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Comments: Write a letter 1.) requesting that goat packing be included in the activities important to the GMUG NF which are listed on page8, 2.) that the ban on page 27 be removed, and 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). Exact wording on page 143:
To increase awareness, educate partners and visitors of the potential for pathogen transmission affecting native plants and animals (e.g., recreation pack goats and bighorn sheep, the need to decontaminate wading boots to reduce spread of chytrid fungus, or whirling disease, etc.). So I obviously copied and pasted that information about . I was born Colorado have been purchasing hunting and fishing licenses in this state since I was 14 years old I'm 43 year old now I hunt and fish all over this state I own two pack goats I have spent years and thousands of dollars to raise and train my goats to help me hunt and fish in the back country. I cant carry over 30 lbs do to a back injury I recieved doing animal control. I've been hiking the Colorado trail and use the goats to carry my gear I would not be able participate in these hikes with my wife and children without the help of my goats. There is no scientific proof that my goats which are wormed vaccinated and vet check would or ever could be linked to the transmission of any diseases to any wildlife. You decision to ban goats in the above plan would greatly impact my ability to enjoy the state that my hunting and fishing license has paid to preserve for the last 30 years. I cannot afford llamas or horses nor the cost to board and feed them. This will impact the money I spend when I'm in the small shops and towns and affect the bottom dollar of many small businesses in the area by reducing tourism. This ban is not necessarily is not based on any facts or scientific evidence and will lead to hardship for responsible Colorado sportsman