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Comments: Helicopter Use to manage Big Horn Sheep

I am objecting to the proposal to use helicopters to manage and oversee the Big Horn Sheep release. The sheep were introduced into the wilderness with radio collars. That decision to use collars that needed satellite signals and other maintenance was the beginning of the end of the Wilderness experience and the Forest Service knew it but was not able to obtain the right in the first round of planning. Now, the Forest Service is "surprisingly" wanting to amend the project to include monitoring of the sheep now that they have them reintroduced. The incremental step of allowing collars on the animals now leads to this request to amend how the animals are monitored and easy of monitoring and supposedly "safety" issues in monitoring are being used to amend the Wilderness Act. Those who planned this program new all along what the next step would be. They did not intend to use traditional methods such as pack animals and riders to monitor, the helicopter is easier for the project. I object strongly to any amendment. The decision to use the collar and the justification it is easier and of course "safer" to use a helicopter for the collars is not a minimal impact on the area and is not true. It is a Wilderness Area. Period. A Wilderness area is not allowed to have this type of intrusion. Science is not above the intent and purpose of the act. The forest service needs to use horses and mules to pack into the area. Please, do not allow this intrusion into this area. The Forest Service knew in the beginning of the reintroduction of Big Horn Sheep the difficulty of the plan, they need to be restrained from changing the rules because it is simple "easier" for them to monitor the program.

Thank you.

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