

Response to 2nd part of F-5:

Clarify that the analysis of disease transmission is not based on the work of the RADT or Payette Principles Committees, but rather the SNF's own reworking and analysis of the data.

The analysis of disease transmission conducted for the Forest Plan DEIS and FEIS is in no way connected to the RADT Committee or the Payette Principles Committee. Biologists relied on the science developed for and displayed in the *Risk Analysis of Disease Transmission between Domestic Sheep and Goats and Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep, Shoshone National Forest 2013*. Pertinent information was extracted from the Payette's risk assessment (USDA Forest Service 2006a) and brought forward into the SNF's risk assessment (*Risk Analysis of Disease Transmission between Domestic Sheep and Goats and Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep, Shoshone National Forest 2013*, page 3.) Findings and conclusions in the SNF's risk assessment are based on data specific to the SNF's bighorn sheep populations and their habitat.