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Comments: I oppose banning pack goats in the GMUG NF. Below are 6 points that I think should be considered. I respectfully request:

- 1.) that goat packing be included in the activities important to the GMUG NF which are listed on page 8
- 2.) that the ban on page 27 be removed
- 3.) that the reference to packgoats on page 143 be removed since packgoats are NOT an example of disease transmission to bighorn sheep (there is not one documented case of a packgoat giving disease to bighorns)
- 4.) A QUANTITATIVE risk analysis of the risk of disease transmission, between Pack Goats and Bighorn sheep. The risk analysis MUST be specific to Pack Goats, not just brush/herd domestic goats, and it must use the most current research/best available. Make sure it includes risk of disease transmission, not just the risk of contact, the two terms are NOT interchangeable.
- 5.) Use a "Subject Matter Expert" when developing the risk analysis, or when analyzing any issues pertaining to pack goats. Don't just rely on Wildlife Biologists, or the Wild Sheep Foundation, with their trained biases, to give advice.
- 6.) Outline best Management Practices (aka Mitigation Measures) to be followed in order to minimize & reduce the risk of contact between Pack Goats and Bighorn Sheep.

I am not a resident of the state of CO. But I do use pack goats on my annual summer hiking trip and fall hunting trip. If this ban is put in place the areas that I would be able to use them would be restricted. Therefore I will look towards other states for my annual trips.

Thank you for consideration in the matter.