

SENATE FILE NO. SF0134

Bighorn sheep plan.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Hicks, Cooper and Dockstader and
Representative(s) Eklund, Hunt and McKim

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to wildlife and livestock; providing for
2 adoption of the state-wide bighorn/domestic sheep plan;
3 authorizing modification of the plan as specified;
4 authorizing removal or relocation of bighorn sheep as
5 specified; providing for the reimbursement of costs for
6 removal of sheep as specified; providing rulemaking
7 authority; and providing for an effective date.

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9 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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11 **Section 1.** W.S. 11-19-604 is created to read:

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13 **11-19-604. Wyoming bighorn/domestic sheep plan.**

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1 (a) The Wyoming bighorn/domestic sheep plan shall be
2 developed and maintained by rule and regulation as provided
3 in this section to address potential conflicts arising out
4 of the interaction between bighorn sheep and domestic sheep
5 within the state. The final report and recommendations from
6 the Wyoming state-wide bighorn/domestic sheep interaction
7 working group dated September 2004 together with appendices
8 A through N as adopted by the group is adopted as the
9 initial Wyoming bighorn/domestic sheep plan under this
10 section and shall continue until revised, amended, repealed
11 or nullified pursuant to law.

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13 (b) Rules and regulations necessary to administer
14 this article shall be promulgated jointly by the game and
15 fish commission, the board of agriculture and the livestock
16 board. The game and fish commission, the board of
17 agriculture and the livestock board may jointly consider
18 recommendations for changes to the plan and may revise or
19 amend the plan through the rulemaking process pursuant to
20 the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act.

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22 (c) The goal of the Wyoming bighorn/domestic sheep
23 plan shall be to maintain the health of bighorn sheep

1 populations while sustaining an economically viable
2 domestic sheep population.

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4 (d) The most current version of the Wyoming
5 bighorn/domestic sheep plan shall be published on the
6 website of the game and fish commission.

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8 (e) In conformance with the Wyoming bighorn/domestic
9 sheep plan the game and fish department may relocate or
10 remove bighorn sheep to another area of the state if a
11 federal judicial action or agency decision would require
12 elimination of domestic sheep grazing in any area or herd
13 unit designated in the Wyoming bighorn/domestic sheep plan
14 as a nonemphasis herd. The game and fish department may be
15 reimbursed for the costs of relocation or removal of sheep
16 under this subsection from funds available in the
17 wildlife/livestock disease research partnership account.

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19 **Section 2.** W.S. 11-19-603 is amended to read:

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21 **11-19-603. Account created.**

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1 There is created a wildlife/livestock disease research
2 partnership account. Funds from this account shall be used
3 only for purposes specified in W.S. ~~11-19-602~~ 11-19-601
4 through 11-19-604. Any interest earned on the account shall
5 remain within the account.

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7 **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon
8 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
9 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
10 Constitution.

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