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Comments: My name is Irene Saphra. I would like to be included as an Interested Person during the Objection Resolution Meeting.

I am a pack goat owner and avid user and supporter of Public Lands. I am also a lifetime member (and former Board Member) of the North American Packgoat Association (NAPgA).

I take issue with the letter submitted by Mike Schlegel from the Idaho Wild Sheep Foundation. He states that the "The justification for allowing pack goat use is very flawed; it only takes one exposure to have devastating results for bighorn sheep."

The truth of the matter is that there has NEVER been a documented case of disease transmission from a PACK GOAT to a bighorn sheep. And indeed, a robust, pack-goat specific risk analysis has never been performed during the Forest Plan Revision process. Given the Best Available Science, and the fact that NAPgA has continuously offered to work with Public Land Managers in implementing Best Management Practices, Mr. Schegel's claim is extremely biased, arbitrary and capricious.

I previously submitted a comment during the planning process, on 2/4/2020; my letter is part of the public reading room.

Please include me as an interested person so that I can help to accurately represent to the Deciding Official regarding this issue. Best Regards, Irene Saphra.