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RE: Statewide Tags – Call for County Input -

To: County Wildlife Advisory Board Chairman and Members

At the March Commission meeting, John Zenz at the request of the Board of Wildlife Commission, withdrew his petition regarding reducing the number of Partnership In Wildlife (PIW) tags, in order for his concern to be reviewed at the Heritage Committee level. The concern that Mr. Zenz presented was the over harvest that can occur in Desert bighorn sheep units where there are few general hunt tags and the statewide tag hunters also harvest in those units.

At the Aug 6, 2009 Heritage committee meeting it was determined that PIW and Heritage tags are not the only statewide tags that need to be considered in the solution but the Silver State Tags and Dream Tags which were created during the 2009 legislative session. It was also identified that other species should also be considered in the solution with the addition of the Silver State and Dream Tags as statewide tags.

At this time the Heritage Committee is now turning to the CWABs to promote and conduct an open forum to allow hunters the opportunity to address this issue and provide ideas for a solution. To aid you in developing your response we have included in this packet several documents of information, a synopsis of each type of statewide tag, historical harvest information, Heritage and PIW revenue information and a form to complete for submission of your idea. These items will also be posted on the Department website under the Heritage committee. Utilizing this form will provide us with a consistent method of response.

We request your response forms to be submitted no later than November 25, 2009. Timely receipt of CWAB input will allow us to compile your ideas in advance of the next meeting of the Heritage Committee which will be scheduled December 3 or 4<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the December Commission meeting.

The Heritage Committee looks forward to a very interactive level of participation on this important wildlife issue with all the CWABs. If you have questions regarding this packet please contact Maureen Hullinger at 775-688-1881, [mhullinger@ndow.org](mailto:mhullinger@ndow.org) or Tom Cavin at 775-720-2470, [tmcavin@charter.net](mailto:tmcavin@charter.net)

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