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Comments: Greetings GMUG Team,

Thank you for your efforts to make this plan as comprehensive and balanced between user groups as possible.

I would like to reiterate from my statements during the biology workshop that pack goats are not sheep. Although it may present some logistical challenges, I submit that pack goat usage of wilderness areas presents no threat to bighorn sheep populations. These animals do not come into contact with each other. Further, as a group, most goat packers are easier on the environment and more conscientious than many other wildland users.

Please reconsider your stance on lumping pack goats in with other free-range livestock within GMUG boundaries.

Best,

Dr. Lauren Hall Ruddell