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Comments: Local resident/ mother / business owner here with extreme concerns on this proposed plan. I loudly support the North American Packgoat Association's position on this matter and I am respectfully requesting the following changes to the proposed actions affecting recreational Goatpacking in the GMUG National Forests:

- 1.) Goatpacking be included in the activities important to the GMUG NF which are listed on Page 8
- 2.) The ban on Goatpacking in Page 27 to be removed
- 3.) The reference to packgoats on Page 143 be removed since packgoats are not an example of disease transmission to bighorn sheep.

I am aware that not one documented case of a Packgoat giving disease to Bighorn Sheep exists and I am aware this proposed plan includes many allotments for grazing domestic sheep. As much as 2/3rds (1.9 million acres) of the GMUG is designated grazing area. Since grazing sheep continue to be allowed in the proposed plan, there is no logical reason why recreational packgoats should be banned as a way to protect Bighorn Sheep. I also agree with other comments on this issue that "one size fits all" approach on the science/management of recreational Packgoats in the GMUG is not justified and directly impacts me, my family, and our already suffering economy that is aiming/depending on Recreation to pave the way for a sustainable future West Slope families/businesses look forward to. This is another barrier to entry towards a thriving economy the West Slope could have.