



STATE OF NEVADA

DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE

Game Division

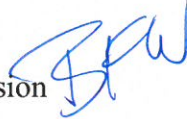
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MEMORANDUM

October 12, 2018

To: Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife, and Interested Publics

From: Brian Wakeling, Administrator, Game Division 

Title: Request from State of Utah for up to 150 Desert Bighorn Sheep over Three Years – For Possible Action

Description: The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources has requested up to 150 desert bighorn sheep for translocation into the State of Utah over the next three years. The Department will provide a briefing to the Commission of recent efforts with Utah and potential options for consideration. The Commission may consider this request for possible approval.

Presenter: Wildlife Staff Specialist Mike Cox

Summary:

The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) has requested the transfer of up to 150 desert bighorn sheep for translocation into the State of Utah over the next three years (attached). The Department and Utah DWR have worked together on a variety of management issues and have an excellent working relationship that have benefitted the conservation of wildlife for the public of both states. The Department will present options for the Commission's consideration regarding Utah's request.

Recommendation:

The Department recommends that the Commission **VOTE TO APPROVE A TRANSFER OF DESERT BIGHORN SHEEP FROM NEVADA TO THE STATE OF UTAH.**



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Nevada Wildlife Commission:

Over the years, the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR) has benefited from a positive working relationship with the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW). Our coordinated efforts involving bighorn sheep management have been especially beneficial from our standpoint. Our two states have successfully managed populations on both sides of our shared state boundary and we have increased our understanding of bighorn sheep by openly sharing research findings. We are appreciative of the bighorns that have been translocated to Utah in recent years in efforts to restore bighorn to their historical ranges on public land. These animals have greatly improved the health and distribution of the bighorn herds in our state, and the sustainability of these herds has been much improved as a result of translocations from Nevada.

In light of these recent successes, UDWR requests up to 150 desert bighorn sheep from NDOW over the next three years beginning fall of 2018. These animals would be used to help establish new populations and to augment existing populations. Using the format and procedures that have been established for recent translocations, we believe that these efforts can continue to be beneficial for both the UDWR and NDOW. Again, we are grateful for the bighorn sheep that we have received from Nevada in the past, and we appreciate your consideration to send additional sheep in the future.

Sincerely,

Michal Fowlks
Director