

Managing Domestic Sheep Allotments In Bighorn Sheep Habitat: Seeking Solutions

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Throughout the Western U.S. and Canada, separation of domestic and bighorn sheep has been a high management priority in recent years. Solutions to prevent or minimize contact and potential disease transmission range from simple to complex, and are often politically charged. The Foundation for North American Wild Sheep (FNAWS) and several of its chapters and affiliates have participated in discussions, negotiated solutions, and provided financial incentives to help resolve at least 17 overlap situations in 7 western states. Case histories, primarily from Wyoming but also from 6 other western states, are discussed. Resolution of future domestic/bighorn sheep overlap situations may be expedited or enhanced by this information.