

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 domestic sheep-bighorn 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; and providing for an
7 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. Domestic sheep-bighorn sheep plan.**

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1 (a) The domestic sheep-bighorn sheep interaction
2 working group report of 2004 is hereby adopted as the
3 Wyoming domestic sheep-bighorn sheep plan. The Wyoming
4 domestic sheep-bighorn sheep plan shall provide the
5 framework in Wyoming for management of domestic sheep and
6 bighorn sheep on federally managed lands. The plan shall be
7 used for the lawful disposition of sheep by the state of
8 Wyoming when management of the two (2) species is necessary
9 to reduce or prevent the risk of disease between the
10 species.

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12 (b) The domestic sheep-bighorn sheep interaction
13 working group may provide recommendations for changes to
14 the Wyoming domestic sheep-bighorn sheep plan. If the
15 recommendations are adopted by the department of
16 agriculture and the game and fish department, the changes
17 shall be considered part of the Wyoming domestic sheep-
18 bighorn sheep plan as provided in this section.

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20 (c) The game and fish department shall relocate or
21 remove bighorn sheep to another area of the state if a
22 federal judicial action or agency decision would require
23 elimination of domestic sheep grazing in any area or herd

1 unit designated in the Wyoming domestic sheep-bighorn sheep
2 plan as a nonemphasis herd. The game and fish department
3 may be reimbursed for the costs of relocation or removal of
4 sheep under this subsection from funds available in the
5 wildlife/livestock disease research partnership account.

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

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9 **11-19-603. Account created.**

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11 There is created a wildlife/livestock disease research
12 partnership account. Funds from this account shall be used
13 only for purposes specified in W.S. 11-19-602 and
14 11-19-604. Any interest earned on the account shall remain
15 within the account.

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17 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2015.

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19 (END)