

Bighorn Sheep/Mt Goat Center of Excellence

2010 Activities & Accomplishments

2010 was a busy year in the bighorn sheep and mountain goat arena. Highlights include:

- Organized and staffed the Forest Service booth at The Sheep Show in Reno, NV where we informed the public and partners about bighorn sheep conservation on public lands.
- Active participant in the Hells Canyon Bighorn Sheep Initiative.
- Conducted a minimum requirements analysis, NEPA documentation, special use permit, and coordinated with interested parties for a bighorn sheep capture in Hells Canyon Wilderness and NRA.
- Assisted in the capture and radio collaring of 57 bighorn sheep in the Hells Canyon, Imnaha, and Wenaha herds.
- Conducted radio telemetry on the Sheep Mountain and Upper Hells Canyon herds periodically throughout the year.
- Provided technical guidance, reviews, and attended meetings for the Northend domestic sheep allotment on the Umatilla NF, and the Mudd Creek domestic sheep allotment on the Wallowa-Whitman NF.
- Conducted a site visit, conducted aerial surveys, and provided comments on a survey report for the Lemhi bighorn sheep herd, Challis NF, Idaho.
- Coordinated with ODFW and the Malheur NF when two domestic sheep were removed near the Aldrich bighorn sheep herd.
- Presented bighorn sheep information at the Umatilla & Wallowa-Whitman NFs' Annual Range Workshop, and to the Society of American Foresters.
- Attended Bighorn Sheep Advocates Meetings and provided input on relevant Forest Service activities.
- Attended the Northern Wild Sheep & Goat Council, Hood River, Oregon.
- Remained current on the Payette NF's work on bighorn sheep modeling.
- Provided technical assistance to the Blue Mountains Forest Plan Revision Team regarding bighorn sheep.
- Began exploring bighorn sheep interpretive opportunities at Kirkwood historical museum in Hells Canyon.
- Assisted with coordination between ODFW and the Ochoco NF on a bighorn sheep translocation in the SF John Day River drainage.



- Coordinated with ODFW and the Deschutes NF on a mountain goat reintroduction on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation.
- Assisted with the capture of 45 mountain goats from the Elkhorn Mountains for translocation to the Warm Springs Indian Reservation near Mount Jefferson.
- Participated in planning efforts and reviewed all documents related to a Mountain Goat Translocation Plan for the central Cascades in Washington.
- Assisted with annual surveys for mountain goats in the Elkhorn Mountains, Oregon.
- Responded to numerous inquiries regarding mountain goats in atypical habitat.



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