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March 20, 2024

Dear Director Jenne,

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 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 from Nevada to Utah in recent years in order to restore bighorn to their historical ranges. 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, including the reintroduction of the Mineral Mountains population and a desert bighorn nursery herd, UDWR is again requesting desert bighorn sheep from NDOW in 2024, insomuch that it helps meet management objectives and is mutually beneficial. These animals would be used specifically to augment the desert bighorn nursery herd. 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,

Justin Shirley
Director
March 20, 2024



