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I have lived in Washington State for the past 69 years and throughout my life I have watched the rise, then fall of our wild populations primarily due to mismanagement and the territorial posturing of agencies unwilling to work together for the common good of man and beast. Thus, once again, we find our fragile Big Horn Sheep population facing potential disease and herd decimation as the result of domestic grazing tracts next to wild populations.

Over the years my husband and I have participated in numerous WDFW captures, collaring and collection projects. We have watched the slow and agonizing death of numerous lambs and adults in the Yakima Canyon brought on by pneumonia. You either believe the test results and the science or you do not. You either accept that domestic grazing adjacent to wild herds introduce pneumonia, or you do not. You either care about the importance of helping to maintain this species, or believe that for your agency, commerce is the end game.

Respectfully Submitted,

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