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Comments: I was disappointed to see that native bighorns did not qualify for the SCC list in this final plan. Per:

There are two criteria a species must meet to be identified as an SCC as a part of the plan revision process defined at 36 CFR 219.9 and further clarified at 1909.12.12.52c.1 and 2. Species identified as SCC must be both native to, and known to occur in, the plan area<sup>4</sup> (hereafter "known to occur") and for which the regional forester has determined have scientific information which indicates a substantial concern about the species' capability to persist over the long-term in the plan area (hereafter "substantial concern").

Bighorns clearly qualify under these two criteria. They are charismatic native wildlife who's capability to persist on the landscape is not ensured without changes to existing policy and legislation that require more separation between bighorns and domestic sheep or additional requirements for disease free domestic herds. I highly encourage the drafters of this plan to reevaluate this determination. The only way we're going to keep bighorns off the ESL is by actively addressing their conservation needs, not by ignoring them and the blight they face against an ever growing disease risk.