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Comments: Please change plan regarding pack goats.

Advantages of allowing goats:

- allow exercise and backcountry access for people unable to carry their own packs (people with arthritis, disabled Veterans, etc)
- allow backcountry access for people who can't afford/transport larger pack animals
- keep wilderness pristine by allowing people to access backcountry without use of UTVs
- promote ecotourism with an activity that is attracting new participants
- promote hunters to pack out without using UTVs

Goats have not been shown to transmit *Mycoplasma ovipneumonia* (MOVI) to bighorn sheep in the wild and in an experiment were shown to transmit a strain that was non-lethal

<https://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0178707>

Domestic sheep have been shown to transmit lethal MOVI strain yet there is no proposal to ban.

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Furthermore packgoats move transiently through an area therefore the risk of transmission is negligible. The number of goats also would be perhaps up to 12