Tom Zimmerman



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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Colin Clyne <surfridedrive@yahoo.com>
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Colin
sent from the digital leash

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Hardie Ranches LLC <scott_tasha@hardieranches.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 10:01 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Rule Proposal

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Respectfully,
Scott Van Winkle



HARDIE RANCHES

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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Jeremy Garcia <jgarcia4033@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 9:43 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
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Thank you for your time.

Jeremy Garcia

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

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Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 9:32 AM
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Ross Brewer
Cell:(979)218-4485

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Jeremy Headley <jheadley@parkertowing.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 9:25 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Rule Proposal

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Thank you for your consideration!

Jeremy A. Headley

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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Larry Buckendorf <Larry@journeyhomes.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 9:22 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Bighorn Rule Proposal

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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Mike Plivelich <plivey1@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 8:25 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Cc: info@wildsheepfoundation.org
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Rule Proposal 19.31.17

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I appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Kind regards,

Mike Plivelich
Wild Sheep Foundation Member

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Mike Plivelich
Office: (616) 920-7265 | Mobile: (907) 209-0430

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Tim Chestnut <timchestnut@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 8:12 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn sheep rule proposal

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Subject: Bighorn Rule Proposal

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In addition this rule change communicates an atmosphere of hostility to out of state hunters. I sincerely hope this is not your intent, but this action will damage the public perception of New Mexico as a 'welcoming' place to visit.

Sincerely,
Tim Chestnut

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Phillip Smith <psmith@pssrehab.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 7:52 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] non resident sheep tags

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Sincerely,
Phillip Smith
573-289-8804

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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Scott Knight <seknight1@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 7:32 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Rule Proposal

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Scott Knight

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From: Nathan Wright <nwright8680@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 7:30 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Sheep Proposal

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I've been contributing what I can to various conservation groups supporting bighorn sheep for quite some time now in hopes that one day I may get an opportunity to hunt a ram. How disappointing it is to see such a shallow, selfish mindset taking hold in New Mexico, Wyoming and other states across the west as I reach the juncture in my life that traveling out of state to hunt more often is becoming a reality.

"Your" sheep may reside in "your" state, but a large portion of the funds that support them come from outside of it. If this proposal passes, I will never consider New Mexico as a destination for outdoor recreation of any sort. As a member of the WSF, I will vocally oppose any project planned in a state that refuses access to non-residents. I would expect a significant number of non-resident hunters to follow suit.

Nathan Wright, PharmD
6635 Howie Mine Church Road
Waxhaw NC 28173

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Zac Mulford <zac.mulford@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 7:13 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Rule Proposal

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ZM

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Matt Chverchko <matt@diamondbackcovers.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 6:33 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Rule Proposal

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Matt Chverchko / Chief of Engineering
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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Will Berry <will.berry@berico.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 5:57 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Cc: Tom Berry
Subject: [EXTERNAL] New Mexico Big Horn Rule Proposal

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Thank you for your review and consideration.

Will Berry

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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: David Vasek <dv.ccie@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 5:42 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn sheep proposal

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Sincerely,
David Vasek
New Braunfels, TX

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From: Rodrigo Lebrija <rodrigolebrija@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 3:03 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn rule proposal

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I have been applying for the past 20 years and have been supporting hunting in NM for the past 30 years. Please keep this in mind when making your decision.

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Ryan Risch <rischrj@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 10:34 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Sheep Comment

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Ryan Risch

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Rusty Truman <drtruman@etv.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 9:53 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn rule proposal

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Thank you for your consideration

Rusty Truman

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Jacob Oberheu <jacob.oberheu@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 9:53 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Sheep Rule Proposal

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I hope you do not pass this proposal. Thank you for your time.

Jacob Oberheu
Delta, CO

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Walter Goddard <wkgoddard@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 9:52 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Rule Proposal

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Once again I strongly oppose this action and hope that the game commission consider the consequences carefully.

Sincerely,
Kyle Goddard

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Reed, L. Gene <GReed@mwianimalhealth.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 9:52 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn-Rule

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Respectfully,

L. Gene Reed
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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: James Johnson <flyguide.jj@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 9:50 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn rules

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Dear New Mexico Game Commissioners:

As a non resident that applied for sheep in New Mexico I stand with the Wild Sheep Foundation, New Mexico Wild Sheep Foundation, and resident and non-resident sheep hunters across the country in opposing this action. If approved, it will reduce the opportunities to participate in the state's successful wild sheep conservation programs and reduce the incentives to contribute significant out-of-state financial resources to continue to enhance and protect wild sheep populations in New Mexico.

James Johnson.

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: wes curry <curry.wes1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 9:12 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Rule Proposal

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Sincerely, Wesley

Lewiston, ID

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: cprsha@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 8:51 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Rule Proposal

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Sincerely,

Chris Prsha

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Duane Ziegler <d.ziegler257@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 8:42 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL]

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Sincerely,
Duane Ziegler
Miles City, MT
US Army, MAJ (ret.)

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Joey Shetler <jshetler44654@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 8:31 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Rule Proposal

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Thanks,

Joey Shetler
Ph: 330-231-9066

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Dan Owsley <owsleydj@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 8:27 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Rule Proposal

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Thanks,
Dan Owsley

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Sent from Gmail Mobile

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Kyle Reedy <kyle_reedy@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 8:21 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Rule Proposal

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Hello,

To say the least I'm disappointed to hear that a state doesn't want to offer an opportunity or limit opportunities to nonresidents of other states for sheep hunting. I ask how this will improve sheep conservation in NW?

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I feel all hunters should work together for the best future possible for sheep. There is too much polarization in the world today. As hunters we are the minority and should stick together. But if you vote to keep sheep hunting inclusive for NW residents, I hope you are willing to make up the difference in nonresident raised money for sheep conservation going forward.

Thanks,
Kyle

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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: matt margheim <mattgmargheim@yahoo.com>
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To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Shawn Hurley <hurleysh01@earthlink.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 7:23 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Rule Proposal

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Thank you,
Shawn Hurley

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Frankie Johnson <fjohnson@stylesautocare.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 7:18 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Big Horn Rule Proposal

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Sincerely,
Frankie Johnson
Cartersville GA

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: rgourash <rgourash@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 7:09 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Cc: Richard Gourash
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Rule Proposal

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Richard W. Gourash
rgourash@bellsouth.net
407-620-9694 cell

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Sean Doherty <sean@dohertyfarms.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 6:19 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn rule proposal

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Sincerely

Sean V. Doherty

Sent from me to you. Hope your day is as awesome as mine!

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Stephen Hagedorn <cyhagedorn@outlook.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 6:13 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Sheep Rule re: Non-Residents

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I understand that New Mexico is considering no longer making any sheep tags available to non-residents. I stand with the Wild Sheep Foundation, New Mexico Wild Sheep Foundation, and resident and non-resident sheep hunters across the country in opposing this action. If approved, it will reduce the opportunities to participate in New Mexico's successful wild sheep conservation programs and reduce the incentives to contribute significant out-of-state financial resources to continue to enhance and protect wild sheep populations in New Mexico.

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Further, I believe the rule change will lead to a decrease in tag applications by non-resident hunters for other species. I grew up in New Mexico, but I am currently a non-resident. Each year, I put in for sheep tags because New Mexico does not have a points system. It is a slight opportunity for me to get lucky on a tag while supporting New Mexico's wild game and habitat. I also make a point of applying for oryx, ibex, elk, and mule deer in connection with my sheep application each year. If New Mexico does not welcome non-residents to hunt sheep, I would not spend submit the tag application in the first place. Frankly, as much as it pains me to say so, my time and money would be better spent in western states that welcome non-resident hunters.

Please reject the proposal and protect the support non-residents contribute to New Mexico game and habitat.

Best Regards,

Stephen Hagedorn

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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: donald truax <truaxdw@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 6:10 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Big horn rule proposal

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Thank you

Don Truax
571-220-0787

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: brandon gogebicrange.net <brandon@gogebicrange.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 6:08 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] New Bighorn sheep proposal

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Best regards,
Brandon Yuchasz

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Jacob Reck <reckfowler1995@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 6:07 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Rule Proposal

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I feel like this would be a massive blow to the wild sheep of New Mexico and I pray that this rule does not pass.

Thank you,

Jake Reck

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Bart Gliatta <bc44g@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 5:49 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Rule Proposal

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Bart Gliatta
614-749-1330

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Brandon Reystead <reystead@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 5:36 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn rule proposal

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Thank you an avid sportmans, Brandon Reystead

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Harley Paugh <hapaugh@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 5:28 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Rule Proposal

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Harley Paugh
408.455.6893
Sent from Gmail Mobile

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Orville Trembly <ontrembly@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 5:18 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Cc: info@wildsheepfoundation.org
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Eliminating non-resident sheep hunting

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Should New Mexico succeed in preventing non-resident sheep hunting, then I will support a reciprocal law that other states and Canadian provinces eliminate the possibility of New Mexico residents gaining any license to hunt sheep outside of New Mexico, I would fully expect the Wild Sheep Foundation to withdraw support for wild sheep conservation in New Mexico.

This is a bad idea for wild sheep and a negative precedent.

O N Trembly

Life Member, Wild Sheep Foundation

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Derek Oyen <dwoyen74@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 5:01 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Rule Proposal

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Thank you for your time and consideration,

Derek W Oyen

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Gaylon Kilcrease <tgkilcrease@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 4:58 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Rule Proposal

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Thank you,

Gaylon Kilcrease
Fort Worth, TX

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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Rush Simpson <rush.simpson@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 4:50 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Rule Proposal

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Dear New Mexico Game Commissioners:

I stand with the Wild Sheep Foundation, New Mexico Wild Sheep Foundation, and resident and non-resident sheep hunters across the country in opposing the action to eliminate sheep hunting in New Mexico for non state residents. Sheep hunters from across the country contribute to conservation organizations that help sheep in all states. If your action is approved, it will reduce the state's successful wild sheep conservation program and reduce incentives for out of state hunters to contribute to programs in New Mexico that greatly enhance New Mexico wild sheep populations. I personally apply for a sheep tag in New Mexico every year. In the process of doing this, I purchase a New Mexico hunting license. I am sure countless out of state hunters do the same. The loss of revenue for all New Mexico wildlife will greatly be impacted by those of us who would no longer purchase a general license .

Sincerely,

Rush Simpson, MD
Little Rock, AR

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Pat Gregory <jpgreg@earthlink.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 4:25 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposal To Eliminate Non-Resident Sheep Permits

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This whole idea is ill conceived and I sincerely hope the Commissioners will vote against this proposal.

Pat Gregory
Corrales, NM

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Zach Stiner <zach.stiner@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 4:21 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] New Mexico Sheeob

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Thank you
Zach

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Bret Dolph <dolphbret@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 4:10 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Big horn Sheep

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Thank you and have a great day!
Bret Dolph

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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Travis Bivins <tjb05019@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 3:40 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Rule Proposal

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Travis Bivins

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: justinfriesen3@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 3:36 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn out of state tags

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Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Kelso, Andy <AKelso@kentwa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 3:20 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Non resident Sheep tags

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Andy Kelso

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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Jerry Hendricks <pikespeakjerry@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 3:17 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Rule Proposal from a Non-Resident Hunter

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Sincerely,

Jerry Hendricks, O.D.
8415 Edgemont Way
Colorado Springs, CO 80919

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Mark Audino <maudino1@rochester.rr.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 3:11 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Rule Proposal

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Dear New Mexico Game Commissioners:

I am a hunter-conservationist and international sporting adventure travel consultant. I stand with the Wild Sheep Foundation, New Mexico Wild Sheep Foundation, and resident and non-resident sheep hunters across the country in opposing this action. If approved, it will reduce the opportunities to participate in the state's successful wild sheep conservation programs and reduce the incentives to contribute significant out-of-state financial resources to continue to enhance and protect wild sheep populations in New Mexico.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Mark Audino
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Honeoye Falls, NY 14472
(585) 267-0742

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Drae Medicraft <drae.medicraft@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 3:05 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Big horn rule proposal

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Regards,

Drae Medicraft

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Benjamin DuBois <benjamin.md@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 2:56 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Rule Proposal Changes

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Benjamin C. DuBois, MD, FACS

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Trevor Hauser <trevorhauser@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 2:41 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Rule Proposal

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Sincerely,
Trevor Hauser

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Mike Abell <michaelabell71@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 2:36 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please do not eliminate non-resident sheep hunting

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I have hunted in NM and brought significant financial contributions to the state over the years. I am also a life member of the Wild Sheep Foundation, which has done significant work in your state for all Americans, not just New Mexicans.

Please don't eliminate the opportunity for non-residents to hunt sheep in New Mexico.

Mike
Michael A. Abell
Colonel (USA Retired)

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Tim Sikes <tim.sikes@usa.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 2:35 PM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Rule Proposal

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Best Regards,

Tim Sikes
Irving, Texas

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Greg Tooley <greg_tooley@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 2:35 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Non Resident Rule Proposal

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Greg Tooley

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From: Christian McHenry <cha0s1996@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 2:29 PM
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From: Cody Shoman <cody.shoman@galvanizersinc.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 2:20 PM
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Thank you for your consideration,

Cody Shoman

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: dan donaldson <akdan99645@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 2:13 PM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn sheep ruling

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I hope you consider the long term affect this will have on all hunters plus the future funding that will vanish. As a sheep hunter, I've dedicated lots of money and time in conserving all sheep but if this passes.....I won't be spending in New Mexico.

Sincerely,

Dan Donaldson
Palmer, Alaska

Life Member of Wild Sheep
Life member of Grand Slam Club
Life member of NRA

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Mike Miller <mam960@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 2:12 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Rule Proposal

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Sincerely,

Michael A Miller

2112 Fairways Lane
Roseville, MN 55113
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Non-Resident Hunter in 49 of 50 states.

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Frank Paliotta <fpaliotta52@gmail.com>
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Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Taylor Paul <tdpaul22@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 2:09 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
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Respectfully,
CPT Taylor Paul, DDS

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Don Parks <Don@METAL-WELD.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 2:08 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Big Horn Sheep NM

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Don Parks - President
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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: apratt03@comcast.net
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 2:04 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,
Andrew

W. Andrew Pratt

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Home: 281-398-0779 | Cell: 713-205-2467
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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Aaron Hulett <aaronthenurse@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 2:01 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn sheep rule proposal

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I have hunted New Mexico many times in the past and was even fortunate enough to draw a desert bighorn tag in 2014. I currently apply for many New Mexico tags each year. This change would make it far less appealing to apply for any.

Thank you, Aaron Hulett
(360)460-4179
1670 Mendenhall Peninsula Rd
Juneau AK 99801

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Brett A. Reamer <brett.a.reamer@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 1:58 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Rule Proposal

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I apply to for New Mexico bighorn tags every year as a nonresident and it is a major factor for my purchase of a non resident hunting license every year. Please oppose this action.

Brett Reamer

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Kyle Davis <kyle50@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 1:55 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Rule Proposal - Nonresident Allocation

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Do not let the greed of keeping a couple tags currently going to nonresidents jeopardize the future of bighorn sheep in New Mexico.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Kyle Davis

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Mark Justice <drmark06@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 1:52 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Big Horn Sheep Tags

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From: Ohio Darin <ohiodarin@gmail.com>
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Thank you for your consideration

Darin Fiedeldey
Cincinnati, Ohio

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Scott Clark <sclark@driveinautosound.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 1:46 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
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Scott Clark
719-573-5847 ext215
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From: Geoff Wooding <4grizzly54@gmail.com>
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Geoff Wooding,
Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Geiger, Jeffrey M - COLUMBUS OH <jeffrey_geiger@ml.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 1:41 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Big Horn Rule Proposal

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In addition, the non-resident hunter spends significantly more in dollars than resident hunters which in turn supports the communities and small businesses where the hunters stay.

Thanks

Jeff Geiger

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From: RaeAnn Jeffries <raeann@wyosubs.com>
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Regards,

Ben Burum

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Mary Predovich <mapredovich@yahoo.com>
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I am a Colorado Hunter and I believe hunters' dollars and support make a difference in keeping our wildlife populations at a sustainable level. Please use good sense in voting against this bill.

Mary Predovich
Sedalia, Colorado

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Laurel Sass <lsass@hinescorp.com> on behalf of Larry Hines <lhines@hinescorp.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 1:29 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
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Best Regards,

Larry W. Hines

-Laurel Sass

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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Matthew Moore <mmmoore8@gmail.com>
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To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
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Thanks,

Matthew Moore

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From: Jason Goodman <jason.goodman@groundeng.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 1:27 PM
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Importance: High

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Jason Goodman
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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Capozza, Richard R. <RCAPOZZA@barclaydamon.com>
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Sincerely,

Richard R. Capozza

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Sikanni River Ranch Manager <manager@sikanniriver.com>
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I truly wish I have the opportunity to hunt sheep in New Mexico in the future.

Thank you for your time.

Yours Sincerely,

Todd Howard

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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Levi Bowler <levibowler@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 1:16 PM
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Levi Bowler
Kalispell, Montana.

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To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
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Respectfully,

Carl Keller
Fayetteville, AR

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: James McKnight <jamesm@dhdmetalfabricating.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 1:08 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL]

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Hunting BigHorn Sheep has been a long dream for my son and myself. People that live in the normal working blue collar world can't afford these expensive hunts. So the thought of getting drawn for a tag keeps the dream alive.
Thank you for your time.

Respectfully

James "Bo" Mcknight

General Manager

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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Justin Ragsdale <jragsdal@gmail.com>
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From: Andrew Gibbons <andrew.gibbons82@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 1:06 PM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Subject: Bighorn Rule Proposal

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Andrew Gibbons

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Without these funds, provided by non-resident hunters, there would be significantly fewer bighorn hunting opportunities for everyone/anyone in the State of New Mexico. By reducing or eliminating all non-resident opportunities, it would follow that the non-resident hunting community and various conservation groups will not offer the same support they have provided during the last 32 years. This will not be good for N.M. bighorn sheep conservation, and it will slow down the creation of more bighorn sheep hunting opportunities in the future.

All The Best,
Brenton Scott

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: T B <tbaade15@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 1:04 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Rule Proposal

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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Mike Borel <mike.borel@contextnet.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 1:03 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Rule Proposal - Recommendation Against

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Mike

Mike J. Borel

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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Randall Hudson <rhudson@hudsonoil.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 1:00 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Sheep Proposal regarding non-residents

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Dear New Mexico Game Commissioners:

My family has been in the oil & gas business in New Mexico for 92 years, and we're looking forward to reaching 100.

As a Board member of IPANM, I pay close attention to the economy of your great State.

As a sheep hunter and conservationist, I stand with the Wild Sheep Foundation, New Mexico Wild Sheep Foundation, and resident and non-resident sheep hunters across the country in opposing the referenced action. If approved, it will reduce the opportunities to participate in the state's successful wild sheep conservation programs and reduce the incentives to contribute significant out-of-state financial resources to continue to enhance and protect wild sheep populations in New Mexico.

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I ask that you please consider all of this when making your final decisions, as the future of NM bighorn sheep is on the line.

Respectfully,
Randall

E. RANDALL HUDSON III
MANAGING PARTNER

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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: akinsey troutladder.com <akinsey@troutladder.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 12:57 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Rule Proposal

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Sincerely,

Alexander Kinsey

Alexander Kinsey
Trout Ladder
917.727.2539
TroutLadder.com

A strong body makes the mind strong. As to the species of exercise, I advise the gun. While this gives a moderate exercise to the body, it gives boldness, enterprise, and independence to the mind. Games played with the ball, and other of that nature, are too violent for the body, and stamp no character on the mind. Let your gun, therefore, be the constant companion of your walks - Thomas Jefferson

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Rochelle Gravance <rochelle@rochellegravance.com>
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Respectfully,
Rochelle Gravance, hunter

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Chad Ramsey <cj_ramsey@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 12:56 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Rule Proposal

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Chad Ramsey

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Joseph Meixell <meixe005@umn.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 12:56 PM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Rule Proposal

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Thanks,

Joe Meixell
Future Sheep Hunter

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Warren Wallace <warrenw41@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 12:54 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Rule Proposal

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Thank You,
Warren Wallace

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: daniel beckley <beckleydaniel@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 12:54 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Subject: Bighorn Rule Proposal

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Thank you for your consideration
Daniel Beckley

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Scott Sankey <SSankey@sharedmed.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 12:53 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Rule proposal--not in support

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I highly encourage you not to go down the road of eliminating or reducing non-resident tags.

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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Casey Cawston <wizzys2@outlook.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 12:52 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Non Resident

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Casey Cawston
Keremeos, British Columbia
Canada

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Scott Weavil <scott.weavil@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 12:51 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Rule Proposal

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-Scott

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Christian Harden <christiandsharden@gmail.com>
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Rule Proposal

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A concerned citizen,
Christian Harden

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: tyler.pike@northcomm.com
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 12:47 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Non Resident Rule

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Thanks,

Tyler Pike
Northcomm LLC
Cell: 509-668-8021

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Geoff Wright <geoffrey.t.wright@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 12:46 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Rule Proposal

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V/r
Geoffrey Wright

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Allen Davis <allen@cwproduce.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 12:46 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please Don't do it

Importance: High

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Rule Proposal

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Dear New Mexico Game Commissioners:

My son, age 8 3/4, hunted and harvested his first wild game (mule deer) 12-years ago due to NM being open-minded about youth hunters (though youth, non-resident, opportunities have greatly diminished since then). Through efforts decades in the works allowed him to cement his life as a forever outdoorsman, any further depletion of current non-resident hunting opportunities and dollars will be short-sighted. All western states "share" their game and opportunities to hunt. Don't make things even worse for non-residents to hunt federal lands.

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Elizabeth, CO

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From: Charles Kelly <azsheepguy@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 12:42 PM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Non-Resident Bighorn Sheep Issue

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Thanks for allowing me to comment on this important issue!

Charlie Kelly

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Deer NM Game Commissioners:

As a 30 year resident of NM I am mortified to see what you are considering. Honestly, who do you think you are? If nothing else I hope none of you are applying in other states for other permits of any kind or be considered the ultimate hypocrite. This gains the NM residents nothing as draw odds won't improve by more than a few thousandths of a percent.

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From: Adam Denison <denison.adam@gmail.com>
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Sent from my iPhone

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From: Rebecca Spring <rebeccaspring11@gmail.com>
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Thank you,
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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Quiz's World <qmoinc@gmail.com>
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To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Non-resident sheep tags

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From: Jesse Bauer <houndinjb@gmail.com>
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn sheep draw rule

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Dear New Mexico Game Commissioners:

I am against limiting access to non-residents for NM bighorn sheep tags. I apply every year for all hunting species in NM, for species which thrive on public land!

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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Doug Garvey <doug@greendrakeoutdoors.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 12:33 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Rule Proposal

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Doug Garvey
[Green Drake Outdoors](#)
303-717-9625

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Lee Stewart <lee.stewart.86@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 12:34 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Rule Proposal

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Thank you,

Christopher Stewart

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Alex Ylvisaker <alexylvisaker@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 12:33 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Rule Proposal

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Alex Ylvisaker

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: John Gossling <jmgoss63@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 20, 2022 7:58 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep the NM Non-Resident draw process unchanged

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I have supported New Mexico wildlife for almost two decades by apply for tags and supporting New Mexico businesses while hunt in your state.

My Family is connected to New Mexico and New Mexico wildlife conservation because we have hunted there.

At no time in wildlife management history is it more important for the entire hunting/ conservation community to be united in support of sound management.

When states eliminate or significantly reduce non-residents from participating in hunting in their state, hunters outside of that state become disconnected with the wildlife and the threats against it by those who wish to destroy sound wildlife management.

I urge you to please continue to support the existing nonresident draw allocation for sheep and all other species.

Best regards,

John Gossling

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Carlton Clardy <clardy.chip@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2022 7:59 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Non-Resident Hunting!

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Dear Commissioners,

As a frequent visitor and occasional hunter in New Mexico, as well as a proud hunter and conservationist, I urge you to reject the proposal of a vocal few and stand with the balanced and legal approach of the wildlife professionals of the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish on the bighorn sheep rule. I have not commented on the rule because it appeared the Department's initial recommendation would stand until the last Commission meeting.

The Department's initial proposal is a balanced approach, allowing both resident and nonresident opportunity, and it is legal and complies with the New Mexico statutes and caselaw regarding nonresident participation in hunting.

Hunters, both resident and nonresident, have long paid the way for conservation, both game and non-game wildlife, and maximizing opportunity for hunting is also key to long-term funding for all conservation. Hunting benefits wildlife conservation.

Please stand on the side of hunting and conservation and accept the initial recommendation of the Department's wildlife professionals on the bighorn sheep rule. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important issue.

Sincerely,
Carlton Clardy
4519 Nora's Path Rd
Charlotte, NC 28226

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Dave Lane <sacramentowildfire2@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 7:49 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Dear game commission please leave the big horn rule in place as is.

Sincerely,

David lane

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Brent Pinard <pinardbrent@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 10:48 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Dear Commissioners,

I am a hunter from Arizona who enjoys hunting New Mexico as a non-resident. I realize that I may never draw the rocky mountain sheep tag that I apply for every year. But, if you allow the pressure from the NMWF to bring about changes in a system that works to a system that cuts out non-residents completely, I will stop hunting your state for any of the species that I currently try to draw for. Other states can have my hard earned money.

I am curious. How many of those that want to lock out non residents from hunting New Mexico sheep, try to draw here in Arizona?

Sincerely,
a non resident hunter,

Brent Pinard

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Randy Creighton <jr.creighton@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 10:27 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment FOR Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Dear Commissioners,

I have no problem with the current method of "lumping" hunt codes for Bighorn sheep. Keep doing what you have been doing, seems fair to me.

Sincerely,

Randy Creighton
505-292-6805

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Mitchel Doolin <mitchdd9@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 9:52 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment For Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Dear Commissioners,

I have been a resident of your great state since my wife and I moved here in 2016. We have greatly appreciated the opportunities presented to us as residents of this state since that first year of residency. We have been residents in other states and apply in almost all western states each year and our honest opinion is the NM system is the most fair and best structured system in the west. I truly believe the balance of opportunity, quality and the ability to try your luck every year makes the application process fun and enjoyable. As for the topic of Big Horn sheep and lumping the hunt codes I am in favor of keeping the current lumped setup. I believe the support of non residents to our sheep herds have helped build the herd to where it is today and continue to do so every year. With that in mind I like the approach of lumping hunt codes to give them the opportunity to draw a very small number of tags.

Keep doing a great job managing our wildlife and please help us avoid the rash opinions of a selfish and select few in the state!

Sincerely,
Mitch Doolin

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Guillermo Alarcon <ggalarcon@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 9:41 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Dear Commissioners,

I am all in favor to the lumping of Bighorn tags. It is a vary fair, and profitable, way to deal with the unjustifiable and very limited quota on nonresidents.

Sincerely,

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Chase Meadors <meadorschase@icloud.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 4, 2022 5:07 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule; K C
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Non resident hunting

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The state of New Mexico should appreciate non-resident contributions on every level. The state has tremendous potential but is going to squander it's most valuable resource unless our voices are heard

Please do not make a huge mistake and limit non resident sheep hunting opportunities in anyway

Wildlife belongs to the people

Chase Meadors
Bulverde, Tx

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: charboneau13@hotmail.com
Sent: Saturday, June 4, 2022 12:57 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Cc: Hickey, Sharon, DGF; r.salazar-hickey@state.nm.us; Archuleta, Deanna, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Non-resident sheep hunting opportunity

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I am writing in regards to the pending decision on non-resident quota for sheep tags. I personally spend money in New Mexico on hunting applications annually despite having never drawn a tag for anything. Eliminating the sheep option will force me to reconsider sending my money to New Mexico. Keep in mind this is money that I literally have never got anything in return for, yet the hopes of someday being able to visit your state to hunt keeps me writing checks to play in your drawings. By eliminating the minor inconsequential number of tags that are allocated for non residents you won't be creating some sort of plethora of opportunities for your residents, instead you will be drastically hurting your conservation budgets. I ask you leave the quota as is and maybe someday all this money I have been throwing into the new Mexico fish and game wishing well will become the sheep, deer or elk of my dreams.

Thanks for your time.

Dan Charboneau

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Elmer Otero <81otero@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 3, 2022 3:40 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Rule

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Please leave the bighorn draw in NM the way it is. As a NM resident I believe non-resident tags for bighorn sheep is crucial to keeping our herd healthy for future generations.

Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Ryan Mausser <service5.aaamech@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 3, 2022 11:33 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Non resident Bighorn tags

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I have been faithful participant in New Mexicos big game draws for over 10 years and if the commission elects to reduce or remove the number of non-resident sheep tags given I will undoubtedly remove my self from participating in any part of your states application process.

Please keep the tag allocations the way they are!

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Sean Jenks <scjenks@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 3, 2022 11:00 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Tag Allocations Non Resident

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I am in favor of keeping the bighorn tag allocation process as is in New Mexico, where non residents at least have a chance of drawing a tag. With this slight chance of drawing a tag, I have been purchasing a license, entering the sheep drawing, and also supporting New Mexico wild sheep foundation chapter through the raffle drawing.

If Non residents are eliminated from the possibility of drawing a tag, I will no longer buy a license in New Mexico or participate in the raffles. I purchase these items with little hope of drawing but more in an effort to help the cause of Wild Sheep in New Mexico.

Just would not feel like there is any gratitude for what non residents have done in the past or would continue to do.

Please consider leaving the quota procedure as is, giving non residents a chance.

Thanks

Sean Jenks

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Jeremy Black <coyotekiller85@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 3, 2022 7:55 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Nonresident nonsense.

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Good morning. Can we not change the moon resident sheep tags. I've never hunted sheep and I probably never will, I don't have enough money. But I still try and still want that slight chance. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully, Jeremy Black

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Jared Politz <jaredpolitz@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 3, 2022 5:40 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Archuleta, Deanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Hickey, Sharon, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed Non-Resident Sheep Tag Changes - Reconsider

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Dear Commission,

If New Mexico takes away the non-res sheep tags as proposed, sheep and other wildlife will no doubt suffer.

I am hearing a lot of chatter around my circles about pulling financial support to the state and conservation efforts dedicated to helping all species thrive in NM if this goes through. Their incentive to help out goes away as non-residents are squeezed.

Clearly non-resident participation in the outdoor ecosystem helps drive critical proponents of wildlife management in NM and these proposed changes will have an adverse trickle down effect. Please consider leaving things as is for the betterment of both residents and non-residents alike. These two groups should be on the same team as sheep and wildlife enthusiasts.

Thanks for your time on this matter,

Jared Politz
337-321-1287

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Steve Osminski <steveosminski@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, June 3, 2022 5:03 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Elimination of NR Bighorn Sheep tags

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To whom it may concern,

Please keep the allocation of Bighorn sheep tags to non residents at the current level. It is restrictive enough. I cannot justify any of my annual support of NM wildlife if a chance at a bighorn sheep tag is not part of the equation. The only reason I apply for any of the other species in NM is because sheep are available to me.

Steve Osminski
8102874177

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Justin Wheeler <cavmedic140@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, June 3, 2022 1:55 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep bighorn sheep hunting

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To whom it may concern,

I urge you to rethink the proposal that would end non resident hunting of big horn sheep in NM. I understand that it is a limited resource and that you want to serve your residents, however many citizens of this country live in states without any and their only chance is hunting as a non resident. I grew up in New Mexico and know it has a wonderful amount of culture to share with country, ending this hunting opportunity would have a far more negative impact then what limited benefits it would award the residents of New Mexico. Thank you taking time to consider my voice and other in agreement with me.

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Bryce Allan <bryce.cl.allan@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 10:53 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn sheep hunt

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Dear Commissioner,

I am a concerned non resident hunter who hopes to one day hunt bighorn sheep in the great state of New Mexico.

I support the current system you have for the allocation of sheep tags. I feel that this system is a great way for non resident hunters to experience the opportunities your great state provides.

Bryce Allan

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Scott Allan <se.allan86@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 10:42 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Hickey, Sharon, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Archuleta, Deanna, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn sheep hunt

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Dear commissioners,

I am an Idaho resident hunter who has been lucky enough to hunt in New Mexico. You have a great state with great opportunities. I hope to someday hunt bighorn sheep in your state. I would hope that opportunity for non-residents to continue to hunt in New Mexico will always be available.

As in Idaho, I know nonresident dollars fund a large portion of game management in each state. We are happy to do so and hope that that revenue stream will always be available to enhance game management opportunities in your state.

Thank you for your time and consideration . Scott Allan
Twin Falls Idaho

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Tyrell Orme <tyrellorme@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 10:41 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule; Hickey, Sharon, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Archuleta, Deanna, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Non-Resident hunting

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To whom it may concern,

First off thanks for the opportunity to voice our opinion as a non resident. One thing that I've noticed during my lifetime is the hunting opportunities in the west are slowly getting fewer and harder to draw. Even in my home state hunting opportunities are disappearing for residents and non residents alike. For those of us that dream of getting to hunt sheep at one point in our life we have to try and get a tag in any and every state that gives us a chance to hunt to fulfill that dream. Just to have a chance to draw keeps us applying in your state. Please don't take away that chance for us to get a tag.

Thanks,
Tyrell Orme

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Evan Allan <evan.allan@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 10:25 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Plz do not support change of bighorn rules

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Thank you for your time. I'm a concerned non-resident that has been lucky to hunt in NM. I'm hoping to hunt sheep some day in one of the states that offers that opportunity.

I support The system as it currently stands. I am concerned that without nonresident support, NM sheep populations will eventually decline as conservation money drops off.

NM is a great state and I hope to continue to apply for hunting there.
Evan Allan

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Kyle Johnson <kyledavidjohnson@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 8:30 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Cc: Kyle Johnson
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please don't take away nonresident sheep tags

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Dear commission,

As a nonresident, I only have a vested interest supporting sheep in your state when I have a chance (less than 6% chance diy) to draw a tag.

I will withdraw all further monetary support of this change goes through.

Thank you,

Kyle Johnson
360-333-8019

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Larry Kerr <lkerrg@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 8:12 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Nonresident big horn sheep hunting permits

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Big horn sheep hunting permits for non residents should continue always for it draws in extra revenue for the program. The money not only benefits the wildlife it helps local economy.

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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Leroy Romero <PASTURA4900@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 8:06 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] From a NM Hunter

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I am a NM big game hunter that applies for BH tags every year. The proposed rule change to apply 84/10/6 percentage allocation to each BH area is too risky. The potential loss of revenue to DGF due alienation of non-residents is not worth the ~7 additional BH for residents. It is year of non-resident \$ that have made NM a great state to hunt BH.

I strongly encourage the DGH recommend against this change and to encourage the Commissioners to reject this proposal.

By the way, I am a NM Wildlife Fed member and do not agree with the leadership position or arguments for the proposal

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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Matt Gilbert <mbgfarms@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 7:45 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn sheep comments

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I write to you today to plead no action be taken on the bighorn sheep proposal to remove non resident participation in bighorn sheep hunting in your state. I am a non resident of your state as I am of 49 states other than my own, but one that chooses to send my money to other states in hopes of one day visiting and having the chance to hunt a sheep or one of many sought after western species.

Many others like me have chosen to do so as well and have also spent money with non governmental conservation organizations such as the Wild Sheep Foundation who, In turn spend money, time and resources in states such as yours helping populations to thrive.

As it stands, a very small number of sheep tags are given to non residents and plenty of opportunities exist yet for residents. A change to eliminate non resident hunting will not present a windfall to the residents of the state but I challenge it will present a shortfall in your states wildlife budget that will be felt in many places.

Finally, one of the tenets of the North American Model of Wildlife Management is that wildlife is a public trust resource. This means it is available to all. Eliminating availability to non residents would start to infringe on these tenets and how our conservation model exists today.

So please, reconsider your consideration of eliminating non resident bighorn sheep hunting opportunities.

Thank you.

Matt Gilbert
Hitchcock, SD

Matt Gilbert
Gilbert Farms
605-350-0844

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Cody Donaghe <cody.donaghe@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 6:45 PM
To: Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Archuleta, Deanna, DGF; DGF-Bighorn-Rule; Hickey, Sharon, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] New Mexico Bighorn Sheep Rule - Vote NO to changes

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All,

I am a New Mexico resident, and I have been my entire life. I am heavily against making changes to the bighorn sheep hunt codes for a couple reasons.

1. Separating out the bighorn hunts by specific hunt code would ELIMINATE the non resident hunter's chance of drawing a tag. This might seem like a no brainer to residents of New Mexico, but that is definitely not the case. Funding for bighorn sheep in our state comes in as follows:

Resident dollars (+/-5%)

Non-resident dollars (+/-95%) Yes, you read that correctly. There are several very large donors that contribute towards the raffle tags each year (we're talking tens of thousands of dollars each.) These donors contribute knowing full well that no matter how many tickets they buy each year, their chances of being the one are still slim. To them, and to other non residents that contribute to this raffle, they know that their money is going directly towards the conservation of our wild sheep. Sheep that they dream of hunting one day, and sheep they see their families being able to hunt as well. By removing non resident opportunity in the draw, I can certainly foresee a situation that these donors quit donating. Why put in that much money for one tag you probably won't even draw in the raffle, especially knowing your dollars won't be going to a cause that could benefit you in the future? Who will foot the bill for our wild sheep? Residents won't! Not at \$8 per application. Please keep this very important piece of information in mind.

2. If we eliminate non resident bighorn tags, other states will follow suit. As an avid hunter who collects points across the west, this would be a huge blow to all hunters and rural communities that depend on hunting. We're all non residents in 49 states! Allowing non residents to have a shot at a few tags per year makes sense all the way around. More money for the department and the wildlife, opportunity for all legal and ethical hunters, and an example for other states on the proper way to manage our wildlife.

Please consider these statements when you are asked to vote, and please vote NO to keep our wild sheep in good hands and continue to provide them with sufficient funds to assure they are around for generations to come. Thank you for your time.

Cody Donaghe

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Clay Mindemann <cmindemann@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 6:16 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] NR sheep tags

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I really hate to see the reduction or elimination of tags being considered. I feel like NR hunters have contributed and keep contributing more than their fair share for just a few tags but if those are shut off I feel like the wildlife will suffer the most. Thanks for your time

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Jim <JFWRC@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 5:41 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please DO NOT Change the allocation of the Bighorn Licenses

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The bighorn herd in NM was built off the backs of Non-Resident hunters. The amount of money derived for the program by Non Residents is staggering. **The amount put in the kitty by residents is pathetic.** Most sheep thrive on Federal lands. These lands are owned by everyone in the US. Non-residents are already penalized by a quota and high license fees. The Game and Fish department makes millions off the Federal Lands. The Game Commission owned wildlife areas are off limits to non-residents. This part of SB 196 is ripe for scrutiny as a huge percentage of the cost of acquisition of these areas comes from Pittman Robertson Act proceeds which again is all US taxpaying citizens. Keep kicking the dog and an eastern state Senator might just introduce legislation to get the balance back on Federal Lands. I would support them.

Bottom line, do not change the rule because of the greed of a few! You will regret it down the road.

Jim Welles
NM RESIDENT since 1965

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: mhigginsracer74 <mhigginsracer74@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 5:25 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BHS comments

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Good evening,

I just wanted to add my 2cents on this discussion. Bighorn Sheep are an incredibly rare game animal and the opportunity, for the lucky few who can draw is an amazing thing that not many states can offer. They are such a rare resource that they, in my opinion, supercede the allocation rules.

I feel like putting everyone, resident, NR alike in the same bucket. Drop the outfitter only pool for this species. 90% of drawn hunters would probably contract a guide anyway since its once in a thousand lifetimes.

The pricing difference between res and NR tags makes up some of the "fairness " discussion... maybe make the delta more? Id also increase fees for both sets of hunters.

Just my thoughts. Thank you!

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S8 Active, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Blake Bender <Blakeb1@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 4:59 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BIGHORN SHEEP - AGAINST PROPOSAL to ELIMINATE NR TAGS

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As a concerned sportsperson, I am **AGAINST** the proposal to eliminate the ability of Non-residents to obtain ram bighorn sheep permits in New Mexico.

Thanks for your consideration.

Blake Bender

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: boer7274 <boer7274@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 4:42 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Cc: boer7274@aol.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Sheep tag allocation

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I am in favor of keeping the current system of tag allocation. As a non-resident of New Mexico, but resident of a neighboring state living 10 miles from the border. My wife and I do support the state of New Mexico with my wallet.

Just to repeat myself, I would like to keep the current system of tag allocation.

John Boer
Dalhart, Texas

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device.

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: info@bluemountainoutfitters.com
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 4:27 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn sheep licenses

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I am a lifelong NM resident. I am against changing the way bighorn sheep licenses are allocated.

Thank you,
Bob Atwood
Belen, NM

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Michael Lawson <miclaw670@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 4:17 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Big Horn Rule Public Comment

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Greetings,

The proposal of excluding non residents from the big horn draw is absurd. The current allocation has already been deemed legal and fail. The conservation of big horn sheep has been grossly funded by non residents. If this is the future pathway for the state of New Mexico, all hunters, including residents, will feel the huge financial impacts.

Mike Lawson

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Dave Mitchell <lmgs653@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 4:05 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] NR Bighorn Allocation

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I wanted to write and offer my support for not changing the way bighorn sheep tags are allocated. I understand that states have the right to manage wildlife populations, however to change the rule to effectively eliminate nonresident tags is concerning. As a resident of PA I apply for tags throughout the west. The recent trend to eliminate or severely restrict nonresident opportunities is troubling.

The more people who care about wildlife, the easier it is to fund the management of that wildlife. If nonresident opportunities diminish the funding may diminish as well. Why would someone from the east coast support NGO's such as RMEF or FNAWS if they never have the opportunity to get a tag to hunt that species? The availability of tags, no matter how limited, allow all hunters to dream that this could be their year to get that tag, and as such, they will continue to fund wildlife conservation.

Myself I end up buying licenses in AZ, NM, NV, UT, CO and I think MT. Everyone of those licenses has the PR match associated with it. While I enjoy contributing to conservation, if I will not have at least an opportunity to get a tag I wouldn't buy that license. By not applying my contributions to the management in all those states would end.

In closing I'd ask that you not change the way your tags are allocated. The perceived short term gain is not worth the long term loss that will result. Thanks for your time.

David Mitchell
Saylorsburg, PA

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Laura Ziegler <Laura@journeyhomes.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 2:52 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Rule Proposal
Attachments: nm.pdf

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Please see attached letter from Mr. Demaske.

Thank you.

Laura Ziegler
Journey Homes, LLC
J&J Construction of Northern Colorado, LLC
970-352-7072

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Joe Kuehler <jkuehler75078@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 2:48 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Rule Comment

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I would like to see the commission keep the current allocation for Bighorn and Desert sheep tags. Eliminating non resident hunting opportunity simply results in less support for New Mexico wildlife and public lands within the state.

Sincerely,
Joe Kuehler

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: CJ <cj1962@mail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 2:47 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Big Horn Sheep rule

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Please stand on the side of hunters and accept the recommendations of the Departments Wild Sheep professionals.

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Pancho <pancho1@plateautel.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 2:36 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Southern NM SCI Letter of Input - Sheep Rule
Attachments: IMG_20220531_0001.pdf; IMG_20220602_0001.pdf

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Pls see attached files.

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: JANN DEMASKE <demaskes@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 2:33 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Non-Resident Sheep Tags

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New Mexico State Game Commission
1 Wildlife Way
Santa Fe, NM 87507
DGF-Bighorn-Rule@state.nm.us

June 2, 2022

Dear New Mexico Game Commission,

I wish to formally express my deep-seeded opposition to the proposed change to the method of allocating sheep permits through the Big Game Draw, ultimately leading to the reduction or elimination of nonresident Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep and Desert Bighorn Sheep permits. I stand with the Wild Sheep Foundation, New Mexico Wild Sheep Foundation, and resident and non-resident sheep hunters across the country in opposing this action. I stand against the vocal minority who has been aggressively pushing the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish Commission to eliminate nonresidents' ability to hunt Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep and Desert Bighorn Sheep in New Mexico.

New Mexico has stood out as a beacon of wild sheep conservation. In 1978, there were less than 700 Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep and less than 80 Desert Bighorn Sheep throughout the state. Through successful wild sheep conservation programs, the state now boasts over 1,700 Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep and 1,200 Desert Bighorn Sheep. Such a significant wild sheep conservation success story did not happen through a miracle, but rather through considerable work and substantial funding.

The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish's special bighorn sheep enhancement fund and budget receives no funding from state tax dollars. It instead receives support from hunter-conservation organizations and excise taxes on firearms, ammunition, and sporting equipment. In the last 32 years, over \$7 million has been directed to the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish's bighorn sheep program. Under the Pittman-Robertson Act, these funds have been matched 3-to-1, providing the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish the ability to conduct aggressive and successful wild sheep conservation and management programs.

Over 90% of that \$7 million has come from non-resident hunters and donors. I am proud to say that my family has personally donated funds to that mission. My husband, Jeff, purchased the statewide raffle tag in 2013 and the statewide auction tag in 2015, totaling over \$200,000 for wild sheep conservation in New Mexico. That total does not include the money we paid to outfitters, local establishments, and small businesses. The \$200,000 does not reflect the thousands of dollars we have donated directly to conservation organizations like the New Mexico Wild Sheep Foundation, nor the raffles put on by likeminded conservation organizations whose goal is to restore and manage wild sheep populations in New Mexico.

During the last 32 years, less than \$350,000 or 5% of that \$7 million has originated from New Mexico hunters. Funds provided by New Mexico hunters alone is not sufficient to provide for the aggressive and successful programs New Mexico currently practice. If this proposal were to pass, the inevitable drop in nonresident funds and support would spell trouble for the thriving Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep and Desert Bighorn Sheep populations. A risk that should not be taken lightly.

Please stand on the side of hunting and conservation and accept the initial recommendation of the Department's wildlife professionals on the bighorn sheep rule. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important issue.

Respectfully,

Jann Demaske

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Madeline Demaske <madeline.demaske@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 2:31 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Rule Proposal
Attachments: New Mexico Game Commission Letter.docx

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Dear New Mexico Game Commission,

Please see the attached letter of opposition to the proposed change to the method of allocating sheep permits through the Big Game Draw.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (970) 397-7573 or Madeline.demaske@gmail.com.

Best,
Madeline Demaske, J.D.

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: William Roberts <roberts.williamt@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 2:06 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep non resident sheep tags allocations

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Honestly, I don't feel like continuing to buy an annual hunting license if non resident sheep hunting is further restricted. Shame on you for taking non resident sheep conservation money and virtually eliminating non resident sheep hunting.

William Roberts

Sent from my iPad

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: John Knox <jknox63@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 1:07 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule; Hickey, Sharon, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Archuleta, Deanna, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Non-Resident Bighorn Sheep Tag Allocation Proposal

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Dear Commissioners,

I write to ask for your support in maintaining an opportunity for an allocation of Bighorn Sheep permits for non-residents. I am an active duty military member and resident of Texas. I frequently move and neither myself nor my family have the opportunity to establish residency in a western state that hosts a sustainable population of Bighorn Sheep. I firmly believe in the American Model of Conservation, including the guiding principle that wildlife are held as a public trust resource, to be managed and used by all citizens.

To eliminate an opportunity for non-residents runs counter to this approach. I would highlight that nonresidents are already severely limited in opportunity based upon the slim number of allocations across western states and complex, often statistically impossible, preference or bonus point schemes. It is my hope that one day I, or my children, will be able to hunt Bighorn Sheep in New Mexico. The elimination of opportunity will have significant ramification. I, and many other non-residents, would have no incentive to support New Mexico with license and application fees. If we are lucky enough to be drawn, our presence in the state directly contributes to the economy as we support local guides and outfitters, hotels, restaurants and stores. Unfortunately, conservation programs and the animals themselves will likely be most impacted by the loss of this income stream.

I humbly ask you to consider keeping New Mexico's State Motto in mind, "Crescit eundo," latin for "it grows as it goes." This proposal to eliminate non-resident hunting opportunities does the exact opposite of growing New Mexico as a destination for those that love the outdoors and conservation. I sincerely urge you to keep New Mexico open for nonresidents and allow us a chance, albeit a small chance, to pursue the hunt of a lifetime.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Very Respectfully,

John F. Knox III
jknox63@gmail.com
T: 318-880-3087

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Forrest Powell <forrestpowell88@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 12:45 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Resident support for the Non resident hunter

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Commission,

I am a NM resident and I am concerned about limiting NR hunting opportunities within our state. The economic benefit of out of state hunters and their donations specifically to our wild sheep population should be of utmost concern. We know we are one of the poorest states in the nation and we cannot afford to make decisions that can impact important funds that help our game management populations and small communities supported by NR hunters. If change is wanted I would support eliminating the guide draw and raising NR/ resident tag allocations to 15/85. Please take some time to listen the public input.

Thank you,

Forrest Powell

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Mick_Angie Janicki <maba.janicki@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 9:54 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] bighorn sheep

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Whom it concerns.

If this would pass and basically take away any nonresident from having any hope to one day hunt sheep in NM. My whole family is is more than willing to completely boycott any vacation/recreation in your state

Thanks for Your Time,

Mike Janick

5442 210th. st.

Cadott, WI 54727

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Shaun Eilders <eilders43@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 9:44 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule; Hickey, Sharon, DGF; R.Salazar-Henery@state.nm.us; Archuleta, Deanna, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Non-Resident Sheep Tags

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I would like to start by thanking each of you for all that you do to promote hunting and wildlife conservation. As a non-resident hunter who has had the privilege to hunt elk in New Mexico on two separate occasions, I can say that those trips are some of my fondest hunting memories. I apply for tags each year in New Mexico and look forward to the next tag that I draw in New Mexico.

One of my goals as a hunter is to harvest a big horn sheep. As I am a resident of Georgia, sadly that opportunity does not exist for me in my home state. I always apply for a sheep tag in New Mexico as a non-resident as it is one of the true chances that I have to draw a sheep tag before I am too old to actually hunt a Bighorn sheep. I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to continue to apply for such a desirable tag.

It is my sincere hope that the great state of New Mexico will continue to allow me the chance to chase this dream by continuing to allow non-resident hunters to apply for bighorn sheep tags.

Respectfully,

Shaun Eilders
5671 Boys Ranch Road
Hahira, GA 31632

Sent from [Outlook](#)

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Kevin Schneider <kschneider4597@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 9:36 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Non-resident Bighorn Sheep

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To whom it may concern,

I believe that the non-resident tag allocation for bighorn sheep in the state of New Mexico should be left as is.

Kevin Schneider

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Mychal Murray <mychal_murray@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 9:14 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Sheep Rule Comment

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Hello,

I would like to submit my comment regarding the changes to the bighorn sheep tag allocation rules. As a non-resident, I know my opinion doesn't carry as much weight as residents, but feel it's important for you to consider the potential impacts of changing this rule. I've only hunted New Mexico twice, but I have applied regularly for almost 20 years, many times only for the very small chance of drawing a bighorn sheep permit. I'm not sure the total contribution I've made to New Mexico wildlife through the purchase of licenses, application fees and raffle tickets for sheep, elk, deer and turkey but I'm sure it's in the thousands of dollars. It's disheartening to see the attack on non-resident hunters across the western states as residents rightly become upset at declining wildlife populations due to many factors including drought, habitat reduction and in some cases mismanagement by wildlife agencies. The easy and quick answer is to reallocate available tags from non-residents to residents rather than the much more difficult task of identifying the underlying problems and putting management plans in place to mitigate them.

While I entirely agree with the premise that residents deserve the most opportunity, to eliminate all opportunity for non-residents is both unfair and shortsighted. I don't believe the full impact is being considered. While the revenue from 6-7 non-resident sheep tags might be inconsequential, at some point you're going to alienate the non-resident hunter to the point where they are no longer willing to buy the annual license, allocate their vacation time and money to hunting deer, elk and antelope or fund wildlife programs through the purchase of raffle and auction tags. I certainly will reassess my loyalty to applying in New Mexico should this change be enacted. To the average resident hunter, that might sound great as they will assume that means more tags for them, but as stewards of wildlife in your state, that prospect ought to be terrifying unless you have an entirely new funding model in the works to support your agency. Our collective goal should be to increase the wildlife populations and opportunity for both residents and non-residents. Instead, we're fighting over 6-7 tags that won't make bit of difference to the residents draw odds while jeopardizing the funding mechanism that support all wildlife in your state.

I strongly support leaving the current bighorn sheep tag allocation process unchanged and thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Respectfully,

Mychal Murray

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Grant Jerry <winstonpowerbomb@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 9:03 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] NM Bighorn Sheep Rule

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New Mexico Game and Fish personnel,

I am an avid big game hunter and have had the privilege of hunting in your great state on multiple occasions. I truly appreciate every opportunity to visit, and when able, hunt in your wonderful state. I also take every opportunity to contribute to New Mexico wildlife conservation through various organizations and applying for all big game draw species and raffles. It is concerning to me that New Mexico would entertain eliminating Non-resident bighorn sheep tags. I believe current tag allocation and execution of that tag allocation is fair and equitable to all. Non-residents receive a very small allocation, as it should be. I am very concerned that eliminating Non-resident bighorn sheep tags completely will have a negative effect on conservation funds in New Mexico that benefit bighorn sheep. To me this is of the greatest importance, we must sustain and build on the incredible conservation work taken on by the New Mexico game and fish department. Please maintain the current tag allocation and execution that allows for a few non-resident bighorn sheep tags.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Grant Jerry

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: jared tindle <jaredtindle@live.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 8:56 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule; Hickey, Sharon, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Archuleta, Deanna, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Rule

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Commissioners,

I believe the current bighorn sheep tag allocation system is fair and follows the law by lumping the tags into a hunt code for each species of sheep. I feel strongly that if all non-resident tags are eliminated for bighorn sheep that the state would see a considerable decrease in participation of the draw system and raffle tag giveaways which would greatly decrease revenue that is used for conservation efforts. Please consider the detrimental impact this would have on bighorn sheep when you make your decision on this matter.

Thanks,

Jared

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Jeremy Ivie <jeremy.ivie@trophyadventures.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 8:43 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule; Hickey, Sharon, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Archuleta, Deanna, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL]

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Dear NM State Game Commission,

I know you are probably being inundated with comments regarding the proposed reduction of non-resident bighorn permits - to zero. Out of respect for your time, I will keep it brief.

We are squabbling over roughly six bighorn permits. The discrimination against non-resident hunting opportunity, particularly on the National Forest, is unfair to start and was already proven in the courts back in the late 90's early 2000's (the game on the NF belongs to everyone). I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Respectfully – Jeremy Ivie

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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Bodenchuk, Michael J - APHIS <michael.j.bodenchuk@usda.gov>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 8:21 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Dear Commissioners,

I am opposed to the NM Wildlife Federation attempt to freeze non-residents out of bighorn sheep tags by forcing unit specific permitting. The Department should remain aware of the Turk v Gordon decision and the US Supreme Court determination that discrimination in nonresident allocations, while legitimate, must be reasonable and based on resident contributions to wildlife management. The proposal by NMWF is neither.

Sincerely,

Michael J Bodenchuk

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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Wyatt Carter <wyatt.carter7@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 8:09 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Rule

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As a concerned sportsman in the state of NM, I support leaving the Bighorn hunts "as is". Alienating non-residents is not what I support and is not good for the wildlife of NM.

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Travis Payne <travispayne55@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 6:44 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule; Hickey, Sharon, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Archuleta, Deanna, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Non resident bighorn quota

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All,

Good morning, I'm emailing to voice opinion that the bighorn non resident quota should stay as is 84/10/6% split. I fear that funding for sheep as well as other species benefits will suffer from loss of non resident tags being allocated and the money that generates. Growing up in Magdalena, NM and now being a non resident of the state after college there I still enjoy the opportunity (be it small) to draw permits in Nm and return and hunt there with family yearly.

Thank you for the time.
Travis Payne

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Anthony Rust <rustajlr@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 4:53 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Non-Resident Hunting!

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Dear Commissioners,

As a proud hunter and conservationist, I urge you to reject the proposal of a vocal few and stand with the balanced and legal approach of the wildlife professionals of the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish on the bighorn sheep rule. I have not commented on the rule because it appeared the Department's initial recommendation would stand until the last Commission meeting.

The Department's initial proposal is a balanced approach, allowing both resident and nonresident opportunity, and it is legal and complies with the New Mexico statutes and caselaw regarding nonresident participation in hunting.

Hunters, both resident and nonresident, have long paid the way for conservation, both game and non-game wildlife, and maximizing opportunity for hunting is also key to long-term funding for all conservation. Hunting benefits wildlife conservation.

Please stand on the side of hunting and conservation and accept the initial recommendation of the Department's wildlife professionals on the bighorn sheep rule. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important issue.

Sincerely,
Anthony Rust
2153 18th St
Rice Lake, WI 54868

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: c.benjamin.johnson3@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 3:16 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Rule Proposal

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Dear New Mexico Game Commissioners:

I stand with the Wild Sheep Foundation, New Mexico Wild Sheep Foundation, and resident and non-resident sheep hunters across the country in opposing this action. If approved, it will reduce the opportunities to participate in the state's successful wild sheep conservation programs and reduce the incentives to contribute significant out-of-state financial resources to continue to enhance and protect wild sheep populations in New Mexico.

Without these funds provided by non-resident hunters, there would be significantly fewer bighorn hunting opportunities for everyone. By reducing or eliminating all non-resident opportunities, it would follow that the non-resident hunting community and various conservation groups will not offer the same support they have provided during the last 32 years. This will not be good for N.M. bighorn sheep conservation, and it will slow down the creation of more bighorn sheep hunting opportunities in the future.

I personally will never again purchase a hunting or fishing license in New Mexico if the proposed legislation passes.

Regards,

Ben Johnson
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208-313-3393

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Jeremy Allen <jerallen27@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 10:21 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn sheep rule

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Hi there. I just wanted to comment and say I oppose the the new proposed rule. It is unfair to nonresidents since they bring in the cash mostly. Also it decreases opportunity and again revenue. This rule will also not allow the proper funding for bighorn sheep management. Thank you.
Jeremy Allen

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: mcadwallader@netmdc.com
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 10:09 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] comments on proposed changes to bighorn sheep permit allocations

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Thanks for the opportunity to comment on your proposal to alter the current strategy for issuance of bighorn sheep permits in New Mexico.

New Mexico has a small number of permits issued each year. The proposed change of moving to individual hunt codes for each hunt would essentially result in eliminating non-resident hunter opportunity. To the best of my knowledge in 2022, there are a combined 50 New Mexico RMBHS and DBHS ram permits allocated through the public draw system, 43 permits are allocated to NM residents and 7 are allocated to non-residents.

The proposed change of eliminating non-resident opportunity will result in reducing the ability to generate funding needed to continue bighorn sheep restoration in New Mexico.

In the last 30 years, most of the funding for this effort has come from the nationally supported hunting groups. Nonresidents have been a major player in contributing several million dollars over the last 30 plus years.

By eliminating this source of funding provided by non-resident hunters, funding for future bighorn sheep restoration would likely decline. By reducing or eliminating all non-resident opportunities, it is highly likely the non-resident hunters and associated conservation organizations will not offer the same level of support to New Mexico sheep management programs they have provided during the last 30 plus years.

I do agree with provided resident hunters a high percentage of the available permits, but still leaving some opportunity for non-residents.

I also enjoy hunting other states and am not supportive of state conservation organizations that eliminate non-resident hunting opportunity. We may live in different states, but we still live in the United States.

Thanks for considering my comments, Mark Cadwallader

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Joey Riggs <jriggs33@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 9:33 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Rule

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Dear Commissioner,

Please consider leaving the nonresident quotes as is. As a nonresident I would like to continue supporting wildlife in New Mexico through my application dollars. My chances are slim but I understand that sheep (as well as other big game species) in your state depend on nonresident funds to survive and flourish.

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Alan Schafer <alanschafer@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 9:25 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Non resident sheep hunting

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I support continued non-resident hunting especially as a fund raising tool.

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Tony Kafouros <tonykafouros@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 8:49 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Don't be stupid

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Limiting sheep tags to residents only? That's the dumbest thing I've ever heard. Wild sheep will make it...only if we all ban together. If residents of NM want to foot the entire bill of wild sheep conservation in the state, more power to them. But we all know it will take an entire nation of conservation support to keep the vulnerable population going. Limiting your support is blatantly greedy and short sighted.

Thanks,

Tony

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Nick Duncan <mulieb@hotmai.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 8:09 PM
To: Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Archuleta, Deanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Hickey, Sharon, DGF; DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Non resident sheep tag quota concern

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Please understand that the nonresident bore the brunt of the financial burden in your state and many others across the west to fight to put and keep sheep on the mountain. Do not cut the NR out of the tag quota, it will not end well for the sheep and in the long run lessen the opportunity for the resident hunter also.

Thanks for hearing my concern,

Nick

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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Douglas Speight <douglasspeight@outlook.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 7:51 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn
Subject: [EXTERNAL] FW: ACTION ALERT - Non-resident sheep tags in New Mexico could go away

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From: Wild Sheep Foundation <info@wildsheepfoundation.org>

Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 1:31 PM

To: Dear WSF Member <douglasspeight@outlook.com>

Subject: ACTION ALERT - Non-resident sheep tags in New Mexico could go away

As a regular NR hunter in NM and the proud holder of a Wheeler Peaks Bighorn tag, net B & C 1811/8, it grieves me greatly to contemplate that all of the NR funds will not be available to continue this great program. I can not understand the motives behind this proposal.

Regretfully, Doug Speight

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ACTION ALERT

Non-resident sheep permits in New Mexico could go away

The New Mexico Wildlife Federation (NMWF), one private individual, and some NM Game Commission members are looking to change how the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish allocates bighorn sheep hunting permits. If successful, it would result in the partial or total elimination of non-resident ram permits.

WSF does not support this action. Please help us send the message that this is a bad idea for the future of wild sheep conservation in New Mexico. **Comments must be submitted before June 2nd.**

You can review the full details of this Bighorn Rule Proposal at this [link](#).

You can submit your comments by email at DGF-Bighorn-Rule@state.nm.us

Sample email

Subject: Bighorn Rule Proposal

Dear New Mexico Game Commissioners:

I stand with the Wild Sheep Foundation, New Mexico Wild Sheep Foundation, and resident and non-resident sheep hunters across the country in opposing this action. If approved, it will reduce the opportunities to participate in the state's successful wild sheep conservation programs and reduce the incentives to contribute significant out-of-state financial resources to continue to enhance and protect wild sheep populations in New Mexico.

Additional Background

In 1978/79, there were less than 700 bighorns and less than 80 desert bighorn sheep in New Mexico. Today there are over 1,700 RMBHS and 1,200 DBHS. This is a significant wild sheep conservation success story. However, this did not occur without considerable work and the funding to make it happen. Since 1990, most of the funding for this effort has come from the U.S. and Canadian hunting communities. In the last 32 years, over \$7 million has been directed to the NMDGF special bighorn sheep enhancement fund/budget for restoration and management projects. Over 90% of this \$7 million has come from non-resident hunters and donors. During these 32 years, only less than 5% originated from New Mexico hunters. These \$7 million have been leveraged against a 3-to-1 match in Pittman-Robertson Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act funds, which has provided the NMDGF with the ability to conduct aggressive and successful wild sheep conservation and management programs.

Without these funds provided by non-resident hunters, there would be significantly fewer bighorn hunting opportunities for everyone. By reducing or eliminating all non-resident opportunities, it would follow that the non-resident hunting community and various conservation groups will not offer the same support they have provided during the last 32 years. This will not be good for N.M. bighorn sheep conservation, and it will slow down the creation of more bighorn sheep hunting opportunities in the future.



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From: Dorian Culver <dorian_culver@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 7:24 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn sheep tags

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Apparently New Mexico is considering eliminating nonresident bighorn sheep tags. I believe this would be a mistake. Keeping hunting available to all people should be a top priority for anyone involved in hunting.

Thank you.

Dorian Culver

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: PATRICIA STANTON <zeketrish@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 7:24 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Consideration of non resident sheep tag reduction/elimination

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To whom it may concern;

I wish to voice my opinion and concern as an avid sheep hunter, an applicant in 8 western states and a Nevada resident. I am a sheep hunter and a multiple state applicant which has been chasing the dangling carrot of a sheep tag for 23 years. I feel it is completely unacceptable for any state to change the rules of the game after such commitment and hope by not only myself but others. It has been a commitment both financially and emotionally as I have seen states change or attempt to change the rules along the way.

As a Nevada resident I feel if any state is going to restrict us from applying in their state we should do the same to that states hunters and sportsmen. I believe most sheep hunters commitment to this sport is at another level. I believe, If New Mexico sheep hunters felt this proposed change could effect their chances elsewhere they would not support the change. Remember Nevada issues a huge percentage of sheep tags in the western states! New Mexico, not so much!

I have expressed this view to any available ear from our local county advisory boards to the deputy director of NDOW.

Respectfully, Zeke Stanton
775-293-1998

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Simon Whetzel <simonhan@me.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 7:20 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] non-resident bighorn sheep rule proposal

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Dear New Mexico Game Commissioners —

I understand the New Mexico Game Commission is considering a rule change that could eliminate the issuance of non-resident bighorn ram permits. As a non-resident that applies annually for a bighorn sheep tag as well as other game species, I strongly oppose this rule change. In addition to directly supporting New Mexico with my license and application fees I also support national and New Mexico based conservation organizations that consistently put donated money to work improving bighorn habitat to expand the population for future generations. If non-residents are prohibited from the opportunity to hunt rams in New Mexico I would expect their money would be put to work elsewhere.

In 2021 myself and two other hunters traveled to New Mexico for an elk hunt. We bought land-owner tags, hired guides, rented a house, and spent our hard-earned money in restaurants, gas stations, and grocery stores in Ruidoso. All three of us were successful so we spent more money at the local game processor and taxidermist. All money well spent on a fantastic hunting experience and I would pay to do it all over again. But if New Mexico becomes unwelcoming to non-residents then I for one would likely spend my money hunting in other states.

Please do not make it any harder than it already is for non-residents to have the opportunity to hunt rams in New Mexico.

Sincerely,

Simon W.

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Dave Parten <daveparten@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 6:45 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Sheep Rule Changes

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Dear NM Commissioner's,

I am a supporter of Wild Sheep and Hunting in general.

I adamantly oppose the proposed change to limit or eliminate Non-residents from having a chance to draw a Bighorn Tag!

The very successful Sheep programs in NM are Primarily due to Nonresident moneys.

If the proposed rule change is passed, it stands to reason that the primary sources of these funds will be gone. This cannot be denied or ignored.

I will certainly discontinue ALL of my future hunts and support in NM.

Sincerely,

Davie Parten

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Vincent, Andrew-AZ AZCOM 10 <avincent64@midwestern.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 6:35 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Sheep Tags

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To Whom It May Concern,

I'm writing in reference to a recent proposal to reduce or eliminate Bighorn Sheep tags to non-residents of the state of New Mexico. As an applicant in the Bighorn draw each year (having never drawn a tag myself), I fear that the support for Bighorn restoration within the state may falter as a result. I'm a proponent of restoration of the Bighorn species throughout the west, understanding that my chances to ever hunt Bighorns are minimal. I hope this is part of the consideration of this proposed legislation. Bighorns need our support and the additional disincentive to support their restoration could deleterious to the species in the great state of NM.

It's my hope that we can continue to grow both the species and their habitat and stand firm with the efforts to continue this growth.

Thank you for your consideration!
Andrew Vincent
Pocatello, ID

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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Bridger Petrini <bridgerpetrini@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 6:13 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Save non resident sheep hunting!

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To whom it may concern,

I would like it to be noted that I am highly in favor of preserving opportunity for non-resident Bighorn Sheep hunters. This would be an absolute shame to take this away from all Americans and separated only for New Mexico residents. I would like it to be noted that I am a New Mexico resident and I have no financial interest whatsoever in nonresident Bighorn Sheep hunting.

Bridger Petrini us

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From: Jnilssen67@hotmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 5:19 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Sheep allocation

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Jordan nilssen from Wisconsin, I know I do not live in your wonderful state . I have been very fortunate to have hunted in your state a few times, more often than not with an outfitter. I can't say enough how beautiful the mountains can be in your state. I have read your new proposal for sheep tags and was disappointed at the direction you might take. I know sheep tags are few and far between, but to totally eliminate nonresident tags is not the answer. I hope you still allow us nonresidents to apply thank you for your time.

Jordan

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Jason Childs <jjchilds1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 5:09 PM
To: Hickey, Sharon, DGF; DGF-Bighorn-Rule; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Archuleta, Deanna, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] non-resident hunting

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Please support the current allocation process for Non-resident bighorn sheep hunting tags. If the proposed changes take effect there will not be any available tags for non-residents and we finance over 97% of the NMDGF Bighorn Sheep Program. New Mexico is widely recognized by other state wildlife agencies as being a leader in bighorn sheep restoration and conservation.

Last year I traveled to NM to hunt elk. I flew in, rented a car, shopped for all my supplies, bought licenses and conducted a successful guided hunt. I also stayed a couple of days with my wife to enjoy your restaurants and hotel. My two hunting partners did the same. We enjoyed it so much we have started to enter the draw for sheep and elk. Your model works and I encourage you to keep it.

Sincerely, Jason

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: tjenson@xmission.com
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 5:00 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Rule Proposal

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Dear New Mexico Game Commissioners:

On behalf of the members of Utah Wild Sheep Foundation we strongly stand with the Wild Sheep Foundation, New Mexico Wild Sheep Foundation and resident/non-resident sheep hunters in opposition of reducing or eliminating non-resident sheep hunting opportunities in New Mexico.

Sheep hunters are a very close community and support permit allocation and wild sheep conservation across state and even national borders throughout North America. Additionally, we work vigorously to improve sheep hunting opportunities for all individuals through volunteer efforts, conservation projects, project funding, etc.

Over the history of New Mexico's sheep program, millions of conservation dollars have been provided by out of state hunters in support of New Mexico's sheep herds and wild sheep conservation efforts. Without these conservation dollars, New Mexico's sheep populations would not be near what they are today. Non-residents have been critical in supporting New Mexico's sheep programs and we strongly urge you not to reduce non-resident hunting opportunities in New Mexico.

Respectfully, Travis Jenson

Travis Jenson
President, Utah WSF
3875 S. Woodland Dr.
Woodland, UT 84036
(801) 641-5453



Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: James Lettiere <boathousemarinelc@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 4:43 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Non resident sheep hunting

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I do not support the potential change in rules that would eliminate the opportunity for non residents to hunt sheep in NM. I have applied for years and plan to keep applying for a sheep hunt in the future. I also donate to WSF and money that has directly helped New Mexico's sheep population has come from non residents. If this rule is changed I foresee a negative impact on the funding that helps not only the herd in NM but other states as well.

Please consider keeping non resident tags available. For the future of sheep in NM and hunting across the west.

Sincerely

James Lettiere.

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Tim Fallon <timfallon@ftwsaam.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 4:42 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Excluding Non-Residents from Big Horn Permits

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To whom it may concern,
This is extremely irresponsible from a wildlife management standpoint and will result in reduced income for the outfitters of New Mexico.
Let us hope more states are not even considering as I know most are not and would never.

Tim Fallon

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From: Jeff Taylor <jefftaylorone@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 4:25 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn sheep tags

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Please allow me to continue to apply each year

Sent from my mobile device. Please excuse any typos.
Jeff Taylor
919-608-8638

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: kevin@matrixtargets.com
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 4:20 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Non resident bighorn sheep...

Importance: High

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Dear sirs, Please accept applications for non resident bighorn tags. I was one of those fortunate to draw in 2005 and had an experience of a lifetime. Although the odds to draw this were slim to say the least I had my name "in the hat" and was lucky enough to draw. The residents of Rodeo, NM were incredibly gracious of their time and access to their properties. And Eric Rominger, biologist, was awesome with sharing his knowledge of the sheep herd in the Peloncillos. As the sheep herds have grown in NM I believe the non resident quota should be 10% of the tags as most other western states. These tags for both residents and non residents are truly hunts of a lifetime and you should be proud of the success of reintroducing bighorn into the mountains of New Mexico. Thank you for your consideration. Respectfully submitted, Kevin Peterson

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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Spencer Colby <colbycolorado@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 3:47 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Sheep

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Hello,

I am not in support of eliminating non-resident sheep tags. There are many out of state people that want New Mexico Bighorn Sheep to continue to flourish. Out of state money that supports New Mexico Bighorns should be respected.

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: craig austin <craig.austin56@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 3:45 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment For Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Dear Commissioners,

I am not opposed to the lumping of Bighorn tags.

Please continue to lump tags.

Sincerely,

Craig Austin

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Derek Seaman <djseamancalpoly@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 3:38 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Oppose Big Horn Sheep NR Tag Allocation Changes

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Hello,

To whom it may concern.

With the limited availability of bighorn sheep tags across the United States it is of growing concern seeing opportunities for sports men and women going away. New Mexico has always had a special place within my bighorn sheep draw strategy across the west since they have no point system and everyone has a fair shot. While I do believe that residents should have access to the majority of the tags I do not think that too many are currently being allocated to non-residents such as myself. I think you would be doing a great disservice to the Hunting community to make any changes to reduce the amount of non-resident sheep tags available. I please hope that you consider my point of you on this topic as well as others. I gladly give my tag fee to the state every year for a chance to draw one of the most amazing hunting opportunities in the world. I feel that our non resident fees contribute greatly to conservation and habitat management and it would be sad to lose that contribution.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Derek Seaman
805-478-0531

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Michael Selman <cmselman@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 3:24 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bad Decision

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This is a terrible situation for the tags for New Mexico for the sheep hunt. I understand regulating the permits per the population of the New Mexico herd. But to do away with them will cause more harm than good. Terrible idea to do away with them.

Thanks,
Michael Selman
630-215-5200

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Ryan Brock <hikinaway@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 3:11 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Nonresident sheep tags

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I have recently learned about some conversations in New Mexico to do away with or greatly reduce the non-resident ram sheep tags. Although I am not a resident of New Mexico, I hope one day to possibly hunt sheep in New Mexico. This saddens me that you were talking about this.

From the mobile desk of Ryan Brock

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Ken Womack <info@rollingblockparts.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 3:05 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Rule Proposal

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Dear Commissioners:

I support the Wild Sheep Foundation, of which I am a member, in opposition to the proposed change in Bighorn Sheep tag allocations that would reduce or eliminate non-resident hunter permits. This move will significantly reduce funding available for your sheep program. As individuals, non-resident applicants know they have a miniscule chance to draw one of the available tags. However the mere chance combined with a real desire to support wildlife programs has us both applying and contributing to wildlife conservation in many states in addition to our own. WSF advises that your state received over \$5.7 million from non-resident sources, which leveraged into Pittman-Roberstson funds, exceeds \$17 million. A few non-resident sheep permits is just a small way to support those who have supported your State's program.

Sincerely,
Kenn Womack
7343 Annette Ave
Fallon, NV 89406

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: hiddenrock.roe@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 3:04 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Out of state sheep tags

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I really hope you keep applications and tags available for out of state sheep hunters

Brad roe
Missoula Mt

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Bill Lewellen <fronttracker@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 2:59 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn sheep
Attachments: Bighorn Sheep 2022.pdf

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From Bill Lewellen

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Bryan Kemper <bpkq6c@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 2:54 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Non Resident Bighorn Sheep

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Dear New Mexico Game Commissioners:

I stand with the Wild Sheep Foundation, New Mexico Wild Sheep Foundation, and resident and non-resident sheep hunters across the country in opposing this action. If approved, it will reduce the opportunities to participate in the state's successful wild sheep conservation programs and reduce the incentives to contribute significant out-of-state financial resources to continue to enhance and protect wild sheep populations in New Mexico.
Bryan Kemper

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: mrbergler@hotmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 2:35 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL]

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To limit or take away non resident sheep hunting opportunities would open the door for losses larger than the state of NM realizes. I for one have yet to have the opportunity to draw a sheep tag anywhere, however if the option to apply is no longer there, you can bet I would no longer apply for any other species in NM. The shear loss of revenue from non resident participation cannot even be estimated accurately in my opinion. Please consider these comments before you choose to limit or take away the dream of holding a NM sheep tag from so many loyal non residents. Thanks

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Steven Rawlinson <rawloski55@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 2:28 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Non resident sheep tags. To remove non resident's from the draw would be a real shame non resident's hardly have a chance to draw anyway, we all deserve a chance to hunt sheep

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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Bernie Kennett <bwkennett@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 2:24 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Non-resident Sheep Tags

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Hello

My name is Bernard Kennett from Sherrill NY.

I am a member of the WildSheep Foundation and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

I am strongly opposed to the elimination of non-resident sheep tags on New Mexico. I have hunted elk three times and turkeys twice in New Mexico. As a non resident I am very aware of the financial advantages to the Fish and Game Department and the local economy by participating non-resident hunters

Bernard Kennett
315-382-0840

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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Claude Sanchez Jr. <sanchson@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 2:18 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] bighorn- rule

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I agree with the WSF in that your attempt to eliminate the opportunity for nonresidents to draw a Bighorn sheep tag would probably have severe ramifications for the sheep herds in NM. If it wasn't for the millions invested by sportsman from around the world our wild sheep populations would probably be greatly reduced and most likely be decimated without the dollars donated by individuals and organizations dedicated to the preservation of wild sheep around the world. As a lifelong resident and sportsman, I believe your new rule change is wrong and foolish!

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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Richard Lennington <lennr@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 2:16 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Nonresident permits

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Dear New Mexico, As a life member of three sheep organizations, one of which provides some funding to you, I am against disqualifying non residents from your sheep licenses. You would be the only state with a significant number of licenses to do this. Common sense needs to prevail to prevent “ shooting yourself in the foot”. Your conservation successes have been wonderful. - Richard Lennington

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Brandon Banks <bkbanks66@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 2:09 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Non-resident bighorn permits

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To whom it may concern,

This is in regards to a proposal that would eliminate non resident ram allocations. As a Texas resident I obviously don't have much in state opportunities for sheep hunting. With such minuscule tags I don't have much opportunity anywhere without a bucket of cash but there is still some chance one day I could hunt one. Every big game hunter dreams of running ridge tops in search of a ram. Not just the ones residing in states possessing a hunt-able population of them. With this comes conservation. The hopes of hunting them employs people like me to support the conservation of them. Without those hopes I have but little reason to be a member of wildsheep foundation and contribute to the cause. Taking away non-resident tags takes away a lot of support. I don't imagine non NM members of WSF (and other similar foundations) will be too thrilled with ANY of their funds being contributed to a state that thinks so little of their non-resident customers to take their opportunities away. I hope this type of opinion is heeded accordingly when the decision is made.

Sincerely,

The Rest Of America

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Ron Costa <ron.costa@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 2:08 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Cc: Dale Gaugler
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Commissioners: This is just another attempt by the NMWF to change the status quo that has worked well for years. Their ultimate goal is to restrict nonresidents from obtaining any big game license in New Mexico. This would be devastating to many New Mexicans. The NMWF doesn't care. They are a group of elitists who have their own personal agenda.

For whatever reason this group has chosen the bighorn sheep as their battleground. This issue, if changed, gets their foot in the door. They will not stop there!

I am certain that members of this group take advantage of game laws and apply as nonresidents in other states like Arizona, Utah and Colorado but they don't want nonresidents to be able to hunt in New Mexico. Seems hypocritical to me.

Sincerely,
Ron Costa
Deming, NM

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Jarrell Holland <jarrell.holland44@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 2:07 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Removing Non Resident DBS Tags

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Dear Commissioners, It has come to my attention that there might be some interest in not allowing non residents to hunt sheep in New Mexico. If so, let me request that this way of thinking will have unfavorable results for both the economy of New Mexico and the sheep herd as well. The WSF and NMSF oppose this way of thinking from both a financial and science based conservation stand point. I was born in New Mexico and previously resided there as well. For many years I have applied as a non resident for a Desert Bighorn tag, without success. I don't have 50K plus dollars to purchase a hunt outright. You are one of a few states left where I can apply and hope to draw a tag before I pass. I am in my late sixties and don't have another lifetime to apply. Please scrap this thought of restricting other US citizens from the chance to fulfill a lifelong dream of hunting a Desert Bighorn Sheep in New Mexico. Thank you, Jarrell Holland

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: billy sands <muleyantlerz@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 2:07 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Dear Commissioners,

I am seriously tired of New Mexico Wildlife Federation trying to run the NMG&F. I think that you all know how to best set up the draw system. I am also very much opposed to trying to take away tags from out of state applicants. I'm a native New Mexican , have NEVER LIVED OR HUNTED IN ANY OTHER STATE. But that doesn't mean that others should t have the opportunity. I don't think that the NM Wildlife Federation understands that thanks to the internet, hunting has become a very popular sport. More people and not more land or animals to hunt will make drawing harder, Period. What is like for them to explain is they're the same group of people that want open borders to our country , no matter what the consequences but don't want out of staters to hunt NM. Please don't let them Bully or influence the way you all operate, because the changes they have already fought to get implemented are already having devastating effects on our fishing waters. I also hope you will stand up to them when it comes ot the EPLUS system. I know the people that have worked on that system and they have done an incredible job. Apparently The New Mexico Wildlife Federation does not seem to grasp the fact that elk and deer are not just on public lands. And if they were to take away private land tags it would just encourage the animals to migrate onto to private land where they are not being pressured by hunters running around on the 4 wheelers , side by sided , and other off road vehicles. Maybe instead of taking away permits from others you should take away vehicles from hunting areas unless they're mobility impaired.

Sincerely,
Liz and Billy

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Jeremy Miller <jeremy96@daystar.io>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 1:59 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Sheep law

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Hi I would like to kindly object to the law about basically eliminating sheep tags to nonresidents. Where did all your funding come from over the years? Also this will affect us hunters mentality on hunting the rest of the big game in your state. Why would we put money down and points and etc if perhaps you do the same thing for other big game in the future? How about honest fair management and play this together? Think about it. America? Freedom? You would be setting a BAD exayfor other states or hopefully they would learn and see to never take your example perhaps. Listen up. Conservation is team work.

Thanks 🙏

Jeremy Miller 816-589-1421

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: chuckm1974nbd@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 1:55 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Object to not having nonresident sheep hunting tags

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Virtually all funding that has led to the increased populations of both Rocky Mountain and Desert Bighorn sheep has come from non resident raised dollars. The Wild Sheep Foundation and the New Mexico Chapter of the Foundation are both opposed to the proposal as well. These funds raised are also matched with Pitman Robert's funds 3:1 to leverage the benefit to projects in New Mexico. All of this would crash to a fraction of the funding that occurs today because of non resident participants. Please rule against this unwise proposal.

Sincerely

Chuck Middleton

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Jerry Chase <jerrychase0129@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 1:49 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Desert sheep tags

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I agree that most tags should be for residents but think the current allocation is fair and reasonable. If non-residents get no allocation of tags then I don't think the Wild Sheep Foundation should support your conservation efforts with my contributions or any general funds, only those donated from within your state. I am a Life Member, Summit Life Member and Chadwick Ram Society member and expect to make contributions for the rest of my life. I have bought licenses and applied for Desert Sheep tags for years in Arizona and New Mexico, bought raffle tickets and so on without any great expectation of success, but always knew there was a very slight chance of success, so you have made money by giving me a chance. Take that away and there is no point in my buying anything from you, and I'll ask the WSF to not use funds for anything in your state. If you go ahead and eliminate out of state tags and other states follow suit it only hurts conservation and the hunting industry in general. Very short sighted in my opinion.

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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Taylor Sledge <tmsledge@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 1:23 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Sheep Proposal- My Response

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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Taylor Sledge, and I am a 37 year old resident of Mississippi. It's one of my life's dreams to complete a North American Sheep Slam— but more importantly, I want to know that the same opportunity may exist for my three sons. My sons are ages 10, 7.5, and 3.

My little boys love to hunt and fish, and living our lives with the adventure of nature and hunting is not only part of the tradition of our little family, but an integral piece of the ethos of all human existence.

In America, we've been blessed with a land of diverse geography and beauty. The creatures which inhabit this nation are many, and they are amazing.

Hunting has become a complicated topic in our current version of society, and where drawing a tag for certain species can take years, and where paying to hunt one may cost a fortune, it is incredibly special to know that I can raise my sons in a place where we know it is possible. I realize this struggle to achieve harvesting certain animals may take untold resources— but it is comforting to know that the work that I do each day, to earn the money to buy preference points or pay for a tag— is going towards keeping these beautiful animals “on the mountain,” for future generations.

In my opinion, of all of the animals that can be harvested in America, the most incredible, special, and nearly magical— is our native Mountain Sheep.

I spend hours each week, reading stories written by Jack O'Connor and Teddy Roosevelt, to my sons before they go to bed at night. I'll turn on their little lamp, and crack open a fifty year old out-of-print book, and they're mesmerized. The stories that are the most interesting to them are the ones about the legendary Bighorn Sheep...an animal like none other!

There are no mountain sheep within many hundreds of miles of where I live, and there's no chance of ever getting to hunt one without building relationships through the non-resident draw process in our beautiful western states.

It has come to my attention that there's a proposal to prevent me, my children, and many others from hunting Sheep in New Mexico. This is a heartbreaking thought. This action would not only make it harder for my own family to hunt and conserve this special animal, but would stifle years of others who may later contribute to protecting and preserving our amazing Wild Sheep populations across this beautiful land.

I implore you, please- do not take this special privilege away from engaged conservationists and future conservationists across the USA.

Please do not turn these **real** stories of the Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep into an **impossible myth** in the beautiful state of New Mexico.

Sincerely,

TMS

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From: Jordan Christensen <jordan@thedraw.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 1:17 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comment for Proposal under consideration

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To whom it may concern,
I would like to comment that I am in support of the current Bighorn Sheep Rule in New Mexico and would like it to stay the same as it currently is moving forward.
Thank you,
-Jordan

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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Mark Jorgensen <mjorgensen1951@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 1:18 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Cc: Kevin Hurley; Clay Brewer
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Non-Resident Bighorn Tags in New Mexico

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NM G&F:

I am opposed to any effort to reduce or eliminate opportunities for non-resident hunters to obtain bighorn sheep tags in New Mexico. Non residents pay many times more for tags and licenses than NM residents do and add substantial amounts of funding to your operations. I am a hunter but as a life-long bighorn biologist I choose to not hunt bighorn. I am the author of "Desert Bighorn Sheep, Wilderness Icon", so I am very familiar with the history and status of Bighorn in all the Western states and Mexico. I applaud your state's effort at Bighorn recovery over the last two decades and I'll remind you that a massive amount of your funding has derived from out of state hunters and out of state organizations. To lose the support of both groups would be detrimental to your agency. I ask you to reject any efforts to reduce or eliminate hunting opportunities for non- resident hunters in New Mexico. Thank you for the opportunity to share my comments on this important subject.

Mark C. Jorgensen
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mjorgensen1951@gmail.com.

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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: EDWARD RECESKI <lexatty@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 1:15 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Rule Proposal

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Dear New Mexico Game Commissioners:

I stand with the Wild Sheep Foundation and oppose this proposed rule. The elimination of out-of-state resources will hurt New Mexico's wild sheep conservation efforts. Great strides have been made in the last 40 years in managing New Mexico's wild sheep. This proposed rule would be a major setback.

Thank you,

Edward A. Receski
Lexington, Kentucky

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: casey Last Nameheiss <chipsas4795@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 1:13 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] non resident bighorn sheep

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Hello , My name is Casey Heiss I am A NON resident of NM . I strongly appose the potential changes to NON resident Big horn sheep Quotas . As a Non resident of New Mexico I have applied for bighorn sheep hunts only due to my odds and the number of tags available to Non residents , If Non resident tag allocations where lessened I would no longer apply for sheep , if the opportunity was to not be available entirely I would possibly not apply in New Mexico at all . I feel a lot of my fellow Non resident sportsmen and sportswomen would feel and do the same .
The dollars provided by Nonresident sheep hunters and hunters as a whole would be a huge loss to New mexico's wildlife.
I urge you to consider making no changes to the Non resident bighorn sheep allocation .
thanks
Casey Heiss

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Terry and Sue Krause <skrause7@att.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 1:11 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Partial or Full Elimination of non-resident Big Horn Sheep Permits

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Sir,
Just consider for a moment the money which will be forgone by the reduction, or elimination of these much sought after tags. How many thousands of dollars per year would be lost? Over time hundreds of thousands of dollars would be lost. How will this dollar loss be made up? Who will pay to do this? Not I, as I will not be able to buy one, nor would I spend any additional hunting dollars in New Mexico. I will simply look elsewhere. Not to mention, the thrill and joy a sheep hunter has when pursuing one of these magnificent creatures in the mountains of New Mexico.

Will this affect outfitters and their ability to stay in business?

Think of the repercussions.

Sincerely,

Terry R. Krause
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New Berlin, WI
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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Richard Weyer <richardaweyer@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 1:11 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Wild Sheep Herds

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Please do not illuminate the non-resident sheep tags in New Mexico, sportsmen all over the country have helped to rebuild your sheep herds,
Thank you Rich Weyer, Bayfield Colorado 81122

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Matt Bliss <mattbliss2@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 1:06 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Sheep Tags

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I do not support the elimination of Non-Resident sheep tags in NM.

Sincerely,

Matt Bliss

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Daniel Messick <orion1205@juno.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 1:02 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Non-resident bighorn sheep tags

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To whom it may concern,

I am a non resident hunter and obviously opposed to the proposal to end non resident sheep tags. Non resident hunters are a great source of revenue to local communities, game agencies, conservation organizations, and outfitters to name a few. These opportunities are few and far between as it is, please do not remove the opportunity for non residents to hunt these incredible animals.

Respectfully,

Daniel Messick

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Jay Evers <jayevers56@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 12:59 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Why wouldn't you allow non-residents ...

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... A chance to sheep hunt in NM? Tags are already limited, & you make a lot more money than resident ring per hunt?

I have hunted hard & saved hard - in Alabama - to get my Slam, but money can only achieve this with a non-resident draw tag.

Hi to Dr. Rominger! 🙏👍

Jay

Gal. 6:9

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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Kadin Haggard <sublime775@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 12:59 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comment regarding non-resident sheep hunting

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Hello,

I am a Nevada and former Arizona resident. I lived in Safford, AZ and traveled through New Mexico nearly every weekend to explore the forests in Arizona and New Mexico. I really enjoy New Mexico and the opportunity that I have to draw tags there regardless of bonus points.

I understand that residents feel entitled to the hunt tags in their state. However, much more money is made by nonresident tag fees than resident fees. I hope to draw in New Mexico and I would be willing to pay more in fees to retain the possibility of drawing a nonresident sheep tag. Nonresidents are able to input large amounts of capital into conservation of sheep habitat. They also boost the economies by staying in hotels and utilizing guides that residents likely won't use since they live close to the hunting areas.

I would love to see the continued opportunity to draw a sheep tag as a nonresident. I have seen raffle tags outside of the main draw application that are inexpensive and I think that New Mexico can find alternatives to address the complaints by residents. The Wild Sheep Foundation does not agree with the actions proposed and I think this is an opportunity to find an alternative action.

I am not wealthy and I do not have a large amount of bonus points in any state. I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to be able to draw a sheep tag in another state, without paying \$100,000 for an auction tag, or waiting until I am in my 60's to have enough bonus points to draw.

I understand that states residents should look out for themselves, but when you examine other states, New Mexico residents have great opportunities to draw. I hope there can be another way to let New Mexico residents feel that they are getting their fair share without drastically cutting or eliminating opportunities for non residents. I hope to embark on a hunt in New Mexico some day soon, but I will definitely reconsider applying for any species in New Mexico if they start singling out nonresident opportunities.

Thank you for your time,
Kadin Haggard
775-224-1749

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Ed Johnson <lejohnso76@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 12:58 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Sheep

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Dear New Mexico Game Commissioners:

I stand with the Wild Sheep Foundation, New Mexico Wild Sheep Foundation, and resident and non-resident sheep hunters across the country in opposing this action. If approved, it will reduce the opportunities to participate in the state's successful wild sheep conservation programs and reduce the incentives to contribute significant out-of-state financial resources to continue to enhance and protect wild sheep populations in New Mexico.

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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: madgunner@verizon.net
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 12:57 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Sheep Hunts

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I Hope you'll reconsider not changing the "Non-Resident" Application process! Non-Resident Hunters bring in extra \$\$\$ in Revenue to Your Businesses, not to mention your State Conservation Funds! Thank You for Your Time & Consideration! Stay Safe, God Bless You, Your Loved Ones!

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Jamie <suchy5252@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 12:57 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL]

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let non-residents apply for sheep tags don't stop the little chance they have non-residents to bring a lot of income to the state

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Shane Clouse <shane@shaneclouse.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 12:56 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL]

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Dear sir or madam,

New Mexico is a beautiful state with abundant wildlife. As an out of state resident I look forward to one day having an opportunity to hunt wild sheep in New Mexico. My family and I are dedicated hunters and wild sheep conservationists. It would be a travesty if out of state hunters no longer had the opportunity to apply or hunt wild sheep in New Mexico. Please don't block out of state hunters from enjoying your beautiful state and its public resource. The wildlife are the heritage of all US citizens.

Best regards,

Shane Clouse
Past President
Montana Wild Sheep Foundation

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Nathan Peckinpaugh <talusarchitects@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 12:56 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Non Residence Sheep hunting opportunities

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To Whom it may concern.

I live in Montana and have enjoyed the opportunity to hunt sheep in my home state along with having hunted sheep in Alaska and Canada. I'm a life member of the Wild Sheep foundation and have donated to the preservation of wild sheep and their habitat.

I understand that the opportunity to hunt sheep is a limited resource and pressure from the resident hunter who has a voting interest in your state outweighs the individual hunter from other states.

Most sheep hunting occurs on public lands that are made up mostly of BLM property owned by all of the US citizens. I urge you to consider a portion of the hunting opportunities to be allocated to the non-resident hunter who purchase nonresident hunting licenses and pay application fees for the slim opportunity they may be one of the lucky individuals that will have the chance to experience sheep hunting and the wilderness they live in.

Nate Peckinpaugh

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: BB BB <navan90@outlook.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 12:53 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Hi

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Seeing that 90% of the funds come from non-residents seems logical to keep it like the way it is.... anyone against this is basically eliminating the support of bighorns... if this does go through that nonresident are unable to get tags all the funding that non-resident gave should be funded by the residence. Nothing worst then hunters against hunters it's exactly what the establishment want cut funding and eliminate hunting... every year we lose little by little.... Here you go my two cents...

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From: Adam Brescia <aframe68@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 12:51 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Oppose Big Hirn Sheep NR tag allocation changes

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Hello,

To whom it may concern. With the limited availability of bighorn sheep tags across the United States it is of growing concern seeing opportunities for sports men and women going away. New Mexico has always had a special place within my bighorn sheep draw strategy across the west since they have no point system and everyone has a fair shot. Well I do believe that residence should have access to the majority of the tags I do not think that too many are currently being allocated to non-residents such as myself. I think you would be doing a great disservice to the Hunting community to make any changes to reduce the amount of non-resident sheep tags available. I please hope that you consider my point of you on this topic as well as others.

Thank you,
Adam Brescia
925-457-3076

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Casey Cawston <wizzys2@outlook.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 12:49 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Non- residents

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I am a concerned hunter and have heard of your plans to stop non residents from your hunting of Big Horn sheep. As an avid hunter and also long time supporter of WILD SHEEP and working to keep them on the mountains for future generations to hunt and view. I have donated a lot of money and time. So I would find this a real blow to those of us that are so passionate about wild sheep. This is hard to consider after making such huge contribution to them.

Thanks Casey Cawston
British Columbia, Canada

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Adam <adam@tfxinternational.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 12:46 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Rule Proposal

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I stand with the Wild Sheep Foundation.

As a sheep hunter and conservationist I believe that allowing non residents the chance to dream about harvesting a ram in the beautiful state of New Mexico aids in securing funding for the animals.

Cancelling the limited amount of non resident tags would directly impact the animals, which are currently a conservation success story.

Respectfully,

Adam Horodnyk
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From: Chipper Dippel <chipper@whisperingwater.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 12:47 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Elimination of Non-resident sheep tags

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I have applied in New Mexico for over 20 years, as a non-resident, and have drawn one elk tag. Never a big horn sheep or ibex. The fees raised from non-resident tags far out weigh the amount received for a resident tag. I think it is in the best interest of the state of New Mexico to continue offering non-resident tags. We only get 10% as it is and you will lose more revenue by taking away the opportunity and collecting license fees from everyone.

Billy Dippel
432-557-7710

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: davidfrasher@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 12:42 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Nonresident Big Horn sheep permits

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I am disappointed to learn that New Mexico is considering further restricting or eliminating non-resident hunting permits for Bighorn Sheep. I believe this is a very bad idea for conservation of sheep....and also sends a chilling and discriminatory message to folks who want to spend time and money in New Mexico. Please consider the unintended consequences of this proposed action and seek an alternative course to achieve wildlife management objectives.

Respectfully,
David Frasher

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Lucas Watson <lucas@meatcleaverco.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 12:39 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] SHEEP!

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I am originally from ABQ, and I have found my love for the natural world from my upbringing in the land of enchantment. I currently run a wild game processing facility in Denver, CO. I am a young man and spend (probably too much) money hunting out of state, especially in NM! Every year I apply for all NM species, and it is truly my favorite draw. Please do not put limits on my opportunity in my home state. And don't cut off one of your largest revenue generators for conservation. Conservation should be wildlife facing, not focused on historic user groups.

Lucas Watson
Meat Cleaver- Owner/Operator
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Cell: (505) 239-9013



Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: gauglerd@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 12:38 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Rule Proposal

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I stand with the Wild Sheep Foundation, New Mexico Wild Sheep Foundation and resident and non-resident sheep hunters across the country in opposing this action. There has been so much money donated by out of state organizations to grow the New Mexico Sheep populations to what they are today. Closing the opportunity to out of state residents would be a real slap in the face for all that has been done.

Donna Gaugler
Grantsville, MD

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: CJ <cj.chiddy@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 12:37 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Rule Proposal

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Dear New Mexico Game Commissioners:

I look forward to one day hunt New Mexico's sheep population as a non-resident hunter. I stand with the Wild Sheep Foundation, New Mexico Wild Sheep foundation, and resident and non-resident sheep hunters across the country in opposing this action.

Approving this action will hunting opportunities and financial resources both for the wild sheep populations, the local economy, and other wildlife through the loss of non-resident hunting revenues, accommodations, etc.

I travel every year to hunt, purchase bonus/preference points in multiple states, support conservation organizations at a local and national level, and look forward to one day being able to bring the commitments I've made to NM conservation efforts to fruition in a hunt, don't rub your state of the financial resources, enthusiasm, and conservation that myself and others bring to the table.

With much respect,
CJ Chiddy

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: kingsportablewelding@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 12:37 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I am a non resident and been putting in for years. I'll stop NM all together if they do.

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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Sam Clyde <sam.clyde28@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 12:36 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Nonresident Sheep Permits

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The reason I apply for all my tags in New Mexico all started with sheep. The chance of getting lucky enough to chase a desert ram which we don't have in North Dakota lured me to your state. Now I spend \$7565.00 annually just to have a chance at a tag in your state. If the sheep tag for nonresidents is taken away you're not only taking away what started as a dream for me as a hunter, but you're also taking away hundreds of other hunters dream who will not write a letter. I do not agree.

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Adam Bronson <adam@epicoutdoors.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 11:56 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Archuleta, Deanna, DGF; Hickey, Sharon, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] New Mexico Sheep Tag allocation system

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To NM Game Commission,

I'm writing to voice my strong support to maintain the current tag allocation system in place for resident and nonresident sheep tag allocation. It's not a broke system, and currently results in nonresidents receiving only 12-15% of the permits annually despite buying hunting licenses and paying application fees totaling a huge investment to New Mexico wildlife, without even drawing a tag. As your attorney general has indicated, it is lawful and rational in its interpretation and implementation. I don't think jeopardizing hundreds of thousands or multi-millions of dollars over the years in lost hunting license and application fees from non-resident applicants is worth giving 5-7 more resident sheep tags per year. Any decision made by the commission to eliminate nonresidents from applying for sheep tags will have huge economic impacts to your state, far beyond what I believe you are considering at this time. I believe the thoughts of a few concerned residents, are being blown out of proportion as the "majority" and will not impact resident draw odds at all in any noticeable affect, but again will greatly your states fish and game agency from collecting license and application fees from nonresident sheep applicants, and furthermore will misson patching Pittman Robertson and other Federal matching funds. I further believe that a decision to eliminate nonresidents from applying for sheep tags will violate multiple tenants of the North American Model for Wildlife Conservation. I urge you NOT to change the current sheep tag allocation system as it's not broke, despite what a few vocal residents are complaining about.

Thank you for your time.

Adam Bronson

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Thomas Edgington <tom.edgington1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 11:42 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Non-Resident Hunting!

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Dear Commissioners,

As a proud hunter and conservationist, I urge you to reject the proposal of a vocal few and stand with the balanced and legal approach of the wildlife professionals of the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish on the bighorn sheep rule. I have not commented on the rule because it appeared the Department's initial recommendation would stand until the last Commission meeting.

The Department's initial proposal is a balanced approach, allowing both resident and nonresident opportunity, and it is legal and complies with the New Mexico statutes and caselaw regarding nonresident participation in hunting.

Hunters, both resident and nonresident, have long paid the way for conservation, both game and non-game wildlife, and maximizing opportunity for hunting is also key to long-term funding for all conservation. Hunting benefits wildlife conservation.

Please stand on the side of hunting and conservation and accept the initial recommendation of the Department's wildlife professionals on the bighorn sheep rule. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important issue.

Sincerely,
Thomas Edgington
2176 Ridge Rd
Cowansville, PA 16218

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Mike Goodart <mike@townandcountryac.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 11:34 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn sheep draw allocation

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Dear Commissioners,

I am in favor of the allocation as it is presently done-AND is in accordance with the law. If changed, revenue will be lost that improves habitat and improves the bighorn herds. The present allocation percentages were well thought out and do not favor any special group. If changed per the NM Wildlife Org's proposal, it will be to the detriment to all instate and out of state hunters. Most sheep in NM are on Federal Land. Changing the present rules which have been upheld with a legal opinion, which was asked for, would be wrong for all concerned and would be an act which ignores legal opinion in favor of a select group.

Mike goodart

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Eric Pawlak <eric.pawlak@trophyadventures.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 11:21 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule; Hickey, Sharon, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Archuleta, Deanna, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Non-Resident Sheep Tags - ZERO

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Dear NM State Game Commission –

I know you are probably being inundated with comments regarding the proposed reduction of non-resident bighorn permits - to zero. Out of respect for your time, I will keep it brief.

We are squabbling over roughly six bighorn permits. The discrimination against non-resident hunting opportunity, particularly on the National Forest, is unfair to start and was already proven in the courts back in the late 90's early 2000's (the game on the NF belongs to everyone). I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Respectfully – Eric Pawlak

Eric Pawlak
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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Jason Carter <jason@epicoutdoors.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 11:08 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule; Hickey, Sharon, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Archuleta, Deanna, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please do Not change the Sheep Tag Allocations

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I know you've heard it all and are aware of every angle there is in relation to the potential effects of changing the sheep tag allocations. I am not at all in favor of changing the sheep tag allocations and if changed, it will eliminate the non-resident participation in hunting and applying for sheep. Eliminating non-residents will have an immense negative affect on the sheep program and funding as a whole in New Mexico and residents stand much more to lose compared to a simple gain of 7 additional sheep tags total per year that would normally be available for nonresidents.

Please consider the whole picture when taking this issue into consideration.

Respectfully,

Jason Carter
Cedar City, Utah

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: DICK WILSON <dbcw@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 10:29 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment

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Dear Commissioners,

I wish to thank you for taking care of the “non resident” hunters in the state of New Mexico. Even though my wife and I are property owners, pay taxes and support the Ruidoso, Alto and Capitan economies, because my drivers license is from Texas, I am required to purchase an out of state license. I am glad that you are providing us with an adequate number of opportunities to receive a license.

Sincerely,

Byron B Wilson

US cell: 512.639.6008
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Toll free: 512.410.4956

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: John Richardson <richardsonjohnnm@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 8:53 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment For the current system

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Dear Commissioners,

I am appreciative of the present system of allocating the Bighorn tags. Please leave this current process in place as it is very fair to all hunters.

Sincerely,

John Richardson

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Darrell Brazell <darrellbrazell@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 8:53 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Dear Commissioners, I support the lumping of Bighorn tags otherwise non residents have zero opportunity. If you could get rid of the 10% to outfitters and give the full 16% to general non-residents, it would be even better.

Thank you,

Darrell Brazell

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: KURT EISENACH <KEYES555@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 8:47 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Dear Commissioners,

I am opposed to any change in Bighorn allocations that close out nonresident tag allocations. New Mexico has been blessed with huge influxes of funds to manage and increase its wild sheep resource from nonresidents and out of state wildlife organizations. To accept the help and then throw the donors out of the game is wrong. New Mexico is largely public land and owned by the whole country not just residents. Look to the quotas other states have established [10%] and get rid of outfitter subsidies! There will never be enough sheep permits for all who want one to get one. Distribute them in a fair manner for all citizens of the US.

Sincerely,

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: David Peck <davidcbi@birch.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 8:32 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment IN FAVOR OF Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Dear Commissioners,

I am **TOTALLY IN AGREEMENT** with the lumping of Bighorn tags. Please continue with the system as it currently is.

Sincerely,

David Peck

1124 W. Cedar St.

Cherokee, IA 51012

712-261-1228

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Mark Pease <mark_pease@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 8:23 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Dear Commissioners,

I agree with lumping all Bighorn tags for the allocation process. Without lumping, no out of state hunter would be able to hunt sheep in New Mexico. As it is now, very few out of state hunters draw a tag, but at least there is a chance. Please keep the process the way it is now.

Thank you

Sincerely,

Mark Pease

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: gauglerd@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 8:18 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Dear Commissioners, I would like you to keep the present procedure of allocating the Bighorn Sheep tags. I sure do appreciate the opportunity to apply for Bighorn licenses in the other Western states and it would be wrong to not allow non-resident participation in New Mexico.

Dale Gaugler
2914 Out of Bounds
Deming, NM 88030

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Royce Maples <pancho1@plateautel.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 5:59 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Non-Resident Hunting!

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Dear Commissioners,

As a proud hunter and conservationist, I urge you to reject the proposal of a vocal few and stand with the balanced and legal approach of the wildlife professionals of the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish on the bighorn sheep rule. I have not commented on the rule because it appeared the Department's initial recommendation would stand until the last Commission meeting.

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Please stand on the side of hunting and conservation and accept the initial recommendation of the Department's wildlife professionals on the bighorn sheep rule. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important issue.

Sincerely,
Royce Maples
3306 Woodbine Way
Roswell, NM 88203

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Gail D. Goodman <midbarslq@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2022 6:13 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: DGF-Bighorn-Rule

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DGF

I support the current allocation of 7 of the 50 total bighorn sheep ram tags to be distributed to non-resident hunters.

The Wild Sheep Foundation spent decades and millions of dollars in donations and fund raising to re-establish a healthy population of bighorn sheep throughout the state. If they support the current NMDGF method of allocating bighorn sheep permits to non-resident hunters, I think their position deserves your consideration.

Thank you for your time

Gail Goodman, EdD

Valencia County 87031

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Michael Cloakey <cloakeyma@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2022 2:25 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposal

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I support the department's bighorn sheep proposed rule changes beginning with the 2023-2024 hunting season. I would also like the manner in which tags are allocated remain in effect. (ie lump all RMBH rams with 84% of the tags for NM residents and the same for DBH rams)

Michael Cloakey
cloakeyma@yahoo.com
NM Resident

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: cecil langston <cecillangston@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2022 2:19 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] non-resident tags

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We support the current allocation process for big game.

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Regards,

Cecil Langston

Cell: (936) 328-1768

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Daniel M. Alsup <dma@modrall.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2022 12:13 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Sheep Rule

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Good morning,

I support keeping the bighorn sheep tag allocations as they currently exist. I'm writing on my own behalf and not on behalf of my firm or any other organization.

Thanks,
Daniel



Daniel M. Alsup
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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Robert McNiel <rcmcniel@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2022 9:57 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comments on proposed Rule change to BHS allocation

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My comments on this proposed Rule change are as follows:

I believe the current allocation method used by the New Mexico Department of Game & Fish provides a fair and equitable distribution method for our State's Big Horn Sheep tags.

The NMDGF Board of Commissioners recently asked The New Mexico Attorney General to review the Department's current tag allocation methodology . The AG's opinion was that the current allocation methodology was appropriate under the eyes of the current statutes.

I strongly believe the current methodology provides both resident and non-resident hunter a fair and equitable opportunity to obtain BHS tags in New Mexico.

Thank you for your consideration;

Robert C. McNiel

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Jonathan Johns <jjohns@daddyoscarwash.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2022 8:58 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to proposed change

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I am a resident who values the NM bighorns as much if not more than anyone. I adamantly oppose the current proposed rule change. The most important reason is simple, money. It takes a substantial amount of money to keep these sheep on the mountain.

90% of the money raised over the past 40 years has been from non-residents. If the proposed changes are made, the number of NR tags will be drastically reduced and in turn so will the funding from these same NRs.

Our bighorn restoration and conservation success story over the last 44 years should not be taken for granted. Lets keep funding these animals the way they deserve.

Sincerely,
Jonathan Johns
915-241-1773

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Doug Lanham <doug@jinjabistro.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2022 5:16 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Why change?

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Not sure I understand the need to change. What is best for our NM Bighorn Sheep ? It takes consistent annual funding to preserve and grow our Bighorn populations. Out of state hunters provide a big portion of this funding. Fast forward 10-20 years...NM Bighorn populations thriving or Bighorn again on a downward spiral. Hoping our state focuses its decision on the animal's future and preserve our state's legacy of sound judgment and leadership regarding our Bighorn.
Sincerely
Doug Lanham

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Jim Travis <jtravis17@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 30, 2022 3:19 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule; Hickey, Sharon, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Archuleta, Deanna, DGF; Tirizo.Lopez@state.nm.us
Subject: [EXTERNAL] A non-residents prospective

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As a life member of the Wild Sheep Foundation, a board member of the NM chapter of the Wild Sheep Foundation and an annual NM non-resident hunter, I would like to responded to the recent movement to reduce the number of bighorn sheep permits allocated to non-resident hunters.

It would seem that a common sense approach to the proposed change in the permits system would suggest that the reason NM bighorn restoration program has been a national sucess story and model for the conservation of bighorn sheep has been due in part to the support and participation of non-resident hunters.

Before 1978 when the desert bighorns came of the threaten listing, there was no sheep hunting for New Mexican residents or non-resident . 32 years later, there are now almost 3000 wild sheep spread out all over the state. Much of this sucess is due to the money raised from the non-resident hunters though the auction and raffle permits available each year. New Mexico residents now enjoy 84% of the available sheep permits each year. It seems quite illogical to eliminate the 7 non-residents hunters who have an opportunity to draw a tag state and forgo the economic benefit that they have provided to the NM Game and Fish Departments bighorn special enhancement fund.

To quote an often used statement, " If it's not broke, don't try to fix it".

Respectfully submitted.

James Travis
Tucson, Arizona

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: ronald owensby <alaska_ron@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 29, 2022 9:36 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn sheep

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I am against losing money from non residents for sheep tags. I believe the bighorn sheep system is working great. We can't afford to lose any money to help support our sheep their habitat and numbers.

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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Mark Justice <drmark06@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 29, 2022 3:37 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Sheep

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Good Afternoon:

I am writing to support the need to oppose this attempt to reduce or eliminate non-resident bighorn public draw permits. It is not good for bighorn sheep conservation in New Mexico.

Best Regards:

JM Justice

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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: David Dybvig <ddybvig123@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 29, 2022 3:16 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BHS

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As a longtime member of the New Mexico chapter of the Wild Sheep Foundation, I read with concern the E-Mail sent by Brian Bartlett, President of the chapter. The effort to restrict nonresident sheep hunters risks the loss of substantial funding from nonresidents for sheep projects in New Mexico. While I plan to continue my modest donations to the chapter (\$3,000.+ over the past three years), other nonresidents may well focus their funds in other states.

Frankly, the odds of anyone from out of state drawing a public tag are quite small. However, reducing the odds to zero or next to it, seems to be petty and misguided.

David Dybvig, Arizona resident
Life Member Wild Sheep Foundation
Life Member WY Chapter WSF
Life Member AZ Desert Bighorn Sheep Society
Member New Mexico Chapter WSF



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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Thad Fuller <abqcowboy@live.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 29, 2022 1:53 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn hunts

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Please leave the bighorn hunts the way they are. We need nonresident hunters to support our sheep. They have come along way. I am a resident hunter. But we have support our sheep. Thanks Thad Fuller

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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Phillip Smith <gocardinals1995@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 28, 2022 10:10 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Non-Resident Hunting!

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Dear Commissioners,

As a proud hunter and conservationist, I urge you to reject the proposal of a vocal few and stand with the balanced and legal approach of the wildlife professionals of the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish on the bighorn sheep rule. I have not commented on the rule because it appeared the Department's initial recommendation would stand until the last Commission meeting.

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Hunters, both resident and nonresident, have long paid the way for conservation, both game and non-game wildlife, and maximizing opportunity for hunting is also key to long-term funding for all conservation. Hunting benefits wildlife conservation.

Please stand on the side of hunting and conservation and accept the initial recommendation of the Department's wildlife professionals on the bighorn sheep rule. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important issue.

Sincerely,
Phillip Smith
613 E Main St
Elmwood, IL 61529

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Chad Nelson <csn827@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 28, 2022 2:57 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] bighorn sheep rule

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It seems that one or more members of the State Game Commission are convinced by the New Mexico Wildlife Federation's questionable assertion that state law doesn't allow the Department to issue nonresident licenses through the draw. Actually, it seems that some Commissioners find EVERYTHING the NMWF says to be convincing for unknown reasons that create the impression of an obvious conflict of interest.

The basis of NMWF's argument on bighorn sheep is the definition of a hunt code in 17-2A-1 NMSA, which is the "species, weapon type and time frame authorized for a specific hunt."

NMWF says that the Commission's creation of hunt areas under an overarching hunt code beginning in 2015 violates this definition because the time frame is established by the hunt area, not the overarching hunt code.

Although this is technically true, it is also true that 17-3-13 NMSA establishes a nonresident bighorn sheep license with a fee of \$3150. The law doesn't establish licenses and fees because it DOESN'T want the Department to sell those licenses. It clearly intends for the Department to sell nonresident bighorn licenses.

The hunt areas were created because it was the only way to do that. They are therefore perfectly legitimate, and the Commission and Department should be defending them.

The Commission should therefore approve the Department's recommendations for bighorn sheep, and should NOT force the Department to issue all draw licenses to residents per the NMWF.

It would be fundamentally unfair to deny nonresidents the opportunity to even apply for one of New Mexico's most coveted game species.

Again, 17-3-13 NMSA clearly intends for the Department to issue nonresident bighorn sheep licenses.

The Department should continue to do so.

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Joe Gerchman <jggerch@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 28, 2022 8:24 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Non-resident bighorn sheep tags

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Hello,

I support non-resident opportunities and I want them to maintain the current permit allocation process for bighorn sheep tags.

Thanks,
Joseph Gerchman

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: SIDNEY GILBERT <Sidzilla@outlook.com>
Sent: Friday, May 27, 2022 12:35 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Out of State Bighorn Sheep Permits

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Dear Commissioner,

I would respectfully request that the current out of state permit level be left as is with at least 7 of the 50 available permits being available to out of state hunters. This is a lifelong dream of many hunters and is good for tourism in the state as well.

Thanks,

Sidney L. Gilbert

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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: David Peck <davidcbi@birch.net>
Sent: Friday, May 27, 2022 8:50 AM
To: Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Archuleta, Deanna, DGF; Hickey, Sharon, DGF; DGF-Bighorn-Rule; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] NW Sheep Tag Allocation

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Commission Members,

I would like to recommend that the current tag allocation for sheep between residents and non residents remain THE SAME as it currently is.

I have been to NM many time over the last 15 years hunting almost everything BUT bighorn sheep. I have spent 10's of thousands of dollars and enjoyed my hunting trips there immensely. I cannot imagine applying in the future with no sheep opportunity for non-residents?

I surely hope that my 2022 muzzleloader Ibex tag is not my last.....

David J Peck Pres/PE
Christensen Bros. Inc.
712-261-1228

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Darik Bollig <h2oskimaster@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, May 27, 2022 7:42 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Non-resident sheep tag quota

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Hello,

Please do not decrease the available tags for non-residents. This is not only good for tourism but is also a great resource of income for wildlife conservation. Please maintain the current allocation process for bighorn sheep tags.

Best regards,

Darik Bollig - avid hunter and conservationist

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Dennis Kauffman <denkauffman@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2022 6:46 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Cc: Kerrie Romero
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn

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Please don't exclude Non-Residents from the Bighorn Sheep draw.

PLEASE REMEMBER: There was a non-resident group of people who sued New Mexico in Federal court and won the case about 40 years. That court case caused the Department to include non-residents equally with residents in the drawings for Bighorn, Oryx, Ibex, and I think Bison (though there never was a Bison season).

To clarify: there was no distinction between residents and non-residents in the drawings for those species. All the licenses were selected in a SINGLE DRAWING! The basis for that court decision was that all of those game animals lived nearly exclusively ON FEDERAL LAND. Nothing has changed regarding where they live today.

If we once again exclude Non-Residents there could easily be another court case which would make it much much more difficult for residents to draw than it is currently.

Thank YOU for considering the above.

Dennis

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Ted Wen <tedwenner@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2022 6:54 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support the proposed bighorn rule changes.

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I support the proposed rule changes to the bighorn sheep rules. Additionally I would like to express my support for the current tag allocation system, I do believe the non residents should continue to have tags allocated in such a way that gives them an opportunity to hunt New Mexico bighorns. I am a life long resident of New Mexico and realize the importance of non resident hunting dollars to our state.

Ted Wenner

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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Tymeson, Chris <CTymeson@SCIFirstForHunters.org>
Sent: Wednesday, May 25, 2022 11:40 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Sheep Rule
Attachments: NM Bighorn Sheep Rulemaking.pdf

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Please find attached a letter from SCI President Sven Lindquist regarding the Bighorn Sheep Rule.

Thank you.
Chris Tymeson



Christopher J. Tymeson, J.D.
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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Zach Pitkin <dzachpitkin@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 25, 2022 7:22 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule; Hickey, Sharon, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Archuleta, Deanna, DGF; Lopez, Tizio, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Note from a VA resident

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Hello,

I have seen that groups are lobbying for less non-resident bighorn sheep tags. I wanted to share my experience so far. I buy a NM license each year in order to apply for the already small number of bighorn tags. I have been doing so for 4 to 5 years. Due to the random odds offered in NM, it is the state I am most excited to apply for each year and likely my best chances as being only 30 I have not had a lifetime to build points in other states.

As I now have the hunting license in order to apply for sheep tags, I then put in for other tags such as Elk and Deer. The last two years I have been lucky in drawing Unit 45 and Unit 31 tags. These have been some of the favorite trips of my life, hunting the alpine mountains in the Santa Fe national forest, and the desert environment north of Hobbs NM.

The first year I drew with one buddy, and the second year a group of 4, all being non-residents. Out of both trips we brought home one deer. This means combined we spent over \$2,500 on tags, \$2,000+ on local lodging, along with gas, food, gear and more which we were happy to pay for one species that cannot be found here in VA.

I fear with changes to non-resident allocation for any species, the chances of me being able to return for any hunt, and especially Bighorn diminish drastically and I'd hate to see that happen.

Thank you,

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Zach Pitkin
703-901-4947

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Chuck Kuchta <chuckkuchta@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 25, 2022 6:56 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule; Hickey, Sharon, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Non Resident

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As a New Mexico Native, and a hunting and fishing guide who also manages a ranch in Clines Corners, I would hate to see out of state license go away. We need our out of state hunters to have an opportunity here and it is another part of our tourism funds. As out of staters bring in alot of money that supports our state wildlife and our public and private state lands. Please don't get rid of our out of state hunters.

Thank you
Charles Kuchta

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: James E. Lucero <albuqrmef@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 24, 2022 10:40 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Must keep non-resident hunters hunting NM

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Good evening,

I am responding to the absurdity the NMWF wanting to abolish non-residents from applying and hunting bighorn sheep. Jesse and his group are getting more and more radical with their thinking and have been for several years. He is a hypocrite as he hunts big game as a non-resident hunter in other states and is not well thought of to other public hunters here in NM. He has relayed several stories regarding other hunters reactions while he was hunting here in NM. I am also in the understanding that other groups are keeping their eyes on him because of his radical thoughts and actions. Taking away these valuable dollars from the NMDGF that has done an amazing job putting sheep back on the mountain would put the sheep program that the department worked so hard making hunter opportunity in jeopardy!!!

Us sportsmen and women need to unite and keep this from happening. I have been a guide here in NM for the past 52 years and hearing that NMFW will be trying to do the same with non-resident elk hunters it will kill many outfitters and guided.

Let it be noted I am against the rule that New Mexico Wildlife Federation is trying to keep the non-resident bighorn sheep hunters out of New Mexico.

Respectfully,

James Lucero



James E. Lucero

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Albuquerque Chapter Co-Chair

Albuquerque, NM

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: AZ Hunter <azrayhunter@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 23, 2022 7:20 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule; Hickey, Sharon, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Archuleta, Deanna, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I support non resident opportunities

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I have supported the work of NMGFD by applying in the great state of New Mexico for years and I think it's absolutely ridiculous that the NM Wildlife Federation is trying to eliminate opportunities for nonresident hunting. Doing this will turn many hunters off to hunting in NM all together reducing revenues for NMGFD to manage the state's wildlife and put so many outfitters and guides out of business. I am writing to tell you all that I support nonresident opportunities and want the commission to maintain the current allocation process for all tags, especially bighorn sheep.

Sincerely,
Brandon Ray

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Joey Vega <joeyvega4@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, May 23, 2022 12:09 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule; Hickey, Sharon, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Archuleta, Deanna, DGF; Lopez, Tizio, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Rule

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I am writing to show my support for the current allocation of bighorn sheep tags with the current quotas being issued between resident, non-resident and outfitter pool. If needed I recommend changing the rule to match what the department is currently doing versus eliminating non-resident and outfitter pool opportunities. Although it might be perfect I truly believe the random draw (without a point system) and the current quotas on bighorn sheep is the fairest in the nation. There are areas in New Mexico (M Mountain or EMRTC in Socorro, NM) that currently have a population on Desert Bighorn sheep that no-one will ever have the opportunity to hunt. NMDGF was able to collaborate with WSMR in order to have Oryx opportunities of hunting, but I do not foresee that in the situation with Bighorn Sheep and EMRTC. Therefore the current populations that are able to be hunted in New Mexico all reside on federal land. The federal land is entrusted and managed by the state within the states boundaries, but to deny non-resident hunters is to discriminate against the public nationally due to their location and choice of where to live. Yet federal land and wildlife management, including Bighorn sheep, is funded and supported nationally by tax dollars from people all across this nation. To deny hunting opportunity based on residency is no different than a New Mexico rancher denying access to public land because he has a lease with the federal government.

I am a New Mexico resident who primarily hunts public land through the departments current draw system. I also am an independent guide as well as a biologist with Bachelors degree in Wildlife Science. Although I agree the current allocation may not be ideal for every situation, it does have merit and a historical precedence to justify its existence and continuation. Those groups that claim to support public hunters and allocation of resident only bighorn sheep tags do not have my support as a public hunter and resident of New Mexico. I have long opposed any specific allocations of resident vs. non-resident but once again I am familiar with its history and intentions when developed. I feel that the elimination of the allocation to non-resident tags due to a loophole of hunt codes vs. number of licenses in general is a manipulation of the intent of the allocation quota. I feel that bighorn sheep opportunities are limited nation wide and that is the reason it is such a difficult species to harvest. Not because of level of difficulty, but rather opportunities. The department does not discriminate against residents and non-residents for gila trout, cutthroat trout, Osceola turkey, furbearers, or any other variety of big game species in the rules and regulations. So why this species?

Once again I want to make it very clear that I am adamantly opposed to implementing a system that would create a situation that only allows resident only tags for bighorn sheep. I prefer the department maintain the current allocation system.

Thank you,

Jose Vega
NM Resident

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Steve Misustin <sjmisustin@me.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 22, 2022 6:34 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Attack on non residents

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Who supports part of the economy in New Mexico the non residents , we pay a lot more licenses, we rent your hotel rooms, we eat at your restaurants . We support your community. Look at all the businesses that will suffer if this happens. How stupid is this!
Thanks very much Steven Misustin, archery Elk Hunter Sent from my iPad

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Joey Labu <joeylabu@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 22, 2022 2:52 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep Issuing Out of State Hunting Permits

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NMDGF Commissioners. I urge you to retain the current process and quotas for issuing hunting permits for big horn sheep to out of state hunters. Out of state hunters provide substantial funding to the state via hunting license and permit fees and through expenditures for housing, meals, and fuel when hunting in New Mexico.

Respectfully,

Joe Labuda
613 N Owensville Street
Franklin, TX 77856
(979)240-8706

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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Edward Skowneski <edward.skowneski@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 21, 2022 4:53 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Allow nonresident hunter to hunt

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Please allow nonresident hunter to hunt in New Mexico every year they bring hundends of thousands of dollars into New Mexico.

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: tomsimpson@tularosa.net
Sent: Friday, May 20, 2022 2:22 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL]

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Non residents need to be included in the draws under our currant system.

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Kerrie Romero <kerriecoxromero@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 20, 2022 12:06 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] NMCOG Formal Position Regarding Bighorn Sheep Draw Permits
Attachments: Commission Letter - Bighorn Sheep Draw Permits.pdf

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Please accept the attached letter as the official position of the New Mexico Council of Outfitters and Guides regarding the allocation of Bighorn Sheep draw permits.

Thank you,

Kerrie C. Romero
Executive Director - New Mexico Council of Outfitters and Guides
51 Bogan Rd Stanley, NM 87056
(505) 440-5258 (www.nmoutfitters.com)

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Pat&Doug Ebeling <ebeling@charter.net>
Sent: Friday, May 20, 2022 10:08 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support nonresident hunters in New Mexico

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Hello,

As a New Mexico non-resident hunter and fisherman, I am in opposition to the NM Wildlife Federation drive to get the NM State Game Commission to eliminate nonresident's ability to hunt bighorn sheep in New Mexico by directing the Game & Fish to change their current method of allocating sheep permits through the Big Game Draw.

I worry that these efforts to eliminate nonresident's ability to hunt in New Mexico will not stop with just Bighorn Sheep. I enjoy coming to New Mexico to hunt, fish, and vacation. Every year I spend weeks there on various activities. I hire New Mexico outfitters and guides, I utilize New Mexico taxidermists and game processors, and I purchase many other goods and services while there. In other words, I spend lots of money in New Mexico on more than just the licenses. But beyond just spending money, I feel I am a responsible hunter and a low impact land user. I am a member of the New Mexico Council of Outfitters and Guides, and I support game and law enforcement personnel and their efforts.

I appreciate your attention to this and hope you will agree that not supporting this and future efforts to eliminate nonresident hunters and fishermen is not in New Mexico's best interest.

Thank you,

Doug Ebeling

25715 White Springs Ct
Spring, TX 77373
713-725-9851
ebeling@charter.net

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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: elsagallagher007@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, May 20, 2022 8:43 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Rule - NON Resident Hunter Input

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Hi,

I attended Highland High in Albuquerque and graduated from NMSU with my B.S. in Wildlife Science. I consider NM my home state. I currently reside in Missouri and have been a wildlife biologist for the past 20 years. I hunt a lot. In many states. I have been coming back to NM to hunt with my nephew who lives in Rio Rancho for many years. I love hunting “back home” and getting my green chile fix and seeing the gorgeous sunsets of my youth. That said, I do NOT support the lobbyists outfitters that are advocating for more and more out-of-state tags for limited opportunity harvesting NM’s precious resources. These native species (and even the non-native Oryx) are a limited commodity – a treasure and a cultural resource. I urge you not to allow the interests of the outfitter lobby to sway you into taking these opportunities from NM residents.

Hunting needs to be affordable, accessible to all (especially the residents), and needs to be sustainable. Getting a strong base of support from your constituents is key to support for conservation activities in the future. I know that all decisions are not made in a bubble, there are a lot of political and social considerations above and beyond the biological basis for these decisions. You have something very precious in New Mexico – big game populations that are being managed to sustain harvest for generations to come.

Please do not lose sight of the fact that your resident wildlife and your resident New Mexicans count on you to do what is best for the resource. Provide them the best opportunities for a once in a lifetime hunt – they are the ones that will support you in future decisions. They are the ones that will be there day in and day out. They have a vested interest in NM year-round, not just during hunting season. As a non-resident hunter, I know that my opportunities to harvest something like a desert ram are severely limited. I’m o.k. with that. Residents should come first. We just held our first elk hunt in Missouri last year. Open to residents only. I’m not suggesting you go totally resident only, just that residents receive the majority of the tags. I support the changes in the rule that will allow a more weighted allocation to residents.

Thank-you for taking the time to read this. I hope the fires burning in the state get under control soon. My thoughts are with you during this trying time.

Elsa

Elsa Gallagher

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Tim Wells, <timwells1@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, May 20, 2022 8:10 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Big Horn Sheep

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Whoever,

If I understand what's going on here, it appears you are considering banning nonresidents from hunting sheep. If so what a crock of shit. You love our money and have accepted our help in restoration but then you want to stab us in the back.

Am I wrong? I hope so. Misinformation is always a danger so please tell me this is untrue.

Tim Wells

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: karen hulseley <karenhulseley55@att.net>
Sent: Friday, May 20, 2022 6:15 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Non resident hunter

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Please support keeping non resident hunting in ur state. I'm a 66 yr old housekeeper & started doing cow hunts 23 yrs ago . I save for this awesome opportunity every year . There are no opportunities like the experience in New Mexico in my state of Oklahoma ! Please find a balance between non resident & resident . This is the one thing I do each yr that keeps me excited about life ! Thank you karen hulseley !

Sent from a thousand miles from nowhere!

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Charles Tripp <chtrippjr@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 8:23 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn rule
Attachments: Bighorn Rule Comment.docx

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I have attached my personal comment for Bighorn Sheep rule as a concerned sportsman!

Charles Tripp
chtrippjr@gmail.com
970-361-5554

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Ron Costa <ron.costa@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 7:52 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule; Hickey, Sharon, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Archuleta, Deanna, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Nonresident bighorn tags/New Mexico Wildlife Federation.

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Commissioners: This is Ron Costa in Deming, NM. I am a licensed New Mexico guide. You may remember me as I have communicated with some of you regarding the condition of the ibex herd here in the Florida Mountains.

I communicate with you today on a different issue:

The attempt by the New Mexico Wildlife Federation to eliminate nonresident bighorn sheep tags. In reality their ultimate goal is to eliminate all nonresident big game hunting. This is evidenced by a recent article in the Deming Headlight Newspaper by Ray Trejo who is president of the southwest New Mexico chapter of the Wildlife Federation. In his article Ray complained that him and his father have had difficulty drawing elk tags in the past few years. He blames it entirely nonresident hunters gobbling up all the tags when we all know that the tags are awarded via the draw and only 16% of any big game tags go to nonresidents. In his article he even stooped so low as to play the race card and the class envy card. Ray Trejo is but a cross section of the blatant attitude of this group. There is no tactic they will not employ. I believe the New Mexico Wildlife Federation should concentrate their efforts on cultivating more quality hunting areas in our state which would yield more available tags.

Nonresident hunters bring untold revenue to our state, especially in the smaller towns that lie near game rich areas. This revenue includes but is not limited to hotels, gas stations, stores, restaurants and the sales taxes that they generate. Nonresident hunters also contract with outfitters who in turn hire guides, wranglers, cooks, etc. These people normally have two or three jobs and they rely on the seasonal work to support their families.

What would happen if, for example, the state banned all nonresidents from skiing and river rafting. After all, it is our snow, our mountains and our rivers. Entire businesses and communities would cease to exist. Peoples lives would be ruined. The results would be catastrophic.

In closing let me remind everyone that bighorn sheep gets their foot in the door in their quest to eliminate all nonresident big game hunting.

Sincerely,
Ron Costa

Tatman, Nicole, DGF


From: Scott Enge <scottenge@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 5:55 PM
To: Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; DGF-Bighorn-Rule; Hickey, Sharon, DGF; Archuleta, Deanna, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Protect hunter rights

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To whom it may concern,

I have come to the beautiful state of New Mexico the last three years to hunt and have spent lots of money on hotels, food, gas and guides. I am an out of state hunter and don't want to see my opportunities to visit your state disappear because of legislation that would eliminate an opportunity to hunt Bighorn sheep. Hunters will pay to hunt this beautiful animal in New Mexico. Please re-consider the ban on out of state hunters.



Scott M. Enge, President ACT Sport Services
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2-time USPTA National Tennis Coach of the Year
913-638-2970 

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Larry Gill <flytye67@outlook.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 4:04 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Non-Resident Bighorn tags and Elk tags

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I encourage you to continue the current allocation process for Bighorn sheep. I understand 97% of the funds to finance the NMDGF Bighorn Sheep Program comes from non-resident hunters. Also, I would encourage increasing the amount of non-resident elk tags in New Mexico and restore the number of tags that were previously made available.

Thank you for your consideration.

Warmly,

Larry D. Gill

405-273-8200

23 East 9th, Suite 221

Shawnee OK 74801

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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: wam1653@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 3:10 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Non Resident Bighorn Sheep Hunts

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As a past resident of New Mexico and a current Non resident living in Texas, I oppose any regulation that would remove the ability of non resident hunters to have the opportunity to hunt Big Horn sheep in New Mexico.
Thanks,

Wade Mertz
2525 Castleford Rd.
Midland, Texas 79701

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Dr. Andras Tigyi <atigyi88@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 1:32 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Ending Non-Resident Bighorn Sheep Hunting Opportunity

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Since February 2022, the NM Wildlife Federation has been aggressively pushing the NM State Game Commission to eliminate nonresident ability to hunt bighorn sheep in New Mexico by directing the Game & Fish to change their current method of allocating sheep permits through the Big Game Draw. If this change is approved there will not be a single hunt code with enough permits to allocate any bighorn sheep tags to nonresident hunters beginning in 2023. As a nonresident hunter that has applied for years for sheep hunts in New Mexico, as well as many other big game species, I vehemently oppose these proposed measures.

I am certain that you already understand how vital nonresidents are to bighorn sheep conservation. Non-resident hunters finance over 97% of the NMDGF Bighorn Sheep Program. New Mexico is widely recognized by other state wildlife agencies as being a leader in bighorn sheep restoration and conservation. This is in large part due to the financial contributions of nonresident hunters.

Resident-preferenced agendas are being pushed in states across the western US. Bighorn sheep is just the most recent nonresident quota that the NM Wildlife Federation is attempting to attack. It is very important that we nonresidents stand together now to protect those nonresident opportunities to hunt big game in the state of New Mexico, and strongly voice opposition to the proposals.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Dr. Andras Tigyi, DVM

Associate Veterinarian

Veterinary Medical Center

(770)-998-8450

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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Tom Curran <tcurran300mag@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 12:17 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Nonresident ability to hunt Bighorn Sheep

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Hello,

My name is Tom Curran, I am a sportsman who is not a resident of the state of New Mexico. I am sending this email in reference to the NM Wildlife Federations push to eliminate a nonresidents ability to hunt Bighorn Sheep in the great state of New Mexico. First let me express my appreciation for the wildlife and the hunting opportunities that are provided to nonresidents. My family and I enjoy every opportunity we get to hunt in New Mexico! I do not understand why anyone would want to eliminate the ability for a nonresident to hunt Big Horn Sheep or any other big game species for that matter. Myself and my family spend thousands of dollars in the state of New Mexico. We pay nonresidents fees, We hire guides, pay for lodging, pay for meals at restaurants, buy groceries, etc. The money nonresidents put into the New Mexico economy is astronomical. I believe it would be an atrocity if nonresidents lost the opportunity to hunt Big Horn Sheep or any other big game species in the state of New Mexico. I ask you to please protect my nonresident opportunity to hunt all big game in the state of New Mexico. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

T. Curran
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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Curtis Mills <curtis@vansant-millsfuneralhome.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 12:08 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Non Resident Hunting

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Please keep allowing Non Residents to hunt all sepeies...We bring in millions of dollars to state and love coming to hunt in your state. Thank You Curtis Mills Clinton, Missouri

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Justin Mathes <justinmathes@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 11:53 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule; Hickey, Sharon, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Archuleta, Deanna, DGF; Lopez, Tizio, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Supporting Non Resident Bighorn Sheep Hunters

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To whom this may concern -

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion. I am just an ordinary boring non-resident hunter from Missouri.

It has come to my attention that the New Mexico State Game Commission is considering eliminating Bighorn Sheep tag opportunities for non residents. I have also heard that the same organization intends to approach you with plans to reduce non-resident public and private elk tags in the future.

First, I would like you to know how much I appreciate the opportunity to hunt in New Mexico. I have been fortunate to hunt in New Mexico for elk 4 times and my brother and I will be returning again this year. Each of those times, I did not draw a publicly available non-resident tag....I was unsuccessful because tags for non residents are already very limited. So....to be able to hunt, I have spent between \$6500 - \$10,000 each year just to acquire a landowner elk tag. That is before the cost of hiring the outfitter, travel, hotels, etc.

Non Resident hunting tags are ALREADY so limited for elk that they can cost a non resident 5 figures. I think the current situation is creating a fair balance between opportunity to draw a tag for non residents vs enough scarcity that NM landowners are making some serious money selling their landowner tags. **Drawing a bighorn sheep tag for a non resident is nothing but a dream....but it is a dream that keeps us coming back every year applying for elk, deer, onyx, barbary sheep** etc all which generate additional revenue for your department. I believe that for about 3 months of the year, I have \$7,000 of debt on my credit card to New Mexico.

I foresee the following change to my application process in New Mexico if non Resident sheep tags are eliminated. First, if I knew I had zero chance of drawing a sheep tag, I would probably stop applying in the public lottery for elk, deer, onyx and barbary sheep and just accept the fact that I am going to need to buy a landowner elk tag.

Then, if non resident elk landowner tag availability gets reduced, I would probably make another change. I have mentioned that I hunted in New Mexico 4 times. One of those times was on the Acoma Indian reservation. This year, I am hunting unit 13 on a purchased landowner tag. I will pay \$10,000 for my unit wide landowner tag. I pay \$13,500 to hunt at the Acoma reservation. The Acoma reservation has much bigger and plentiful elk than NM public ground. When I go to Acoma, I stay at hotels on their reservation and it contribute very little to the state of New Mexico beyond me traveling through the Albuquerque airport.

Alternately, when I hunt in New Mexico on a tag draw through the lottery or purchased from a landowner, here is a summary of approximately how much money myself and my hunting partners have spent in the past few years in your state:

2018 - myself and three other hunters spent \$45,000 with an outfitter to hunt elk in units 12 and 13, and we probably spent another \$6,000 in the state on travel, hotels, food, things at Walmart, and then approximately \$3000 in tag fees to the state. Total spent was around \$55,000. We all applied in the public lottery too in hopes of drawing a sheep or elk tag.

2020 - myself and a friend hired an outfitter and purchased landowner tags to hunt elk in unit 34. We spent approximately \$26,000 total with our outfitter and on landowner tags. Approximately \$1400 in tag fees to the state. Maybe another \$3000 in gas, food, stuff at Walmart etc. So let's say \$30,000 spent total in NM that year.

2021 - I hunted at the Acoma Indian reservation for \$13,500 and shot the biggest bull I've ever seen in New Mexico. A friend and I also spent a total of \$28,000 with an outfitter to hunt muzzleloader in unit 13 and had a less productive experience, seeing only one potential bull to shoot. Total spent in your state was about was around \$45,000 but now with a 1/3 of that going to the Acoma reservation.

2022 - In 2022, I will return to the Acoma Indian reservation due to it having become such a good value compared to the ever increasing scarcity/cost/demand problem for the public land tags. I am also purchasing a New Mexico unit 13 archery landowner tag for \$10,500 (my brother is too, so total spent is \$21k), but I am no longer hiring an outfitter to save costs on my public land hunt. However, in place of hiring an outfitter, I will be making a SECOND trip to New Mexico this summer to do elk scouting and hang cameras. More gas, hotels, Walmart trips etc. All told, I will travel to your state 3 times this year just for non resident hunting opportunities. Total spent in 2022 will be around \$36,000, again now with 1/3 of that going to the Reservation.

In Jan 2023 I will turn right back around and come to New Mexico for the fifth trip in 12 months.....I also was lucky and drew a public deer tag in January 2023, so I will be returning again then to hunt. **This was the first time I was successful in drawing a high demand limited entry non resident tag in New Mexico and I was only successful because I applied through an outfitter. So I drew a tag that a resident could also have drawn. Please consider how much money and time we have spent in your State to draw this single \$350 deer tag in the public lottery.** I will spend approximately \$6000 plus travel expenses in New Mexico in the first month of 2023.

After this upcoming hunting season, all told, **I calculate my brothers, one friend and myself spent over \$172,000 in the past 5 years** hunting in New Mexico. And the genesis of all of it was our annual attempt to draw a sheep and elk tag.....followed by the unsuccessful draw results and the call to the outfitter to purchase a landowner tag.

HOWEVER, here is where the big change is going to happen.....If you eliminate sheep tags we will probably all stop applying for tags in general in New Mexico. That will eliminate our annual dialogue with the public land outfitter because we won't need to contact him for his outfitter codes to input into your system. I will continue to book hunts at Acoma Reservation and I anticipate that my friends will start hunting there with me.....basically diverting over \$150,000 spent by 4 people over 5 years into the Indian reservation instead of into the state's taxes. It would be silly to cause all this over, at most, 7 non-resident sheep tags per year.

Honestly, where this concerns me the most is where it's headed if you decide to take this first step with sheep, and then do the same thing with elk. It will devastate your state financially. Outfitters will be hurt. Landowners will lose their biggest source of income in many locations of the state.

In 2021, as a non resident, I had a 1 in 2022 chance of drawing a Desert Sheep tag in New Mexico. Is it really worth devastating an entire industry in your state by creating a domino effect when you eliminate these sheep tags? 1 in 2000 odds is already a pretty steep reason to give your state \$3000 to hold for several months. Resident odds are 10 times better....roughly 1 in 200.

Lastly, I would like you to consider the impact of giving more tags to residents. Residents rarely hire outfitters and spend much less in your state when hunting. I wouldn't hire an outfitter if I lived in the state. I would just learn how to hunt the area, bring my own tent and food etc. Resident hunting opportunities are awesome and imperative and priority number one for any Game Commission, but they generate pennies on the dollar in terms of revenue. I believe that a Game Commission needs to find balance. And right now, New Mexico has a system that is already pretty heavily skewed towards resident hunting opportunity vs non resident hunting opportunity.

I would encourage you not to tilt that scale even further in favor of residents or it will change the hunting habits of non residents like myself. I feel fortunate and blessed to have had the opportunity to spend so much time and money hunting in your state.

Thank you,
Justin Mathes
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Liberty, MO 64068
816-835-2772

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Joe Menza <emcinc@earthlink.net>
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 11:32 AM
To: Hickey, Sharon, DGF
Cc: DGF-Bighorn-Rule; Archuleta, Deanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Non Resident big game hunting opportunities

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Sharon and others,

As a hunter from New Jersey I have, in the past, enjoyed hunting your fantastic state for archery bull elk. Mostly unit 13.

Myself, my son, and my best friend have applied for that Unit 13 lottery every year for over 8 years in a row, yet none of us have ever won a tag. I understand how statistically hard that is, but we try every year anyway. So, now we hear that the entire lottery opportunity may be taken away from non-residents?

In the past I could buy land-owner tags with help from close friends who live in that unit. In 2015 they were available for around \$3000... then soon after that \$5000, but now it takes \$10,000 to \$12,000 to land one of those tags. Which, with the cost of travel and guide service has put it way out of what is affordable for me.. or anyone for that matter. And so we did not hunt in 2021 and will not in 2022.

With that said, and after personally spending well over \$100,000 in your state to hunt elk over the past few years, with all due respect, it seems really unfair to "bite the hand that feeds you". No? Seems like New Mexico will lose a lot of out of state revenue.

And finally, never really understood your lottery system... shouldn't it have a points system? After 8 years (9 for me) of applying, you get no preference points. Unless things change, looks like New Mexico is out of our options at this point and we will look to other states. And we truly love New Mexico, there is nothing like it.

Thanks for your time,

Joe Menza

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Tim Tucker <toomanywords101@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 11:15 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule; Hickey, Sharon, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Archuleta, Deanna, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed Anti- Out of State Hunter Rules Change by NMWF

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Folks -

I am Tim Tucker, and I LOVE New Mexico. And while I live in North Carolina - I would like to live in New Mexico - and will, once my Father and Mother in Law pass on.

And for the previous 20+years I visit NM at least 1 time a year, often 2 trips. This year I am coming to hunt Pronghorn, and I just returned from NM after a 3 week vacation with the wife - who bought enough Native made silver jewelry that it is measured in pounds...not ounces. Not kidding. She has already booked our next September vacation to be based one week in Albuquerque (Old Town, Casa Azul...). The rest of the time we will continue to explore NM. We love and respect the cultures of New Mexico. We love the natural beauty which is beyond compare in my book. And we love the food. But, mostly, we love the people.

And, I understand as well as appreciate the desire to take care of New Mexicans first - without question that is what should be done.

So, please allow me to tell you why I am also against anti-out of state hunter rules and policies which make it more difficult than I can afford for me to return to the Land Of Enchantment. And - why that is not incongruent with the protection of the New Mexico citizens.

Clearly - revenue is always a serious issue, for every state. On the one hand - the State of New Mexico advertises and promotes for tourism. Part of that promotion includes millions of dollars in revenue that is directly generated from out-of-state hunters. Where is that money spent? Is it going to benefit those native NM citizens that need assistance? And hopefully local hunters? You see, we are not on opposite sides of this issue here.....**as long as the NMWF recognizes that the citizens of every state want to see the taxes and fees that are collected by their state are applied first where they directly impact those most affected .**

Is this the case? I understand that your agency is at the behest of your state government. And I also recognize the myriad of problems/complexities that creates. But SOMEONE has to stand up and defend the people of NMby **defending and protecting the revenue AND JOBS created by the out of state hunters.**

The numbers are clear. **New Mexico stands to lose far more revenue than it can possibly gain from ruining the guide/outfitter and his primary customers - out of state hunters.**

Then what - you ask? We all know the answer....the politicians will whine and cry and raise taxes on the citizens of New Mexico to make up for the multi- million dollar shortfall.

The bottom line is simple. NO ONE WINS in this scenario.

Again - I want to repeat, I am NOT New Mexico. I love New Mexico. ESPECIALLY the people. So, why not work together with the hunting industry and organizations representing them to find common goals and answers that do not offer what seems to be a temporary solution - only to become an albatross around the neck to the very taxpaying citizens you intended to help.

Please. Think. and communicate with the hunting organizations in NM.....

Genuinely hopeful for a future in New Mexico -

Tim Tucker
828-329-5339

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Amy Daniels <living4lou@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 10:29 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Archuleta, Deanna, DGF; Hickey, Sharon, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Big Horn Sheep

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May 19, 2022

Dear Commissioners:

Thank you in advance for my email. My name is Amy Daniels. I am a native of Arkansas and an out-of-state hunter in New Mexico. In addition, I am an owner of three properties in New Mexico. My uncle was the late Honorable Justice Charles W. Daniels.

In 2006, I went on my first hunt with my father. I was a single mother with three kids. I saved all year to have the opportunity to hunt New Mexico. That one trip changed my life. I hunted 2007, 2009, 2010, and 2011. In 2015, I assisted the outfitter and their family to work cattle. One of the son's and I became friends, are now married, and we own land in the Gila and a home in Elephant Butte. That one hunting trip empowered me to become a transplant to New Mexico, therefore contributing to the economy the tax base, and the betterment of New Mexico. We are developing our business properties to create opportunity for local residents, New Mexican's, and others out of state in the hospitality industry.

I have hunted elk, oryx, deer, and have applied for sheep. I have met people from all over the country who enjoy contributing to the economy of New Mexico. Those connections are not just hunting connections. They are business connections, friend connections, and many times connections for life. New Mexico created that opportunity. I have spent THOUSANDS of dollars on hunts, not including the dollars spent in the local areas and all areas of my travels. I have invested over a million in New Mexico with our business properties. Again, if it had not been for that one hunt, I would have never known how special New Mexico is and now call home.

As I think back on the first trip in 2006, the memory of that trip with my father is everlasting. When my uncle, the Honorable Justice Charles Daniels, passed away of ALS, our hearts were broken. Not two months later, his youngest brother and my father, Paul, was diagnosed with a grade 4 Glioblastoma brain cancer. We are still fighting it to this day. It is memories like my first elk hunt in New Mexico that makes this fight worth it. New Mexico did that for us! Now, I am making memories with my kids and grandkids in New Mexico. In fact, my son moved to New Mexico, as well. All because of the spark of one hunt.

I am asking for your consideration of the out-of-state hunter on our VALUE to New Mexico, the economy, the small business owner, the culture, the promise of the state, and the future. We are an integral part of Hunt New Mexico! We CONTRIBUTE greatly. And, being a female hunter, I feel like I represent the diversity New Mexico empowers.

Always,

Amy L. Daniels
501-593-1373

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Matt Breeden <matt@highmountaincommunications.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 10:28 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule; Hickey, Sharon, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Archuleta, Deanna, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Non resident bighorn sheep hunt applications

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I support non resident opportunity and would like you to maintain the current permit allocation process for bighorn sheep tags.

Thank You,

Matt Breeden

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Bruce Loberg <lobergbruce@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 10:17 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] non resident licences

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I Travel to New Mexico and spend over \$10,000.00 in your state to pursue game.
Do not take us out of your process.

Bruce Loberg
Cell 920-209-5300
7047 Clow Road
Winneconne WI. 54986

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: CINDY HAWK <hawktnc@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 10:17 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Non Resident Opportunities

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Hello

As a non resident that spends lots of time and money in NM hunting. I support all the non-resident opportunities your state has to offer. Please keep allowing us to do so especially bighorn sheep draw opportunities.

Regards
Tony Hawk

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Larry Hicks <lhickshunts@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 9:56 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule; Hickey, Sharon, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Archuleta, Deanna, DGF; Lopez, Tizio, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bughorn sheep license allocation

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First, I would like to thank you for your time it takes to read this email. I also would like to thank you for your commitment to wildlife conservation and management in NM. I will attempt to keep it brief and succinct.

Bighorn sheep hunting opportunities are the most limited and treasured opportunities in the United States, nothing can compare. I have always thought Resident hunter of any state should have the bulk of the bighorn sheep permits. I am a Wyoming State Senator who has push hard over the last few years to change WY allocation of R:NR bighorn sheep licenses in WY from 75:25 to 90:10 I was successful in getting this done this year and the new allocation will start in 2023. However, I have also strongly supported maintaining some accesses to this treasured resource for nonresident hunters. WY Like NM has a significant amount of public lands and we should recognize the value and the opportunities these lands and their supporting resource supply to all Americans. As a lifelong hunter conservationist I believe we have an obligation to all Americans to dream about the once and a life time opportunity to possibly pursue the iconic bighorn sheep. As someone who has hunted my whole life and applied and hunted in NM many times as well as many of our western states I understand the reality that I have a miniscule chance of every drawing a bighorn sheep in any state. Sometime it's not the act itself that is important but the opportunity and the dream that comes with the opportunity. Please do not take the dream away from myself and all those other NR who apply every year that they may someday hunt the iconic bighorn sheep in the Land of Enchantment. Again I would like to thank you for your time to read this email.

Best Regards
Larry Hicks, Baggs WY

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: wcs mdm-llc.com <wcs@mdm-llc.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 9:13 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn out of state hunters

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I hope you will leave the rules as they currently are. Out of state hunters provide significant revenue to the state and provide opportunities for youth and parents to teach children about the outdoors. I am against eliminating or decreasing the out of state participation.

Sincerely
Ward Schraeder

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Chase Gilbert <gilbert.chase@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 9:01 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule; Hickey, Sharon, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Archuleta, Deanna, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Non-Resident Bighorn Sheep Hunting

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Hello,

My name is Chase Gilbert and I am an avid non-resident outdoorsmen that loves the privilege of hunting in New Mexico. I strongly disagree with eliminating Bighorn sheep hunting opportunities for non-residents. I advocate keeping the current tag allocation process.

Thank you,
Chase

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: James Phipps <jimhipps@live.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 8:54 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] NR.

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NR here. Please go 100/0 for NM BHS as I've been looking for a good reason to stop applying in NM and this will give me that reason.

Jim Phipps
Nv.

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Chuck Herring <chuckherring64@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 8:39 AM
To: Hickey, Sharon, DGF; DGF-Bighorn-Rule; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Archuleta, Deanna, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Sheep Tags

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Dear all:

I am a Non Resident hunter in your great state and I just wanted to use this email communication to make sure you understand that I support non-resident hunting opportunity in NM and that I want you to maintain the current permit application process for bighorn sheep tags. I travelled to NM to hunt Oryx a few months ago, and my son and I will be travelling back to NM in September to Elk hunt. After hunting several western states, I feel like the NM model of allocating tags with a true draw is the best model to use. Sincerely, Chuck Herring

Chuck Herring

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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Pam & Clay <pamandclaymurphy@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 8:40 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Non resident sheep tags

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Please keep the current plan in place

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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: brad.schaefer1@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 8:39 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule; Hickey, Sharon, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Archuleta, Deanna, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Non-Resident Big Horn Sheep Opportunities

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To whom it may concern,

With the percentage of tags that are already allocated to the residents and outfitters of NM, it would be a true shame to eliminate the (already slim) opportunities that are available to non-residents who wish to enjoy the resources of this great state.

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Ky Carter <kygcarter@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 8:38 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule; Hickey, Sharon, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Archuleta, Deanna, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Non Resident tag allocation

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Good Morning,

It has come to my attention that there is yet another push to limit non-resident hunters in the State of New Mexico, this time for bighorn sheep. As a former resident and current guide this is disheartening at best, with a majority of funding coming from non-resident hunters how do you plan to offset that loss of funding? The more restrictions you put on non-resident hunters only hurts NM. It's not only your budget that is affected by a reduction in tag sales but all the other local economies that depend on those hunters coming in each year for hunting season and needing things like food, lodging, gas, and supplies. Are the resident hunters going to make up that difference? I highly doubt it!

Martin v. Waddell - US Supreme Court case established the legal precedent that it's the government's responsibility to hold fish and wildlife in trust for **ALL** citizens.

I would support either a points system or the one you had many years ago where if you drew a HD or Q tag you couldn't apply for that unit for 2 years, Please stop reducing non-resident hunting opportunities.

Thanks
Ky

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Joel Moyes <joelmoyes@me.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 8:25 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Cc: Hickey, Sharon, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Archuleta, Deanna, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Non-Resident Rules

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Dear Lawmakers / Commission:

Since February the NM Wildlife Federation has been aggressively pushing the NM State Game Commission to eliminate nonresident ability to hunt bighorn sheep in New Mexico by directing the Game & Fish to change their current method of allocating sheep permits through the Big Game Draw. If this change is approved there will not be a single hunt code with enough permits to allocate any bighorn sheep tags to nonresident hunters beginning in 2023.

Non-resident hunters finance over 97% of the NMDGF Bighorn Sheep Program. New Mexico is widely recognized by other state wildlife agencies as being a leader in bighorn sheep restoration and conservation. This is in large part due to the financial contributions of nonresident hunters. Those of you that understand the importance of maintaining this structure please voice your support to the commission.

Resident preference agendas are being pushed in states across the West. Bighorn sheep is just the most recent nonresident quota that the NM Wildlife Federation is attempting to attack. Six months from now they are planning to introduce legislation to substantially reduce nonresident opportunity to hunt elk on public and private land. It is very important that we stand together now to protect nonresident opportunity to hunt big game in the state of New Mexico.

I'm voicing my opposition to this law / rulemaking proposal.

Joel Moyes

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Matt Spires <ambermatthew@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 8:22 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule; Hickey, Sharon, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Archuleta, Deanna, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Non-Resident Big Horn Sheep Tags

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To Whom It May Concern,

I support non-resident opportunities to hunt both Big Horn Sheep and Elk in the great state of New Mexico. I am sure the revenue generated from non-resident tags is vital for funding the creation and preservation of habitats for these species.

I understand that NMDGF is under attack to eliminate non-resident opportunities to hunt bighorn sheep. Please don't take this opportunity away from hunters and the funds away from the conservation of these species.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Matthew Spires

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Adam Boge <adam@hcciowa.net>
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 8:15 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule; Hickey, Sharon, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Archuleta, Deanna, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Non Resident Hunting Rights

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To Whom it may Concern:

My name is Adam Boge and have been applying and hunting in New Mexico for several years. One of my dream hunts would be to hunt Big Horn Sheep and I understand that may change.

I want to make it clear that myself and everyone I have ever talked to is in support of keeping Non resident hunting opportunities and I want you to maintain the current permit allocation process for Big Horn Sheep Tags.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions and also add me to any group communication lists so I can stay up to date with the status of this proposal

Sincerely

Adam Boge

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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Jake Saenz <jakesaenz@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 8:18 AM
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Non Resident Tags in NM

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I've recently heard that there is proposed legislation for multiple reductions in hunting opportunities for non-residents.

I'm emailing today to say that although I'm a Texas resident I've hunted NM now for about 7 years when an opportunity presents itself.

Over those 7 years we've pushed a good amount of financial resources into smaller communities surrounding our areas.

Between paying for local guides to pack out animals, fuel, animal processing fees, dinner, and lodging it amounts to a considerable sum, not including the price for a NR tag.

I fully understand the frustration of a local not getting to hunt the land just outside their homes but I think it's important to remember that National Forests are federal lands, and every American funds the national forest service which manages those lands.

Why not propose legislation that allocates tags based on land ownership? Federal lands for example should be allocated to all Americans, while lands under state ownership can remain for residents.

Thanks for taking the time to read the email. I hope I have continued opportunities in your state to hunt.

--

Jake Saenz

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Peter Romero <peter.romero@mesd.us>
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 8:11 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Sheep Hunt Codes

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I am writing in support of the current way that the bighorn sheep tags are allocated and the way the hunt codes are set up. I am a resident hunter that sees the importance of all hunters (resident and non resident) having a chance to be able to hunt bighorn sheep and I think that changing the hunt codes would have a negative impact on bighorn sheep hunting in NM. Please leave the bighorn sheep hunts the way that they are currently allocated.

--

Peter Romero
Shop Teacher
Moriarty/Edgewood Middle School
MHS Track and Field Head Coach (Boys and Girls)

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Russell Hall <rdh1334@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 8:08 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I support Non-resident big horn sheep hunting in New Mexico

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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Edwin Gordon <ehg01@verizon.net>
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 8:05 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Nonresident License Quotas

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I received an email from New Mexico Council of Outfitters and Guides soliciting my support in persuading you to maintain the current allocation system for nonresident sheep permits while also implying that similar considerations are underway for elk permits in 2023. I absolutely support, at a minimum, the current allocation for nonresidents. We pay nearly ten times the resident fee for an elk permit which implies that in total 10% (nonresidents) of the elk permit recipients pay as much as the other 90% (residents). Further to this point, we spend anywhere from 6 to 14 days in your fair state where we hire outfitters, buy food and drink and oftentimes overnight accommodations while in transit. The economic benefits clearly favor nonresident hunters while the politics may be a little more complicated since by definition we don't vote in New Mexico. I ask that you carefully consider the economic consequences of reducing or eliminating nonresident quotas.

Best regards,
Ed
Sent from my iPad

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Brett Tolman <brett@tolmangroup.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 7:53 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Cc: Hickey, Sharon, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Archuleta, Deanna, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Nonresident Big Horn Sheep tags

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To whom it may concern

I am a member of the Cherokee Tribe living in Utah and have been putting in for New Mexico hunts for years. Last year, my wife and I drew elk tags and spent an incredible week hunting your beautiful state. I am writing to lend my voice against the proposed changes to the New Mexico non-resident Big Horn sheep tags. While I have not drawn such a tag yet, I have spent thousands of dollars attempting to and hope to one day be able to do so. New Mexico has a big game hunting model that is the envy of many states. You have maintained a very healthy population of animals and have largely done so with the money from non-resident hunters. Please do not make the proposed changes and ruin the hope many have to hunt your beautiful state.

Sincerely
Brett

Brett L. Tolman | The Tolman Group | [13827 Sprague Lane Ste. 220](#) | Draper Utah 84020 | [801-824-2780](#) | www.tolmangroup.com

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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: trace@cornerstoneinteriorwood.com
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 7:53 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule; Hickey, Sharon, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Archuleta, Deanna, DGF; Lopez, Tizio, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Allocation of Big Horn Sheep Tags for Non-Resident hunters in New Mexico

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Good morning,

I wanted to reach out to all of you in regards to the opportunity for non-resident hunters to apply and draw a Big Horn tag. I am NOT a resident of New Mexico but I travel to the state annually to chase different game. I have applied for a Big Horn tag for the past few years because I know that it is the one state that will give me the same opportunity as everyone else. Typically when applying for Big Horn in any other state you know that there are many other people out there that have put in for points only for years and they are going to have the upper hand on the draw. I am 32 and in those states it will more than likely take me 20-40 years to even draw a tag and by that time I may not be physically capable of achieving my goal of drawing and then harvesting a tag. This is only one point to the fact that doing away with non-resident tags is a bad idea.

The biggest point to this is that non-residents are the ones that donate and contribute the most money to the sheep herd in New Mexico. What do you think will happen when they do away with the non-resident tags? I can't imagine there will be many people left to contribute to a state that is not allocating tags for non-residents. They will just turn their shoulder to New Mexico and start dumping their money into another state where they at least have a chance to draw a tag. I am trying to not let my emotions get the best of me with this situation but it seems as if there are some residents pushing for this because they don't think it is fair that there are so few tags and that a non-resident gets a tag or two here and there. Look at the numbers they will tell you everything. 90% of tags go to residents and the other 10% goes to non-residents but the non-residents are the ones forking over 90% of the donations and contributions toward the New Mexico Big Horn Sheep herd. Something doesn't seem right and it doesn't even make sense that this is even a discussion. My numbers may be skewed to a point but they aren't that far off from the hard numbers so let that be the answer to this discussion. Who is really funding wildlife in the state of New Mexico? I am in no way complaining about this because I don't have the same opportunity where I live in Indiana so I am willing to do what I can to continue to hunt in the great state of New Mexico.

Please consider this a positive email that I hope will reach the right people that will then make the right decision about this. A lot of money comes from out of state for New Mexico's wildlife and I would think that isn't going to change unless drastic changes are made to your allocation process.

Thank you for your time,

Trace Koble
Cell: 260-553-0075



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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Donald Martinez <dtmartinez1221@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 7:43 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL]

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I am a NM registered Guide and support the current process in relation to out of state hunters and it's allocation process. Do not change it.

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: RB Outfitters & Guide Services <rboutftr@hughes.net>
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 7:42 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule; Sharon.Hickey@state.nm.us; R.Salazar-Henry@state.nm.us; deanna.archuleta@state.nm.us; Tirzio.Lopez@state.nm.us
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Nonresident Bighorn Sheep Tags

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Please leave the Nonresident Bighorn Sheep Tag as is. As Nonresidents Fund 97% of all Big horn sheep projects. With out Nonresidents funding we have no sheep. Thank you Ron Schalla

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: scott heitmann <scottheitmann23@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 7:42 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] non-resident

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Please do not prevent non-residents from hunting any game in New Mexico. My friend and I have spent close to \$80,000 in New Mexico the past 25 years hunting, skiing, and fishing in NM. If NM shuts out us non-residents then we will never visit for any reason, which is a shame because I love NM. But if the residents of NM don't want us to get a tiny chance to possibly hunt one of God's creatures then i'll never visit NM again for any reason.

Thank you,
Scott Heitmann

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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Jeremy Williams <jeremy@hunt360outfitters.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 7:28 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Non-Resident

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As a non resident hunter of New Mexico please don't take the hunting opportunities for me and my children. Just like all non residents my children and I fund our share to have our opportunity even though it's such a small one. Thank you for the opportunities that New Mexico does offer us non residents and I plead that they will remain in tack.

Jeremy Williams
Founder
Cell: 478-235-8988
P.O. Box 509 Perry, GA 31069



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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Lester Odom <lodomjr@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 7:30 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Allocations

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I have hunted New Mexico many years and I would like to say thank you for the hospitality I have received also please keep the non resident allocation as it now exist as we pay much more for tags band license I believe it will cause a huge impact on the department of fish and game to do proper conservation of all species of game animals

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Jon <jgiles.apex@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 7:25 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed changes

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When hunters no longer have opportunity then their focus goes else where. In term of Bighorn sheep, if NR loss complete opportunity, the their support both legislatively and financially will go else where. This would a be a huge conservation loss for NM sheep.

Thank you for your time and consideration Jon Giles

Please vote to keep a NR quota
Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Charlie King <charlie.king@dogwatch.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 7:23 AM
Subject: [EXTERNAL] PLEASE ALLOW NON_RESIDENTS TO HUNT BIGHORN SHEEP

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Do not change the current. This would be a extremely short sighted decision, to not allocate tags to non residents.

Charlie King

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Shelton_Jim <Jim.Shelton@plateaufp.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 7:22 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Sheep,

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Please maintain current sheep allocations for NON RESIDENTS

JIM SHELTON
OREGON

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Hud Rhea <hud300new@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2022 2:55 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn sheep license allocations

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I, J. H. Rhea, a sixty year resident of Roswell, support keeping the rule in place as it presently exists.

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: mclyde21@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 4:07 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition comment to current lumping of NR Sheep licenses

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To the Commission of New Mexico Game and Fish,

I am writing to you today to voice my opposition to the current method of hunt code lumping for nonresident bighorn sheep licenses in New Mexico. After having a sheep license in Montana after applying for 30 years, New Mexico becomes one of my few options to apply for going forward. I can not afford the use of an outfitter and therefore want to see the "do it yourself" opportunity be much more equitable in New Mexico.

Please note my complete opposition to this Lumping of Licenses.

Thank you,

Matt Clyde
Bozeman, Montana

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Adventurewest Productions <adventurewestproductions@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 3:41 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Hunt Code Lumping

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Gentlemen,

I am writing you to voice my opposition to the current practice of hunt code lumping for nonresident bighorn sheep licenses in New Mexico.

Please end this practice to ensure fair treatment of nonresident applicants who would like to pursue bighorn sheep without using the services of an outfitter.

As a resident of Montana who was fortunate to draw a Montana ram tag this fall, I am looking forward to the excitement and challenge of pursuing a bighorn ram on my own schedule and on my own terms.

I hope to someday have that privilege in New Mexico and would appreciate a more equitable distribution of nonresident bighorn tags between outfitted hunters and "do it yourself" hunter like myself.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Gerald Martin

47 Pleasant Valley Ln.
Bozeman, MT. 59718

(406) 595-5551

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Brad Norman <bcnorman79@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 9:12 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] In favor of current tag allocation system

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Hello!

My name is Brad Norman and represent my family in Albuquerque NM. NM has the most fair drawing system out of any state. NMDGF has been very fair in trying to apply the quota of resident, non-resident, and outfitter tags to bighorn tags. I am in full support of the current draw rules for very limited bighorn hunts!

By changing the rules, it may significantly negatively impact rules for NM residents applying in other states. I apply myself and my teenage sons for bighorn hunts in other states with preference points geared toward old men with very little chance of my kids with few preference points (especially) of ever drawing a tag especially if combined with further non-resident tag reductions. In 2022, WY recent went to max of 10% NR tags. The current NM draw system gives us all a little bit hope in drawing a coveted bighorn tag!

I would like to get involved with any discussions related to this topic in the coming months.

Brad Norman
505-319-3990
Albuquerque, NM

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Onecimo Romero <onecimo.romero16@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 8, 2022 9:40 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule; Hickey, Sharon, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Archuleta, Deanna, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Sheep Tag Allocation

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Hello,

My name is Onecimo Romero, and I am a NM resident hunter who is in favor of the NMDGFs method of allocating bighorn sheep tags. I am in favor of seven of which tags going to non-residents. Also I do not feel there is any need to extend the comment on this issue any further.

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Colby Kennedy <colbywkennedy@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 8, 2022 8:58 PM
To: Archuleta, Deanna, DGF; DGF-Bighorn-Rule; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Hickey, Sharon, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Sheep Rule

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To whom it may concern:

I believe that the current New Mexico allocation process for bighorn sheep is by far unmatched by any other state. With that being said, I don't believe there is any need to extend the public comment period.

Thank you,

Colby Kennedy

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Kyle Jackson (TEI-Vermejo) <Kyle.Jackson@vermejo.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 8, 2022 2:28 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Cc: Hickey, Sharon, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Archuleta, Deanna, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Sheep Rule public comment extention

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To the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish and honorable Commissioners,

Regarding hunting matters, I represent Ted Turner's Vermejo Park Ranch. We would like to inform you that we are in favor of the current department method used to allocate Bighorn Sheep permits. We recognize that the rule is open and the public comment time period has opened and closed. We are also familiar with the State AG's opinion regarding the legality of the department's current allocation process and believe that there is absolutely no need to extend the comment period. We agree with the AG's opinion in that the department's current allocation process is not only legal, but also believe it is fair and unbiased. Thank you for your time and consideration

Kyle Jackson | Hunt Manager
C: 505.617.5637 | E: Kyle.Jackson@Vermejo.com



Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Spencer Berns <spencer@g3outfitters.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 5, 2022 10:13 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule; Hickey, Sharon, DGF; r.salazer-henry@state.nm.us; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Big Horn Sheep Tag Allocation

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Good Morning,

Just wanted to reach out and let you know that I am in support of the current Big Horn Sheep tag allocation and don't think there is a need to extend the public comment period. G3 has hundreds of clients that apply every year for a coveted sheep tag every year and it's a great privilege when one of them is lucky enough to draw it and we get to be apart of that experience.

Regards,

Spencer Berns
G3 Outfitters
Owner/Outfitter
480-390-3360

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Tatman, Nicole, DGF
Sent: Thursday, April 21, 2022 1:52 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule; DGF-Exotics-Rule
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] April 11 Meeting

Nicole Tatman

Big Game Program Manager
New Mexico Department of Game & Fish
One Wildlife Way
Santa Fe, NM 87507
Cell: (505) 469-3966

From: gauglerd@aol.com <gauglerd@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2022 8:38 AM
To: Liley, Stewart, DGF <Stewart.Liley@state.nm.us>; Tatman, Nicole, DGF <Nicole.Tatman@state.nm.us>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] April 11 Meeting

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Stewart - Nicole

Looking over the meeting minutes from the April 11th meeting I am all in favor of the reduction in permits for the Ibex. As I have said in my last e-mail the Ibex are in sad shape and both Nanny and Billy reductions are drastically needed.

Also - being a member of the Wild Sheep Foundation, I cannot believe that New Mexico would take away all of the non-resident Bighorn and Desert Bighorn sheep tags. The Wild Sheep Foundation along with several other Conservation organizations has pumped a lot of money into this state in support of our sheep population. In addition, what do you think other states will do to NM residents when they go to apply in other sheep states?

Thanks for reading.

Dale Gaugler
2914 Out Of Bounds
Deming, NM 88030

610-909-6000

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Pancho <pancho1@plateautel.net>
Sent: Friday, April 15, 2022 6:02 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Non-Resident Hunters

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I am in favor of keeping the current allocation for non-resident sheep hunters. Non-resident hunters provide a HUGE chunk of funds to conserve our sheep and therefore should be allowed at current levels.

RA Maples
3306 Woodbine Way
Roswell, NM 88203

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Tom Klumker <sfroudfitters@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 14, 2022 3:04 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Sheep Rule

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Please leave the Bighorn Sheep draw the way it is now. This gives non resident hunters a chance to hunt bighorn in NM.

Thank you,

Tom Klumker

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Clay Mindemann <cmindemann@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 11, 2022 6:10 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn

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I sure hope you still keep few bighorn tags set aside for NR, I'm sure NR lic and tag fees helped put em back in the mtns .
Thanks for reading

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: dsheft82@pvttn.net
Sent: Thursday, March 31, 2022 1:53 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed Bighorn Rule

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I would like to voice my strong support for all of the Department's recommendations for the bighorn rule. I would also like to voice my support for the current license allocation structure which allows for reasonable opportunity for both resident and non-resident hunters.

David Heft
P.O. Box 13
Mayhill, NM 88339

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Sean Keck <seankeck@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 20, 2022 7:22 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Sheep Rule Comment

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Dear NM State Game Commission,

Please do not stop the opportunities for non-resident hunters to obtain a bighorn tag. Many people dream of hunting sheep once in their life and New Mexico is a state that people feel they stand a chance to draw.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,
Sean Keck
715-703-8378

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Ruhl, Caitlin, DGF
Sent: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 1:40 PM
To: Tatman, Nicole, DGF
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Letter to NM Game Commission.pdf
Attachments: Letter to NM Game Commission.pdf

From: Eric Rominger <ericrominger@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 11:48 AM
To: Ruhl, Caitlin, DGF <Caitlin.Ruhl@state.nm.us>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter to NM Game Commission.pdf

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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Bickford, Tristanna, DGF
Sent: Wednesday, February 9, 2022 11:13 AM
To: luis.balenko@gmail.com; DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Comments: Bighorn Sheep feedback from a non-resident hunter

Good morning,

Please see the following email from Mr. Balenko.

Thank you,

Tristanna

Tristanna Bickford

Communications Director, Information and Education Division
New Mexico Department of Game and Fish
1 Wildlife Way, Santa Fe, NM 87507
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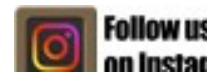
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From: Luis Balenko <luis.balenko@gmail.com>
Date: Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 10:40 AM
To: "Bickford, Tristanna, DGF" <Tristanna.Bickford@state.nm.us>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Comments: Bighorn Sheep feedback from a non-resident hunter

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FYI- my comments that were rejected by the email system.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Luis Balenko** <luis.balenko@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Feb 9, 2022 at 10:34 AM

Subject: Comments: Bighorn Sheep feedback from a non-resident hunter

To: <DFG-Bighorn-Rule@state.nm.us>

Good day,

I am a non-resident hunter who applies to hunt each year in New Mexico, including applying for Bighorn Sheep. I have had the good fortune to have hunted once for Elk in your state and enjoyed my time there and spent significant dollars in products and services before and during my hunt.

My comment/feedback: *As a non-resident limited to tag caps for both guided and non-guided tags, I would value your consideration in ensuring that the number of permits given out increases for non-resident hunters. This can happen in a number of ways, opening the Jemez population to ram hunting and giving non-residents an opportunity there and separating hunt dates while still allowing for permits to be given to non-resident hunters.*

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best,
Louis
650-669-9143

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Archuleta, Deanna, DGF
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2022 7:34 PM
To: David Amos
Cc: DGF-Bighorn-Rule; Hickey, Sharon, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Big horn sheep rule change

Mr Amos,
Thank you for your email I appreciate you reaching out.
Deanna

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 15, 2022, at 8:13 PM, David Amos <David.Amos@weddingcakeranch.net> wrote:

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Dear All, I'm the Ranch Manager of the Weddingcake Ranch in the Dry Cimmaron the ranch has been enrolled in the big horn sheep program for 5 years.

It is with great concern that I write this email as I have just been made aware of the very last minute vote on making a sheep a once in a lifetime opportunity on private lands This was not part of any rule change up until 2 weeks ago!!!!

We have a great partnership with NMGF and we host almost all public sheep hunters each year that draw tags in this area on our ranch, as it is the premier area mainly due to the landowners investment in the land and habitat, we have had nothing but good feed back from all public hunters that hunt our Ranch and are all very appreciate of the opportunity they are also 100% successful.

If this rule come into effect you will take away the Landowners passion and with it probably future investment that not only benefits the wildlife but the local tradesman of Union county and also the NM residents that are lucky enough to draw a sheep tag in this area as it is unlikely that we will continue to enroll in the bighorn sheep program if the owner cannot hunt himself.

We have 1-2 public hunters annually that come to hunt at our ranch as of now all have been NM residents, I'm not sure who is gaining here it seems like everybody loses please please think about what you are voting on this isn't in the public or landowners best interests.

Sincerely David Amos

Sent from my iPad

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Kerrie Romero <kerriecoxromero@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2022 11:29 AM
To: Hickey, Sharon, DGF; Archuleta, Deanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF
Cc: DGF-Bighorn-Rule; Sloane, Michael B., DGF; Garcia, Matt, GOV
Subject: [EXTERNAL] NMCOG Official Statement Regarding Proposed Changes to Bighorn Sheep Rule sections 19.31.17.9 A & B and 19.31.17.12 B1
Attachments: Bighorn Sheep Rule Comment Letter 2.pdf

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Good Morning,

Please accept the following attachment as the official position of the New Mexico Council of Outfitters and Guides as it relates to the proposed amendments to the Bighorn Sheep Rule section 19.31.17.9 A & B and 19.31.17.12 B1.

Thank you,

Kerrie C. Romero
Executive Director - New Mexico Council of Outfitters and Guides
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From: Carter Kruse (TEI - Montana) <Carter.Kruse@retranches.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2022 10:57 AM
To: Tatman, Nicole, DGF; Liley, Stewart, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fw: bighorn sheep rule in New Mexico

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Carter Kruse
Director of Conservation and Science
Turner Enterprises, Inc.
Turner Institute of Ecoagriculture
406-581-0007

From: Carter Kruse (TEI - Montana)
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2022 10:55 AM
To: Sharon.Hickey@state.nm.us <Sharon.Hickey@state.nm.us>; R.Salazar-Henry@state.nm.us <R.Salazar-Henry@state.nm.us>; Tirzio.Lopez@state.nm.us <Tirzio.Lopez@state.nm.us>; Deanna.Archuleta@state.nm.us <Deanna.Archuleta@state.nm.us>
Cc: ED Edwards (TEI-Armendaris) <ED.Edwards@tedturner.com>; Dustin Long (TEI-Ladder) <Dustin.Long@tedturner.com>; Gus Holm (TEI-Vermejo) <gus.holm@vermejo.com>; Kyle Jackson (TEI-Vermejo) <Kyle.Jackson@vermejo.com>; Lance Bernal (Vermejo Park Ranch) <lance.bernal@vermejo.com>; Mark Kossler (TEI-Bozeman) <Mark.Kossler@retranches.com>
Subject: bighorn sheep rule in New Mexico

Dear Commissioner,

The Turner organization, which operates three large ranching and conservation properties in New Mexico (Ladder, Vermejo Park, and Armendaris), has been following the Bighorn rule making process with concern. While the rule making process has been interesting to observe, tomorrow's agenda item proposing to change private land bighorn sheep hunts to a once in a lifetime opportunity prompted this letter.

We conduct both Rocky Mountain and desert bighorn sheep hunts on our private lands in New Mexico and represent a large portion of the private land bighorn sheep tags in New Mexico. We have a deep collaborative wildlife management and conservation relationship with the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish working on species (and their habitats) ranging from leopard frogs and cutthroat trout to elk and bighorn sheep. It is our mission to manage Turner lands in an economically sustainable and ecologically sensitive manner with a focus on native species and their habitats. The Armendaris Ranch alone has invested over \$1,000,000 in desert bighorn sheep restoration and it was the growth of the Fra Cristobal bighorn population on the Armendaris Ranch that allowed the state of New Mexico to remove the species from your imperiled species list and resume recreational hunting. Your agency has captured and translocated bighorn sheep from the Fra Cristobal's on multiple occasions to support sheep conservation work elsewhere in New Mexico, mostly on public lands. The broad conservation work on the Fra Cristobal mountain range, as well as at our Ladder and Vermejo Park ranches, has benefited many other public trust wildlife species as well.

Through a unique and collaborative agreement with your agency, hunters who procure a tag through the public draw are allowed access to the privately held Fra Cristobal Mountains to hunt free of charge. The Armendaris Ranch continues to assist your agency in managing the bighorn sheep at the Armendaris at a high level. The (1-3) private land bighorn sheep authorizations we receive and sell on an annual basis, though expensive, do not cover the cost of our conservation work on behalf of sheep in New Mexico. Further restricting our ability to market the private authorizations will further restrict our ability to do good conservation and management work in the state of New Mexico, and ultimately lead to a loss of public sheep hunting opportunity as well.

On behalf of our organization, I urge you to reconsider the proposed amendment on once in a lifetime opportunity for private land bighorn hunts. We fully support the originally proposed rule without any amendments as we believe it strikes a healthy balance of opportunity and collaboration between public and private stakeholders.

With warmest regards.

Dr. Carter Kruse
Director of Conservation and Science
Turner Enterprises, Inc.

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: David Amos <David.Amos@weddingcakeranch.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2022 6:14 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule; Hickey, Sharon, DGF; Archuleta, Deanna, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Big horn sheep rule change

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Dear All, I'm the Ranch Manager of the Weddingcake Ranch in the Dry Cimmaron the ranch has been enrolled in the big horn sheep program for 5 years.

It is with great concern that I write this email as I have just been made aware of the very last minute vote on making a sheep a once in a lifetime opportunity on private lands This was not part of any rule change up until 2 weeks ago!!!! We have a great partnership with NMGF and we host almost all public sheep hunters each year that draw tags in this area on our ranch, as it is the premier area mainly due to the landowners investment in the land and habitat, we have had nothing but good feed back from all public hunters that hunt our Ranch and are all very appreciate of the opportunity they are also 100% successful.

If this rule come into effect you will take away the Landowners passion and with it probably future investment that not only benefits the wildlife but the local tradesman of Union county and also the NM residents that are lucky enough to draw a sheep tag in this area as it is unlikely that we will continue to enroll in the bighorn sheep program if the owner cannot hunt himself.

We have 1-2 public hunters annually that come to hunt at our ranch as of now all have been NM residents, I'm not sure who is gaining here it seems like everybody loses please please think about what you are voting on this isn't in the public or landowners best interests.

Sincerely David Amos

Sent from my iPad

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: George Polochi <polochi55@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2022 3:09 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Bear Management!

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Please oppose House Bill 1072 and all emotional arguments against the science-based management of our state’s natural resources!

Sincerely,
George Polochi
182 Gray Ln
Mount Airy, NC 27030

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Craig Keilitz <ckeilitz@abca.org>
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2022 12:55 PM
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Sincerely,
Craig Keilitz
4378 Ashton Oaks Ct
High Point, NC 27265

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: William Aycock <cameronaycock9@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2022 12:06 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
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Sincerely,
William Aycock
6325 Silver Creek Ln
Raleigh, NC 27603

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From: Robert Turner <bturner@williamfmiller.com>
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2022 12:02 PM
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Sincerely,
Robert Turner
101 E Broad St
Murfreesboro, NC 27855

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From: E. Tucker <eetucker@tuckeradministrators.com>
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2022 11:53 AM
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Sincerely,
E. Tucker
3800 Arco Corporate Dr
Charlotte, NC 28273

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: CQ Mckay <cqmckay@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 5:34 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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The best thing that could be done for the bighorn population as well as deer and elk, would be to kill most of the lions.

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: John L Gardner <wildlifex@bresnan.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 11:39 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL]

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Change and follow statue's. I have been applying in new Mexico for years.
John Gardner
Durango co

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Tom <tomlamal@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 11:26 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Sheep

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I am an Alaska resident and I wish our Department of Fish and Game and Board of Game would give this type of priority to Alaskans. You have an opportunity to protect this resource for your residents! Remember who owns your wildlife resources - New Mexico residents. Don't restrict resident hunting and keep youth hunts active.

Sincerely,
Tom Lamal

tomlamal@yahoo.com
907 388-5153
Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: otto888@juno.com
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 7:03 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL]

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Dear Ladies & Gentleman

Please ban all Big Horn Sheep hunting in the state of NM. The animals are facing extinction.

Regards

chris ottemiller

po box 6502

navajo dam nm. 87419

5053606136

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: chinbros <chinbros@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 3:44 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I do not support the new wild sheep proposal. thank you lloyd bonner,wsf member

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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Mike Schmillen <mike@rivercitymn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 1:31 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Rule change

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Good afternoon

I am concerned with the possible changes to tag allocation for bighorn sheep. I do not support and proposals that may diminish opportunities for those who foot the majority of the funding (non-residents). I am active in WSF nationals and in projects throughout the US. I know much of the funding comes from out of state. Hard to swallow tags going the wrong direction.

Thank You,
Mike Schmillen

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Brad Baryenbruch <bbaryenbruch@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 12:58 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Dear Commissioners,

I am opposed to the lumping of Bighorn tags. Please review this practice to ensure tags are distributed according to allocation laws as well as the standard definition of 'hunt code'.

Subject: Bighorn Rule Proposal

Dear New Mexico Game Commissioners:

I stand with the Wild Sheep Foundation, New Mexico Wild Sheep Foundation, and resident and non-resident sheep hunters across the country in opposing this action. If approved, it will reduce the opportunities to participate in the state's successful wild sheep conservation programs and reduce the incentives to contribute significant out-of-state financial resources to continue to enhance and protect wild sheep populations in New Mexico.

Additional Background

In 1978/79, there were less than 700 bighorns and less than 80 desert bighorn sheep in New Mexico. Today there are over 1,700 RMBHS and 1,200 DBHS. This is a significant wild sheep conservation success story. However, this did not occur without considerable work and the funding to make it happen. Since 1990, most of the funding for this effort has come from the U.S. and Canadian hunting communities. In the last 32 years, over \$7 million has been directed to the NMDGF special bighorn sheep enhancement fund/budget for restoration and management projects. Over 90% of this \$7 million has come from non-resident hunters and donors. During these 32 years, only less than 5% originated from New Mexico hunters. These \$7 million have been leveraged against a 3-to-1 match in Pittman-Robertson Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act funds, which has provided the NMDGF with the ability to conduct aggressive and successful wild sheep conservation and management programs.

Without these funds provided by non-resident hunters, there would be significantly fewer bighorn hunting opportunities for everyone. By reducing or eliminating all non-resident opportunities, it would follow that the non-resident hunting community and various conservation groups will not offer the same support they have provided during the last 32 years. This will not be good for N.M. bighorn sheep conservation, and it will slow down the creation of more bighorn sheep hunting opportunities in the future.

Sincerely,
Brad Baryenbruch
324 E Madison St
Spring Green Wi
53588

608-574-2026

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Thomas Austin <thomas.ruidosopropertypros@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 12:33 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Big horn

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I support the rule change and the loss off non resident tags.

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Doug Cline <dcline09@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 30, 2022 3:21 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Elimination of NR Bighorn Sheep tags in New Mexico

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Please reconsider your thoughts regarding eliminating Non Residents from drawing bighorn sheep tags. Instead, please consider eliminating the 14 percent of tags allocated to the Outfitter Welfare Program.

A straight 90/10 split between residents and non-residents would ultimately benefit both parties. Quality outfitters will see no reduction in business. Why should they be entitled to government assistance?

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Doug Cline
Sandia Park, NM

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Tylor Wright <bcscabberton@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 22, 2022 9:30 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Big horn sheep tag allocation

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We the New Mexican public demand changes be made to the current allocation of sheep tags is our great state!

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Tylor Wright <bcscabberton@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 22, 2022 9:28 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Muzzle loader proposal

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Against- I personally think regarding the elimination of scopes on muzzle loaders, that a fair stop gap would be a reduction of magnification to say 4x at most with no exposed turret systems. Combined with a reduction of over all tags for the mz seasons to bring harvest/ success rates to a more sustainable level. I think an argument could be made that making muzzle loader less lethal is just as bad as too lethal!

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Shawn Foster <tonechaser88@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2022 4:52 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] New Mexico bighorn sheep

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I am in favor of the proposed changes to the bighorn sheep rules for hunting in NM.

Thanks !
Shawn Foster of Clovis

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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Vigil, Victor R <Victor_Vigil@oxy.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 24, 2022 8:19 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Rule change input

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I have been lucky enough to draw a ewe tag the last two years for the Rio Grande Gorge. The number and quality of sheep we saw would justify adding another hunting window. This last year we hunted for 4 hours and saw 21 sheep, 6 ewes and 15 rams, with the previous year being very similar. So as a hunter having hunted for such a short time and see those amount of sheep it is easy to understand the need for an additional season.

Thank you for allowing comments.

Ray Vigil
West Bravo Dome
Plant Tech
Phone: 575-571-6928

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Kyle Lipke <lipkekyle@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 24, 2022 6:19 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Thoughts on Today's Commission Meeting

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To whom it may concern,

As long as it makes sense from a management standpoint and the sheep herds are not going to be poorly affected by increasing hunts and tags with the new proposals, I am in favor of them. It would be great to have more sheep hunting opportunities in NM as long as the herds can support it.

Thanks,
Sincerely,
Kyle Lipke

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Kevin Patterson <superegotrip@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 9:49 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn changes

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The proposed changes seem reasonable, however I have yet to hunt bighorn so take my opinion as you like.
Kevin Patterson

Now take your quiver and bow, and go out into the open country and hunt wild game for me. - Genesis 27:3 NIV

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Tom Mattusch <tomattusch@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, February 19, 2022 7:42 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Bighorn Season and locality changes

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I am an out-of-state Hunter, I support the department seeking to change management considerations across the state including; opening them as population to ram hunting; separating the hatchet hunt to spread hunters across the mountain range; splitting the Ladron and Peloncillo hunts into two hunt periods to distribute hunters and adding a third hunt window for Rams and the Rio Grande Gorge.

Tom Mattusch
El Granada, CA
650.619.0459 cell

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Ruhl, Caitlin, DGF
Sent: Friday, February 18, 2022 10:30 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Bighorn, javelina and pronghorn hunting rules topic of public meetings

From: Rominger, Eric M., DGF
Sent: Friday, February 18, 2022 9:24 AM
To: Ruhl, Caitlin, DGF <Caitlin.Ruhl@state.nm.us>
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Bighorn, javelina and pronghorn hunting rules topic of public meetings

This was a message early on...not sure it was 'archived'? Not sure how to do this? I'll call you in a second about that email from yesterday. EMR

Eric M. Rominger, Ph.D.
NMDGF Bighorn Sheep Biologist
(505) 690-3207 cell

From: Jack Ellis <brumasterj@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 9, 2022 9:41 AM
To: Rominger, Eric M., DGF <eric.rominger@state.nm.us>; Jesse Novacs <jtraveler02@msn.com>; Doug Lanham <doug@jinjabistro.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Bighorn, javelina and pronghorn hunting rules topic of public meetings

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Hey guys,
Hope your all doing good!
Just wondering about the proposed change on the Hatchets is all about?
Spreading hunters out on the mountain?

I thought 3 tags were given for each hunt on the hatchets and felt the range was big enough for 3 hunters without having to divide the range.

Just the thoughts from a guy that hunted one time down there:)

Maybe I misinterpreted what they are proposing?

Take care,

Jack Ellis
1-970-749-7827
Hook em Horns

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jack Ellis <brumasterj@gmail.com>
Date: February 9, 2022 at 9:30:29 AM MST
To: jack.ellis@williams.com
Subject: Fwd: Bighorn, javelina and pronghorn hunting rules topic of public meetings

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Hook em Horns

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Reply-To: nmdgf@public.govdelivery.com



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Public contact, Information Center: (888) 248-6866
Media contact, Tristanna Bickford: (505) 476-8027
tristanna.bickford@state.nm.us

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, FEB. 9, 2022:

Bighorn, javelina and pronghorn hunting rules topic of public meetings

SANTA FE – The Department of Game and Fish is seeking public comments on proposed revisions to the bighorn sheep, javelina and pronghorn rules.

For bighorn sheep, the Department is seeking input on several management considerations across the state including: opening the Jemez population to ram hunting; separating the Hatchets hunt to spread hunters across the mountain range; splitting the Ladron and Peloncillo hunts into two hunt periods to distribute hunters; and adding a third hunt window for rams in the Rio Grande Gorge.

For javelina, the Department is seeking input on possible increases in total licenses and season lengths, and expanding the areas javelina can be hunted to include some Wildlife Management Areas.

For pronghorn, the Department is seeking input on moving hunt dates later in the season based on public feedback that the current season (August, annually) is quite hot and not ideal for hunting pronghorn. The Department also anticipates proposing small adjustments to license numbers.

To gather public comments, two virtual public meetings will be conducted:

- **February 22, 2022: 6 to 7 p.m.** [Register in advance for this webinar.](#)
- **February 24, 2022: 6 to 7 p.m.** [Register in advance for this webinar.](#)

Comments on the proposed changes can be provided by mail: New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, Attn: Big Game Rule Development, 1 Wildlife Way, Santa Fe, NM 87507; by email, DGF-Pronghorn-Rule@state.nm.us, DGF-Bighorn-Rule@state.nm.us or DGF-Javelina-Rule@state.nm.us; or in person at one of the meetings listed above.

These topics will also be discussed at the next regularly scheduled [State Game Commission](#) meeting. Meeting details and additional information [will be available online.](#)

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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Lane Drake <l.drake0509@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 1:42 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed Bighorn Hunt Changes

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Hello,

I am writing this in regards to the proposed changes to be made for Bighorn Sheep hunts in the state, specifically in the Hatchets. I have had the privilege of being a part of two sheep hunts in the past 4 seasons. During this time we spent many days scouting during the summer and leading right up to the hunt. We found that the number of sheep in the big and little Hatchets would vary from week to week, and that during the hunt a lot of mature rams were in isolated pockets where hot ewes were. I feel that if the hunt unit is divided, hunters will not be as selective or might be more willing to take the first few rams that they come across in fear that they are limited to a smaller area so sheep numbers would in return be limited too. Since this is a once in a lifetime hunt, I believe hunters should have every chance to harvest a ram of a lifetime.

I am pleased to see that tag numbers have been reduced for the unit to hopefully increase the quality/age of animals harvested. Thank you for providing some of the best desert sheep hunting in the west, and all the time and effort that takes.

Best regards,

Lane Drake

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Tatman, Nicole, DGF
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2022 4:58 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule; DGF-Pronghorn-Rule
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Public comment on changes

See below. For some reason the bighorn and pronghorn comments are not showing up in my proper folders.

Caitlin, Eric, Tony; did you receive the email from this person?

Nicole Tatman

Big Game Program Manager
New Mexico Department of Game & Fish
One Wildlife Way
Santa Fe, NM 87507
Cell: (505) 469-3966

From: Travis <tmatthewe@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2022 1:18 PM
To: DGF-Pronghorn-Rule <DGF-Pronghorn-Rule@state.nm.us>; DGF-Bighorn-Rule <DGF-Bighorn-Rule@state.nm.us>; DGF-Javelina-Rule <DGF-Javelina-Rule@state.nm.us>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public comment on changes

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Hello,

I just received the email about proposals for Pronghorn, Bighorn and Javelina and wanted to give my comment.

For bighorn sheep, the Department is seeking input on several management considerations across the state including: opening the Jemez population to ram hunting; separating the Hatchets hunt to spread hunters across the mountain range; splitting the Ladron and Peloncillo hunts into two hunt periods to distribute hunters; and adding a third hunt window for rams in the Rio Grande Gorge.

I'm in favor of these sheep proposals. Anything that will give more tags and new places to hunt I'm in favor for Bighorns.

For javelina, the Department is seeking input on possible increases in total licenses and season lengths, and expanding the areas javelina can be hunted to include some Wildlife Management Areas.

I'm NOT in favor of giving more tags. Seems to me right now that tags are pretty easy to draw and there is a huge OTC area, so opportunity isn't a problem. I haven't seen any clear population evidence from the department to warrant more tags given, I'd like to see that. Javelina don't reproduce at high levels, so I think overharvest could be a problem. I don't know what WMA's are being considered to be open, but I'm in favor for more access anywhere we can.

Not listed in your Javelina proposals is making them part of the Waste of Games Laws. I know that has to go through the legislature, but I really think the Department should be pushing that. It's a moral travesty that hunters are allowed to shoot a Javelina, punch their tag and then just leave that Javelina laying there without taking any part of the animal out of the field. It's not like Javelina are a predator species that need to be controlled. Again, I know this is legislative but I feel more could be done here. The MeatEater guy even had a facebook post about this, so it's not like it's an unknown issue.

For pronghorn, the Department is seeking input on moving hunt dates later in the season based on public feedback that the current season (August, annually) is quite hot and not ideal for hunting pronghorn. The Department also anticipates proposing small adjustments to license numbers.

Yes! I'm definitely in favor of this. August is just a rough time to hunt because of the heat. I'm sure there are lots of Pronghorn meat spoiling on these hunts and also capes are just not as pretty. Also makes it tough to do long stalks or hikes in the heat. I would like to see the seasons in mid to late September or very early October. Would be nice if they are before the Muzzleloader or Rifle elk hunts, just incase you drew both and there was a conflict in having available time to hunt both animals. I know the elk and deer bow hunts are in September, but usually those seasons are pretty long. So if you got lucky and drew a Pronghorn and a Bow elk tag, you should be able to squeeze that Pronghorn hunt in. Lastly, I know Game Warden availability is also a consideration. I would think between the end of Bow season to the beginning of Muzzy Elk season would be a good time for that.

Thanks so much for taking my comments! Look forward to hearing presentations on these.

Travis

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Doug Neel <dougpneel@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 9, 2022 5:19 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Rule change for Hatchet Mtns

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I hunted sheep in the Hatchets 2 years ago. I'm not sure how you are going to separate the mountain will it be big and little mountain. All 3 sheep in my hunt were shot in little hatchets within about 1/2 mile of each other. The biggest problem we had was that there were 5 guys with ones outfitter running all over the place for one hunter. The other outfitter had about 5 to n camp for one hunter. Also outfitters were their for following hunt. We spotted a big sheep night before hunt and a outfitter was their the next morning and ran that sheep off. They were not hunting till second hunt. we say 20 people counting us their trying to kill 3 sheep. I think you should assign about 8 days to each hunter instead of separating mtn. We had fun but to many outfitters messed our deal up some . I dislike outfitters and think that the game department caters to these guys to much.

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Peter Watson <datbludog@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 9, 2022 1:12 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn comment

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Hello,

I would like to profess my support for the Jemez bighorn herd being opened up for ram hunts. I have seen this herd many times, and it is quite large and seems to be well established in the area. To hunt bighorn in the Jemez would be a truly challenging hunt that people across the state would enjoy!

Thank you,

Peter Watson

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: John Anderson <jmahnu@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 11:05 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Dear Commissioners,

I am against the lumping of bighorn tags as it seems to me that it violates the definition of a hunt code and provides excessive preference to out of state hunters. Please review this practice to ensure tag allocations are consistent with allocation laws and other hunts.

Sincerely,

John Anderson

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Carl Smith <clsmt@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 9:51 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Dear Commissioners,

I am opposed to the lumping of Bighorn tags. The way it is now, the only NM residents that have a chance of drawing are those who contract with an outfitter. This means only those financially well off can draw. Bighorn sheep are the only animal allocated in such a manner and I believe this needs to be revised. Please review this practice to ensure tags are distributed according to allocation laws as well as the standard definition of 'hunt code'.

Thanks

Carl Smith

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Kurt Nolte <knolte9556@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 5, 2022 7:46 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Dear Commissioners,

I have been a New Mexico hunter for 3 years and for each of those years I have unsuccessfully applied for bighorn sheep tags. While I recognize that the odds are low, I am disturbed by how the current practices make long odds even longer for state residents. Consequently, I am adamantly opposed to the lumping of Bighorn tags to increase the odds for non-resident and outfitted hunters. Please review this practice to ensure tags are distributed according to the current allocation laws as well as the standard definition of 'hunt code'.

Sincerely,
Kurt B. Nolte, MD
Albuquerque

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: monty caudill <ceranch@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, June 3, 2022 8:48 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] sheep

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i have been applying for a sheep tag since
i was in my 20s NO SUCEESS

I DONT THINK NON RESDENTS SHOULD
BE ABLE TO APPLY F0R OUR SHEEP TAGS
I KNOW ITS A MONEY THING LIKE ALL
THINGS IN THIS WORLD.

BUT THESE ANIMALS BELONG TO US
I AM 70 YRS OLD
LETS KEEP SOME THINGS FOR US

THANK YOU,

MONTY CAUDILL

505-610-8287

PS AS REISIDENT OF NM WE SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST
90% OF TAGS FOR SHEEP...

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: bighorn1@citlink.net
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 12:48 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Non-resident sheep permits in New Mexico could go away

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Regarding the issue:

Non-resident sheep permits in New Mexico could go away

I agree with this, you should remove all options for Non resident sheep hunting PLUS ANY SOLD, RAFFLED and AUCTIONED TAGS. I will do my best to make sure these are BOYCOTTED as well as other species, we know what speaks the loudest MONEY!

**Mike Clark
928-303-9041**

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: freddie martinez <freddiemartinez69@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 10:52 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Dear Commissioners,

I am opposed to the lumping of Bighorn tags. Please review this practice to ensure tags are distributed according to allocation laws as well as the standard definition of 'hunt code if it helps the residents I'm all for it along with any other big game hunting tags

Sincerely,

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Tuttle, Jason <jtuttle@lanl.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 10:07 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Dear Commissioners,

- I am opposed to the lumping of Bighorn tags. Please review this practice to ensure tags are distributed according to allocation laws as well as the standard definition of 'hunt code'. The state's current approach of lumping tags together and designating "hunt windows" for bighorns in separate hunts spread out over the state and separated by many months stands in clear violation of the statutory definition of "hunt code."

Sincerely,

Jason Tuttle

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Joel Gay <jgay598@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 8:52 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Dear Commissioners,

I am opposed to the current NMDGF practice of lumping bighorn sheep tags into just four hunt codes in the big game draw. I believe the previous Game Commission twisted the big game draw statute in order to appease outfitters and nonresident hunters after the Terk decision was overruled. The idea of placing six different bighorn herds, from the Gila region to the Dry Cimarron, into a single hunt code is an embarrassment to New Mexico and NMDGF. The state Legislature, not the Game Commission, should revise the bighorn sheep statute to correct this flawed management system.

In the meantime, please revise this regulation to ensure tags are distributed according to allocation laws as well as the standard definition of "hunt code," which is a single geographic area and a single hunting window.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Joel Gay
Albuquerque

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Teresa Seamster <ctc.seamster@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 8:41 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment on Bighorn Rule

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Dear Commissioners,

I am opposed to the use of hunt windows for Bighorn sheep.

This practice is in violation of the state law definition of the 'hunt code' that specifies a specific species, a definite timeframe, certain locations and type of hunting weapon to be used.

Please ensure that bighorn tags are distributed according to the standard definition of 'hunt code' and consider sending a bill to the NM Legislature to change the quota law to protect both the species and fair access by NM hunters.

Sincerely,

Teresa Seamster
104 Vaquero Rd.
Santa Fe, NM 87508
505-466-8964

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Wade Jackson <wjackson8@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 8:31 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Sheep Hunt Codes

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Commissioners,

Bighorn sheep hunts should not be “lumped” together in order to avoid the standard definition of “hunt code.” Doing so reduces opportunity for unguided New Mexico resident hunters and allocates Bighorn tags outside of the applicable statutory system. Please review this practice to ensure tags are distributed according to the law.

Sincerely,

Wade Jackson

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Mark Pickering <huntwine@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 30, 2022 11:52 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Cc: sharon.hickey.@state.nm.us
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed Bighorn tag allotment change

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Sent from my iPhone

I am writing to express my objection to the proposed change in the allocation of non resident bighorn tags.

I am a lifelong resident of NM and extremely frustrated at difficulty of drawing tags in this state. However, punishing nonresident applicants is not the answer. We should treat non residents how we'd like to be treated in their resident states. I apply for tags in every Western state and all of them have similar allocations for nonresident applicants. They are not generous but at least we have a chance. This proposed change in NM will effectively ban non residents from drawing sheep tags. Remember, it was not too long ago NMGF had to go to court to get the right to set allocations to begin with. If the Department eliminates non resident sheep tags , they may find themselves in court again defending this position. We could end up in a much worse position.

Nonresidents have contributed mightily to the successful repopulation of our Bighorns. We need to be fair to them. Just because you can get away with something does not make it right.

Mark Pickering

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Ben Neary <bencneary@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 27, 2022 11:59 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Ben Neary comment on BHS rule
Attachments: NearyBHS.pdf

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Dear Folks,
Attached please find my comment on the pending BHS rule. Thanks. Please contact me with any questions.
-- Ben Neary
Albuquerque
505-999-7592

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Trey Sullivan <bighunter82284@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, May 27, 2022 11:12 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Big horn allocations

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Yes , I would like to comment on the proposed changes , first I would like to say I apply all over the west and in almost all of those states if there isn't enough licenses to apply the non resident percentages than there is no out of state license allocated, also Wyoming just based rules very similar to what we are looking at here and after 14 years of applying there I will now have virtually no chance of ever drawing a tag there, I have no reason to want to give them any of our tags.

Secondy .. all of our other tags are allocated by weapon type and by hunt code the same should be done for sheep, if we want to offer non residents a chance we as New Mexicans should create more opportunity not change the way we allocate licenses to appease them.

Thanks for reading

Trey

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: dwrpdr@comcast.net
Sent: Friday, May 27, 2022 8:25 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule; Hickey, Sharon, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Archuleta, Deanna, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Non-resident big-game tags

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Ladies and gentlemen,

As a long-time New Mexico resident and hunter, I have found myself applying annually for a number of hunts here in our state, only to experience the disappointment year after year of my tag applications not being drawn. Though I recognize an ever increasing number of applications are submitted each year and cause my odds of being drawn to slowly diminish over time, I accept that reality. However, I find it particularly disappointing to discover that out of state hunters may have a better opportunity to hunt than do I. Their advantage: the current system that allows ranch tags to be sold to those willing to pay large sums of money. There is no doubt the current system brings cash into the hands of a few New Mexicans, but does it best serve the majority of resident hunters like me? The answer is self-evident. I ask that you carefully consider the wishes of the majority of New Mexico hunters and simply make more tags available to in-state residents. Is it time to consider a point system to improve future draw odds for those hunters not awarded a hunt in a given year? This is your opportunity to serve the majority rather than a minority.

Thank you,
Dennis Rowe
(505) 292-7799

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Adrian Angulo <angulo.adrian.nm@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2022 11:54 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment on BHS - End Lumping Hunt Codes

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Dear Commissioners and NMDGF Staff,

I am commenting on the current Bighorn Sheep Rule. Specifically lumping of Bighorn tags.

Anybody who has tried to put in for a Bighorn tag can readily tell that the application process is different from other big game species. The state law definition of a hunt code specifies that it must cover a particular species, particular timeframe, location and weapon type.

Please review this practice to ensure tags are distributed according to allocation laws as well as the standard definition of 'hunt code'.

Sincerely,

Adrian Angulo Montaña
Albuquerque, NM

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Riley Pearson <riley.pearson09@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 24, 2022 11:20 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn rule comment

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Hello,

I am writing you this evening to express my support for the unbundling of Rocky Mountain and Desert Bighorn sheep licenses in New Mexico.

This method of lumping the licenses under one hunt code, in order to ensure distribution of permits to non-residents, with a specific benefit to outfitted non-residents doesn't seem right and is inconsistent with the practices of nearly every other western state.

I believe it would be best if the New Mexico state legislature took up this issue, and crafted legislation to properly allocate opportunity. My preference would be to put New Mexico in line with other western states, where non-residents can receive up to, but not more than, 10% of all licenses for the species.

This should occur without any set-asides for special interests such as large landowners, outfitters, or outfitted clients.

Un-lumping of these licenses will provide an opportunity for more New Mexico residents to hunt sheep, while enabling New Mexico lawmakers to create a system that does not leave non residents that do not want to hunt with an outfitter, feeling disenfranchised.

The outfitting industry also has an opportunity to benefit from this.

When capitalism and the free market are allowed to work, the best rise to the top. Without guaranteed clientele, outfitters will have to create value and provide a high level of service to attract license holders.

This kind of healthy competition will improve the service and experience that hunters receive.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Riley Pearson
Hunter and licensed Big Game Hunting Guide
Maricopa, AZ

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Ben Neary <ben@nmwildlife.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 24, 2022 3:18 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] NM Wildlife Federation Comments/BHS Rule
Attachments: NMWF_BHS Comments.docx.pdf

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Dear Folks,

Attached please find comments from the NM Wildlife Federation in regard to the pending Bighorn Sheep rule. Please contact me with any questions. Thanks,

Ben Neary
Conservation Director, NMWF

505-999-7592

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Sean Matthews <bowhunterm1001@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 20, 2022 4:55 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agree

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Please only make residents be the ones able to draw the bighorn ram hunts with all types of weapons. Thanks.

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: michael clifton <mikeclifton26@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 8:53 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Sheep Rule

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Dear NM G&F,

I would like to see all the bighorn sheep hunts **not lumped** together but treated as individual hunt codes where tags are allocated by law using the existing 84/10/6 license allocation with the "Rounding Down" rule. There are no other big game animals in the state where hunts for the same species (across different parts of the state) are lumped together. By adding more hunt codes, it will increase resident draw opportunities for this unique species.

Sincerely,
Michael Clifton

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Cornell, George <cornell@msu.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:14 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn rule review

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Dear folks we need to set fair quotas for NM residents in the Bighorn Rules DO NOT LUMP hunts together that results in non-residents getting extra tags. Thank you for your attention to this issue.

Respectfully,

George Cornell
Jemez Springs, NM

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Jon Graham <jmgraham1986@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 15, 2022 10:45 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] J Graham Bighorn Rule Comments

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To whom it may concern-

I'm a New Mexico Resident hunter. I'm submitting comment to let the commission know that I strongly oppose bighorn hunt code lumping.

This confusing method was orchestrated after the Terk injunction was removed to allow for outfitters and non-residents a opportunity to draw sheep permits, but this is not a method used for any other big-game species in the state. Non-Residents should have the opportunity to draw a sheep permit, but it should not be to the detriment of the resident hunters, especially in regards to the youth only permits.

Respectfully
Jon Graham
724-396-0017

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Cornell, George <cornell@msu.edu>
Sent: Saturday, May 14, 2022 10:38 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] opposed to lumping bighorn units

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Commissioners

We need to get this Bighorn application process straightened out so NM residents get the permits they deserve. I am opposed to lumping the units together that results in non-residents increasing their proportion of these once in a lifetime tags. This is an easy fix get er done please.

George L. Cornell
Jemez Springs, NM 87025

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Gus Wynn <guswynn@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 13, 2022 4:15 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I oppose big horn code lumping

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I oppose lumping of big horn hunt codes. It is nonsensical to treat them differently than other big game

- Gus

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: marshall maez <marshallmaez@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 13, 2022 2:14 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposed

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I am opposed to the practice of lumping Bighorn hunt codes as contained in the Bighorn Rule. Your fiduciary responsibility is to residents of NM.

Respectfully,
Marshall Maez

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Mark Lykens <mrlykens@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2022 7:15 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Lumping Sheep Codes.

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Hi,

Stop lumping all the hunt codes for Bighorn Sheep so residents have a fair chance. I dislike how the number of tags are given to non residents putting me and fellow new mexicans at a disadvantage.

Thank you,
Mark

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Cordova, Glen Daniel <gc_bowhunter@lanl.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2022 6:43 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Sheep Rule Change

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Attention:

Bighorn sheep hunting opportunities for residents in this state of New Mexico are unfair and unjust. My dad, brother, best friend and I have been applying for Bighorn sheep for over 25 years and have never drawn a tag.

I am opposed to the current draw system for Bighorn. Lumping all the tags into a manipulative system where the department can pull tags for non-residents in the Outfitter pool is a back door tactic being used to rob NM residents of hunting opportunities.

I support changing the current Bighorn Sheep draw strategy to give resident hunters increased opportunities to draw and hunt Bighorn Sheep.

Respectfully,
Glen Cordova

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Lawrence Herrera <lawrenceherrera33@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2022 12:33 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposed to lumping big horn

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I am opposed to lumping bighorn sheep codes. Thank you

Lawrence Herrera, CSCS, PES
Strength and Conditioning Coach
Mobile: 505-699-3932

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Cole Johnson <coleaustinjohnson12@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 6:59 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn rule

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I'm against bighorn hunt code lumping

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: jackie mathews <candj@3rivers.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 6:57 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment on the NM Bighorn Rule

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Thanking you in advance for considering our comment re: New Mexico's Bighorn Sheep Hunt Rule.

We oppose hunt code lumping of bighorn sheep hunt codes.

We are avid nonresident hunters that would like to see NM legislature correct the state's quota law with a special bighorn quota.

Thanking you again for considering our comment.

Respectfully,

Craig and Jackie Mathews
Su West Ranch
80 E Horse Creek Rd.
Cameron, Mt 59720

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Isaiah Ramos <ijramos@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 6:13 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Sheep Rule 19.31.17

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Hello,

My name is Isaiah Ramos and I oppose bighorn hunt code lumping.

Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Ellie Wynn <wyne160@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 3:17 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I oppose bighorn code lumping

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I oppose lumping of bighorn hunt codes.

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Tylor Wright <bcscabberton@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 9, 2022 7:07 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] New Mexicans demand change!

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We the New Mexican public demand changes be made to the current allocation of sheep tags is our great state! No more hunt code lumping! 10% max to non-resident hunters and the elimination of outfitter set asides!

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Jeremy Romero <jeremy_joe_1993@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, May 9, 2022 6:07 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] bighorn sheep tags

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I'm against the lumping of all bighorn sheep hunt codes.

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Benjie Romero <nmhunter575@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 9, 2022 5:39 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn sheep proposals

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Please, we need to stop the lumping of bighorn sheep hunt codes. It goes against the quotas set by the commission and also takes the already hard to draw tags from NM residents. They should be separated by hunt code like every other species in the draw.

Thank you,
Benjie Romero
New Mexico Resident

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Jarrett Babincsak <jarrett@bonebroadheads.com>
Sent: Monday, May 9, 2022 4:38 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No Hunt Code Lumping

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Hello -

The tactic of hunt code lumping should be stopped immediately. It's a clear and transparent effort to create outfitter allotments when all bighorn sheep tags should be allocated through the public draw, and only the public draw. Our game animals are public resources and outfitter tag allocations are a clear privatization of public resources. Outfitter tags are a bastardization of the North American model of wildlife management.

Additionally, the Big Horn Jemez hunt is a once in a lifetime opportunity and should be only be available to residents through the public draw.

Thanks for your consideration.

Jarrett Babincsak
NM Resident

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Brandon Wynn <bwynn1@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, May 6, 2022 4:04 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Rule Compromise hunt code Lumping 13x13 Ram
Attachments: 13x13 Ram and 13 Ewe lumping Rev 1.pdf

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My strong preference is for NMDGF and the New Mexico State Game Commission to cease lumping hunt codes for bighorn draw permits. However, if this is not done I offer and prefer over the current lumping practice the attached compromise where roughly half the bighorn permits are lumped into 4 hunt codes based on category (desert ram, rocky ram, rocky any legal weapon ewe, and bow only rocky ewe). All other bighorn permits would be in individual hunt codes that meet the traditional definition of a hunt code (a single season date range, single species, single bag limit type, and single weapon type. This compromise would be a reasonable bridge between the current bighorn hunt code lumping scheme and a bighorn allocation system created by statute. Also, it could function as an acceptable long term scheme should the various stakeholders want to avoid taking bighorn draw allocation issue up with the legislature at a later date. This compromise is truly a meeting in the middle for those desire the status quo allocation that benefits nonresident and outfitter applicants and those (like me) that desire complete elimination of bighorn hunt code lumping.

An additional comment I have for the bighorn rule is that any Jemez bighorn permits be allocated through single independent (unlumped) hunt codes for duration of the rule cycle. New Mexico resident hunters should have preferred opportunity to draw these new hunt permits. A previously un-hunted bighorn hunting opportunity is very special and New Mexico resident hunters should have great preference for this unique and opportunity as a matter of policy.

Lastly, all youth bighorn hunting opportunities should also be allocated through single independent (unlumped) hunt codes. New Mexico resident youth hunters should have preferred opportunity to draw these youth bighorn hunt permits as a matter of policy.

Brandon Wynn
New Mexico Resident
Albuquerque
505-269-6236
Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: BRANDON WYNN <bwynn1@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, May 6, 2022 2:44 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comment on Bighorn Rule

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I am strongly opposed to the practice of bighorn hunt code lumping that is contained in the bighorn rule. The Commission and the Department should run the draw for bighorn hunt codes the same as it does for all other species and hunt codes by using the traditional definition and use of a hunt code. Obviously and inexplicably the game commission and the Department of Game and Fish are gaming the definition of a hunt code to artificially generate unguided nonresident and outfitted bighorn permits contrary to the New Mexico draw quota statute. As a hunter that has applied for bighorn permits on a consistent basis for several decades in between 5 and 7 states (including my resident state of New Mexico) I know for fact that every other state except New Mexico pushes the limits of their laws and rules to award the absolute maximum number of bighorn permits to their own resident hunters. New Mexico is doing the opposite with hunt code lumping for bighorn draw permits and bending the rules and laws explicitly to minimize the number of bighorn permits that are awarded by draw to NM resident hunters. The issue of resident, unguided nonresident, and outfitted draw bighorn permit allocation belongs before the NM Legislature. By continuing the practice of lumping bighorn hunt codes the Game Commission makes it unlikely that the legislature will take up the issue and provide satisfactory quota statute language that provides for an orderly award of draw bighorn permits among the various applicant pools.

Brandon Wynn
Albuquerque
505-269-6236 mobile

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Adam Sapp <sapp.aw@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2022 12:06 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Dear Commissioners,

I am opposed to the lumping of Bighorn tags. Please review this practice to ensure tags are distributed according to allocation laws as well as the standard definition of 'hunt code'.

Sincerely,

Adam Sapp

A New Mexico resident for over 10 years and an avid supporter of conservation and the fair distribution of our public resources.

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Bruce G <bgafner@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, June 19, 2022 1:14 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Sincerely,
Bruce Gafner
Las Cruces

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: joshua92677 040483 <duken38@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2022 11:01 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Dear Commissioners, I am opposed to the lumping of Bighorn tags. Please review this practice to ensure tags are distributed according to allocation laws as well as the standard definition of 'hunt code'. Sincerely,

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Richard W <rwhit1982@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2022 12:07 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Dear Commissioners, I am opposed to the lumping of Bighorn tags. Please review this practice to ensure tags are distributed according to allocation laws as well as the standard definition of 'hunt code'. Sincerely, Richard

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: R D SANCHEZ <robdeb27@msn.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 11, 2022 4:17 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Dear Commissioners,

I am opposed to the lumping of Bighorn tags. Please review this practice to ensure tags are distributed according to allocation laws as well as the standard definition of 'hunt code'. As a lifelong hunter I believe that it is unfair to the residents of New Mexico that non- residents and outfitters are given unfair access to big game tags.

Sincerely,

Robert Sanchez
Albuquerque, NM

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Debra Truncellito <huttingd@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2022 3:33 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Dear Commissioners,

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Sincerely,

Debra Truncellito

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Clyde Martin <cmartin325@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2022 10:16 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Dear Commissioners,

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Sincerely,

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Martinez <kmart7423@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 8, 2022 3:34 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Dear Commissioners,

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Sincerely,

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Paul Rockhold <perock35@outlook.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 8, 2022 11:34 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Dear Commissioners,

I am opposed to the lumping of Bighorn tags. Please review this practice to ensure tags are distributed according to allocation laws as well as the standard definition of 'hunt code'.

Sincerely, Paul E. Rockhold

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Summer Roller <drsummer@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 7, 2022 3:59 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Dear Commissioners,

I am opposed to the lumping of Bighorn tags. Please review this practice to ensure tags are distributed according to allocation laws as well as the standard definition of 'hunt code'.

- The state's current approach of lumping tags together and designating "hunt windows" for bighorns in separate hunts spread out over the state and separated by many months stands in clear violation of the statutory definition of "hunt code."
- Anybody who has tried to put in for a Bighorn tag can readily tell that the application process is different from other big game species.
- The state law definition of a hunt code specifies that it must cover a particular species, particular timeframe, location and weapon type.

Sincerely,
Summer Graham

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: James Park <dalkyu.jp@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 7, 2022 1:31 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Dear Commissioners,

I am opposed to the lumping of Bighorn tags. Please review this practice to ensure tags are distributed according to allocation laws as well as the standard definition of 'hunt code'.

Sincerely,

James Park

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Suzahn Horton <mightyvac@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 7, 2022 9:48 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Dear Commissioners,

I am opposed to the lumping of Bighorn tags. Please review this practice to ensure tags are distributed according to allocation laws as well as the standard definition of 'hunt code'.

I would also like for an internal investigation as to why some people draw tags on a yearly basis and others of us put in year after year and don't draw. Luck....I think not.

Looks like our state has more than just voter fraud going on.

Sincerely,

Ms. Horton

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: rustynail187 <rustynail187@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 6:39 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Dear Commissioners,

I am opposed to the lumping of Bighorn tags. Please review this practice to ensure tags are distributed according to allocation laws as well as the standard definition of 'hunt code'.

Sincerely,

Sent from my Galaxy

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Hotmail <holt_tilton@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 6:26 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Dear Commissioners,

I am opposed to the lumping of Bighorn tags. Please review this practice to ensure tags are distributed according to allocation laws as well as the standard definition of 'hunt code'.

Sincerely,

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: marshall maez <marshallmaez@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 3:06 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Dear Commissioners,

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Sincerely,

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: David Kaden <davekaden@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 2:07 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Dear Commissioners,

I am opposed to the lumping of Bighorn tags. Please review this practice to ensure tags are distributed according to allocation laws as well as the standard definition of 'hunt code'. I hope you will rectify this unfair allocation method, and give residents priority and create more archery tags like Colorado which gives 50% to archery only applicants

Sincerely,
David Kaden

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Mullins, Lance <lmullins@tristategt.org>
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 1:37 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Dear Commissioners,

I am opposed to the lumping of Bighorn tags. Please review this practice to ensure tags are distributed according to allocation laws as well as the standard definition of 'hunt code'.

Sincerely,

Lance Mullins

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Bernadette L <byrnadett@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 1:03 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Dear Commissioners,

I am opposed to the lumping of Bighorn tags. Please review this practice to ensure tags are distributed according to allocation laws as well as the standard definition of 'hunt code'.

Sincerely,

Bernadette Larimer

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Ron T Gmail <rontorres67@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 12:51 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Dear Commissioners,

I am opposed to the lumping of Bighorn tags. Please review this practice to ensure tags are distributed according to allocation laws as well as the standard definition of 'hunt code'.

Sincerely,

Ronald Torres

505-238-5365

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Marcus Duran <madzuran@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 12:50 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Dear Commissioners,

I am opposed to the lumping of Bighorn tags. Please review this practice to ensure tags are distributed according to allocation laws as well as the standard definition of 'hunt code'.

Sincerely,

Marcus Duran

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Leeson Valenzuela <lv1506@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 12:33 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Sincerely,

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Dominic granado <domg575@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 12:13 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Dear Commissioners,

I am opposed to the lumping of Bighorn tags. Please review this practice to ensure tags are distributed according to allocation laws as well as the standard definition of 'hunt code'.

Sincerely,

Dominic Granado

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Jim McBee <mcbree@sisna.com>
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 11:56 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Dear Commissioners, I am opposed to the lumping of Bighorn tags. Please review this practice to ensure tags are distributed according to allocation laws as well as the standard definition of 'hunt code'.

Sincerely,

Jim McBee
Farmington, NM

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Bruce Donnell <B_DONNELL@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 11:55 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Dear Commissioners,

I am opposed to the lumping of Bighorn tags. Please review this practice to ensure tags are distributed according to allocation laws as well as the standard definition of 'hunt code'.

Sincerely,

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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: tom gervais <tgervais@att.net>
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 11:34 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Dear Commissioners, I am opposed to the lumping of Bighorn tags. Please review this practice to ensure tags are distributed according to allocation laws as well as the standard definition of 'hunt code'. The lumping of these separate hunts together hurts hunters. Please send this matter to the legislature.

Sincerely, Tom Gervais

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: James Mathews <jamesnextgplumb@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 11:20 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Dear Commissioners,

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Sincerely,
James Mathews

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: richard cram <rkcram@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 11:10 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Dear Commissioners, I am opposed to the lumping of Bighorn tags. Please review this practice to ensure tags are distributed according to allocation laws as well as the standard definition of hunt code. Sincerely,

Richard Cram

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Bob Schenkel <rschenkel@clschust.com>
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 10:53 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Dear Commissioners,

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Sincerely,

Robert Schenkel
2220 Lane 105 Lk James
Angola, IN 46703

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Dave Rockwell <Rockwell3@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 10:50 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Sincerely,

David Rockwell

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: George Fisher <gfisher37@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 10:19 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Sincerely,

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Jim Hinde <jdhinde@comcast.net>
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Sincerely,

Jim Hinde

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Michael Frazine <michaelfrazine@hotmail.com>
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Sincerely,

Michael

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: The ranch would be added to the existing Marquez Wildlife Management Area, making it the largest such area under management of the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish. Area tr acquisition of the ranch to protect important cultural resources.
<ztartowing@gmail.com>
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From: Larry Kolek <elk88101@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 10:14 AM
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Put everyone in to the draw no out of state preferences, I am a 30 year resident Haven't drawn a tag for elk in over 10 years so how could I ever get a sheep tag!!!

Sincerely,

Larry Kolek
575-791-9840

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Tim Roark <jtroark@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 10:13 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
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Sincerely,

J.T.Roark
Hunter

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

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From: Eric Mehlberg <eric.mehlberg@gmail.com>
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From: Gabe Torrez <gtorrez209@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 9:38 AM
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Sincerely,
Gabe Torrez

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From: Jami Eagle <jamijoe78@gmail.com>
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Sincerely,
Joe Pulice

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From: Estevan Garcia <estevangarcia99@gmail.com>
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Sincerely,

Estevan Garcia

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From: Santiago Alarcon <lb52sant@gmail.com>
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Sincerely,

Santiago Alarcon

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Gabe Marquez <gemarquez5@hotmail.com>
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Sincerely,

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: cschaum <cschaum@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 6:52 AM
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Sincerely, Chris Schaum

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: jim horsemensfeedandsupply.com <jim@horsemensfeedandsupply.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 4, 2022 2:05 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
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Sincerely, JAMES OWES I HAVE SUBMITTED FOR TAGS FOR 44 YEARS WITH NO SUCCESS

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Joe Valdez <jevaldez01@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 4, 2022 9:06 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
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Sincerely,

Joe Valdez

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Richard Schaafsma <rschaafsma1@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 4, 2022 7:35 AM
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Sincerely,

Thanks for your time,
Richard Schaafsma

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Yahoo <dhughes725@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 4, 2022 6:15 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
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Sincerely,

Danny

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: JACOB GUTIERREZ <jgtrouthunters@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, June 3, 2022 11:08 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Sincerely,

Jacob Gutierrez

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: richard tom <richardtomsr_1961@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, June 3, 2022 9:07 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
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Richard Tom

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: david powell <dapow223@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 3, 2022 11:27 AM
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Sincerely, David A Powell

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Mike Estrada <mikbl@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, June 3, 2022 5:19 AM
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Sincerely,
M. Estrada

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Ronnie DeMasters <rondemasters@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 8:55 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
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Sincerely,

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: David Fisher <dalanfisher@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 8:22 PM
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From: Larry D. Cospers <camicos@windstream.net>
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Sincerely,
Larry D. Cospers

Sent from my iPad

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Frank Hancock <fhancockps@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 5:19 PM
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From: edward sustaita <esustaita74@gmail.com>
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Sincerely, Edward sustaita.

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From: Karl Becker <karlbecker18@gmail.com>
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I also dont believe that 84% of big game tags reach residents! I dont believe that number is even close. I run into a large number of out of staters every year that get tags every year while not just myself but other residents cant draw anything more than a deer tag in 10+ years of applying. I am not wanting to get say an elk tag every year but once in 5 yrs wouldnt be bad, Out of staters, especially texans with wads of cash seem to get preference every year and have the worst hunting etiquette. Its about time that the claimed 84% of tags actually go to resident. In not doing so, we the people get the idea that some of you people up in Santa Fe are getting pay-offs to provide tags to those with resources, ie cash\$\$

Sincerely,

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: chea5051@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 2:10 PM
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[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

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From: blaine@galles.com
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 1:55 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
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Sincerely,

Blaine bjorkman, I quit putting in for these hunts due to the lumping

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Cody Boozer <coodamonday@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 1:39 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
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Sincerely,

We do not need to change the 84% of tags that go to new Mexico resident thank you Cody Boozer

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Cody Boozer <coodamonday@gmail.com>
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Sincerely,

It would be so much easier to change the way we put in for sheep to make it like all the others please let's start making changes on how we do things thank you Cody Boozer

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Mike Gibson <mg@zianet.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 12:50 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
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From: Roni Caudill <outlook_22E2EF33B7AF5548@outlook.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 9:42 AM
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Sincerely,
Richard Caudill

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From: chris neary <neary40@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 8:55 AM
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I object to the state auctioning hunting licenses for sheep, elk, and deer. These auctions guarantee the hunts will never be available to regular or low income New Mexicans. I understand the fund raising benefits the auction hunts provide to species programs. Please direct the Game Department to evaluate other ways to encourage popular involvement with and support for species management programs. Raffles could replace auction income, afford hunting opportunity to many more people, and distribute support for game species more broadly.

Sincerely,

Chris Neary
Raton, NM
575 643 2016

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Hoyt Holmes <hoyt.holmes3216@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 8:11 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
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Sincerely,
Hoyt Holmes

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Matthew Monjaras <matthew.monjaras@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 7:45 AM
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Sincerely,

Matthew Monjaras
Impact Outdoors

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From: phillip_alb WILSON <phillip_alb@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 7:15 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Cc: Phillip Wilson
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From: Henry McNatt III <hmcnatt3@mcnattscleaners.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 7:00 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Non-resident sheep permits

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Dear New Mexico Game Commissioners:

I stand with the Wild Sheep Foundation, New Mexico Wild Sheep Foundation, and resident and non-resident sheep hunters across the country in opposing this action. If approved, it will reduce the opportunities to participate in the state's successful wild sheep conservation programs and reduce the incentives to contribute significant out-of-state financial resources to continue to enhance and protect wild sheep populations in New Mexico.

Additional Background

In 1978/79, there were less than 700 bighorns and less than 80 desert bighorn sheep in New Mexico. Today there are over 1,700 RMBHS and 1,200 DBHS. This is a significant wild sheep conservation success story. However, this did not occur without considerable work and the funding to make it happen. Since 1990, most of the funding for this effort has come from the U.S. and Canadian hunting communities. In the last 32 years, over \$7 million has been directed to the NMDGF special bighorn sheep enhancement fund/budget for restoration and management projects. Over 90% of this \$7 million has come from non-resident hunters and donors. During these 32 years, only less than 5% originated from New Mexico hunters. These \$7 million have been leveraged against a 3-to-1 match in Pittman-Robertson Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act funds, which has provided the NMDGF with the ability to conduct aggressive and successful wild sheep conservation and management programs.

Without these funds provided by non-resident hunters, there would be significantly fewer bighorn hunting opportunities for everyone. By reducing or eliminating all non-resident opportunities, it would follow that the non-resident hunting community and various conservation groups will not offer the same support they have provided during the last 32 years. This will not be good for N.M. bighorn sheep conservation, and it will slow down the creation of more bighorn sheep hunting opportunities in the future.

Sincerely,

Henry McNatt III , VP
17902 Singing Wood PL
Lutz, FL 33548
(M) 813.451.2880

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Stephen Bryant <bryantsss@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 5:28 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 3:23 AM
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Sincerely,



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www.avg.com

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Georgena Askew <geodancer@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 10:19 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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From: hmurray hmurray <hmurray@beyondbb.com>
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Dear Commissioners,

I am opposed to the lumping of Bighorn tags. Please review this practice to ensure tags are distributed according to allocation laws as well as the standard definition of 'hunt code'. This needs to be changed.

Sincerely,

Hoot Murray
8 Calle Flores
La Luz, NM 88337

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From: wade parker <grpconst@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 9:45 PM
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I am a NM resident hunter that applies for bighorn permits in almost every state that allows a non-resident to acquire a tag. Almost every state except NM has a cap that allows non-residents to draw "UP TO" 10% of the total tags for each individual hunt. If resident hunters draw every tag before the 10% non-resident cut off is met then no non-resident tag is issued at all. I have been building points for bighorn sheep in 10 states for over two decades and I have thousands upon thousands of dollars in preference point fees tied up for the chance to someday get the chance to hunt these animals. The way it stands now statistically I have a MUCH better chance of drawing several bighorn permits in other states and may well die without ever having drawn in my own home state. Please reconsider how our bighorn tag allocation is conducted and get rid of the rule that lumps these tags together and takes away resident opportunity.

Sincerely,
Wade Parker

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: margie macias <vicsqualityprocessing@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 9:16 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Sincerely,

Sent from my iPad

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Sincerely,

Jason Tapia
Concerned Citizens and Hunter.

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

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Make it like the rest of the draws. It's very confusing.

Sincerely,

—DEREK RODGERS

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Pat Perea <pat.perea@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 7:19 PM
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Sincerely, Patrick Perea

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Randy Kramer <rdk77_kramer@hotmail.com>
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Sincerely, Randal Kramer

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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Marvin S Pugmire <dry_flyfisher@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 7:05 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Cc: 'Scott Pugmire'
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Please bring bighorn sheep draw tags in line w/ our other big game draws.

Best regards

Marvin S. Pugmire, 505.301.2163

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Vince Miller <rvincentmiller16@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 7:05 PM
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Sincerely,

Roger Vincent Miller

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Sean Keck <seankeck@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 6:56 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bighorn Rule Proposal

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Dear New Mexico Game Commissioners:

I stand with the Wild Sheep Foundation, New Mexico Wild Sheep Foundation, and resident and non-resident sheep hunters across the country in opposing this action. If approved, it will reduce the opportunities to participate in the state's successful wild sheep conservation programs and reduce the incentives to contribute significant out-of-state financial resources to continue to enhance and protect wild sheep populations in New Mexico.

Additional Background

In 1978/79, there were less than 700 bighorns and less than 80 desert bighorn sheep in New Mexico. Today there are over 1,700 RMBHS and 1,200 DBHS. This is a significant wild sheep conservation success story. However, this did not occur without considerable work and the funding to make it happen. Since 1990, most of the funding for this effort has come from the U.S. and Canadian hunting communities. In the last 32 years, over \$7 million has been directed to the NMDGF special bighorn sheep enhancement fund/budget for restoration and management projects. Over 90% of this \$7 million has come from non-resident hunters and donors. During these 32 years, only less than 5% originated from New Mexico hunters. These \$7 million have been leveraged against a 3-to-1 match in Pittman-Robertson Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act funds, which has provided the NMDGF with the ability to conduct aggressive and successful wild sheep conservation and management programs.

Without these funds provided by non-resident hunters, there would be significantly fewer bighorn hunting opportunities for everyone. By reducing or eliminating all non-resident opportunities, it would follow that the non-resident hunting community and various conservation groups will not offer the same support they have provided during the last 32 years. This will not be good for N.M. bighorn sheep conservation, and it will slow down the creation of more bighorn sheep hunting opportunities in the future.

Best Regards,
Sean Keck
Cadott, WI

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: William McDonald <wmandd@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 6:51 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Sincerely,

William S. McDonald
Sent from my iPad

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From: martin lovato <mmlovato55@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 6:46 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Dear Commissioners,

The whole process For putting in for a big horn tag is very confusing.

I am opposed to the lumping of Bighorn tags. Please review this practice to ensure tags are distributed according to allocation laws as well as the standard definition of 'hunt code'.

Sincerely,
Martin

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: charles arnold <charliea@q.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 6:29 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
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Sincerely, charles arnold

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: chris gardner <ccgardner0320@yahoo.com>
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Sincerely,

Chris Gardner
Las Cruces NM

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Eldon Merrick <elmerrick@yucca.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 5:28 PM
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- The state's current approach of lumping tags together and designating "hunt windows" for bighorns in separate hunts spread out over the state and separated by many months stands in clear violation of the statutory definition of "hunt code."
- Anybody who has tried to put in for a Bighorn tag can readily tell that the application process is different from other big game species.
- The state law definition of a hunt code specifies that it must cover a particular species, particular time frame, location and weapon type.

Sincerely,

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Eldon Merrick

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: JIM W BAUER <jwinbauer@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 5:23 PM
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Sincerely,

Jim W. Bauer
P.O. Box 181
Columbus, NM 88029
575-494-4891
jwinbauer@msn.com

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Gary Montoya <gmont@windstream.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 4:30 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
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Sincerely,

Gary P. Montoya
875 W. 9th St.
Truth or Consequences, NM 87901

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Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 4:18 PM
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Sincerely,
Matthew Peterson
Public Land User

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Sincerely,

Justin Lindley

Sent from my iPhone

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Sincerely,

Danny Velarde

Sent from my iPhone

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Sincerely,

Tom Fitzsimmons

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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Sincerely,

Juan Sanchez

Sent from my iPhone

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Sincerely,
Richard Eustace

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Richard W Eustace

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From: Dan <coyoteestates@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 3:12 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
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Sincerely,

Dan Dombrowski

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Hilburn, Mike {PEP} <Mike.Hilburn@pepsico.com>
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To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
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Dear Commissioners,

I am opposed to the lumping of Bighorn tags. Please review this practice to ensure tags are distributed according to allocation laws as well as the standard definition of 'hunt code'. In addition I am inclined to think that NM game and fish need to evaluate how that are dispersing tags in general. In spite of applying for tags faithfully I personally have never drawn a NM elk hunt. Now in my advanced age and physical condition I have doubts that I could effectively hunt elk on a DYI hunt anymore. I have hunted Elk , mostly cows through purchasing landowner tags and reservation hunts that cost dearly. I would add that some of those landowner tags were unit wide tags that came from landowners who only had small parcels of deeded land. Why can NM not go to some kind of preference point system like most other western states so hunters that faithfully apply will have more luck drawing their preferred tag ? No instead NM chases the \$\$ from outfitters and landowners and continually shuts out people like me who has purchased a general hunting and fishing license every year since I was legally able to do so. NEVER DRAWN A ELK TAG

Sincerely,

Sent from my iPad

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Craig Cooper

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Sincerely,
Jon M Corn

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Sincerely, Danny Samora

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Sincerely,

Justin Barrick

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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Wendall Housler <whousler@gmail.com>
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Sincerely,
Wendall Housler

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From: Housler, Wendall -FS <wendall.housler@usda.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 1:00 PM
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Wendall Housler

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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Blaine & Kathy Jones <bjkj1997@gmail.com>
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Sincerely,

blaine jonws

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Sincerely,

blaine jones

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Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 12:57 PM
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Dear Commissioners, I am opposed to the lumping of Bighorn tags. Please review this practice to ensure tags are distributed according to allocation laws as well as the standard definition of 'hunt code'. Sincerely, Matt Kaufmann

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: C C <logpuller@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 12:04 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Sincerely,
Christopher Carusona II
3590 S Western Way, Tucson, AZ 85735

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: David Bollschweiler <dabollsc@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 12:00 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Dear Commissioners,

I am opposed to the lumping of Bighorn tags. Please review this practice to ensure tags are distributed according to allocation laws as well as the standard definition of 'hunt code'.

Also, just as we have Youth hunts, Mobility Impaired hunts, I believe we should have Senior Hunts of Bighorn Sheep set aside. Qualifications for these hunts should be anyone who is a lifelong resident New Mexican at least 65 years of age. I am nearly 72 and have fished & hunted as a resident since 1955, year in & year out, meaning, I have supported NMDGF and the efforts it took to get huntable populations of these sheep. There should be some hope for those that have us that have done this to get a tag. As it is, there is virtually no chance I would ever draw one. Selfish? Perhaps. But this is my lifelong home & state, and the sheep belong to the state residents, not non-residents. They can hunt everything else, but leave the sheep to residents ONLY!!!!!!

Sincerely,

David Bollschweiler
Hunter Id 09171950 - BRY

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Jimmy Torrez <jimmygtorrez@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 11:44 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
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Sincerely,

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: David Linton <David_Linton@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 11:38 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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This needs to be clarified and updated for hunters.

Sincerely,
David Linton

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Randy Coats <coats.randy@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 11:34 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Sincerely,

Randy J Coats

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Ringwald, Robert <Robert.Ringwald@aecom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 11:23 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
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Sincerely,

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Jim Encinias <jimencinias@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 11:21 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Clay Cobb <Clay@lcobbconstruction.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 10:55 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Dear Commissioners,

I am opposed to the lumping of Bighorn tags. Please review this practice to ensure tags are distributed according to allocation laws as well as the standard definition of 'hunt code'. I own land in New Mexico that has big horn sheep on it. I would love to take a ram off of our family's land. So I put in for the draw for that section. Although the way the system is set up now. I have to draw for other units that I am not necessarily interested in. I would be in favor of changing the big horn sheep draw to be more like elk, deer, bear.

Sincerely,

James Clay Cobb

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: kentsala <kentsala@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 10:50 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Combining Hunt Codes/Areas

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Dear Commissioners,

I am opposed to the combining of Bighorn tags. Please review this practice to ensure tags are distributed according to allocation laws as well as the standard definition of 'hunt code'.

Sincerely,

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Ron Taft <moragaron@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 10:43 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Dear Commissioners,

I am opposed to the lumping of Bighorn tags. Please review this practice to ensure tags are distributed according to allocation laws as well as the standard definition of 'hunt code'. The lumping for bighorn sheep is different than all other hunt codes and results in reduced numbers of resident hunters receiving tags than is defined by state law .

Sincerely,
Ron Taft

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Frank Marrs <fmarrs3@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 10:40 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
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Sincerely,
Frank marrs

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Frank Marrs
fmarrs3@gmail.com

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From: Suzanne Wieser <stheweez@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 10:38 AM
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Sincerely,

Suzy

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

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Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 10:36 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
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Sincerely,
Bryan Harker

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Mark Siedschlag <siedschlagmark@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 10:35 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
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Dear Commissioners, I am opposed to the lumping of Bighorn tags. Please review this practice to ensure tags are distributed according to allocation

laws as well as the standard definition of %2? hunt code%2?. Sincerely,
Mark Siedschlag

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: James Ross <jimross@nmsu.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 10:35 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
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Sincerely,

James Ross
805 Cielo Circle, Las Cruces

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Michael Trujillo <michael.trujillo72@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 10:33 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
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Sincerely,

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Paul Rockhold <perock35@outlook.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 10:32 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
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Sincerely, Paul E. Rockhold

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Lisa Martinez <martinezlis62@ymail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 10:28 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: monty caudill <ceranch@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 10:28 AM
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monty caudill

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Christian Cheneau <cheneau@earthlink.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 10:25 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Sincerely,

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Mark Pratt <mark.pratt1001@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 10:19 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
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Sincerely,
Mark Pratt

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Abrams, Carl <Carl.Abrams@hdrinc.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 10:17 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Sincerely, Carl Abrams

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Matt Gilbreth <matt.gilbreth@arbor.us>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 10:06 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
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Sincerely,

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: kevin_crawford32 <kevin_crawford32@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 9:56 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Sincerely,

Kevin Crawford

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Jerry Burns <GFBurns@outlook.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 9:30 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
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Sincerely,

Gerald Burns

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Hal Marshall <halmarshall777@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 9:23 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Cc: Hal Marshall
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Sincerely,
Hal Marshall

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Beth Puschel Dykstra <bpd512@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 9:22 AM
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Dear Commissioners,

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Lumping of bighorn tags does not follow state law definition of a hunt code that specifies a hunt code must cover a particular species, particular timeframe, location, and weapon type. Let's get this cleaned up and follow our state laws.

Lumping of bighorn tags plays specifically to the benefit of the 10% tags set aside for Outfitters and Guides. Enough already. New Mexico has a legacy of the best Outfitters and Guides, yes there are a handful of them here in our great state. The best can manage their business without a subsidy of setting aside 10 % of game tags for use by outfitters. The 10% set aside subsidies those outfitters and guides that can not maintain a client base on their own due to poor quality outfitting and guiding. Let's get this cleaned up.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Dykstra
Albuquerque NM

Sent from my iPad

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: chris schneller <markschneller@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 9:17 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
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Chris Schneller

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Tyler Burnett <jtylerburnett@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 9:17 AM
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Sincerely,

J. Tyler Burnett

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: leroy apodaca <leroyapodaca@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 9:14 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
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[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Ackman, Michael <Michael.Ackman@mosaicco.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 9:11 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Dear Commissioners,

I am opposed to the lumping of Bighorn tags. Please review this practice to ensure tags are distributed according to allocation laws as well as the standard definition of 'hunt code'. The Bighorn Sheep hunts should be no different than any other species. The current practice is in clear violation of state statute and needs to be changed as bighorn sheep tags in New Mexico should be allocated as all other tags are following the statute. If the entire hunt code area was accessible by the drawn hunters the current codes would meet the statute, but this would not allow for proper management. Please standardize all species so that the draw is fair and the animals are managed correctly.

Sincerely,

Michael Ackman

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Douglas Hester <sanfehawk@live.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 9:08 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
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Sincerely,

DV Hester

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: James Rincon <marin4xrv@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 9:02 AM
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Sincerely,

James Rincon

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Matthew Johnston <sch34cs@gmail.com>
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Sincerely,

Matthew Johnston

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Robert Gomez <robtgom@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 8:47 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
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Sincerely,
RA Gomez

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Cable Smith <lonestaroutdoorshow@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 8:45 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
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Sincerely,

Cable Smith

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Kuzmack, Michael S <kuzmack@lanl.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 8:44 AM
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Dear Commissioners,

I am opposed to the lumping of Bighorn tags. Please review this practice to ensure tags are distributed according to allocation laws as well as the standard definition of 'hunt code'.

In addition, I would like the following points addressed:

- The state's current approach of lumping tags together and designating "hunt windows" for bighorns in separate hunts spread out over the state and separated by many months stands in clear violation of the statutory definition of "hunt code."
- Anybody who has tried to put in for a Bighorn tag can readily tell that the application process is different from other big game species.
- The state law definition of a hunt code specifies that it must cover a particular species, particular timeframe, location and weapon type.

Sincerely,
Mike Kuzmack

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Frank J Mraz <fjmraz4646@gmail.com>
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Sincerely,
Frank J. Mraz

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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Johnny T DeVargas <jtdevargas@gmail.com>
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Sincerely,

Johnny T. DeVargas

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Eric Gregory <THEEEL01@msn.com>
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Sincerely,
Eric Gregory
New Mexico Resident, Hunter and Military Veteran

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: larryluns <larryluns@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 8:31 AM
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Sincerely,

Larry Lunsford
NM Resident for 70 years
Texas resident now.

I drew a Pecos Bighorn tag in 2004. I was the only NM resident out of 7 and I was the only non-guided hunter. I did not harvest a Ram. My father passed away and I had to come out after one day of the hunt 😞. I appealed to G n F for another chance in several options, all were denied 😞😞.

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S8 Active, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Donald Smith <dhs1958@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 8:29 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
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Sincerely,

Donald H Smith

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Sincerely,
Alex Garcia

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From: James Mathews <jamesnextgplumb@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 8:28 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Dear Commissioners,

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Sincerely,
New Mexico Sportsman James Mathews

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: dradsam@aol.com
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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Josh Miketa <crazyhunter27@hotmail.com>
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Sincerely,

Josh

Sent from my iPhone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Brad Davison, NRP, MBA-HM <rcmedic@zianet.com>
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Sincerely,

Brad Davison, NRP, MBA-HM
Sent from my uneducated phone as I am away from my real computer.

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Tom Gonzales <tgonza@usa.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 8:21 AM
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Sincerely,

Tom Gonzales

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From: Ronny Padilla <loboronryp.214@gmail.com>
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Sincerely,
Ronny p

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Chavez, Gabriel C <Gabriel.Chavez2@BNSF.com>
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The state law definition of a hunt code specifies that it must cover a particular species, particular timeframe, location and weapon type.

Sincerely,

Gabe Chavez

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: flyfishnm <flyfishnm@protonmail.com>
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Sent from Proton Mail for iOS

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Yaksich, Roderick <roderick.yaksich@bms.com>
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Dear Commissioners,

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Sincerely,

Rod Yaksich

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Sincerely,

Martin Torrez

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From: Christian Wilcox <nmbaseball5@live.com>
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Sincerely,
Christian Wilcox

Sent from my iPhone

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Sincerely,

Warm Regards,

Dallas Rose
Cell: (505) 321-0000

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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Paul Rockhold <perock35@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, May 30, 2022 5:59 PM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
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Sincerely, Paul E. Rockhold

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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Bob Remiger <robrem@taosnet.com>
Sent: Monday, May 30, 2022 3:44 PM
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Sincerely,

Robert Remiger
Valdez, NM

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: K Bartkowski <kenbartkowski@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 30, 2022 11:44 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Dear Commissioners, I have been a resident of New Mexico since 1967!! This is concerning Rocky Mountain Bighorn!! To be brief please consider a point system for us residents and please be more considerate of us residents!! Here I am and hvee been applying forever and no luck! I must say that it does not seem to me like your department cares anything about us!!!! From what kI understand I totally disagree with the lumping of Bighorn tags and again would ask to give us residents priority in the draw and seriously look at a point system please?

I am opposed to the lumping of Bighorn tags. Please review this practice to ensure tags are distributed according to allocation laws as well as the standard definition of 'hunt code'.

Sincerely, Ken Bartkowski

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Blaine & Kathy Jones <bjkj1997@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 27, 2022 7:43 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
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Sincerely,

blaine jones

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: marshall maez <marshallmaez@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 27, 2022 7:02 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
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From: marshall maez <marshallmaez@gmail.com>
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From: randall norred <tylernorred@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2022 9:21 PM
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Sincerely,

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From: John Crenshaw <jondale118@aol.com>
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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: cody creager <armyccreager@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2022 3:11 PM
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Sincerely,

Cody Creager

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

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Cody Creager

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From: Don Faraone <rdrunrm@gmail.com>
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Sincerely,

Don Farone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Marcus Duran <madzuran@gmail.com>
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Sincerely,

Marcus Duran

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Gary Montoya <gmont@windstream.net>
Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2022 12:00 PM
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Sincerely,
Gary P. Montoya
875 W. 9th Ave.
Truth or Consequences, NM 87901

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Spencer Bedwell <brooks2554@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2022 11:39 AM
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S. Brooks Bedwell

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Cornell, George <cornell@msu.edu>
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I am opposed to the lumping of Bighorn tags. Please review this practice to ensure tags are distributed according to allocation laws as well as the standard definition of 'hunt code'. Additionally, the NM legislature should review the allocation process of Bighorn sheep to ensure that the maximum number of tags are allotted to NM residents. We support NM Game and Fish in their efforts to manage our State's resources.

Sincerely,

Dr. George L. Cornell - Jeez Springs, NM 87025

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Aaron Berg <abergnm@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2022 11:08 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
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Sincerely,
Aaron C. Berg
Gallup, NM

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: MARK TELEP <mtelep2004@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2022 11:07 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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Dear Commissioners,

I am opposed to the lumping of Bighorn tags. Please review this practice to ensure tags are distributed according to allocation laws as well as the standard definition of 'hunt code'. The State residents should have priority in any draws!!!!!!!!!!

Sincerely,

Sent from my iPhone Mark Telep

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Mark Hammond <markxyb@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2022 10:36 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
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The lumping approach allows the Game Commission to meet the requirements of the state law that allocates a minimum of 84 percent of tags to state residents, 10 percent to hunters who apply with an outfitter and 6 percent to nonresidents.

However, the lumping approach also clearly runs afoul of the state law that defines a hunt code. The state law definition of a hunt code specifies that it must cover a particular species, particular timeframe, location and weapon type.

Instead of continuing to twist the hunt code definition to sidestep the quota law on bighorns, the game commission should send the matter to the New Mexico State Legislature so it can craft a solution by changing the quota law itself.

However, you all know this. This seems to fall in line with allocating less than 84% of the elk tags in the Public Draw to Non-Residents and not correcting the problem because of the extra funds collected from the higher priced elk tags. The whims of the Commission usurp the law. How can you expect New Mexico residents to support your efforts or even follow the law if the Commission can't follow or doesn't want to follow the law.

If you desire to Lump the hunts, then ask the legislature to change the **LAW**.

Sincerely,

Mark Hammond
8708 Napa valley Rd NE
Albuquerque, NM 87122

(505) 726-3128

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: digreen222 <digreen222@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2022 9:38 AM
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Sincerely,

Diane Green

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Sonja Romero <sromero1@kagnm.com>
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Sonja Romero

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Sincerely,

Sonja Romero

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Also, I have been hunting some in Idaho and Montana over the past three years, and sure would like to see some of their transparency of actions and plans in this state.

Sincerely,

William Gentry

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: buildelite <buildelite@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2022 9:04 AM
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I'll be 60 years old this year and have been trying to draw a tag fairly from the beginning of the sheep draw. As you are probably aware that many of those years the draw was against resident NM's, when the courts finally ruled to include sheep in the resident quota NM's were elated! then the NMG&F skewed the draw quota by lumping hunt codes to give resident sheep tags to non-residents, what happened to "for the people of NM" ??
Please address this issue and make it fair for all NM's.

Sincerely,
John Pearce

Sent from my Galaxy

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Dallas Rose <cowboyte80@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2022 9:02 AM
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Sincerely,

Regards,

Dallas Rose
Cell: (505) 321-0000

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From: richard cram <rkcram@yahoo.com>
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Richard Cram

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Cordova, Glen Daniel <gc_bowhunter@lanl.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2022 8:51 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
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Bighorn sheep hunting opportunities for residents in this state of New Mexico are unfair and unjust. My dad, brother, best friend and I have been applying for Bighorn sheep for over 25 years and have never drawn a tag.

I am opposed to the current draw system for Bighorn. Lumping all the tags into a manipulative system where the department can pull tags for non-residents in the Outfitter pool is a back door tactic being used to rob NM residents of hunting opportunities.

I support changing the current Bighorn Sheep draw strategy to give resident hunters increased opportunities to draw and hunt Bighorn Sheep.

Respectfully,
Glen Cordova

Sincerely,

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Ed Breitinger <ednrubi@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2022 8:47 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas
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Dear Commissioners,

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- All out of state hunting should be banned from New Mexico for a period of at least 5 years, this includes those hunting with guides
- Upon re allowing out of state hunters, they should only be allow to purchase leftover tags, the prime hunting areas should only be allow for New Mexico residents
- Guides should have no rights to ANY tags of ANY sort, they get to guide when an individual has drawn a tag and contracted with the guide.
- Land owners should not be allowed to sell tags for more than \$500 each, regardless of species
- Land owners should not be allowed to host out of state hunters during the 5 year period
- There should be a requirement that 80% of landowner tags go to resident hunters.
- Putting in for a tag and using a guide number should not increase your chances of drawing
- I have been on the bighorn hunt and this should be a privilege allowed only for New Mexicans
- There should never be a back door that could bring into question the ethics of our draw system
- If guides go out of business, so be it! Personal experience has proven very few are out to do anything more that make a buck, and I don't mean a Male Deer.
- I'm tired of seeing nothing but out of state license plates everywhere I go hunting.
- Any individual who has private land, land owner tags or has any other vested interest other than the hunting privileges of New Mexicans should not be allowed on the board, including the Governor

Sincerely,

Rick

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

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Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2022 8:36 AM
To: DGF-Bighorn-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Against Lumping Hunt Codes/Areas

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COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA BRIEFING

Meeting Date: August 19, 2022

Agenda Number: 14

Presenter: Stewart Liley

Corroborator: N/A

Agenda Title: Rule Making Hearing on Final Rule Changes on the Bighorn sheep Rule (19.31.17 NMAC) for the 2023 – 2026 hunting seasons.

1. Summary of Agenda Item

The Department will present biological data and proposed changes to the Bighorn sheep Rule (19.31.17 NMAC) based, biological information, management goals, and on public feedback. The Department held 2 virtual meetings and has also received comments via email on the rule.

Proposed changes include:

- The Department established a population of Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep in the Jemez mountains in 2014. The population will soon have older age class males available for harvest and the Department recommends opening the Jemez population for hunting with 2 hunt windows that are each 2 weeks in length in autumn. The likely start of this hunt would be during the 2nd year of the 4 year rule.
 - o Proposed hunt dates: August 10-24th and September 1st-15th
- The Hatchet's hunt currently allows hunters to access both the Little and Big Hatchets. The Department recommends splitting the hunt areas into the Little Hatchets and Big Hatchets hunt area as current ram harvest occurs disproportionately on the Little Hatchets. The Department also recommends shifting hunt dates to 2 hunt windows: September 15-30 and October 1-15.
- In order to ensure an enjoyable hunt and limit hunter density, the Department recommends creating 2 hunt windows in the Peloncillo and Ladron populations. This change would split the current single monthlong season into two, 2-week-long seasons:
 - o Ladron herd: Dec. 1-15 and Dec. 16-31
 - o Peloncillos herd: Nov. 1-15 and Nov. 16-30
- In order to ensure an enjoyable hunt and limit hunter density, the Department recommends creating a 3rd hunt window in the Rio Grande Gorge population; November 1-15.
- The Department proposes to include the Double E Wildlife Management Area as open to hunters that hold a valid license for that GMU.
- The Department recommends making small adjustments to season dates in some areas. For example, if a hunt normally starts on a Saturday, this date shift would be maintained throughout the rule so the hunts continue to start on Saturday.

2. Background Information

The bighorn sheep rule (19.31.17 NMAC) is re-evaluated every 4 years and changed based on population indices, harvest data, and management goals, and public feedback. The Department held public meetings and has received public comment.

Bighorn sheep population growth is driven by both adult female and lamb survival. Because bighorn sheep populations are small, the Department manages populations to maintain a huntable number of older age class males. Bighorn sheep biology and the Department's harvest strategy mean that few ram hunting opportunities exist. Populations are monitored annually and hunting opportunities are based upon survey observations. In some Rocky Mountain bighorn populations, the Department may implement limited female harvest to achieve population goals.

3. Strategic Plan References and Possible Impacts of Agenda Item

The process as presented to the Commission meets the Conservation Services Program Objectives 1, 2 and 5 of the Department's Strategic Plan: FY 2019 – FY 2023

4. Considerations Regarding Duplications and/or Conflicts with Existing Rules or Statutes

None

5. Description and Summary of Public Involvement Process and Results

The Department has held 2 virtual public meetings (118 people signed up, of those 59 attended). We have received 702 public comments (as of 8/12/2022) to our bighorn sheep rule email account. Proposed changes to the bighorn sheep rule have been posted on the Department's website.

6. Suggested Motion

The Department respectfully suggests the following motion unless Commission discretion indicates a different course of action:

“Move to adopt the proposed changes to 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.”

TITLE 19 NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILDLIFE
CHAPTER 31 HUNTING AND FISHING
PART 17 BIGHORN SHEEP

19.31.17.1 ISSUING AGENCY: New Mexico Department of Game and Fish.
[19.31.17.1 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.17.1 NMAC, 4/1/]

19.31.17.2 SCOPE: Sportspersons interested in bighorn sheep the management and hunting of bighorn sheep. Additional requirements may be found in Chapter 17 NMSA 1978, and Chapters 30, 31, 32 and 33 of Title 19 NMAC.
[19.31.17.2 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.17.2 NMAC, 4/1/2019]

19.31.17.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Sections 17-1-14 and 17-1-26 NMSA 1978 provide that the New Mexico state game commission has the authority to establish rules and regulations that it may deem necessary to carry out the purpose of Chapter 17 NMSA 1978 and all other acts pertaining to protected mammals, birds, and fish.
[19.31.17.3 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.17.3 NMAC, 4/1/2019]

19.31.17.4 DURATION: April 1, 20232019 through March 31, 20272023.
[19.31.17.4 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.17.4 NMAC, 4/1/2019]

19.31.17.5 EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 20232019 unless a later date is cited at the end of a section.
[19.31.17.5 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.17.5 NMAC, 4/1/2019]

19.31.17.6 OBJECTIVE: Establishing open hunting seasons and regulations, rules, and procedures governing the distribution and issuance of bighorn sheep licenses by the department.
[19.31.17.6 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.17.6 NMAC, 4/1/2019]

19.31.17.7 DEFINITIONS:

A. ~~“Bighorn enhancement program” as used herein, shall mean the department activity that allows the issuance of not more than four permits for the taking of one bighorn ram per permit with the purpose of raising funds for programs and projects to benefit bighorn sheep.~~

BA. “Department” shall mean the New Mexico department of game and fish.

CB. “Director” shall mean the director of the New Mexico department of game and fish.

DC. “Either sex” or “ES” shall mean any one animal of the species.

ED. “Ewe” shall mean any female bighorn sheep.

FE. “Game management unit” or “GMU” shall mean those areas as described in the rule 19.30.4 NMAC Boundary Descriptions for Game Management Units.

GF. “Ram” shall mean any male bighorn sheep.

HG. “Wildlife management areas” or “WMAs” shall mean those areas as described in rule 19.34.5 NMAC, Wildlife Management Areas.

[19.31.17.7 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.17.7 NMAC, 4/1/2019]

19.31.17.8 ADJUSTMENT OF LICENSES: The director, with the verbal concurrence of the New Mexico state game commission chairperson or their designee, may adjust the number of bighorn licenses to address significant changes in population levels or to address critical department management needs. The director may change or cancel any or all hunts on military lands to accommodate closures on those lands; if changed, the season length and bag limit shall remain the same as assigned on the original hunt code.
[19.31.17.8 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.17.8 NMAC, 4/1/2019]

19.31.17.9 BIGHORN SHEEP LICENSE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS:

A. Rocky mountain bighorn sheep ram once-in-a-lifetime hunts: It shall be unlawful for anyone to apply for a Rocky mountain bighorn sheep ram license if one has previously held a license to hunt a Rocky mountain bighorn sheep ram in New Mexico, except those who have held a youth-only, private land-only (not obtained through the public draw), population management license for ram or ES that the director, with verbal concurrence of the chairperson or their designee, has decided does not qualify as once-in-a-lifetime, auction, and/or raffle bighorn ram license(s). A person that has received the youth-only ram license is eligible for this hunt only once as a youth (under age 18), but may apply for the other Rocky mountain and desert bighorn once-in-a lifetime hunts as long as they are eligible.

B. Desert bighorn sheep ram once-in-a-lifetime hunts: It shall be unlawful for anyone to apply for a desert bighorn sheep ram license if one has previously held a license to hunt a desert bighorn sheep ram in New Mexico, except those who have held a youth-only, private land-only (not obtained through the public draw), population management license for ram or ES that the director, with verbal concurrence of the chairperson or their designee, has decided does not qualify as once-in-a-lifetime, auction, and/or raffle bighorn ram license(s). A person that has received the youth-only ram license is eligible for this hunt only once as a youth (under age 18), but may apply for the other Rocky mountain and desert bighorn once-in-a lifetime hunts as long as they are eligible.

C. Rocky mountain bighorn sheep ewe hunts: This hunt is not a once-in-a-lifetime hunt. A person that has previously held a license to hunt Rocky mountain bighorn rams or ewes is eligible to apply for this hunt.

[19.31.17.9 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.17.9 NMAC, 4/1/2019]

19.31.17.10 SEALING OF RAM HORNS: A seal shall be affixed to a horn of every bighorn sheep ram head taken in New Mexico, imported into New Mexico, or found in the field in New Mexico subsequent to August 17, 1973. Bighorn sheep heads found in the field within New Mexico shall remain the property of the state until disposed of by permit from the director. The seal shall authorize possession and transportation of the head within New Mexico.

A. Such sealing shall be done within ten days after the bighorn sheep ram head is taken, imported, or found in the field and before the bighorn sheep head is exported from New Mexico. Bighorn sheep ram heads not so declared shall be seized. Only legally taken and possessed bighorn sheep ram heads **from New Mexico** shall be sealed.

B. Bighorn sheep ram heads legally sealed in other countries, states, tribal entities, provinces, and territories, and possessing a valid visible seal attached, are exempted.

C. It shall be unlawful to possess any bighorn sheep ram head which has not been sealed as described in this section.

[19.31.17.10 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.17.10 NMAC, 4/1/2019]

19.31.17.11 BIGHORN SHEEP HUNTING SEASONS: The **2023-24** ~~2019-20~~ through **2026-27** ~~2022-23~~ hunting seasons shall be as indicated below, listing the GMUs or areas open, eligibility requirements or restrictions, hunt dates, hunt codes, sporting arms, number of licenses, and bag limit. Additional eligibility requirements and restrictions are defined in Section 9 of 19.31.17 NMAC above.

A. Rocky mountain bighorn ram hunt for any **legal big game** sporting arms (BHS-1-201). Hunters applying for BHS-1-201 will be allowed to select and rank up to three open areas/hunt dates. The number of licenses available for BHS-1-201 will be up to 60 with a bag limit of one ram.

open GMUs or areas for BHS 1-201	2019-2020 hunt dates	2020-2021 hunt dates	2021-2022 hunt dates	2022-2023 hunt dates
6	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
14, 18	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
16B, 22, 23, 24	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31

45	8/9-8/18	8/7-8/16	8/6-8/15	8/5-8/14
	8/23-9/1	8/21-8/30	8/20-8/29	8/19-8/28
45, youth only	8/23-9/1	8/21-8/30	8/20-8/29	8/19-8/28
53 south of NM 38 and east of NM 522	8/6-8/15	8/6-8/15	8/6-8/15	8/6-8/15
	9/1-9/10	9/1-9/10	9/1-9/10	9/1-9/10
53 north of NM 38 and east of NM 522; 55 south of NM 196/FS Rd 1950	8/9-8/18	8/7-8/16	8/6-8/15	8/5-8/14
	8/23-9/1	8/21-8/30	8/20-8/29	8/19-8/28
49, 50, 53 west of NM 522	8/10-8/24	8/10-8/24	8/10-8/24	8/10-8/24
	9/1-9/15	9/1-9/15	9/1-9/15	9/1-9/15
55 north of NM196/FS Rd 1950	8/15/2019-1/15/2020	8/15/2020-1/15/2021	8/15/2021-1/15/2022	8/15/2022-1/15/2023
58	8/15/2019-1/15/2020	8/15/2020-1/15/2021	8/15/2021-1/15/2022	8/15/2022-1/15/2023

<u>open GMUs or areas for BHS-1-201</u>	<u>2023-2024 hunt dates</u>	<u>2024-2025 hunt dates</u>	<u>2025-2026 hunt dates</u>	<u>2026-2027 hunt dates</u>
6	8/10-8/24	8/10-8/24	8/10-8/24	8/10-8/24
	9/1-9/15	9/1-9/15	9/1-9/15	9/1-9/15
14, 18	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
16B, 22, 23, 24: including Double E WMA	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31
45	8/4-8/13	8/9-8/18	8/8-8/17	8/7-8/16
	8/18-8/27	8/23-9/1	8/22-8/31	8/21-8/30
45, youth only	8/18-8/27	8/23-9/1	8/22-8/31	8/21-8/30
53 south of NM 38 and east of NM 522	8/6-8/15	8/6-8/15	8/6-8/15	8/6-8/15
	9/1-9/10	9/1-9/10	9/1-9/10	9/1-9/10
53 north of NM 38 and east of NM 522; 55 south of NM 196/FS Rd 1950	8/4-8/13	8/9-8/18	8/8-8/17	8/7-8/16
	8/18-8/27	8/23-9/1	8/22-8/31	8/21-8/30
49, 50, 53 west of NM 522	8/10-8/24	8/10-8/24	8/10-8/24	8/10-8/24
	9/1-9/15	9/1-9/15	9/1-9/15	9/1-9/15
	11/1-11/15	11/1-11/15	11/1-11/15	11/1-11/15
55 north of NM 196/FS Rd 1950	8/15/2023-1/15/2024	8/15/2024-1/15/2025	8/15/2025-1/15/2026	8/15/2026-1/15/2027
58	8/15/2023-1/15/2024	8/15/2024-1/15/2025	8/15/2025-1/15/2026	8/15/2026-1/15/2027

B. Private land Rocky mountain bighorn ram hunt for any legal big game sporting arms. The number of licenses available will be up to 6 with a bag limit of one ram.

<u>open GMUs</u>	<u>2019-2020 hunt dates</u>	<u>2020-2021 hunt dates</u>	<u>2021-2022 hunt dates</u>	<u>2022-2023 hunt dates</u>
55 north of NM196/FS Rd 1950	8/15/2019-1/15/2020	8/15/2020-1/15/2021	8/15/2021-1/15/2022	8/15/2022-1/15/2023
58	8/15/2019-1/15/2020	8/15/2020-1/15/2021	8/15/2021-1/15/2022	8/15/2022-1/15/2023

<u>open GMUs or areas</u>	<u>2023-2024 hunt dates</u>	<u>2024-2025 hunt dates</u>	<u>2025-2026 hunt dates</u>	<u>2026-2027 hunt dates</u>
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55 north of NM 196/FS Rd 1950	8/15/2023- 1/15/2024	8/15/2024- 1/15/2025	8/15/2025- 1/15/2026	8/15/2026- 1/15/2027
58	8/15/2023- 1/15/2024	8/15/2024- 1/15/2025	8/15/2025- 1/15/2026	8/15/2026- 1/15/2027

C. Rocky mountain bighorn ewe hunt for any legal big game sporting arms (BHS-1-202). Hunters applying for BHS-1-202 will be allowed to select and rank up to three open areas/hunt dates. The number of licenses available for BHS-1-202 will be up to 150 with a bag limit of one ewe.

open GMUs or areas for BHS-1-202	2019- 2020 hunt dates	2020- 2021 hunt dates	2021- 2022 hunt dates	2022- 2023 hunt dates
45	9/21-9/25	9/19-9/23	9/18-9/22	9/17-9/21
	10/5-10/9	10/3-10/7	10/2-10/6	10/1-10/5
45, youth only	10/5-10/9	10/3-10/7	10/2-10/6	10/1-10/5
49, 50, 53 west of NM 522	10/12- 10/20	10/10- 10/18	10/9- 10/17	10/8- 10/16
	11/9- 11/17	11/14- 11/22	11/13- 11/21	11/12- 11/20
	12/14- 12/22	12/12- 12/20	12/11- 12/19	12/10- 12/18
	11/9- 11/17	11/14- 11/22	11/13- 11/21	11/12- 11/20
53 south of NM 38 and east of NM 522	9/21-9/25	9/19-9/23	9/18-9/22	9/24-9/28
	10/5-10/9	10/3-10/7	10/2-10/6	10/8- 10/12
53 south of NM 38 and east of NM 522, youth only	9/21-9/25	9/19-9/23	9/18-9/22	9/24-9/28
53 north of NM 38 and east of NM 522; 55 south of NM 196/FS Rd 1950	9/21-10/4	9/19-10/2	9/18-10/1	9/17-9/30
53 north of NM 38 and east of NM 522; 55 south of NM 196/FS Rd 1950, youth only	9/21-10/4	9/19-10/2	9/18-10/1	9/17-9/30

open GMUs or areas for BHS-1-202	2023- 2024 hunt dates	2024- 2025 hunt dates	2025- 2026 hunt dates	2026- 2027 hunt dates
45	9/16-9/20	9/21-9/25	9/20-9/24	9/19-9/23
	9/30-10/4	10/5-10/9	10/4-10/8	10/3-10/7
45, youth only	9/30-10/4	10/5-10/9	10/4-10/8	10/3-10/7
49, 50, 53 west of NM 522	10/14- 10/22	10/12- 10/20	10/11- 10/19	10/10- 10/18
	11/18- 11/26	11/16- 11/24	11/15- 11/23	11/21- 11/29
	12/9- 12/17	12/14- 12/22	12/13- 12/21	12/12- 12/20
	11/18- 11/26	11/16- 11/24	11/15- 11/23	11/21- 11/29

53 south of NM 38 and east of NM 522	9/23-9/27	9/21-9/25	9/20-9/24	9/19-9/23
	10/7-10/11	10/5-10/9	10/4-10/8	10/3-10/7
53 south of NM 38 and east of NM 522, youth only	9/23-9/27	9/21-9/25	9/20-9/24	9/19-9/23
53 north of NM 38 and east of NM 522; 55 south of NM 196/FS Rd 1950	9/16-9/20	9/21-9/25	9/20-9/24	9/19-9/23
53 north of NM 38 and east of NM 522; 55 south of NM 196/FS Rd 1950, youth only	9/16-9/20	9/21-9/25	9/20-9/24	9/19-9/23

D. Rocky mountain bighorn ewe hunt for bow only (BHS-2-203). Hunters applying for BHS-2-203 will be allowed to select and rank up to three open areas/hunt dates. The number of licenses available for BHS-2-203 will be up to 60 with a bag limit of one ewe.

open GMUs or areas for BHS-2-203	2019-2020 hunt dates	2020-2021 hunt dates	2021-2022 hunt dates	2022-2023 hunt dates
45	9/6-9/15	9/4-9/13	9/3-9/12	9/2-9/11
49, 50, 53 west of NM 522	9/16-9/30	9/16-9/30	9/16-9/30	9/16-9/30
53 south of NM 38 and east of NM 522	9/11-9/17	9/11-9/17	9/11-9/17	9/11-9/17
53 north of NM 38 and east of NM 522; 55 south of NM 196/FS Rd 1950	9/7-9/20	9/5-9/18	9/4-9/17	9/3-9/16
53 north of NM 38 and east of NM 522; 55 south of NM 196/FS Rd 1950, youth only	9/7-9/20	9/5-9/18	9/4-9/17	9/3-9/16

open GMUs or areas for BHS-2-203	2023-2024 hunt dates	2024-2025 hunt dates	2025-2026 hunt dates	2026-2027 hunt dates
45	9/1-9/10	9/6-9/15	9/5-9/14	9/4-9/13
49, 50, 53 west of NM 522	9/16-9/30	9/16-9/30	9/16-9/30	9/16-9/30
53 south of NM 38 and east of NM 522	9/11-9/17	9/11-9/17	9/11-9/17	9/11-9/17
53 north of NM 38 and east of NM 522; 55 south of NM 196/FS Rd 1950	9/2-9/15	9/7-9/20	9/6-9/19	9/5-9/18
53 north of NM 38 and east of NM 522; 55 south of NM 196/FS Rd 1950, youth only	9/2-9/15	9/7-9/20	9/6-9/19	9/5-9/18

E. Desert bighorn ram hunt for any legal big game sporting arms (BHS-1-204). Hunters applying for BHS-1-204 will be allowed to select and rank up to three open areas/hunt dates. The number of licenses available for BHS-1-204 will be up to 60 with a bag limit of one ram.

open GMUs or areas for BHS-1-204	2019-2020 hunt dates	2020-2021 hunt dates	2021-2022 hunt dates	2022-2023 hunt dates
13, 17	12/1-12/31	12/1-12/31	12/1-12/31	12/1-12/31
	12/14-12/21	12/14-12/21	12/14-12/21	12/14-12/21
19	12/27/2019-1/3/2020	12/27/2020-1/3/2021	12/27/2021-1/3/2022	12/27/2022-1/3/2023

20: south of NM 51	11/16-11/30	11/16-11/30	11/16-11/30	11/16-11/30
	12/1-12/15	12/1-12/15	12/1-12/15	12/1-12/15
20: north of NM 51	10/11-10/20	8/14-8/23	10/8-10/17	8/12-8/21
	2/16-2/29	3/5-3/14	2/16-2/28	3/3-3/12
20: north of NM 51, youth only	11/22-12/1	11/20-11/29	11/19-11/28	11/18-11/27
26	10/1-10/15	10/1-10/15	10/1-10/15	10/1-10/15
	10/16-10/31	10/16-10/31	10/16-10/31	10/16-10/31
27	11/1-11/30	11/1-11/30	11/1-11/30	11/1-11/30

open GMUs or areas for BHS-1-204	2023-2024 hunt dates	2024-2025 hunt dates	2025-2026 hunt dates	2026-2027 hunt dates
13, 17	12/1-12/15	12/1-12/15	12/1-12/15	12/1-12/15
	12/16-12/31	12/16-12/31	12/16-12/31	12/16-12/31
19	12/14-12/21	12/14-12/21	12/14-12/21	12/14-12/21
	12/27/2023-1/3/2024	12/27/2024-1/3/2025	12/27/2025-1/3/2026	12/27/2026-1/3/2027
20: south of NM 51	11/16-11/30	11/16-11/30	11/16-11/30	11/16-11/30
	12/1-12/15	12/1-12/15	12/1-12/15	12/1-12/15
20: north of NM 51	8/18-8/27	9/13-9/22	8/15-8/24	9/11-9/20
		10/11-10/20		10/9-10/18
20: north of NM 51, youth only	11/17-11/26		11/21-11/30	
26, west of NM 81	9/15-9/30	9/15-9/30	9/15-9/30	9/15-9/30
	10/1-10/15	10/1-10/15	10/1-10/15	10/1-10/15
26, east of NM 81	9/15-9/30	9/15-9/30	9/15-9/30	9/15-9/30
	10/1-10/15	10/1-10/15	10/1-10/15	10/1-10/15
27	11/1-11/15	11/1-11/15	11/1-11/15	11/1-11/15
	11/16-11/30	11/16-11/30	11/16-11/30	11/16-11/30

F. Private land desert bighorn ram hunt for any legal big game sporting arms. The number of licenses available will be up to 6 with a bag limit of one ram.

open GMUs	2019-2020 hunt dates	2020-2021 hunt dates	2021-2022 hunt dates	2022-2023 hunt dates
20: north of NM 51	8/16-8/25	10/9-10/18	8/13-8/22	10/7-10/16
	3/6-3/15	2/16-2/28	3/4-3/13	2/16-2/28
20: north of NM 51, youth only	11/22-12/1	11/20-11/29	11/19-11/28	11/18-11/27

open GMUs or areas	2023-2024 hunt dates	2024-2025 hunt dates	2025-2026 hunt dates	2026-2027 hunt dates
20: north of NM 51	9/15-9/24	8/16-8/25	9/12-9/21	8/14-8/23

	10/13- 10/22	11/22-12/1	10/10- 10/19	11/20- 11/29
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19.31.17.12 SPECIAL BIGHORN SHEEP HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES: Bighorn sheep enhancement program: BIGHORN SHEEP ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM:

A. Program description: The director shall collect all proceeds generated through the auction and lottery of special bighorn sheep permits, and such monies shall be deposited in the game protection fund. These monies shall be made available for expenditure by the department solely for programs and projects to benefit bighorn sheep and for costs incurred in carrying out these programs. These monies shall be used to augment, and not replace, monies appropriated from existing funds available to the department for the conservation, restoration, utilization, and management of bighorn sheep.

B. Requirements for issuance of special bighorn sheep licenses:

(1) The state game commission authorizes the director to issue not more than four special bighorn sheep licenses in any one license year to take one ram per license. The director shall allow the sale of one Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep authorization and one desert bighorn sheep authorization through auction to the highest bidder, and one Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep authorization and one desert bighorn sheep authorization to a person selected through a random drawing of a lottery ticket. The drawing will be conducted by the department or an incorporated, non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation of bighorn sheep.

(2) Unless their hunting privileges have been revoked pursuant to law, any person is eligible to submit a bid for the special bighorn sheep auction authorization or purchase lottery tickets in an attempt to be selected for the special bighorn sheep lottery authorization.

(3) The special bighorn sheep authorizations issued through auction and lottery may be transferred, through sale, barter or gift by the successful individuals only to other individuals qualified to hunt.

(4) Special bighorn sheep licenses granted through auction or lottery, as described above, shall not be considered 'once-in-a-lifetime' licenses.

C. Enhancement hunts: These licenses shall be valid for any big game sporting arms statewide where hunting is allowed. The bag limit shall be one ram..

A. The director of the department shall collect all proceeds generated through auction and lottery of special bighorn sheep permits, and such monies shall be deposited in the game protection fund. These monies shall be made available for expenditure by the department solely for programs and projects to benefit bighorn sheep and for direct costs incurred in carrying out these programs. These monies shall be used to augment, and not replace, monies appropriated from existing funds available to the department for the preservation, restoration, utilization, and management of bighorn sheep.

B. The state game commission shall authorize the director of the department to issue not more than four special bighorn sheep permits in any one license year to take one bighorn sheep ram per permit. The director shall allow the sale of two permits through auction to the highest bidders and two permits to persons selected through a random drawing for the holder of a lottery ticket by the department or by an incorporated, nonprofit organization dedicated to the conservation of wild sheep.

C. Proposals for auctioning two special bighorn sheep permits and the sale of lottery tickets to obtain two special bighorn sheep permits through a pair of random drawings shall be submitted to the director of the department prior to December 30 annually, preceding the license year when the permits may be legally used.

D. The proposals for auctioning two permits, and for the sale of lottery tickets and subsequent selection of recipients for two permits through random drawing(s) shall each contain and identify:

(1) the name of the organization making the request as well as the names, addresses and telephone numbers of those members of the organization who are coordinating the proposal;

(2) a copy of the organization's articles of incorporation with a letter attesting that the organization has tax-exempt status. The letter must also affirm that the proponent agrees to the conditions set forth by the director of the department. The letter must be signed and dated by the president and secretary-treasurer, or their equivalents.

E. The director of the department shall examine all proposals following the close of the application period. The director may reject any application which does not conform to the requirements of this section. In selecting a marketing organization, the director shall consider the qualifications of the organization as a fund raiser; the proposed fund raising plan; the fee charged by the marketing organization for promotional and administrative costs, relative to the funds obtained from auctioning the permit; and the organization's previous involvement with wild sheep management and its conservation objectives. The director may accept any proposals when it is in the best interest of bighorn sheep to do so.

F. The marketing organization must agree in writing to the following:

(1) to transfer all proceeds on or before the tenth day of the month following the auction and drawing for the lottery, and

(2) to provide the department with the names, addresses, and the physical descriptions of the individuals to whom the special bighorn sheep permits are issued.

G. The department and the marketing organization must agree to the arrangements for the deposit of the proceeds, payment for services rendered, the accounting procedures, and final audit.

H. Unless his or her hunting privileges have been revoked pursuant to law, any resident of New Mexico, nonresident, or alien is eligible to submit a bid for the special bighorn auction permits or purchase lottery tickets in an attempt to be selected for the special bighorn lottery permits.

I. The special bighorn sheep permits issued through auction and lottery may be transferred, through sale, barter or gift by the successful individuals to only other individuals qualified to hunt.

J. Special bighorn sheep permits granted through auction or lottery, as described above, shall not be considered 'once-in-a-lifetime' permits. A person is eligible to submit a bid for the special bighorn auction and raffle licenses whether or not he or she has previously held a license to hunt Rocky mountain or desert bighorn sheep in New Mexico.

(1)K. Holders of the auction licenses (BHS-1-500) must declare their exclusive hunt area by June 30 annually to hunt the designated subspecies in one of the open hunt areas. Each holder of the raffle license (BHS-1-600) must declare their exclusive hunt area by July 20 annually to hunt the designated subspecies in one of the open hunt areas not declared by the auction hunter.

(2)L. The remaining hunt units open to bighorn hunting not declared by the auction or raffle hunter as their exclusive hunt area, may be hunted by either the auction or raffle hunter.

(3)M. The hunt dates for the auction and raffle licenses BHS-1-500 and BHS-1-600 shall be 8/1-12/31 annually, except GMU 53 south of NM 38 and east of NM 522 is closed 8/16 to 8/31 annually to all bighorn sheep hunters.

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19.31.17.13 BIGHORN SHEEP POPULATION MANAGEMENT HUNTS:

A. The director, with verbal concurrence of the chairperson of the New Mexico state game commission or their designee, may authorize population management hunts for bighorn sheep when justified in writing by department personnel and must be based on biological information or a potential to compromise population viability.

B. The director shall designate the sporting arms, season dates, season lengths, bag limits, hunt boundaries, specific requirements or restrictions, and number of licenses to be issued.

C. In the event that an applicant is not able to hunt on the dates specified, the applicant's name shall be moved to the bottom of the list and another applicant may be contacted for the hunt.

D. In those instances where a population management hunt is warranted on deeded private lands, the landowner may suggest eligible hunters of their choice by submitting a list of prospective hunters' names to the department for licensing consideration. No more than one-half of the total number of licenses authorized shall be available to landowner identified hunters. The balance of prospective hunters shall be identified by the department.

E. The director, with verbal concurrence of the chairperson of the New Mexico state game commission or their designee, may deem some ram or either sex population management licenses not once-in-a-lifetime; a person that has held a once-in-a-lifetime ram license(s) is not disqualified from this hunt.

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