

# Pack Goat Management

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## Cecil D. Andrus-White Clouds and Hemingway-Boulders Wilderness Areas

The area you are packing in has an established herd of native bighorn sheep which may be susceptible to diseases carried by domestic goats and sheep. These domestic animals can transfer diseases like Bacterial pneumonia (*Pasteurella*), *Muelliria* lungworm, pinkeye, and soremouth which can be fatal to bighorn sheep.



Specific practices should be undertaken by pack goat users to avoid contact between bighorn sheep and domestic goats.

- Use only healthy animals on your trip and follow Idaho's regulations for your animals and all Forest and Wilderness regulations.
- If bighorn sheep are observed within 100 yards of a potential camping area, pack goat users will take all reasonable measures to move their campsite to a different area. Hazing techniques may be used to deter bighorn sheep from moving closer to campsites if necessary.
- When bighorn sheep are using trails for travel pack goat users will move off the trail 100 yards. If that distance is not attainable, the pack goat user will travel back along the trail away from the bighorn sheep and exit the trail when the 100 yard distance can be reached. Pack goat users will stay off the trail until bighorn sheep have passed. If visibility is limited to less than 100 yards up trail, a pack goat user will go to the trail and observe for bighorn sheep before continuing with pack goats.
- When accessing browsing areas and water, a pack goat user will check for the presence of bighorn sheep before allowing access for pack goats. Whenever possible, water access will be limited to areas of unlikely bighorn sheep use. Access to water areas with the potential for bighorn sheep use will be limited to the time it takes the pack goats to drink.
- In event that direct contact of a pack goat and a bighorn sheep is observed, the location and as much of a description as is possible of the sheep and incident will be written, photographed if possible and reported to the appropriate agency as soon as reasonably possible.
- If any pack goat becomes lost, missing or separated from the owner and herd every effort will be exhausted to locate and recover any missing or lost pack goat. If the owner is unable to locate and recover lost pack goat the following agencies shall be contacted by telephone immediately. A full disclosure of all information as possible will be provided to the Sawtooth National Recreation Area. Information should

include GPS coordinates, and if possible, legal description, including township, range, section, geographic location, name or number of trail or trail head, the last known location and circumstances, a detailed description of the pack goats and any equipment that they might be carrying.



Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in maintaining a healthy wild bighorn sheep herd in this area. For more information, please contact the Sawtooth National Recreation Area Headquarters 208-727-5000 or the Stanley Ranger Station 208-774-3000.

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