

Ecological Assessment Of Reintroduced Bighorn Sheep Along The Wasatch Front

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Abstract: In the last three years, herds of Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep have been reintroduced along the mountain ranges adjacent to the heavily populated Wasatch Front in central Utah. During the same period, in the same area, mountain lion harvest permits were doubled to facilitate the establishment of these herds. Since their reintroduction, data has been collected on habitat use and preference, population status (i.e. parturition timing, lamb survival, and recruitment), causes of mortalities, foraging selection and preference, and population demographics of the mountain lions harvested.