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Dear Taxidermist or Meat Processor:

The Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) requests your assistance in conducting surveillance for disease in hunter-harvested:

Bighorn sheep

Mule Deer

Elk

Bighorn sheep samples for nasal sinus tumor (see attached graphic). Deer and elk will be screened for chronic wasting disease (CWD). We request the remainder of the skull be frozen after the removal of horns/antlers. If you have experience collecting CWD samples for deer and elk, please do so.

To incentivize collecting disease surveillance information from hunter-harvested animals, NDOW is offering taxidermists and meat processors \$10.00 for each collected head that meets the specific criteria outlined on the reverse page entitled, "Criteria for Head Collection".

If you are interested in participating in this incentive program, please return a completed vendor form with a voided check OR your banking information written on letterhead to Megan Manfredi, 6980 Sierra Center Parkway, Suite 120, Reno, NV 89512. This form allows you to become a vendor for the State of Nevada. You can also complete the Vendor Registration Form online at www.controller.nv.gov by selecting Electronic Vendor Registration. Contact Megan at (775) 688-1401 with any accounting questions. Payment will be made upon receipt of an invoice. If you have an existing contract with NDOW, payments will accrue in accordance with your contract.

The collection of heads for CWD is limited to 400, with a further limit of 200 heads from a single taxidermist. The collection of bighorn sheep samples is limited to 50, with a further limit of 25 per taxidermist. Rotted or very desiccated heads will not be compensated for. Contact Chris Morris (775) 842-7970 or Nate LaHue (nate.lahue@ndow.org) with questions regarding the collection process or when you would like NDOW to retrieve the frozen heads.

Thank you for your help in assisting us with this important wildlife health disease screening effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nate LaHue".

Nate LaHue, DVM, MPVM
Wildlife Health Specialist- Veterinarian

Criteria for Head Collections for Bighorn Sheep, Mule Deer and Elk

For bighorn sheep we are interested in either sex and all ages as we are screening for bacteria that cause pneumonia and the presence of sinus tumor

Bighorn Sheep

Please save bighorn sheep heads of either sex harvested anywhere in Nevada. You can save them in a freezer and contact Chris Morris (contact below) for pick up.

In an effort to improve surveillance sampling efficiency we are targeting 2-year-old and up bucks as these animals have been found to have the highest incidence of CWD.

Mule Deer

Please save heads from bucks 2 years or older from the following hunt areas

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| 7 | 10 | 22 | 27 |
| 8 | 11 | 23 | |
| 9 | 13 | 24 | |

Elk

Please save heads elk of both sexes that are 2 years and older.

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Please contact Chris Morris at crmorris@ndow.org or (775) 842-7970 to receive tags for recording hunter information that can be attached to the bag holding the head or for supplies and protocol if you wish to collect the CWD sample yourself.