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Comments: I am writing as a member of a multi-generational Colorado family, from my great-grandfather who ran a general store to my mother born in Los Animas. I am commenting on the inclusion of banning pack goats, or any goats frankly, in the working draft plan for the GMUG - as follows:

"FW-STND-SPEC-16: To maintain effective separation among species in habitat occupied by bighorn sheep, the use of recreational pack goats and the use of goats and sheep for invasives and/or noxious weed management is prohibited."

There are zero documented cases of disease transmission between pack goats and bighorn sheep. In fact, just the opposite. Per this study: Foreyt WJ. Effects of controlled contact exposure between healthy bighorn sheep and llamas, domestic goats, mountain goats, cattle, domestic sheep, or mouflon sheep. Proceedings of the Biennial Symposium of the Northern Wild Sheep and Goat Council 1994;9:7-14.

"Bighorn sheep remained clinically healthy during and after contact with llamas, cattle, mountain goats, and domestic goats, but all bighorn sheep died from acute bronchopneumonia after contact with domestic sheep.."

Pack goats are small in number per human and in comparison to open grazing livestock, bonded to their owner, and under direct control of their owner. Banning pack goats in this GMUG makes absolutely no scientific or logical sense particularly when huge allotments for grazing domestic sheep are being permitted. Any statements referring to banning pack goats should be removed.

Additionally in the GMUG a long list of recreational activities is provided and goat packing is not on that list - it definitely should be!